

2005
North American Young Rider Championships

Zone 6 Criteria



Virginia Horse Center
Lexington, VA
July 26-31, 2005

The North American Young Rider Championship (CH-N.AM-YR-S):

The North American Young Rider Championship is an international event held annually. The Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA is the host of the 2005 North American Young Rider Championships to be held on July 26-31, 2005. Teams are invited from the twelve Zones in the United States, each Canadian Province, Mexico and the Caribbean to compete for team and individual medals. The Championships are designed to mirror the competition format used at the Olympic and Pan American games. The objective of the national and international governing bodies involved with the Young Rider Championships is to introduce and prepare Young Rider competitors for international competitions and FEI rules. In addition, the Championships offer riders the opportunity and experience of competing as a member of a team.

This Championship is a top level competition and riders must be well prepared to face both stiff competition, as well as courses designed by some of the top course designers in the world. This championship is open only to Young Riders (ages 16-21) as defined by the FEI. The Championship team will consist of four team members and an alternate. The alternate may compete in the Championship as an individual. The championship features both a Team and an Individual competition. **Fences heights will be 1.40-1.50m (4'7"-4'11") with spreads of 1.50 to 1.70m (4'11" to 5'7")**. Standings for the Young Rider Championship can be found on the Federation web site at www.equestrian.org under 'Zone Points'.

Eligibility

To compete in the CH-N.AM-YR-S (Young Rider Championship), riders must be between 16 and 21 years of age inclusive, based on the rider's actual age as of December 31, 2004. This includes those born between January 1, 1984 and December 31, 1989. Competitors may participate in Young Rider competitions from the beginning of the year they reach 16 until the end of the year they reach 21.

Specific Requirements

FEI passports are required for the Young Rider Championship (CH-N.AM-YR-S). For passport information, contact the Federation's Passport Coordinator at (859) 258-2472 or via website at www.usef.org. All riders competing in the Young Rider Championship (CH-N.AM-YR-S) must pay the USEF International High Performance fee.

In addition to the numerous awards presented at the NAYRC, the following prize money credit will be given to competitors for USEF Horse of the Year categories even though no actual cash will be given:

Team Competition:

1 st	\$12,000.00
2 nd	9,000.00
3 rd	6,300.00
4 th	2,700.00

Individual Competition:

1 st	\$9,000.00	7 th	1,200
2 nd	6,600.00	8 th	900
3 rd	3,900.00	9 th	900
4 th	2,400.00	10 th	600
5 th	1,800.00	11 th	600
6 th	1,500.00	12 th	600

Junior-Young Rider Competition (CSI-JY):

The Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA is the host of the 2005 North American Young Rider Championships to be held on July 26-31, 2005. Teams are invited from the twelve Zones in the United States, each Canadian Province, Mexico and the Caribbean to compete for team and individual medals. The objective of the national and international governing bodies involved with the Junior - Young Rider Competition is to introduce and prepare competitors for international competitions and FEI rules. In addition, the Junior – Young Rider Competition offers riders the opportunity and experience of competing as a member of a team.

Each Zone in the United States and Canadian Province as well as Mexico and the Caribbean can also send a team to compete in a Junior-Young Rider Team to compete in a competition for Junior and Young Rider competitors. The JY team will consist of four riders who compete for a team award and individual awards. The Junior-Young Rider Competition is open to both Junior and Young Rider competitors (ages 14-21) as defined by the FEI rules. **Fence heights will be 1.35-1.40m (4'5"-4'7") with spreads of 1.50m to 1.60m (4'11 to 5'3).** Riders on the CSI-JY teams will be better prepared for the CH-N.AM-YR-S team when they move up to the more advanced competition. Standings for the Junior – Young Rider Competition can be found on the Federation's web site at www.equestrian.org under 'Zone Points'.

Eligibility

To compete in the CSI JY (Junior/Young Rider Championship), riders must be between 14 and 21 years of age inclusive, based on the rider's actual age as of December 31, 2004. This includes those born between January 1, 1984 and December 31, 1991. If a rider finishing in the top five is too young to meet the age requirement for the Young Rider Championship team, that rider will automatically be moved to the CSY-JY team.

Specific Requirements

Approved National passports are required for the Junior-Young Rider Competition (CSI-JY). For passport information, contact the Federation's Passport Coordinator at (859) 258-2472 or via website at www.usef.org.

General Information for both the Championship and the Junior/Young Rider Competition

Eligibility

The Zone of each horse/rider combination is determined by the rider's point state as recorded with USEF as of December 1, 2004.

Requirements

- Each competitor must sign the USEF Code of Conduct form and submit it to the Federation office in Lexington, KY one business day before the Entry in Principle is due.
- Horses are required to have a valid Coggins test within six (6) months and a vaccination for Equine Influenza. If additional inoculations are required, candidates will be notified. Horses must have health documents and vaccinations as specified by their state of origin and Virginia.
- Riders must be U.S. citizens or in compliance with FEI Article 123 regarding Nationality Status of Competitors.
- Riders must be current members in good standing with the Federation.
- Horses must be recorded and in good standing with the Federation. Per FEI rules (Article 321), horses must be six years of age or older and either the property of the competitor or an individual owner of the same nationality.
- **A complete list of current FEI Rules can be found on the FEI web site at www.horsesport.org**

Financial Terms

Riders are responsible for their own expenses to the NAYRC. However, your Zone or Region may provide some financial reimbursement to team members and the Chef d'Equipe following the championship.

Drug Testing

The North American Young Rider Championships is a drug free competition. During the NAYRC, FEI rules will be in effect, and all horses shall be subject to drug testing. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time. Samples will be tested for the presence of all forbidden and/or controlled substances using FEI guidelines. If any substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of this substance will be quantified.

Soundness Inspection

Because there is a mandatory veterinary inspection at the NAYRC, a Zone may require soundness inspections (jogs) if the Zone is using designated selection trials. If your zone requires a soundness inspection, times and locations will be announced and declared horses must be presented for at least one soundness inspection during the selection process.

Combining Zones to Form Teams

If the zone is unable to field a team of four horse/riders combinations, the zone may then apply to the Federation to combine with another zone which is also unable to field a team of four horse/rider combinations. USEF will make the final decision to combine their horse/rider combinations.

NAYRC Selection Procedures, Zone 6

While the National Jumper Committee will oversee the selection process, the committee is subject at all times to oversight and supervision by USEF, as the National Governing Body.

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Team Selection

The 2005 Zone 6 North American Young Rider Championships selection procedure will be based on the most prize money won from horse/rider combinations at USEF “A” and “AA” rated horse shows. Qualifying classes will be as follows:

Qualifying classes for the Championship Division:

1. All Junior, Young Rider, and Amateur Owner classes at levels 6 or higher.
2. Jumper classes held at levels 7 or 8.
3. Qualifying period July 1, 2004 – June 15, 2005.

Qualifying classes for the Junior Young Rider Division:

1. All Junior, Young Rider, and Amateur classes at levels 6 or higher.
2. Jumper classes held at levels 6 or higher that offer \$1,000 or more.
3. Qualifying period July 1, 2004 – June 15, 2005.

Once the trial period has ended, the top four horse/rider combinations will be chosen for the CH-N AM-YR-S team, and the fifth horse/rider combination will be considered the alternate. The alternate will only receive a berth on the team in the event of illness, injury, or withdraw of a team horse/rider. The Alternate will be eligible to compete in all the classes and qualify for the Individual Championship. The Coordinator shall also recommend the Chef d’Equipe to USEF which shall make the final appointment.

USEF CODE OF CONDUCT

As a USEF competitor and/or horse owner, I acknowledge my obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards of horsemanship, sportsmanship and citizenship whenever I am representing my country whether as a Team member, individual competitor or horse owner, and whether during actual competition or not.

As a horseman, I will place my horse's welfare above all other considerations and faithfully observe USEF Code of Conduct;

As a sportsman, I will know and comply with all pertinent rules of USEF as the National Federation, and honor the principles of fair play inherent within them;

As a citizen, I will respect the laws of my own country as well as those of foreign countries in which I or my horse(s) may compete. Knowing that as a USEF competitor and/or horse owner I also serve as an Ambassador for my sport, USEF, and my country, I will endeavor at all times to reflect credit on them through my conduct, dress and behavior.

I understand and accept that serious or repeated transgressions of this Code may be grounds for suspension from a squad or Team, or other appropriate disciplinary action. In addition, I agree to abide by Selection procedures established by USEF whenever applicable.

Finally, I understand that entries will not be made until this form is signed and completed in full and that this application indicates my intent to compete.

Owner: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Rider: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____