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## Criteria for Area 1 Young Rider Groom Candidates

Area 1 Young Riders is accepting applications from qualified candidates to be grooms at the Eventing Young Rider Championships at Loch Moy Farm. Riders know their horses the best and will want to oversee all care. Grooms will be assisting as needed and will be an important part of the team to help the competition go smoothly. Grooms will also gain valuable experience which will prepare them for their potential future opportunities to be a team rider.

- Grooms must be at least 16 years old during the competition year.
- Area 1 Young Riders will offset some of the costs for food and accommodations during the Championships, but groom candidates will be expected to fund-raise with the team.

The Area 1 Selection Committee will be observing, interviewing, and assessing the groom candidates who exhibit the following qualities:

- Experience working around different types of horses
- Have grooming skills such as bathing, braiding, and preparing horses for competition presentation
- Exhibit an interest in the care/welfare of horses pre and post-competition
- Have an eye for detail with attentive observational skills
- Able to follow directions
- Exhibit patience
- Can function calmly under pressure
- Have strong communication skills
- Is reliable, timely, and well-organized

To be considered for a groom spot:

- 1) Fill out a Championships Groom Application
- 2) Attend a TBA Team Training Camp (dependant on application numbers)
- 3) Attend the Championships organizational meetings (to be held remotely)