



2019 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

CRITERIA

The North American Youth Championships (NAYC) is an international event held annually for individuals between the ages of twelve and twenty-one. Teams are invited from Canada, the twelve Zones in the United States, Mexico and the Caribbean to compete for team and individual medals. The 2019 edition will be held at **Old Salem Farm** in North Salem, New York from **July 31st through to August 4th**.

The Championships are designed to mirror the competition format used at the Olympic and Pan American Games. The objective of the national and international Federations is to introduce and prepare competitors for international competitions and Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) rules. In addition, the Championships offer Athletes the opportunity and experience of competing as a member of a team.

1. General

- 1.1 Each North American Young Rider Championships (NAYRC) Team will consist of four members and an alternate. The alternate may compete in the Championship as an Individual. The championship features both a Team and an Individual competition. Maximum fence heights will be 1.50m (4'11") with proportional spread between 1.50m and 1.80m (4'11" to 5'9") per FEI Jumping Rules Annex IX.
- 1.2 Each North American Junior Championship (NAJC) Team will consist of four members and an alternate. The alternate may compete in the Championship as an Individual. The championship features both a Team and an Individual competition. Maximum fence heights will be 1.40m (4'7") with proportional spread between 1.40m to 1.70m (4'7" to 5'6") per FEI Jumping Rules Annex IX.
- 1.3 Each North American Children's Jumper Championships (NACHC) Team will consist of four members and an alternate. The alternate may compete in the Championship as an Individual. The championship features both a Team and an Individual competition. Maximum fence heights will be 1.25m (4'2") with proportional spread between 1.00m and 1.30m (3'3" to 4'3") per FEI Jumping Rules Annex XII Chapter IV Article 23.
- 1.4 Equestrian Canada (EC) reserves the right to send more than one Team for either division should the number of applications warrant and as long as all individuals on the Team are capable and qualified to attend based on the set criteria.



2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The Athlete must be a Canadian citizen (or have landed immigrant status) and in compliance with FEI Article 119 at the time of application until the conclusion of the Championships. The Province of each Horse/Athlete combination will be determined by the Athlete's record with EC.
- 2.2 Athletes must meet the following age requirements:
- Young Rider:** The NAYRC is open only to Young Riders (ages 16-21) born on or between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 2003.
- Junior:** The NAJC is open only to juniors (ages 14-18) born on or between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2005.
- Children:** The NACHC is open only to Children (ages 12-14) Athletes wishing to compete in the NACHC must have been born on or between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007.
- 2.3 The Athlete and Horse must be registered and in good standing with the Provincial Hunter Jumper Association (PHJA), Provincial Sport Organization (PSO), EC and FEI at the time of declaration and until the conclusion of the Championships.
- 2.4 Declared Horse(s) must possess a current valid FEI Horse Passport and be a minimum of seven (7) years old.

3. Application

- 3.1 Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to a Canadian Youth Team must submit the following to EC (the Selectors):
- 3.1.1 A signed Statement of Interest (Appendix 1), Competition Schedule (Appendix 2) and Athlete Profile (Appendix 3) by **Monday June 10th, 2019**. **NOTE:** New for 2019, Athletes must create/update an online profile and submit a declaration through EC's Major Games and Championships Portal. <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login.aspx>
- 3.1.2 In addition, to qualify as a candidate for selection one must provide a Certificate of Capability (Appendix 4), Veterinarian Statement (Appendix 5) and a signed Code of Conduct (Appendix 6) by **Monday July 8th, 2019**.
- 3.1.3 Applications and documentation received after the stated deadline dates may be considered at the sole discretion of the Selectors.
- 3.2 NAYC Information Sessions will take place for Athletes, Coaches and Parents in order to outline expectations and processes. Exact dates and times to be confirmed. However, session attendance is **MANDATORY** for Team consideration.



4. Evaluation

The Selectors will base their evaluations of the Athletes and their Horse(s) for each Youth event on the following factors:

Young Rider:

1. Overall performance in 1.45m (4'9") or higher competitions with emphasis on the following:
 - The ability to compete without incurring jumping/or time penalties at 1.45m (4'9") or higher, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis
 - Previous international and national experience, including the demonstrated ability of Horse and Athlete to succeed in either FEI or national show jumping competitions within the past 2 years.
 - A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of courses and in particular over courses that included a water jump of 12 feet.
2. The fitness and soundness of the Horse.
3. The Athlete's health and fitness level including the Athlete's ability to perform under pressure.

Junior:

1. Overall performance in 1.40m (4'7") or higher competitions with emphasis on the following:
 - Ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at 1.40m (4'7") or higher, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis.
 - Previous international and national experience, including the demonstrated ability of the Horse and Athlete to succeed in either FEI or national show jumping competitions within the past 2 years.
 - A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of courses and in particular over courses that included a water jump of 12 feet.
2. The fitness and soundness of the Horse.
3. The Athlete's health and fitness level including the Athlete's ability to perform under pressure.

Children's:

1. Overall performance in 1.25m (4'2") or higher competitions with emphasis on the following:
 - Ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at 1.25m (4'2") or higher, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis.
 - Previous international and national experience, including the demonstrated ability of the Horse and Athlete to succeed in either FEI or national show jumping competitions within the past 2 years.
 - A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of courses and ideally over courses that included a liverpool.
2. The fitness and soundness of the Horse.
3. The Athlete's health and fitness level, including the Athlete's ability to perform under pressure.



5. Selection and Substitutions

- 5.1 If an applicant's best ranked Horse is no longer available, the applicant may request to be considered for selection on another Horse. The request will be reviewed by the Selectors.
- 5.2 Horse/Athlete combinations for the Children, Junior and Young Rider Teams will be named by the Definite Entry deadline.
- 5.3 Athletes, once selected by the Selectors, must comply with all policies and rules of EC to remain eligible to represent EC at the NAYC Competition.
- 5.4 A Parent and/or Guardian is required to attend the NAYC with the Athlete if the Athlete is a minor (under 19 years).
- 5.5 Additional releases and contracts may need to be executed by the Athlete, Parent/Guardian and Horse Owner(s) once selected.
- 5.6 Any required changes to the individuals on a Team and alternate will be allowed provided the particular combination to be substituted was named in the nominated entries. Selectors shall have the final decision on all substitutions.
- 5.7 After the Definite Entry Deadline, substitutions will only be allowed in the event of an accident or illness of a competitor and/or Horse on the production of a certificate from a licensed physician and/or Veterinarian.

6. Expenses

- 6.1 Each Athlete selected for the 2019 NAYC Team will be responsible and invoiced through EC for the below expenses. Historically, these expenses have amounted to approximately **\$1,000 - \$1,500** per competitor.
 - Entry and Stabling Fees
 - Tack stalls (cost for team tack stalls will be split, individual tack stalls- if available- will be charged in full to the Athlete)
- 6.2 Competitors are responsible for personal and groom expenses, salaries, hotel and transportation costs. In addition, cost of shipping your Horse(s) to the Championships. This includes any documents, vaccinations, border crossing/related fees.
- 6.3 Equine travel must be approved before departure to the Championships by the Selectors.



7. Equine and Human Doping Control

- 7.1 Should the soundness of a selected Horse come into question prior to departure for the Championships, the Horse may be required to be jogged for soundness in front of an individual designated by the Selectors. All and any “jogs” will be announced in advance and will be run under FEI drug rules.
- 7.2 Candidates shall present for the jog at the Championships a sound Horse that is well groomed and in a bridle.
- 7.3 Candidates when presenting their Horse for the jog at the Championships shall be properly attired (boots, breeches and EC polo- if provided).
- 7.4 The Selectors reserve the right to eliminate from consideration for selection any declared Horse it believes will not successfully pass the NAYC veterinary inspection.

The NAYC is a drug free competition. During the NAYC, FEI rules will be in effect, and all Horses shall be subject to drug testing. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time. Samples will be tested for the presence of all forbidden and/or controlled substances using FEI guidelines. If any substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of this substance will be quantified. At the NAYC any Horse testing above the current FEI limits for any FEI prohibited and/or quantitative substance shall be eliminated from the competition.

In accordance with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and Sport Canada regulations for Athletes representing their province or country at international events, all Athletes may be subjected to announced and unannounced drug testing according to the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) and Equestrian Canada Rules and Policies.

8. Removal of Athletes

An Athlete may be removed from the Team or as a Substitute for any of the following reasons:

- 8.1 Voluntary withdrawal. In such a case, an Athlete is asked to inform EC of their decision in writing.
- 8.2 Violation of EC’s Code of Conduct.
- 8.3 Failure to adhere to all WADA, CCES, FEI and EC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures.
- 8.4 Failure to attend the NAYC Information Session.
- 8.5 Injury or illness of Horse as certified by a Veterinarian agreed upon by the Owner(s) and Selectors.
- 8.6 Injury or illness of Athlete as certified by a Physician.



2019 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS CHECK LIST

Submit the following by **Monday June 10th, 2019**

- Appendix 1** – Statement of Interest
(Including submitting an official declaration on EC’s Games and Championships Portal
<https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login.aspx>)
- Appendix 2** – Competition Schedule
- Appendix 3** - Athlete Profile

Submit the following by **Monday July 8th, 2019**

- Appendix 4** - Certificate of Capability
- Appendix 5** - Veterinarian Statement
- Appendix 5** – Code of Conduct

Submit to:

Stefanie Krysiak
Program Coordinator, Jumping
skrysiak@equestrian.ca
613-287-1515 ext. 101



APPENDIX 1

2019 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS STATEMENT OF INTEREST

I, _____ (*print name*) do hereby declare my interest in being considered for selection to the Canadian

Children's Team Junior Team Young Rider Team

I acknowledge that I have (please include your initial beside each statement):

- Created or updated my profile **AND** submitted my official declaration to EC's Games and Championships Portal. <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login.aspx>
- Read the 2019 NAYC Criteria in its entirety and fully understand my financial obligations as detailed in Section 6 (Expenses) if I am selected.
- Confirmed with each owner(s) their willingness for the declared Horse(s) to participate in the NAYC under the conditions established if I am selected.
- Understood that Equestrian Canada (the Selectors) will choose the team at their sole discretion.
- Agreed to attend the 2019 NAYC Information Session.

DATE:

SIGNATURE OF ATHLETE:

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (IF A MINOR):

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APPENDIX 2

2019 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION SCHEDULE

MAY SHOW SCHEDULE

JUNE SHOW SCHEDULE

JULY SHOW SCHEDULE

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APPENDIX 3

2019 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS ATHLETE PROFILE

IF NECESSARY, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION

Athlete Information	
Athlete Name:	
Hometown:	
Horse(s)'s Name(s):	
Coach/Trainer's Name:	

Personal Accomplishments (Education, Equestrian and Other):

Horse(s)'s Accomplishments and/or Unique Traits:

Interest Outside of Horses:

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APPENDIX 4

2019 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS CERTIFICATE OF CAPABILITY

Horse/Athlete combinations wishing to be considered to compete at the North American Youth Championships (NAYC) need to earn and submit a Certificate of Capability (please page 11).

- **Child Riders-** Candidates results being submitted for classes at 1.25m with spread 1.00m and 1.30m. Open water is strongly encouraged but not required (Liverpool is sufficient).
- **Junior Riders** - Candidates results being submitted for classes at 1.40m with spreads between 1.40m and 1.70m and open water.
- **Young Riders** - Candidates results being submitted for classes at 1.50m with spreads 1.50m and 1.80m and open water.

In order to be considered as a representative for either team you must have consistently demonstrated capability, in competition, at the height and width of your division.

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2019 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS CERTIFICATE OF CAPABILITY

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____ EC# _____
HORSE _____ PASSPORT# _____
COACH/TRAINER _____
COMPETITION _____
START DATE _____ CLASS # _____

FENCE HEIGHT _____ OPEN WATER (LIVERPOOL IF CHILDREN'S) _____ TOTAL FAULTS _____

The undersigned EC, USEF, or FEI judge, Steward, Course Designer or President of the Ground Jury declares that the above information is correct and has been attained within the current calendar year.

NAME _____ EC# _____
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



I was unable to obtain the appropriate signature and have attached the applicable proof such as a judge's card, video or official results indicating that the above has been met.



APPENDIX 5

2019 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS VETERINARIAN STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF _____ (Name of Veterinarian)

this _____ day of _____, 2019

I, _____ of the City/Town/Village of _____,
state as follows:

1. I am a licensed veterinarian in _____ (Province/ State/ Country);
2. I am not the regular treating veterinarian for the Horse named _____,
owned by _____, holding FEI passport # _____;
3. Having inspected said horse on the _____ day of _____, 2019, I confirm
that this Horse is fit to compete and I have personally examined the following:
 - Ensure the Horse is free of infectious disease;
 - Check heart rate, respiratory, temperature, listen to the lungs;
 - Jog Horse on firm footing;
 - Palpate legs for major or active blemishes.
4. I provide this statement for the purpose of establishing the fitness for competition of the above named
Horse and for no other purpose.

(Signature of Veterinarian)

(Witness to Veterinarian Signature)

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APPENDIX 6

2019 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS CODE OF CONDUCT

As an Athlete and/or Horse Owner, I acknowledge my obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards of horsemanship, sportsmanship, and citizenship whenever I am representing my country whether as a team member, individual competitor or horse owner, and whether during actual competition or not.

As a horseperson, I will place my horse's welfare above all other considerations and faithfully observe the FEI Code of Conduct.

As a sportsperson, I will know and comply with all pertinent rules of EC as my National Sport Federation, the FEI as the International Governing Body, and, when applicable, the Canadian and International Olympic Committees and honour the principles of fair play inherent in them. I will place the interests of the Team above my own, and accept the decisions of its duly appointed/elected officials, made in the Team's best interest, even if I disagree with them;

As a citizen, I will respect the laws of my country as well as those of foreign countries in which I or my Horse(s) may compete. I understand that as an Athlete and/or Horse Owner I also serve as an Ambassador for my sport, EC, and my country. As a result, I will endeavour at all times to reflect credit on them through my conduct, dress, and behaviour.

I understand and accept that serious or repeated transgressions of this Code may be grounds for appropriate disciplinary action including but not limited to removal from the team. In addition, I agree to abide by selection procedures established by EC wherever applicable.

Finally, I fully understand that entries will not be made until this application form is signed and completed in full and that this application indicates my intent to compete. Failure to participate may result in disciplinary action to EC by the FEI. As a result, I agree to reimburse all fines imposed by the FEI on EC for my failure to participate in the competitions for which I have been entered and agree to honour all other penalties including possible further disciplinary action.

SIGNATURE OF ATHLETE:

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (IF A MINOR):

DATE

SIGNATURE OF HORSE OWNER:

DATE

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