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Young Rider Virtual Team Challenge Specifications

Virtual Team Challenge (VTC) Rules:

- Must be a member of the Young Rider Program by April 17
 - 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 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 (<i>E, TE, CR, etc.</i>)	50 points
Completing an Area 1 Event on a numerical score	35 points
Completing the Area 1 Championships on a numerical score	70 points
<p>Placing at an Area 1 Event (in addition to completion points)</p> <p><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></p>	<p>1st - 45 points 2nd - 40 points 3rd - 35 points 4th - 30 points 5th - 25 points 6th - 20 points 7th - 15 points 8th - 10 points</p>
Placing at the Area 1 Championships	<p>1st - 90 points 2nd - 80 points 3rd - 70 points 4th - 60 points 5th - 50 points 6th - 40 points 7th - 30 points 8th - 20 points</p>
<p>Placing at a non-Area 1 Event</p> <p><i>*note - scores must be reported using the VTC Outside Event Report Form</i></p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Volunteering at a USEA Area 1 Recognized Event</p> <p><i>*note - no more than 100 points per event. Volunteer points must be submitted using the Volunteer Form.</i></p>	<p>Full Day - 60 points Half Day (40 hours) - 30 points</p>
Volunteering at a USEA Recognized Event outside of Area 1	<p>Full Day - 30 points Half Day (40 hours) - 15 points</p>



<p><i>*note - no more than 50 points per event. Volunteer points must be submitted using the Volunteer Form.</i></p>	
Bonus Points	Number of Points
<p>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></p>	15 points
<p>Representing Area 1 a FEI CCI (<i>short or long</i>) <i>*note - scores must be reported using the VTC Outside Event Report Form</i></p>	15 points
<p>Representing Area 1 at the American Eventing Championships</p>	75 points
<p>Volunteering at the American Eventing Championships</p>	max 125 points

Additional opportunities to earn bonus points will be announced throughout the season via the VTC email list, social media and newsletters.

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.