

North American Young Rider Championship Selection Procedures - Reining

The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) Reining Technical Committee will oversee the selection process, which process shall be reviewed and approved by the USEF High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee.

I. APPLICATION: Athletes wishing to be considered for a 2006 North American Young Rider Championship regional team must complete an application (see Attachment A) and return it with the appropriate application fee to the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), Attn: Courtney Barnett, Director of Reining Programs 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511. Applications and fees postmarked, hand-delivered or faxed on or prior to May 1, 2007 will be charged \$50 per application. Applications and fees postmarked, hand-delivered or faxed after May 1, 2006 and received by USEF on or before May 15, 2007 will be charged an application fee of \$300 per application.

HOWEVER, NO APPLICATIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MAY 15, 2007. NO APPLICATIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED IF THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FEE IS RECEIVED AFTER MAY 20, 2007.

a. Criteria To Apply: In order for an application to be accepted, the following criteria must be met:

1. The athlete must be a U.S. citizen and in compliance with FEI Article 123 (FEI General Regulations) at time of application, selection and the conclusion of the 2007 North American Young Rider Championship.
2. An athlete for the CH-Y must be 16-21 years of age, born between January 1, 1986 and December 31, 1991.
3. The Athlete must be a current member in good standing (from the date of the application through the end of the NAYRC) of the NRHA and USEF, and have current FEI registration.
4. Qualified amateur according to the rules of FEI; these amateur athletes will appear without compensation, as well as a amateur (otherwise known as Non Pro) according to the USEF rules: GR808 & RN105
5. An athlete's Region is determined by the athlete's legal address as listed with USEF membership files. An athlete who is temporarily domiciled in another region (i.e., attending college or working student) must declare what Region he/she will represent no later than May 1, 2007, and **notify Courtney Barnett, Director of Reining Programs (4047 Iron Works Pkwy, Lexington, KY 40511)** in writing. An athlete may not change his/her Region during the year unless the USEF Technical Reining committee gives prior written approval.
6. The horse(s) must be at least six years old, eligible under FEI rules, recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF Rule GR812, and in good standing under USEF rules.
7. The Athlete (his/her parent or guardian if rider is under 18) and horse owner must certify, by signing the 2007 North American Young Riders Championship Reining Application, that they have received and read the Selection Procedures for the 2007 North American Young Riders Reining Team and the USEF Code

of Conduct (Attachment B), understand those documents and they agree to be bound by them.

II. CRITERIA TO PARTICIPATE: Participation of Athletes and horses in the 2007 NAYRC Reining will require the following:

1. The Athlete must pay an International High Performance “IHP” Discipline Due pursuant to USEF Rule GR204.3i.

III. 2007 NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG RIDER QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS:

In order to be considered for a regional Team the athlete must complete his/her regional qualifier. Regions are composed as follows:

Eastern Region -Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, & Rhode Island

Central Region -Indiana, Illinois, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, & Wisconsin

Mountain Region -New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana & Utah

Western Region - Arizona, Nevada, California, Washington, Oregon, Hawaii & Alaska

1. Please see Attachment C for the scheduled regional qualifiers. The schedule is also published on the USEF website, www.usef.org.
2. The competition will be run according to USEF/FEI reining rules and patterns with exceptions listed below:
 - a. Stallions may be ridden.
 - b. Athletes need not own their horse
3. Ties after the regional selection trial – Ties for first place will be broken according USEF Rule for Reining. All ties will be broken according to the following method in the order indicated:
 - a. All Judges scores.
 - b. The President of the Grounds Jury’s score
 - c. If the tie still remains, then compare the Judge in Chair 1’s score (if not the President of the Ground Jury); continue comparing the Judges’ scores in chair order until tie is broken.
 - d. If a tie still remains, a run-off will take place.
 - e. If a tie still remains, repeat procedure a-e with the run-off score.
 - f. If a tie still remains after the run-off tie breaker, the Ground Jury will decide the rider placings.

IV. TEAM SELECTION

1. In order to be considered, a horse /rider combination must achieve a qualifying score of 67 or higher at his/her designated NAYRC Reining Regional Qualifying Competition.
2. There will be one go to determine the ranking, unless there are ties (see Section III.).

3. At the regional qualifier a ranking list will be compiled from the eligible riders' scores during the qualifier.
 - a. The top four (4) ranked horse/rider combinations will be nominated to their regional team according to their ranking on their regional ranking list.
 - b. If a region cannot fill a team through the regional ranking list, then the USEF Young Rider Ranking list will be used to fill a team.
 - i. The USEF Young Rider Ranking list will be a compilation of all the regional ranking lists according to their scores at their regional qualifier. In the event that one of the regions is unable to fill a team, riders on the NAYRC ranking list, less the horse/rider combinations that have been nominated to a team, will be invited to participate on a team according to their ranking on the list.
 - ii. For regions that need riders to complete a team, the regions will be filled in this order; Eastern, Central, Mountain, Western.

V. NOMINATED ENTRIES

Following the North American Young Riders Championship Regional Qualifying competitions and no later than the Nominated Entry Deadline, USEF will submit up to the maximum number of riders and horses permitted for each region according to the Nominated Entries for the North American Young Rider Championship. The Nominated Entries for each region will be based on the rider rankings at regional qualifying competitions subject to approval by the USEF Reining Technical Committee, USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or its designees.

VI. DEFINITE ENTRIES

No later than the Definite Entry Deadline, the USEF will submit up to the maximum number of horse/rider combinations permitted for each region according to North American Young Riders Championship Prize list. Such nominations shall be based on the horse/rider combinations for the Definite Entries for North American Young Riders Championship according to the ranking of the horse/rider combinations at their regional qualifying competitions according to the above procedures.

VII. DECLARATION OF TEAMS

Once at the competition site, and after the first horse inspection, the Chef d'Equipe will declare the team of four horse/rider combinations. The horse/rider combinations which make up either the Team declared will be the same as those originally announced except that substitutions may be made in accordance with the following criteria. Horse/Rider combinations named to the Team may only be replaced by Individual horse/rider combinations for veterinary or medical reasons or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct with the approval of the appropriate Regional Chef d'Equipe and members of the USEF Reining Technical Committee physically present at the competition.

VIII. PASSPORTS AND VETERINARY REGULATIONS

Horses competing in the North American Young Riders Championship will be required to have a current FEI Passport which is obtained through the USEF Kentucky office. The North American Young Riders Championship will be run under FEI Veterinary Regulations, 10th Edition, effective 1 June 2006. These regulations may be purchased from the USEF or found online at www.horsesport.org.

IX. DRUG TESTING

All candidate horses shall be subject to drug testing. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time throughout the selection process or at the 2007 North American Young Riders Championship. Samples collected from horses will be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by the FEI. In the event a prohibited substance is detected, its presence will be reported to the USEF Director of Reining Programs. In the event a substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of this substance will be quantified and reported to the USEF Director of Reining Programs. Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the applicable FEI limits for any FEI prohibited and/or quantitated substance may be eliminated from the Selection Process and/or the Competition.

X. ATHLETE DRUG TESTING: Applicants will be subject to medical examinations and drug testing in accordance with the guidelines and regulations of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and the World Anti-Doping Agency. Applicants will also be expected to adhere to the most current FEI Doping Control and Protection of Competitors Provision – FEI Article 145 (See Attachment D)

XI. SOUNDNESS

Horses which are candidates for selection for a regional team for the 2007 North American Young Riders Reining teams may be examined by a veterinarian(s) chosen by the USEF Reining Technical Committee prior to selection. Horses may be subject to veterinary evaluations prior to the competition. Horses found to be unsound by the USEF Reining Young Rider Veterinarian(s) may be eliminated from the selection process by the USEF Reining Technical Committee.

INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER:

These procedures are based on FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FEI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes as soon as reasonably possible. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to the USEF. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

NOTICE

ALL DECISIONS REFERENCED IN THE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE 2007 NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP REINING SHALL BE FINAL AS MADE BY THE REFERENCED INDIVIDUALS. BY SIGNING THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2007 NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP REINING COMPETITION, COMPETITORS, AND OWNERS, AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL DECISIONS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SELECTION PROCEDURE BY THE CHEF D'EQUIPE, ATTENDING FEI VETERINARIANS, THE USEF TECHNICAL REINING COMMITTEE AND THE USEF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE THEREOF, AND AGREE TO HOLD THEM HARMLESS IN THIS REGARD. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT AN APPLICANT'S RIGHTS UNDER THE TED STEVENS OLYMPIC AND AMATEUR SPORTS ACT AND THE USOC LAWS.

Please direct all questions and comments to: Courtney Barnett, USEF Director of Reining,
4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511, 859-225-6919

**Attachment A
USEF YOUNG RIDERS
2007 NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP
REINING APPLICATION**

1. Rider's Name (Print): _____
Permanent home address: _____
Current address (if different than above): _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____ Birth Date: _____ Citizenship: _____
Rider's Membership: NRHA #: _____ FEI Reg.#: _____ USEF#: _____
Region Declaration: _____ (if other than Region of permanent residence ___ please
attach a letter of explanation)
2. Parent/Guardian name: _____ Telephone: _____
3. The horse(s) I intend to qualify with: (Attach separate paper if more than 2 horses)
- a. Name of horse: _____ Short name: _____
Breed: _____ Color: _____ Sex: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____ Level (CH* or CH**): _____
FEI Reg.#: _____ NRHA License.#: _____ USEF Rec.#: _____
Registered owner of horse: _____
Owner's address: _____
- b. Name of horse: _____ Short name: _____
Breed: _____ Color: _____ Sex: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____ Level (CH* or CH**): _____
FEI Reg.# _____ USEA Reg.#: _____ USEF Rec.#: _____
Registered owner of horse: _____
Owner's address: _____

I have read (1) the 2007 North American Young Riders Championship - Reining Selection Process for the 2007 NAYRC Reining Regional Team and (2) the USEF Code of Conduct. I understand these documents and agree to be bound by them.

Signature of Rider

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(If rider is under 18)

Date

Signature of Horse Owner (a)

Date

Signature of Horse Owner (b)

Date

*If you wish to enter more than two horses please make a copy of this form to enter the additional horse information



**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.
CODE OF CONDUCT
(Attachment B)**

As a United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (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 both the USEF and the FEI Codes of Conduct.

As a sportsman, I will know and comply with all pertinent rules of USEF as my National Governing Body (NGB), the FEI as the International Governing Body, and, when applicable, the U.S. and International Olympic Committees, and honor the principles of fair play inherent in them. I will place the interests of the team above my own, and respect the decisions of its duly appointed/elected officials, made in the team’s best interest.

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 clearly acknowledge my responsibility to ensure that my employees who accompany me whenever I am competing and/or representing my country also abide by this Code of Conduct.

I understand and accept that serious or repeated transgressions of these Codes 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 wherever applicable.

Finally, I fully understand that entries will not be made until this application form is signed and completed in full and that this application indicates my intent to compete. Failure to participate may result in disciplinary action on USEF by the FEI (FEI Statutes 002.1, GR121.12, 165). I agree to reimburse all fines imposed by the FEI on USEF for failure to participate in the competitions entered and agree to honor all other penalties including possible and further disciplinary action.

Rider/Driver (print name)	Rider/Driver signature	USEF #	Date
Parent/Guardian (print name)	Parent or Guardian (if Rider/Driver is)	USEF #	Date
Owner (print name)	Owner signature	USEF #	Date

Approved 12/19/2006 Ex. Comm.

Pending Executive Committee Approval

Attachment C
**2007 North American Young Rider Championship Qualifying Competition Schedule –
Reining**

Updated 9/26/2006
(Schedule Subject to Changes)

****All Athletes in order to compete at their qualifier will need to be USEF members and their horses will need to be recorded.**

The following is important information for anyone wishing to qualify for the 2007 North American Young Rider Championship for Reining:

North American Young Rider Championship Qualifying Competition Schedule - Reining			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Region</u>
Denver, CO	National Western Stock Show Contact: Lora Richards	January 6, 2007 303-297-1166	Mountain
Gifford, IL	Gordyville Contact: Mary Hannagan	March 17, 2007 217-568-7117	Central
Sunbury, OH	Central Ohio Reining Horse Association Contact: Carlee Mahajan	May 2007 440-748-1701	Eastern
Reno, NV	All American Reining Classic Contact: Todd Knerr	March 20-24, 2007 614-778-5132	Western

Selected teams will compete at:

Lexington, VA North American Young Rider Championship July 31-August 12, 2007

The competition will be run according to USEF/FEI reining rules and patterns with exceptions listed below:

- a. Stallions may be ridden.
- b. Athletes need not own their horse

To compete at the North American Young Rider Championship on a Reining team, the athlete must be between the ages 16 -21 and be a current USEF member. The athlete must have competed at their regional qualifier, please see above for dates. Your address with USEF determines your region. Below are the regional break downs:

Eastern: Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, & Rhode Island

Central: Indiana, Illinois, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, & Wisconsin

Mountain: New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana & Utah

Western: Arizona, Nevada, California, Washington, Oregon, Hawaii & Alaska

****NAYRC will be a FEI competition, if selected for a regional team, athletes and horses will need to be FEI registered. Athletes will need to upgrade their USEF membership to an International High Performance (IHP) membership, and horses will need to get an FEI passport. To get a passport, contact USEF Passport department at 859-258-2472.**

For additional information, please contact:

Courtney Barnett, Director of Reining
(859)225-6919
cbarnett@usef.org

ATTACHMENT D

FEI Medication Control, Anti-Doping and Protection of Competitors Article 145 *

1. Subject to prior authorization by the FEI, the use of any Prohibited Substance by a competitor is forbidden.
2. Subject to prior authorization by the FEI, any competitor found to have a Prohibited Substance in his body at an event or evidence of the use thereof is automatically disqualified from all competitions at the event and the classification adjusted accordingly. IF the disqualified competitor is a member of a team, the rest of the team is not automatically disqualified.
3. The rules and list of Prohibited Substances existing from time to time and laid down in the World Anti-Doping Code and any and all annexes and modifications thereto apply, subject to modifications by any of the governing bodies of the FEI as may be published from time to time.
4. The Ground Jury after consultation with the responsible Medical Officer may at any time exclude from further participation in a competition or an entire event any competitor who is unfit to continue by reason of a serious or potentially serious injury or health condition.
5. The Executive Board may order the sampling of international competitors while in competition during an event or at any other time.

*As published in the FEI General Regulations, 21st edition

EXHIBIT A

DISCLOSURE AND AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

PLEASE RETURN THIS DISCLOSURE AND AFFIRMATION STATEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC., ATTENTION CEO, NO LATER THAN May 15, 2007.

Disclosure

I have read carefully and fully understand the attached Conflict of Interest Policy of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. ("USEF").

I am aware that if, because of any relationships, positions, or circumstances, concerning me within the last 12 months, I may have or appear to have a potential conflict of interest, I am required to list such relationships, positions, or circumstances on the annexed Exhibit B or C, as the case may be, and to return the appropriate completed Exhibit with this Disclosure and Affirmation Statement.

I understand that if I have any question in my mind whether I may have a potential conflict of interest, I should disclose that interest to USEF on the annexed Exhibit B or C. Any questions concerning USEF's Conflict of Interest Policy shall be referred to the CEO or the President of USEF, in the case the question is one from the CEO.

Affirmation

I hereby affirm that I have received a copy of the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. that is in effect as of the date hereof (the "Policy"), that I have read and understand the Policy, and that I agree to comply with the Policy. I further understand the duty to list all individuals, businesses and/or other entities that create or represent a potential conflict of interest on Exhibit B or C and to update and amend Exhibit B or C promptly should any amendment be necessary.

Signature

Print Name

Date

EXHIBIT B

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This statement must be filled out by every USEF Officer, USEF Executive Committee Member, Board Member, Hearing Committee member, Budget and Finance Committee member, Audit Committee member, Ethics Committee member, Licensed Officials Committee member, and Executive Staff Member. This Disclosure Statement shall be submitted annually and updated as often as necessary to USEF. Providing the information requested herein is prerequisite to participation by Directors and Staff. Refusal to provide the requested information or providing incomplete or inaccurate information may result in removal from office, Board membership or employment.

1. If you or any member of your immediate family are an officer, partner, director, trustee, owner or employee of any person or any entity with does business with USEF, please list the name and address of the entity(ies), the nature of your relationship with said person or entity(ies) and describe the dealings. If none, please state "none."

2. If you or any member of your immediate family holds an ownership interest in a closely-held company or other business entity, or at least a 5% ownership interest in any public company which does business with USEF, please list the name and address of the entity(ies), the nature of your relationship with said person or entity(ies) and describe the dealings. If none, please state "none."

3. If you have any reason to believe that any of the persons or entities with which you or immediate members of your family are affiliated may have business dealings with USEF in the future, please list those entities and the nature of such dealings. If none, please state "none."

4. Are you an employee or employer of another USEF Director or do you have any other business dealings or financial dealings with another USEF Director or any company or concern that Director is involved in?

_____ Yes _____ No

If you have answered yes to the above, please provide the details as follows.

If you or any member of your immediate family are an officer, partner, trustee, owner or part or full-time employee (contractual or otherwise) of a Director of USEF or the entity, owned or in which said Director has at least a 5% ownership interest, please list the name and address of the Director, the nature of your relationship with said Director(s) and describe the dealings. If none, please state "none."

5. If there is any relationship or matter not disclosed above which might be perceived to compromise your obligations to USEF under its Conflict of Interest Policy or which may raise questions of a conflict between your duty and loyalty to USEF, your loyalty to any other entity and/or your economic self-interest, please indicate here what that relationship or matter is. If none, please state "none."

6. Are you an officer, director or employee of any other amateur sports organization that is recognized as a national governing body by the United States Olympic Committee? If not, please state "no."

Print Name

Signature

Date

EXHIBIT C

Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Statement for Selection

This form is to be completed by all members of the IHP Committees and all members of any other Committees involved in selection matters.

Print
Name _____

Date _____

Please list all relationships within the selection period with individuals, businesses and/or other entities that may create a conflict of interest or which you believe might create the appearance of a conflict of interest with any applicant horse, owner or rider or members of their families (attach additional sheets as necessary to make the disclosure complete). Please review the Conflict of Interest Statement attached to the Selection Criteria for additional information.

If you have no such relationships, please indicate “none.”

	Individual / Entity with whom a conflict exists or may exist. EXAMPLE: Jane Rider, applicant	Relationship to the conflicting Individual / Entity and Nature of conflict. EXAMPLE: My wife is her trainer.
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I certify that I have disclosed on this list and any attachments hereto any and all situations that may constitute conflicts of interest or give the appearance of a potential conflict of interest in connection with the selection criteria for the 2007 Reining Selection for the North American Young Rider Championship.

Signed: _____

Is your paperwork complete?

Have you submitted your:

- 2007 NAYRC Reining Application**
Application must be signed by the rider and/or guardian
- USEF Code of Conduct form**
Must be signed by the rider and/or guardian
- USEF Disclosure and Affirmation Statement**
Must be signed by the rider. *Please read the USEF Code of Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Policy and return the blue form. If you have conflicts of interest to disclose, please do so on the attached Exhibit B and C.*
- USEF Horse Recording**
Each horse must be recorded with USEF.
- FEI Registration**
Each horse and each rider will need to be registered with the FEI.
- FEI Passport**
Each horse will need to have a passport in order to compete at NAYRC.
- \$50 Application Fee**
If the application, paperwork and fee is postmarked, hand-delivered, or faxed to USEF on or prior to May 1, 2007. *Checks should be made out to USEF.*

OR

- \$300.00 Late Application Fee**
If the application, paperwork and fee is postmarked, hand-delivered, or faxed after May 1, 2007 and **received by USEF on or before Wednesday, May 15, 2007.**

NOTE: Rider must be a current USEF International High Performance Member in good standing. *Rider must have paid the annual \$100 IHP dues or must be a USEF Life Member.*

All paperwork should be mailed or faxed to:

Courtney Barnett
USEF
4047 Iron Works Parkway
Lexington, KY 40511
FAX: 859-253-1968

ALL MATERIALS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN **MAY 15, 2007**

Please note: the information presented here is meant for additional guidance, only. Please read the Selection Procedure carefully for complete information