



FAQ for Adequan®/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge

All U.S. athletes interested in competing in a Youth Team Challenge (YTC) competition must complete their Area Declaration by February 15, 2021 at 5 p.m. EST. The Area Declaration form is found in an athlete's [MyUSEF](#) account under the [Athlete Dashboard](#).

Note: Non-U.S. athletes are not required to fill out the Area Declaration Form. Please contact Christina Vaughn at cvaughn@usef.org for more information about competing in the YTC.

Watch On Demand: [Adequan®/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge Webinar](#)

USEF Resources & Links:

[Adequan®/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge Website](#)

[Host Sites Announced for 2021 Adequan®/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge](#)

[Letter from Leslie Law: Why is the Youth Team Challenge a key next step for U.S. Eventing?](#)

IMPORTANT: [2021 Selection Procedures for Adequan®/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge](#)

If you have additional questions that are not answered in this document, please contact Christina Vaughn at the USEF Eventing Department at cvaughn@usef.org.

Q. Will the Eventing North American Youth Championships (NAYC) be held in 2021?

A. No. Athletes will instead have the opportunity to compete in the Adequan®/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge.

Q. What is the schedule for the 2021 Adequan®/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge?

A. The 2021 schedule has been announced on the [Adequan®/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge Website](#). We anticipate that two more legs will be added on the West Coast in the fall.

Q. What are the ages for participation in the YTC?

A. Each leg can include up to three levels with the following age requirements:

- CCI1* for FEI ages 14-18
- CCI2* for FEI ages 14-21
- CCI3* for FEI ages 16-25

Note: FEI age is defined as the age the athlete will turn during the calendar year of the competition. Unlike USEF age, the month and day of birth do not matter. For example, an athlete born on October 15, 2003 will turn 14 during 2017, so their FEI age is 14 for the entire 2017 calendar year of January 1 through December 31, 2017.

Q. When will the long format Finals be held?

A. There will be a long format Final in the fall on the East Coast, as well as a long format Final in the fall on the West Coast.

*East Coast Final: Adequan/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge Tryon
November 10-14, 2021
Levels: CCI1*, CCI2*-L, CCI3*-L
Tryon, N.C.*

*West Coast Final: Adequan/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge Temecula
Nov. 3-7, 2021
Levels: CCI2*-L, CCI3*-L
Temecula, Calif.*

Q. What are the specific qualifications for the Finals?

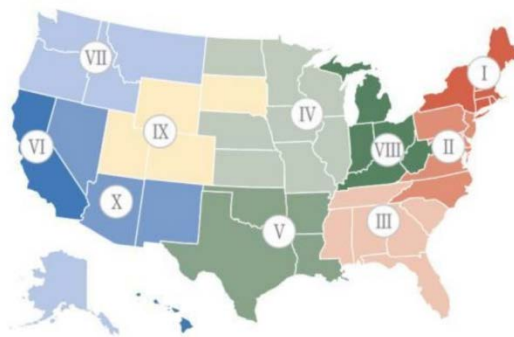
A. There are no special qualifications to compete in the Finals. All athletes must be qualified to compete at the level per the USEF Eventing Rules (see Appendix 3) and meet the age requirements for the Youth Team Challenge (listed on the first page of the FAQ).

Q. Does an athlete have to participate in each of the short format legs in order to qualify for the Final?

A. No, an athlete does not have to represent their area in a short format in order to represent their area in the long format.

Q. Which Areas are part of the East Coast and West Coast?

A. See below for a map of the USEA Areas. An interactive map is available on the [USEA website](#), and states are also listed on the last page of the FAQ.



Q. Should an athlete declare for the Area where they currently live?

A. There is no requirement for an athlete to declare for the Area where they currently live. Many athletes maintain using their "home" Area while away at college. However, there are also a number of athletes who choose to represent the Area where they currently live. Either option is permitted.

Q. Does an athlete need to file a separate \$50 Area Declaration for each level?

A. No, the \$50 declaration fee is covers participating in any or all of the levels.



Q. Does an athlete have to be selected by their Area in order to compete in a YTC leg?

A. Yes, your Area's Selectors will select teams for each competition. We strongly encourage all athletes to read the [2021 Selection Procedures for the Adequan®/USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge](#) in order to become familiar with the selection process.

Q. Are the Areas required to provide a coach, or can an individual athlete use their personal coach? Is a chef d'équipe required?

A. Each Area must provide either an Area coach or chef d'équipe. Athletes are also permitted to use their individual coaches at the competition in addition to the Area coach or chef d'équipe.

Q. Can an Area select multiple teams?

A. Areas can select up to two teams and two individuals for the short format legs. Areas may only select one team and two individual riders for the long format Finals.

Q. Will different Areas be able to combine riders to form scramble teams?

A. For Areas or National Federations not able to field full teams, the following options are available:

- The Area or National Federation may send one or two individual athlete/horse combinations.
- Areas only able to field individual athlete/horse combinations (i.e. they do not have enough athlete/horse combinations to make up a team) may be combined with athlete/horse combinations from other areas by USEF Eventing Department staff in consultation with the USEA CEO in order to create a full team.

Q. When will scramble teams be determined for each competition?

A. The process for combining Areas to form teams can be found on page 3 of the [Selection Procedures](#). Areas will be combined into teams by USEF staff in consultation with the USEA CEO at the time of Definite Entries. Selectors must submit Definite Entries two days prior to the start of the competition.

Q. Will there be different team members at each competition?

A. Each Area selects their team for each competition, so it is possible for different team members to be selected for each competition. However, athletes can be selected to their Area's teams multiple times.

Q. What qualifies an athlete for a team?

A. Each Area is responsible for selecting their team(s). The [Selection Procedures](#) outline in detail the following criteria under the section entitled "Selection of Athletes" on [page 2 of the document](#).

Q. Will training camps be offered?

A. Each Area will determine whether to host training camps. Contact your Area Young Rider Coordinator for more information. Contact information is listed on the last page of this FAQ.

Q. Will the organizers of the competitions allow coaches to choose order of go?

A. The organizer and Technical Delegate of each competition will have discretion as to whether they will allow coaches to choose order of go.



Q. Will all three levels be available at each leg?

A. The CCI1 level will not be available at each leg for 2021. The CCI1* is still a new and developing division in the U.S., and we hope more venues will continue to add courses at this level.*

Q. Can a single athlete participate on multiple teams at a competition?

A. Yes, as long as the athlete is representing the same Area. For example, the athlete can compete on the Area's 2 team and the Area's 3* team at the same competition.*

Q. Can an athlete compete at competitions on both the East and West coast?

A. Yes, as long as the athlete represents the same Area for all competitions.



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