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2017 North American Junior and Young Rider Championship Announcement

Hello all perspective NAJYRC hopefuls for 2017 and beyond!

Firstly, let me extend again my congratulations to everyone that helped in any way with financial, emotional and physical support of our Area 1 gold, silver and bronze medal team athletes that swept the boards in Colorado! And to the team for their superb effort....Area 1 is back! As the 2016 season has drawn to an end, it's time to start planning for next year's Championships. We are delighted that they are to be hosted by the amazing Broussard family at Rebecca Farm in Kalispell, Montana from July 19-23rd, 2017. A phenomenal destination event, however, it means we have alot of fundraising ahead of us to get our teams there and ready to compete. A hearty thank you to Mikki and Bridgette Kuchta for their contribution to the area over the past few years and so thrilled success finally rewarded their effort and that of our team selectors. We are so grateful to those that have served and continue to serve our area!

Today, as we move forwards into a new era for Area 1, I am absolutely thrilled beyond words to announce that **Buck Davidson** has agreed to be the Area 1 coach for our young rider program! Buck was a past medalist at NAJYRC's and has gone on to win medals for the senior team. He has a real passion for the program and making sure it is firmly here to stay as an integral stepping stone goal for aspiring YR's. Chef Carol Mayo will return in 2017, and takes on a broader role assisting as NAJYRC Coordinator. In addition, the 2017 Selector Committee is in place as part of a dynamic management team committed to helping our YR's. As the Gold medal team, individual silver and bronze medalists at this year's CCI* Championship, Area 1 would like to return a full CCI* team plus 2 individuals (and grooms for each horse) and a full CICY 2** team to contend for medals and regional honor in 2017.

For next year's team we will continue to build on the changes implemented in 2016 regarding Area 1's team selection criteria which includes individual and group rider and groom fundraising efforts in consideration of the 2017 team and sustainability of future teams. This training program is designed to build on past successes and strengthen and prepare for future NAJYRC's. In 2017 a new dynamic selection process includes winter training sessions for riders training in Area 1, 2 or 3, Selector observation events in those regions, plus a new comprehensive 4 day mandatory "Team Training Camp" for rider and groom candidates. This year the YR grooms will also be eligible to bring their horses to the "Team Training Camp" to spend time under the watchful eyes of Buck Davidson and his team! And the grand finale will be the selection event held at Groton House Farm HT in June, after which the team selectors will recess for a designated period, ahead of the 2017 team announcement.

Each and every one of you should feel excited about the challenge and opportunities ahead as this program offers opportunity for all Area 1 Young Riders (both NAJYRC and YRAP members). Our belief is that the entire Young Rider Program should play a small but important part in helping send our NAJYRC qualifiers to Championships. Otherwise, it could become a great financial burden that could limit some riders and grooms ability to represent Area 1 at the NAJYRC's in the future. In 2016, we were able to offset horse transportation costs, team accommodation and some team transportation costs, allowing access for all riders and grooms to attend. We want to make sure that happens again if our fundraising targets are achieved. In Area 1 we want to be the eventing community that takes care of each other, works together to benefit all involved in our Young Rider Program (both NAJYRC and YRAP branches) and always come from a spirit of contribution. Paying it forward for today's riders and tomorrow's, we need your help at every level, from volunteering, supporting your friends and fellow competitors, and fundraising. Area 1 desires to be the premier provider of YR programs, the model program in the USA. Buck shares this vision with your leadership!

Getting our team to Montana is going to be expensive and challenging, as it was this year in Colorado. Prospective riders are again asked to raise \$500 regardless whether they qualify for the NAJYRC or not. The first \$250 raised by March 1st, 2017 and the second \$250 raised by May 1st, 2017. And grooms are asked to raise \$250 in total within the same timeframe. This is a very achievable goal for everyone as we saw this year. You may raise the money in a variety of ways, including fundraisers, bake sales, grooming and braiding or barn chores, etc. Please clear any fundraising questions, (no raffles) or your ideas through our YR Committee Member (and legal counsel) Tim Murray – cmurray@sandw.com

Our Area 1 Treasurer, George Cheney will keep a running tab of everyone's fundraising activities and amounts, so there is no confusion. Please have checks made out to: USEA Area 1 (with Young Riders on the memo line). Please add a separate "post it" note to indicate which rider or groom the funds are for, so that we can give you accurate credit for your fundraising efforts. Please DO NOT put the rider or groom's name on the memo line, as we aren't able to process.

Please mail to:

George Cheney – Rest and Be Thankful Farm, 74 Old North Berwick Rd, Lyman, ME 04002

Additionally, we will soon be putting together the 2017 YR Parent Fundraising Committee. An initial NAJYRC team conference call will take place after the application period closes. If anyone needs help with ideas/organizing his or her fundraisers, we are available to help. Please contact us.

The deadline for all candidate rider and groom applications is January 28th, 2017 at midnight.

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2017 North American Junior Young Rider Championship Young Rider Questionnaire

If you are planning to qualify for a place on the 2017 Area 1 NAJYRC team, who will compete at Rebecca Farm, Kalispell, Montana during July 19th-23rd, please fill out this questionnaire. This is NOT the formal FEI “Intent To Qualify” and “Area Declaration” which will be required prior to March 2017. This is the Area 1 application and is to help the coach, chef and selectors identify early in the 2017 NAJYRC qualifying year who has thoughts about qualifying and what their plan looks like. Please complete this form and email it, along with all the required supporting documents to: Carol Mayo jpcamayo@comcast.net. **All applications and support documentation must be received by midnight January 28th to be considered for 2017 team selection. Applications that are late or incomplete will not be accepted.**

There will be a formal application due in May and other key dates will be released as they are made available to us from the FEI. The 2017 FEI criteria for the NAJC 1* and CICY 2** has not been released at this time, however, it is anticipated to be similar to 2016 with some minimal changes to selection criteria from USEF. The old 2016 FEI criteria can still be found as an attachment on the Young Riders/NAJYRC page of the Area 1 website. **If you are using 2016 as a reference document, until the new 2017 is released, remember the age qualification dates move one year! Qualifying age for FEI competitions expires the end of the year a rider turns 18 for 1* or 21 for 2**.**

Considerations for NAJYRC Team Selection:

- Meet FEI and Area 1 qualifying criteria, standards and conduct for CCI* or CICY 2** NAJYRC team competition
- Rider candidates are required to be active members of the 2017 Area 1 Young Rider Program and to participate in the Area 1 Young Riders Individual and Group Fund Raising for the team and raise a minimum of \$500 individually (\$250 by March 1st and an additional \$250 by May 1st, 2017) to be eligible for team selection.
- **Phase One** - Attend a Winter Training Session with Coach Buck Davidson – dates to be confirmed for riders winter training in Area 1, 2 or 3 (rider attendance required, not grooms)
- **Phase Two** - Complete one selector “Observation Trial” – 2017 list is enclosed
- **Phase Three** - Attend the 4 Day Mandatory “Team Training Camp” with Coach Buck Davidson - June 13- 16 inclusive to be held in Unionville, PA (groom candidates are required to attend and are eligible in 2017 to bring their horses for this training camp)
- **Final Phase 4** – Complete the Mandatory Team Selection Event at Groton House Farm – *Special NAJYRC Championship Selection Division may apply (*details of relevant division TBC)
 - Goal is to test riders before actually shipping to YR’s as to horse and rider fitness and ability to compete at championship level
 - Horses in consideration for NAJYRC will be subject to vet evaluation
- As with all Area 1 Young Riders activities, if all other criteria are equal, volunteer activities, team participation with Area 1 Young Riders or other equestrian groups will be considered

Start EARLY ensuring that all documentation is COMPLETE and UP TO DATE:

- **Rider:** USEA member, USEF member, FEI Registered, USEA Area 1 Young Riders member
- **Horse:** FEI Passport, USEA registered, USEF life recorded, FEI registered – vaccinations per FEI and state requirements (Montana)

2017 NAJYRC Questionnaire - Rider Information

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (day) _____

Telephone (evenings) _____

Telephone (cell) _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Telephone (cell) _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Telephone (cell) _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Highest Level Rider has competed: _____

Highest Level Horse has competed: _____

USEF # _____

USEA # _____

FEI # _____

2016 Competition Results (January 2016 to present)

- Please attach most recent and complete USEA Rider Results **print out**

2017 Proposed Competition Schedule

- List name, date of competition and level competing

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Horse Information

List ALL horses you wish to be considered. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Name: _____
Breed: _____
Age/Color: _____
Height/Gender: _____
USEF# _____
USEA # _____
FEI Passport # _____

Horse Owner Information

Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone (cell): _____
Email: _____
USEF # _____
Level applying for: NAJY CCI*
 CICY CIC**

2016 Horse Competition Results (January 2016 to present)

- Please attach most recent and complete USEA Horse Results **print out**

2017 Conditioning Schedule (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Proposed 2017 Lesson Program and Clinics

- **Name of Trainer:** _____
- **Trainer Telephone:** _____
- **Trainer Email:** _____
- **Lesson Program:** _____

Proposed 2017 Clinics

Candidate Fundraising

I am willing to meet the individual required minimum of \$500 by May 1st, 2017 (rider candidates) or \$250 by May 1st, 2017 (groom candidates) and I am able to help with additional group fund raising efforts for the team to fund the team to go to MONTANA.

- Here are other ideas I have for fund raising: _____

Group Fundraising

We will need volunteer parents to serve on the NAJYRC 2017 Fundraising Committee and Area 1 to help secure the funds needed to get the team to MONTANA - July 19-23, 2017. Several sponsors will be needed to help outfit the team riders and grooms for Championships and/or provide donations to help with the expenses of sending a team to Championships. Do you have ideas or connections with companies and or businesses that you would be willing to contact to provide sponsorships? If so, please provide a list of names and types of businesses and the type of donations possible: clothing, rider or horse gear, cash donation, other?

2017 Observations Events

12/30/2016

The following is a listing of the **2017** Events designated as Observation Trials. Area I Young Rider team selectors will be in attendance (specific selectors will be assigned to each competition to be announced once schedules are confirmed). Candidates (coaches, parents) are encouraged to introduce themselves to the selector(s) at the event. Candidates are required to attend one Observation Event and are responsible for notifying the relevant Selector of their attendance, times, etc – in advance of the event.

Area III

Feb 16-19 - Rocking Horse Winter II H.T. (Altoona, FL)

Feb 23-26 - Pine Top Advanced, CIC3, CIC2*, CIC1* & H.T. (Thomson, GA)

Apr 12-16 - Ocala International 3-Day Festival of Eventing Presented by Brian Cox Farm Team (Ocala, FL)

Area II

Mar 23-26 - Carolina International CIC and Horse Trial (Raeford, NC)

May 25-28 - Virginia CCI/CIC & H.T. (Lexington, VA)

Canada and Area I

June 8-11 - Jaguar Land Rover Bromont CCI Event (Bromont, PQ, Canada)

****Jun 23-25 - Groton House Farm H.T. (Hamilton, MA)****

** Designates the Final Mandatory Outing requiring all qualified Young Riders to attend. Team selection will be finalized after this event and a designated Selector review period, and subsequently, the 2017 NAJYRC Area 1 Team Rider and Groom Selection will be announced via group email to all candidates unless specified otherwise by Selectors.

2017 Supplemental Information Selection Committee and Fundraising

2017 Selection Committee

The Area 1 appointed Selection Committee will for 2017 are the following people. This committee will work with Buck Davidson in determining the team and individuals who will represent Area 1 Young Riders:

1. John Bourgoin
2. Carol Kozlowski
3. Stephanie Baer – Chair of 2017 Selector Committee
4. Jane Hamlin
5. Suzie Gornall

Estimated Cost Per Rider to Attend NAJYRC:

Area 1 will make every effort to off-set some of the cost of the NAJYRC using the funds collected from YR dues for Preliminary and Above riders and the collaborative fundraising activities leading up to the event. Any costs not covered will ultimately fall on the families of those riders and grooms who will be attending the championships. It is important that we all fundraise as much as possible. If funds allow, Area 1 will off-set accommodation of the team, horse transportation (via ground – Fairway Transportation Mark Chopper), merchandise, coaching fees, breakfast and lunch during competition for riders (dinners will be parental responsibility) or offset by event parties, etc. Below is an estimate of the cost to send a rider to 2017 NAJYRC in Montana.

Horse Transportation	\$2,500
House/Accommodation – Team	\$400
Coaching/Training Fees:	\$2,500
Event Transport – Carts:	\$150
Misc Team Management Costs:	\$300
Embroidery	\$300
Publicity and Publications	\$350
Merchandise – horse and rider	\$500
Total Estimated Cost Per Rider	\$7000

There are numerous other expenses not above that will fall on the families. These include but are not limited to pre and post event hotel accommodation (Area 1 team house - accommodation anticipated Sunday through Sunday night). FEI application and entry fees, feed, hay, shavings plus parental meals and lodging, Jog attire, any veterinary expenses, and the cost to attend all training sessions with the coach. **Additionally, riders selected for the team are customarily responsible for the transportation (and any additional accommodation costs) for their selected groom to and from the event.**

2017 NAJYRC AREA 1 Application

Terms and Conditions:

I have read and understand the terms of the application and selection process as outlined in this application document. I am aware that dates and venues for the Winter Training Sessions are to be advised and the FEI Selection Criteria for 2017 NAJY 1* and 2017 CICY 2** NAJYRC at Rebecca Farm, Kalispell, Montana will be applicable to my application and ultimate eligibility. FEI criteria will be provided by Area 1 to all candidates upon receipt from USEF and FEI. Candidates may use the 2016 FEI criteria as a guide to anticipated 2017 requirements (some language changes in the 2017 FEI are anticipated) but it is your responsibility to ensure you qualify for the 2017 NAJYRC once final FEI criteria is published.

I understand that in addition to the FEI Criteria, Area 1 has outlined the regional program requirements for consideration for 2017 NAJYRC Team and reserve the right not to consider any candidate not meeting these requirements outlined in this application document.

I understand that Area 1 may reserve the right to make modifications to the 2017 NAJYRC program if needed, and as a candidate, I understand I will be advised in advance of any changes to the program that is outlined herein. Candidates will receive communications to the email address listed on their application and several conference calls will be scheduled with the coach-team management and parent-rider-trainer will take place in the months leading through the process.

I understand that attendance at the mandatory winter training, team training camp, observation events and final team selection event at Groton House Farm, MA is required. If horse or rider are unable to attend, due to unforeseen circumstance, a rider/trainer may make application to the coach and chair of selectors for an excused absence, the decision will be at the discretion of the coach and chair of selectors, along with any additional requirements they may require in such instance of any excused candidate.

Applications and all support documentation must be in by midnight January 28th, 2017, no late or incomplete applications will be accepted. In addition to the application documents, you will need to provide an electronic print out of your USEA Horse competition history, USEA Rider Competition history, and your 2017 Area 1 Young Rider Program Membership (this can be obtained via your USEA Online Account). Candidates and parents understand the responsibility for ensuring your application is complete and has been received by NAJYRC Coordinator and Chef d'Equipe Carol Mayo by the deadline is yours. Carol can be reached at: 508-654-6161 for confirmation of receipt or via email at : jpcamayo@comcast.net

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date