



2018-19 USEA AREA II CHAMPIONSHIPS BID APPLICATION

Please complete this application and email it to the Area II Chairman by November 30, 2016 at kaiti@umich.edu. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

I would like to host the 2018 and 2019 Area II Championships (please check all that apply):

B N Novice Training Preliminary Intermediate Advanced

Competition Name: _____ Competition Date: _____

Location of Competition: _____

Name of Organizer(s): _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Background of Organizing Committee: _____

Description of Facilities, land, terrain: _____

Course Designer: _____ Course Builder: _____

Please elaborate as best you can on the planned differences between the CH divisions and regular divisions for SJ and XC: _____

Will it be possible for you to run CH divisions in traditional order (D-XC-SJ)? Yes No

Proposed Extra Activities (Competitors Party, Awards Ceremony, Etc): _____

Organizer's Signature: _____ Date: _____



2018-19 AREA II CHAMPIONSHIPS BID GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in hosting the Area II Championships. For many of our Area members, the Championships are the highlight of their year and they plan their entire competition season around qualifying for and participating in them. To help ensure they have the best experience possible, the Area II Council strives to select the best host sites possible. The following guidelines list what the Council will be looking for when selecting a host site along with some additional information to help you determine whether or not you wish submit a host site bid.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Priority will be given to bids from venues showing both the ability to host a Championship caliber event and the desire to host multiple levels of the Area Championships. Please keep in mind, however, that bids for individual levels or some, but not all levels, will be considered, but there is a high preference for a venue that can host all levels (especially all levels from Intermediate down).
2. Priority will be given to bids offering material differences between the Cross Country and Show Jumping courses of the Championship and regular divisions.
3. Priority will be given to bids showing the ability to run the Championships with the individual phases in traditional order (Dressage first, Cross Country second, Show Jumping third), to run Show Jumping in reverse order of placing, and to offer an awards ceremony at the end of each Championship division. Please explain how you will manage this if a one day horse trial.
4. Although the Area supplies ribbons and an engraved picture frame for the winners, some preference will be placed on venues that plan to supplement the area awards. Please elaborate on anything extra you plan to provide to the winners. In addition elaborate on your plan for an awards ceremony or victory gallop.
5. Priority will also be given to venue that plan to provide other events or celebrations in connection with the Championships, such as competitors' dinners or parties, participation ribbons or other memorabilia, or other efforts to set the Championships apart from a "regular" horse trials.

AWARDS:

1. Area II will provide ribbons and perpetual trophies for all Championship levels and divisions. Organizers are encouraged to offer additional prizes when possible.
2. At all levels, organizers may split the Championships into Junior/Young Rider, Amateur, Horse and Open divisions if entries warrant, and are encouraged to consider at a minimum splitting Championship divisions into Junior/YR and a Senior division. Organizers should clearly explain in their omnibus listing how they intend to split Championship divisions.
3. If entries only warrant the running of one Open division at a given level, organizers are encouraged to recognize the highest placing Junior/Young Rider, Amateur, and Horse competitors.

OTHER:

By requesting that the Championship Cross Country and Show Jumping courses include "material differences" from those for the regular divisions, the Area Council does not expect entirely separate courses for the Championships. Modification of the regular division courses with a couple of different fences and/or increased technical combinations built to the maximum specifications for the level being offered is sufficient "material differences". At the conclusion of each Championship level

and/or division, organizers are encouraged to obtain a brief 'bio' and photo of each winner and submit them to the Area website and newsletter for publication.

Please see the Area 2 Qualification Period Policy: “The qualifying period for the Area II Championships is from the closing date of the previously run Championship of a given level to the closing date of the current year’s Championship at the same level.” For 2018, this may result in a qualification period that is less than 365 days due to variances in the dates of consecutive championships.

Above all, the Area II Council hopes to make the Area Championships a rewarding competition for all involved. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Area II Chair, Kaiti Saunders kaiti@umich.edu.