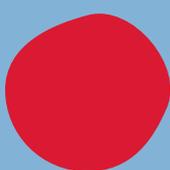
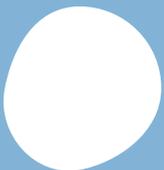


USEF EVENTING YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS



COMPETITION INFORMATION



Get All of the Information

Know the qualifications

Athletes are responsible for knowing the criteria for the level in which they intend to qualify. This criteria can be found here:

[FEI Eventing Rules](#)

[USEF Eventing Rules](#)

[Federation's Criteria](#)

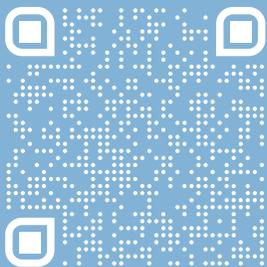
For the CCIYJ2* and CCIU253* divisions, there are additional qualification requirements to the FEI Eventing and USEF Eventing Rules. The CCIJ1* does not have additional requirements.

Know your declaration + any important deadlines

[Young Rider Coordinators](#) will be communicating consistently about important deadlines for the competition, including the declaration date. It is the athlete's responsibility to declare their intent to compete by this date and meet any other necessary deadlines. If they miss the declaration date, they will be unable to compete at the YRC that year; there are no exceptions!

All athletes that wish to compete at the Championships must complete an Area Declaration by the deadline. If an athlete does not complete an Area Declaration by the deadline, then they cannot participate in the Championships.

Athletes may compete for any Area. See the YRC FAQ for more information.



Preparation is Key

Reach out to your Area's Young Rider Coordinator.

This is crucial! Your Area's Young Rider Coordinator is your biggest asset in this process. First, they need to know your intention to qualify and compete, but they can also keep you updated on all the important deadlines, planning steps, and answer relevant questions.

Find contact information for your Area Young Rider Coordinator [here](#).

Create a competition schedule.

Sit down with your trainer and work backwards from YRC to create a competition schedule that (1) gets you qualified (2) gets you to the competition prepared to be competitive and safe (3) allows a buffer for any missed competitions due to shoeing issues, weather issues, etc. and (4) meets any requirements set forth by the selection procedures and your Area such as a mandatory outing or training camp.

Plan a fitness schedule.

A Championship competition requires more human and equine fitness than a national competition. When you are planning your competition schedule, create a fitness schedule to complement it.

Plan your shoeing schedule.

Sit down with your trainer to plan your horse's shoeing schedule before the Championship. Most FEI athletes have their horse shod 10-14 days before the start of competition. It is heartbreaking to miss a FEI competition due to a simple shoeing issue--plan ahead!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR FEI COMPETITIONS

Check your horse's passport.

First, if your horse doesn't have a FEI passport, you need to [apply for one from USEF](#)- do this ASAP! It can be a lengthy process to secure your passport. If your horse already has a passport, make sure it is updated, and that the vaccinations will be valid during the Championship. Note: You cannot have a National Passport for Championship competition. If you have a National Passport, you will need to upgrade it to a FEI Passport. Your veterinarian can help you with this process as well as the USEF Passport Department (859) 810-8733 Ext. 3.

Double check vaccination timing in relation to your competition schedule.

Understand FEI CleanSport Rules.

Rules for USEF competitions and FEI competitions differ. It is your responsibility to make sure that your horse will not test positive for Prohibited Substances during the Championship. You must know the rules on withdrawal times and plan ahead for any necessary medications or joint management injections as these must be done within the correct withdrawal timelines. Work with your veterinarian to make sure your horse is FEI legal heading into any FEI competition- or if you need to file reports at the competition for Controlled Medications. Download the FEI CleanSport Database app or look up the [FEI Prohibited Substances Database](#) on the FEI website.

Know the rules for [CleanSport](#) for athletes as well. It is your responsibility to make sure that any necessary TUE's ([Therapeutic Use Exemption forms](#)) are filed for athlete medications and that you are not taking any substances that are considered prohibited by the FEI. The website [GlobalDRO.com](#) is a helpful resource.

Understand the FEI HorseApp.

Several days before an FEI competition and for the duration of the competition, you must start to log your horse's temperatures on the [FEI HorseApp](#). Download and get to know the app as you start to use it.

Equine influenza vaccination details must also be recorded in the FEI HorseApp, as of 1 February, 2025.

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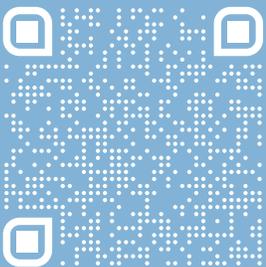
Closing in on the Championship

As the competition gets closer:

Choose your groom! Your Young Rider Coordinator will want to know who you choose so they can keep you both notified of necessary information before and during the Championship.

Practice presenting your horse for the horse inspection! Sometimes passing the horse inspection simply comes down to presenting them correctly. Practice with your trainer or vet before the Championship.

A tailcoat is not required at a short-format for dressage; HOWEVER, if you are competing in a tailcoat- Practice in it! Some horses can get offended by the tails of a tailcoat. Wear your tailcoat for several of your dressage rides before the competition to ensure that you and your horse are confident and that it won't negatively affect your performance.



At the Championship

Remember, your horse(s) have to wear their competition numbers at all times when they are out of their stalls, even if it is just for hand walking around the barn.

The vets will evaluate all of your horse(s) at the 'in-barn' examination. This is a basic health evaluation, identification and passport control. Times and procedures will be posted in advance, make sure you are ready with your horses' passport in hand when you arrive.

Opening Ceremonies:

For Opening Ceremonies, team banners and flags are encouraged! Many teams plan ahead and design matching outfits to wear during the Opening Ceremonies. The Young Rider Coordinator should communicate with the athletes and grooms in advance to aid in planning. All athletes and grooms must attend! Post Opening ceremonies, U.S. athletes will receive U.S. patches for their jackets. These should be sewn on the left breast pocket before the start of the Championship. These patches are only given out to individuals who are representing their country in international competition. Athletes should wear it proudly.

Educational Opportunities:

YRC offers several educational lectures throughout the competition. While looking after your horse(s) is very important, make time to attend these lectures!

Once the Championships begin, make sure to be present as much as possible for your teammate's rides. You should be there supporting and encouraging your fellow teammates!

Post Cross-Country Care:

After you have completed your cross-country round- make sure you are taking proper care of your horse. It is the middle of summer- it will be hot! The vet box is often a busy place so you need to make sure that you are careful and aware of your surroundings. Have a game plan for you and your support team on who is going to do what in order to minimize chaos!

Horse Inspection:

The format for the Horse inspection is as follows:

- Horses are presented to the panel, standing, while the Veterinary Delegate and Ground Jury look them over. They are looking at many things including body condition, shoeing, tightness, injuries, and distinguishing marks.
- The FEI Vet will re-identify the horse to verify that the correct horse is being presented.
- The horse and athlete then walk a few steps (about five meters), jog to the end of the lane where they return to the walk and turn around TO THE RIGHT, walk a few steps to get straight, and then trot back past where the panel is standing.
- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your Chef d' Equipe. You will be called to the horse inspection in team order, and you will jog numerically within your team. Please keep the following things in mind:
 - » If one of your horses is "held," it means the FEI Veterinarian Delegate will meet you in the "holding box" to have a closer look at your horse at the request of the inspect panel. The Team Veterinarian is allowed (and encouraged) to be present. The FEI Veterinarian Delegate will then report his/her findings to the inspection panel. Your Chef d'Equipe will come with you to the hold once all of the team's horses have jogged.
 - » Make sure you are familiar with your eventing rules regarding the horse inspection.

Remember, everyone is willing to help. The learning curve varies for everyone at the Championships. If you know the ropes, please share the wealth. If you are new, introduce yourself and everyone will help you find your way.

