

Selection Process for Area I For the 2011 North American Junior Championship Three- Day Event

The United States Eventing Association (USEA) Area I Young Rider Eventing Committee, subject to the approval of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will oversee the selection process. The selection process will be subject to review by the USEF Executive Committee and subject at all times to oversight and supervision by USEF, as the National Governing Body for the sport. This will ensure that final determinations and selections are carried out according to the approved procedures. The 2011 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) will be held in Lexington, KY July 2 –31, 2011.

I. Application

Athletes wishing to be considered for the 2011 Area I Junior Rider Three- Day Event Team for the CH-CH-J* must complete an application either online (click on “USEF LOGIN” at the top right hand side of the USEF home page at (www.usef.org) or hard copy (attached). Applications completed online must be completed on or before May 16, 2011. Applications completed in hard copy must be returned to Shealagh Costello, USEF Director of Eventing National Programs, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511. Applications completed in hard copy must be postmarked, hand delivered or faxed on or before May 16, 2011. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS POSTMARKED, HAND DELIVERED, FAXED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE ON OR BEFORE MAY 16, 2011.**

Criteria to Apply: In order for an application to be accepted, the following criteria must be met:

1. The Athlete must be a U.S. Citizen and in compliance with FEI Article 124 (General Regulations) at the time of the application, selection, and until the conclusion of the 2011 North American Junior and Young Riders Championship.
2. **An Athlete for the CH- J*** must be 14 – 18 years of age, born between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1997.
3. The Athlete must be a current member in good standing from the date of the application through the end of the NAJYRC of the USEA and USEF, have current FEI registration and be a current member in good standing of Area I Young Riders for 2011.
4. An Athlete’s Area is determined by the Athlete’s legal address as recorded in the USEA and USEF databases at the time the application is received; however, if the entities have conflicting addresses, the USEF address shall control. Athletes who are temporarily residing in another Area (i.e., attending college or working student) must declare what Area they will represent no later than March 1, 2011 and notify the USEA and USEF staff offices in writing in accordance with these procedures. Once an Athlete has declared his/her Area on this application the Area may not be changed again.
5. The horse must be at least six years old, eligible under FEI rules, fully registered with the USEA , registered with the FEI, life recorded with the USEF(Horse ID is not sufficient) pursuant to USEF Rule GR1102, and in good standing under USEF rules. Note: if selected to compete in the CH-J* as part of a team, team horses must have a valid FEI Passport.

6. The Athlete (his /her parent or guardian if rider is under 18) and horse owner must certify, by signing the USEA Area I 2011 North American Junior Championship Application, that they have received and read the Selection Procedures for the Area I 2011 North American Junior Three – Day Event Team, the USEF Code of Conduct and 2011 Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification, understand those documents and that they agree to be bound by them.

Criteria to Participate: Participation of Athletes and Horses in the 2011 CH-J* Three Day Event will require the following:

1. The Athlete must pay an International High Performance “IHP” Discipline Fee pursuant to USEF Rule GR207.1 (d).
2. Horses will be required to have a current FEI Passport which can be obtained through the USEF Headquarters in Lexington, KY.

II. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications in this section will be according to FEI Article 506 and letters of exemption (attached). All qualifications are subject to change by the FEI. See “International Disclaimer” Section.

a) CH-J* (CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR DIVISION)

Minimum Criteria – 2011 requirements for the CH-J* division:

Between January 1, 2010 and up to four weeks prior to the first day of dressage (June 30, 2011) of the 2011 North American Junior Rider Championship a horse and rider combination must achieve a Minimum Eligibility Requirement(s) at one of the two options below:

- 1) **Complete with a minimum eligibility requirement 1 CCI*** - International One-Star Three Day Event
- Or**
- 2) **Complete with a minimum eligibility requirement 2 CIC*** - International One-Star One day Event

A minimum eligibility requirement is obtained by completing the following:

Minimum eligibility requirement for FEI **Dressage** tests:

Not more than 75 penalty points.

Minimum eligibility requirement for **Cross-Country**, FEI competitions:

Not more than 20 penalties at obstacles.

Not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time. (36 penalties)

When minimum eligibility requirements attained at CICs are being used they must be clear on cross-country (no xc obstacle penalties).

Minimum eligibility requirement for Show Jumping, FEI competitions:

Not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

The deadline for qualification is June 30, 2011

III. Selection Trials

CH-J*

In order to be considered for the Area I CH-J* team the horse/rider combination must, in addition to the requirements set forth in I (a) above also compete (with every intention of completing) in at least one (1) of the following selection trials:

1. April 22-24, 2011, Fair Hill International HT (MD)
2. May 5-8, 2011, King Oak Farm Spring HT (MA)
3. May 19-22, 2011, Virginia Horse Trial (VA)
4. June 9-12, 2011, Bromont CCI *** Three-Day Event (QC)
5. June 24-26, Groton House Farm II HT (MA)

A horse/rider combination that is unable to attend a Mandatory Selection Trial because of veterinary, medical, or family emergencies or for logistical reasons may request a waiver for selection by submitting a written request prior to the mandatory Selection Trial to the Selectors who will approve or disapprove the request based on the relevant facts and circumstances.

IV. DEFINITE ENTRIES

The Area Selectors will meet after the last designated Selection Trial (if any) but no later than the date for submission of definite entries to evaluate applicants as outlined below and name up to the maximum number horse/rider combinations to be able to be entered under the Definite Schedule for the CH-J* of the 2011 North American Junior Championship (“the Squads”). The Squads must be chosen by majority vote of the selectors. In addition to selecting the Squads, up to six ranked alternates may be chosen for the CH-J*

V. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Selectors’ evaluation will be based on the current fitness, soundness, and ability of the horse/rider combinations to determine whether they are able to meet the standards of the CH-J* competition; i.e., distance, size and complexity of obstacles, and the required speed to avoid time penalties.

The Selectors’ evaluation will be based on the overall performance and soundness of the horse/rider combination in various 2011 Spring Horse Trials and/or Three-Day Events, including those designated as Selection Trials, with emphasis on cross-country performance, including faults, boldness, rideability, speed, and the prospect of the horse/rider combination to win an individual medal or contribute to a team medal at the 2011 North American Junior Championship, having considered all the factors mentioned above. If all factors are equal between two horse/rider combinations, the participation of the rider in other Area II Young rider programs or activities, i.e., fundraising, securing of team sponsorship etc., may be considered.

VI. DEFINITIONS

BOLDNESS – whether the horse/rider combination moves forward with confidence, aggression, and vigor demonstrating a positive attitude. When presented with a question (any situation that the horse/rider must answer to successfully negotiate the test, e.g., an obstacle, change of terrain, handling crowds, jumping into water, etc.), whether the horse/rider combination answer the question with the same positive attitude.

RIDEABILITY – whether the horse exhibits in all three tests - dressage, cross-country, and show jumping - that it responds readily to the aids (directions) of the rider as a result of his training; whether he moves forward, slows down, turns, and jumps any obstacle with composure, obedience, and confidence in himself and the rider.

SPEED– evidence that, in the previous record of the horse/rider combination, the horse/rider combination shows the ability to complete the 2011 CH-J* distances at the speed demanded.

FITNESS – whether the horse competed at a high level more frequently than is consistent with delivering a peak performance at the event for which selection is being made. Whether the horse demonstrated the modicum of preparation necessary for preparedness for the rigors of the event for which selection is being made.

VII. DECLARATION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS

Once at the competition venue, and after the first horse inspection and the cross-country course inspection, the Chef d' Equipe will declare the team of four horse/rider combinations and the two ranked individual horse/rider combinations for the CH-J* Competition. In making this final declaration, the factors enumerated above for the evaluation and naming of the Final Entries for the 2011 North American CH-J* Eventing competition shall be followed. The horse/rider combinations that make up either the Team or Individual horse/rider combinations declared will be the same as those originally announced except that substitutions may be made in accordance with the following criteria. Horse/Rider combinations named to the Team may only be substituted with Team member horse/rider combinations, for veterinary or medical reasons or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct with the approval of the Chef d' Equipe, the coach and any Selectors who are physically present at the competition venue.

Composition of Teams: Each Area may send a team of four plus two individual horse/rider combinations to the CH-J* Championship. For Areas not able to field teams, the following options are available:

- The Area may send one or two individual horse/rider combinations.
- Areas only able to field individual horse/rider combinations (i.e., they do not have enough horse/rider combinations to make up a team) may be combined with horse/rider combinations from other areas by USEF at the time of definite entries in order to create a full team.

VIII. SELECTORS

The 2011 Selectors for Area I are as follows:

1. Ashley MacVaugh
2. John Bourgoïn
3. Mikki Kuchta
4. Jane Hamlin
5. Stephanie Baer

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No member of the Selectors shall have had, within the 30 days prior to the meeting of the selection committee (meeting referred to above), any financial or other interest, including as coach, trainer, or otherwise, in the applicant horse, or have had financial dealings with the rider or owner or members of their families, nor be a member of the family (See USEF GR122) of an applicant rider or owner. If, within the past 30 days, a Selector has had any financial or other interest as outlined above, he/she shall excuse himself/herself from the selection process. Further, each Selector shall be required to fill out a conflict of interest statement, disclosing any potential conflicts with any of the applicants. Potential conflicts as disclosed will be reviewed by the Selectors and a decision will be made as to whether or not the stated conflict is deemed disqualifying.

IX. PASSPORTS AND VETERINARY REGULATIONS

Horses competing in the CH-J* will be required to have a current FEI Passport which is obtained through the USEF Kentucky office. The CH-J* will be run under FEI Veterinary Regulations, 12th Edition, effective 5 April 2010. These regulations may be purchased from the USEF or found online @ www.horsesport.org.

X. EQUINE DRUG TESTING

All horses shall be subject to drug testing. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time throughout the selection process or at the 2011 North American Junior and Young Rider Championship. Samples collected from horses will be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by the FEI. In the event a prohibited substance is detected, its presence will be reported to the USEF Eventing National Director and the Area Young Rider Coordinator. In the event a substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of this substance in a concentration greater than applicable FEI limits for any FEI prohibited and/or quantitated substance may be eliminated from the Selection Process and/or the Competition.

XI. ATHLETE DRUG TESTING

Applicants will be subjected to medical examinations and drug testing in accordance with the guidelines and regulations of the U.S. Anti- Doping Agency and the World Anti- Doping Agency. Applicants will also be required to adhere to the most current FEI Doping Control and Protection of Competitors Provision – FEI Article 143 (attached).

XII. SOUNDNESS

Horses that are candidates for selection for the Area I 2011 North American Junior Three- Day Event Team may be examined by a veterinarian(s) chosen by the Area I Council or Area Young Rider Committee prior to selection. Horses may be subject to veterinary evaluations prior to the competition. Horses found to be unsound by the area veterinarian may be eliminated from the selection process by the area Selectors.

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FEI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes as soon as reasonably possible. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to the USEF. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

NOTICE

ALL DECISIONS REFERENCED IN THE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR AREA I FOR THE 2011 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP THREE-DAY EVENT SHALL BE FINAL AS MADE BY THE REFERENCED INDIVIDUALS. BY SIGNING THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2011 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP THREE-DAY EVENTS, COMPETITORS, AND OWNERS AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL DECISIONS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SELECTION PROCEDURE BY THE AREA I CHEF D' EQUIPE, ATTENDING FEI VETERINARIAN, THE USEF EVENTING COMMITTEE AND THE USEF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR THEIR DESIGNEES, AND AGREE TO HOLD THEM HARMLESS IN THIS REGARD. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT AN APPLICANT'S RIGHTS UNDER THE TED STEVENS OLYMPIC AND AMATEUR SPORTS ACT AND THE USOC BYLAWS.

Any questions regarding the selection procedures should be addressed to Area I Young Rider Coordinator, Marjon Quigley, 87 Laurel Hill Road, Northport, NY 11768, (631) 754-6711, marjon36@aol.com or Shealagh Costello, Director of National Eventing Programs, United States Equestrian Federation, Inc., 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511, (859) 258-2472.

**USEA AREA I YOUNG RIDERS
2011 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR (CH-J*) CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION**

1. Rider's Name (Print): _____
Permanent home address: _____
Current address (if different than above): _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____ Birth Date: _____ Citizenship: _____
Rider's Membership: USEA#: _____ FEI Reg. #: _____ USEF#: _____
Area Declaration: _____ (if other than Area of permanent residence ____ please attach a letter of explanation)

2. Parent/Guardian name: _____ Telephone: _____

3. The horse(s) I intend to qualify with: _____ (Attach spate paper if more than 2 horses)

a. Name of horse: _____ Short Name: _____
Breed: _____ Color: _____ Sex: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____
FEI Reg.#: _____ USEA Reg.#: _____ USEF Rec.#: _____
Registered owner of horse: _____
Owner's address: _____

b. Name of horse: _____ Short Name: _____
Breed: _____ Color: _____ Sex: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____
FEI Reg.#: _____ USEA Reg.#: _____ USEF Rec.#: _____
Registered owner of horse: _____
Owner's address: _____

I have read (1) the Area I Selection Process for the 2011 North American Junior (CH-J*) Three-Day Event Team and (2) the USEF Code of Conduct. I understand these documents and agree to be bound by them.

Signature of Rider

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If rider is under 18)

Date

Signature of Horse Owner (a)

Date

Signature of Horse Owner (b)

Date

*If you wish to enter more than two horses please make a copy of this form to enter the additional horse information