

ALBERTA HORSE TRIALS ASSOCIATION YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION INFORMATION

2023 USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships November 1-5, 2023 Galway Downs International Temecula, California

The USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships will be held at the Galway Downs International, Temecula, California November 1-5, 2023. Competitors will include youth representing the various "Areas" in the US and from the Canadian provinces. This competition will replace the former North American Youth Eventing Championship.

Competition levels will include:

- CCI1* for athletes born on or between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2009
- CCI2*L for athletes born on or between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2009
- CCI3*L for athletes born on or between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 2007

Safety, for the horse and rider, is the #1 priority with the Alberta Horse Trials Association. A Championship Cross Country course will be very technical. Therefore, riders need to be aware that selections will be made, to determine the AB representatives to attend Championships. Meeting the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) will not mean an automatic placement on the team. Riders must also attend the Young Rider Clinic (see info below) and must keep in touch with Leahona Rowland regarding training plans and how your horse is progressing. For the riders who have never had to complete a Training Plan before, we will ensure you know how to complete the paperwork.

The attendance at this competition will be expensive. As such, all of the applicants (or a representative) are expected to be involved in the various fundraising activities that the Young Rider committee organizes.

The Selection Committee will consist of a member of the AHTA Board of Directors; an EC Certified coach who is not associated with the training of any of the applicants; and a high performance rider. The AHTA Athlete Development Chairperson is also included on the committee to present the rider qualifications, fundraising attendance and answer any questions the committee may have. The team coach will also be included in the discussion of what riders are prepared to compete at the competition.

The Selection Committee members will not be made public. Abuse of any of the members of the committee, verbal or otherwise, will not be tolerated and the rider who is associated with this person will be removed from the Young Rider team.

The Alberta Coach at Championships will be High Performance Coach Leahona Rowland.

Riders wishing to be considered to represent Alberta, at the Eventing Championships, must make themselves known to the AHTA Athlete Development Chairperson by completing the attached Registration form and submitting it to Kathleen Ziegler via email ahtahighperformance@gmail.com. The

deadline for submitting this document will be Monday, May 22, 2023. Riders will have until September 30, 2023* to have all qualifying scores in place.

SELECTION PROCESS

Citizenship and Memberships Required:

1. Rider must be a permanent resident of the Province of Alberta
2. Rider and Groom must have a Canadian Passport that does not expire in the year 2023
3. Rider and horse owner must be a member in good standing of EC, AEF, AHTA, USEA and FEI
4. Rider, Parents, Owner and Groom must adhere to the AB Code of Conduct, EC Code of Conduct and the FEI Code of Conduct
5. Horse must have a valid FEI Passport

Minimum Standards for Participation:

CCI3*L:

1. Horse/Rider combinations must have earned a Certificate of Capability within the qualifying period of January 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. Minimum Eligibility Requirements will be per "2023 EC Regulations and Qualification Requirements for Athletes and Horses Competing CCI-L, CCI-S and Unified Eventing". Horse/Rider Combination must have all qualifying scores in place by September 30, 2023 to be eligible to compete at the CCI3L. As this is a Championship competition, all MERs must include zero jumping penalties cross country.
2. Rider must have been born on or between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 2007.
3. Horse must be a minimum of 6 years old per FEI Rules for Eventing.

CCI2*L:

1. Horse/Rider combinations must have earned a Certificate of Capability within the qualifying period of January 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. Minimum Eligibility Requirements will be per "2023 EC Regulations and Qualification Requirements for Athletes and Horses Competing CCI-L, CCI-S and Unified Eventing". Horse/Rider Combination must have all qualifying scores in place, by September 30, 2023. ***This will include an MER at the FEI 2* level, whether that be obtained at a 2*L or 2*S before the September 30, 2023 deadline. As this is a Championship competition, all MERs must include zero jumping penalties cross country.
2. Rider must have been born on or between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2009.
3. Horse must be a minimum of 6 years old per FEI Rules for Eventing.

NOTE: If this is a new horse/rider combination and both the horse and rider have previous competition experience at the EV 110 (Preliminary level) or higher and are now, as a combination producing consistent, competitive MER at the EV 110 (Prelim) level at both Canadian and/or US competitions, the

FEI score requirement may be waived only if the competition schedule does not offer a reasonable opportunity to obtain the required FEI score. This must be discussed with the Athlete Development Chairperson well ahead of time.

CCI1*L:

1. Horse/Rider combinations must have earned a Certificate of Capability by September 30, 2023. Minimum Eligibility Requirements will be per "2023 EC Regulations and Qualification Requirements for Athletes and Horses Competing CCI-L, CCI-S and Unified Eventing". Horse/Rider combination must have all qualifying scores in place, by September 30, 2023 to be eligible to compete at the CCI1L. As this is a Championship competition, all MERs must include zero jumping penalties cross country.
2. Rider must have been born on or between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2009.
3. Horse must be a minimum of 5 years old per FEI Rules for Eventing.

Please note: A Certificate of Capability will be supplied to the riders by Kathleen Ziegler, AHTA Athlete Development Chairperson.

The Selection committee's evaluation will be based on the following factors:

1. Attendance at the Young Rider Clinic August 4-6, 2023 at Prentice Creek. Clinician is Kyle Carter. This is mandatory.
2. Rider (or representative) taking part in all fundraising activities. Signing up to work and then not showing up is counted as a "no show".
3. The overall performance and soundness of the horse/rider combination in competition with emphasis on dressage scores, current fitness, cross country and show jumping performance, jumping without faults and/or incurring time penalties. Competition penalty scores should be consistent or trending downwards throughout 2023. They should not be trending upwards or contain a number of Eliminations. Consideration will also be given to what competitions/degree of difficulty the MER have been obtained at.
4. Riders are expected to attend all meetings.

The Rider Selections will be announced on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at the latest. If all Riders have their required MER obtained and Certificate of Capability submitted early, the announcement of the rider selection could take place earlier.

Communication:

Individual and Team members will be contacted via email, immediately after the final decision has been made. The Selections will also be posted on the AHTA website, announced in the AHTA Newsletter plus posted in any other relevant forms of electronic media ie: Facebook.

Appeal process:

If a rider does not agree with decisions made, they may appeal to the AHTA President and AHTA Vice President, in writing, with a copy sent to the AHTA Athlete Development (High Performance) Chair. This must be done, no later than 5 days after the Official Announcement has been made. All contact info will be available on the AHTA website [HERE](#).

Financial Assistance:

In addition to the funds collected from fundraising, the AHTA does supply some financial assistance to the competitors attending the USEF Eventing Young Rider Championship. A stipulation in receiving the funding is that the young riders must attend the Banquet and make a presentation about their time at Championships. The 2023 Banquet is November 11.