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2025 Young Rider Virtual Team Challenge Specifications

For 2025 the Area 1 Young Rider Team Challenges will transition into a Virtual Team Challenge format. This will allow for maximum participation across all Area 1 events and demographics. More information on team rules, team composition, and team scoring will be announced in the Spring. Competing and volunteering at the following events will contribute to team scores.

[VTC Point Reporting Form](#)

Virtual Team Challenge (VTC) Rules:

- Must be a member of the Young Rider Program by April 18th, 2025.
 - Enrollment in the YRP program can be done through USEA's online services.
- Scores from Recognized Events outside Area 1 will count for half value,
 - However, you must report your final placing to the scorekeeper within 4 weeks of the event using the VTC Outside Event Report Form.
 - Example: you placed 3rd at Loch Moy, you will get 17.5 points for your team if you report it within 4 weeks.
- Out-of-area Intermediate and Advance (when no Area 1 event is running the level) are eligible for full points
 - however you must report your final placing to the scorekeeper within 4 weeks of the event using the VTC Outside Event Report Form
- Those entered in the Championship divisions at the Area 1 Championships and compete (no scratches) will receive double points.
- Any team member that represents Area 1 at AECs will receive 75 bonus points and their final score will count for full points as if it were an Area 1 event.
- Any team member who participates in a Classic Series HT, or CCI (short or long), anywhere in the nation will receive 15 bonus points and their final score will count for full points as if it were of the event
 - however you must report your final placing to the scorekeeper within 4 weeks of the event using the VTC Outside Event Report Form
- All volunteer hours must be reported to the scorekeeper or Young Rider Coordinator by November 1, 2025 using the Area 1 Volunteer Form.

How Teams are Created:

- Seven team members, "randomly" selected. Really, randomly selected... like all names put into a hat and pulled by the YRP Coordinator or a designee.
- Teams will be introduced via email and encouraged to cheer each other on throughout the season.
- Email will be the primary means of communication through a private mailing list.



How to Obtain Points:

Action	Number of Points
Entering an Area 1 Event and scratching (without refund)	25 points
Not completing an Area 1 Event on a numerical score (E, TE, CR, etc.)	25 points
Not completing the Area 1 Championships on a numerical score (E, TE, CR, etc.)	50 points
Completing an Area 1 Event on a numerical score	35 points
Completing the Area 1 Championships on a numerical score	70 points
Placing at an Area 1 Event (in addition to completion points) <i>*note - only one rider/horse combination will count towards points at any one Event. The best score/placing will be utilized. Upgraded placings ie amateur placings will not be utilized. Out-of-Area Intermediate and Advanced on non-Area 1 weekends will be eligible for full points. FEH, YEH, NEH, and OEH are applicable.</i>	1st - 45 points 2nd - 40 points 3rd - 35 points 4th - 30 points 5th - 25 points 6th - 20 points 7th - 15 points 8th - 10 points
Placing at the Area 1 Championships	1st - 90 points 2nd - 80 points 3rd - 70 points 4th - 60 points 5th - 50 points 6th - 40 points 7th - 30 points 8th - 20 points
Placing at a non-Area 1 Event <i>*note - scores must be reported using the VTC Outside Event Report Form</i>	1st - 22.5 points 2nd - 20 points 3rd - 17.5 points 4th - 15 points 5th - 12.5 points 6th - 10 points 7th - 7.5 points 8th - 5 points



Volunteering at a USEA Area 1 Recognized Event <i>*note - no more than 100 points per event. Volunteer points must be submitted using the Volunteer Form.</i>	Full Day - 60 points Half Day (40 hours) - 30 points
Volunteering at a USEA Recognized Event outside of Area 1 <i>*note - no more than 50 points per event. Volunteer points must be submitted using the Volunteer Form.</i>	Full Day - 30 points Half Day (40 hours) - 15 points
Bonus Points	Number of Points
Representing Area 1 at a Classic Series (BN3D, N3D, T3D, M3D, or P3D) <i>*note - scores must be reported using the VTC Outside Event Report Form</i>	15 points
Representing Area 1 a FEI CCI (short or long) <i>*note - scores must be reported using the VTC Outside Event Report Form</i>	15 points
Representing Area 1 at the American Eventing Championships	75 points
Volunteering at the American Eventing Championships	max 125 points

Additional opportunities to earn bonus points will be announced throughout the season via the VTC email list.

Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to the top three placed teams, top team individuals, and top three overall point scorers. Ribbons to be awarded to teams through 8th place.