



Dates For 2020

Mission:

The activities are designed to develop camaraderie among young riders, thus, hopefully, developing lifelong friendships and a commitment to the sport. The purpose of the program is to encourage our younger members to become involved in the sport of Eventing and perhaps continue this involvement into their adult lives as members of the US Team, volunteers at local events, coaches, trainers, competitors, and consumers of equine products.

The Young Rider Program consists to two components. The NAYC branch focuses on developing and fronting riders and horses for the North American Youth Championships (NAYC) each summer. The YRAP branch focuses on providing young riders with the education and skills they need to progress through the levels regardless of level. In addition, each has a fund-raising program. The funds raised are used to help defray the costs of the program activities.

The YRAP encompass a variety of friendly competitions, camps, and educational activities which provide the educational development necessary for a young rider's progression. While many young riders never endeavor to progress to the NAYC and beyond, YRAP is in place for all members to accomplish whatever eventing goals they do have. In short - Our members are the future of the sport!

Gear: Young Rider spend a significant amount of time in the public. Visibility is important for program growth and obtaining public support so do consider buying Area 2 YR Gear through our partner - <https://www.agpestores.com/expressivestitches/groups.php> wear our YR-II and YRAP branded clothes with pride.

Activities: Our Young Rider Advancement banner and a representative can be found near the scoreboard or awards at the competitions below. From there we coordinate "Behind the Scenes" activities and distribute awards. We can provide assistance for things like: Identifying those who will provide a free course walk to our members; finding an instructor or horse; understanding the rules etc. The **behind the scenes** is model from the National Mentorship Program. Riders will be given an opportunity to shadow judge, hang with the TD, Course Builder, assist in Show Jumping, scoring, or other active. The biggest learning often comes when we can change a teenager's perception of what is a "good dressage test" or what the course builder is trying to test in your training.

The **Young and Rest of Us** is a virtual team competition were riders gain points town year team awards. These are scrambled teams of both Adult and Young Riders Program Members. Because it is virtual, riders do not need to compete at the same competitions on any given weekend. Form your team early is the key to success. Look on the website to learn more about the Area 2 Virtual Team Competition.

We host a few **Cross-Border Challenge Team** competitions where we compete for bragging rights against other Area YR teams. These may be scrambled or by division again depending on number of riders and request of the organizers. We love team competitions and encourage getting to know your teammates with various door prizes donated by sponsors. Teams are comprised of 3-4 riders. Every program member is placed on a team unless you opt out.

Area 2 Young Riders supports the **Classic 3-Day** format for learning the horsemanship specific to Eventing. We provide promotional consideration to **Classic 3-Days** held at Full Moon Farm, Waredaca, and Maryland Horse Trails.

Achievement Awards are Individual awards are given at selective events each month. Please see the details regarding how these awards are calculated best on your final score and not your placing. Area 2 YRAP Achievement Ribbons are awarded for National Qualifying Rides based on a Modified Danish Scoring System as follows:

First	33 or Below
Second	33.1 - 37
Third	37.1 - 41
Fourth	41.1 - 45

Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER): an MER is achieved by completing the entire Horse Trial and scoring not more than 50 penalty points (45 for FEI tests) in the Dressage Test; and no jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test and not more than 90 seconds (36 penalty points) exceeding the optimum time; and not more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the Jumping Test. 25 penalty points received for Dangerous Riding will not achieve a National Qualifying result.

We host **WoW camps** every year held with USEA ICP certified instructors as leads and whenever possible the coaches and selectors of our YR teams. These camps are modeled off the **Emerging Athlete Program**. They are always popular and fill fast. They usually consist of two mounted sessions each day with focus on dressage, ring craft, show jumping courses, XC, pace, and grid work. Lessons are tailored to the needs and desires of the students who ride as individuals or in very small groups. Additional lectures and education are including most days. The entry for each WoW Camp can be found on Event Clinics. In 2020, we are partnering with Full Moon Farm Quarter Star as a means to expose more riders to the learning that comes from doing the classic 3-day format.

Year-end Awards are not automatic for the Area. You must also sign-up for this program separately through the Area 2 website.

Learning more about Area 2 Young Rider activities can be achieved through the following:

- The Google Group Mailing List - Feel free to add email addresses to the google group, our primary method of communication. https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/area2_yrandyrap
- We share positive stories and information through our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/area2youngriders/>
- Feel free to call and chat with Chris Donovan or any of the other volunteers who work to make your program membership a valuable asset.

Date	Event	Activities
Feb 22- March 1	Area 2 Aiken Invasion (Aiken SC) Emerging Athlete Program Activities	Ala-carte lessons and XC schooling
Feb 26	Full Gallop (Aiken, SC) Open: Jan 14 Close: Feb 11 Divisions: BN,N,T,PT	Area 2 Aiken Invasion
February 29 – March 1	Sporting Days Farm H.T. II (Aiken, SC) Open: Jan 14 Close: Feb 11 Divisions: BN,N,T,PT	Cross Border Challenge Team Competition
March 28- 29	Morven Park Spring HT (Leesburg, VA) Open: Feb 11 Close: Mar 3 Divisions: BN,N,T,P,I	Behind the Scenes + Achievement Awards
Apr 5	CDCTA Horse Trials (Berryville, VA) Open: Feb 18 Close: Mar 17 Divisions: Intro, BN,N,T,P	Behind the Scenes + Achievement Awards
Apr 18-19	Plantation Fields April . (Unionville, PA) Open: Mar 3 Close: March 31 Divisions: BN,N,T,P,I	Behind the Scenes + Achievement Awards

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May 2 - 3	MCTA @ Shawan Downs (Hunt Valley, MD) Open: Mar 17 Close: Apr 14 Divisions: BN,N,T,P,I	Behind the Scenes + Achievement Awards
May 2 – 3	Bevond Braids – Grooming Clinic with Sam Henley, EMTC Program Administrator - sam@eqmtc.com or (540) 488-5416.	NAYC Groom Prep Session
May 21 - 24	Virginia CCI/CIC & H.T. (Lexington, VA) Open: Apr 7 Close: May 5 Divisions: YEH-5,YEH-4,BN,N,T,P,I,AI,CIC2,CCI1	Behind the Scenes + Cross Border Challenge Team Competition
June 13 - 14	Seneca Valley PC H.T. (Poolesville, MD) Open: April 28 Close: May 26 Divisions: YEH-5,YEH-4,BN,N,T,P,I	Behind the Scenes + Achievement Awards
June 24-28	Full Moon Farm Quarter Star http://www.fullmoonfarm.com/HorseTrials/qtrstar.html	SUMMER CAMP – Training and Below
Jul 3 - 5	The Maryland H.T. at Loch Moy Farm I (Adamstown, MD) Open: May 19 Close: June 16 Divisions: BN,N,T,M,P,I, CCI1S, CCI2S, CCI3S	Behind the Scenes + Achievement Awards
Jul 13 - 17	PONY CLUB Festival	CHAMPIONSHIPS
Jul 14 - 17	NAYC Prep @ Sandy River Equestrian Center	CAMP
July 14-15	LandSafe (Advance Sessions Offered) Sign-up via eventclinics.com	Camp
July 20 - 26	NAYC - Event at Rebecca Farm Open: June 9 Close: Jul 5 Divisions: BN,N,T,P, I CCI2L, CCI3L, CCI4S N3D, T3D	CHAMPIONSHIPS
Aug 7-9	GMHA Festival of Eventing. (Woodstock VT) Open: June 23 Close: Jul 21 Divisions: BN,N,T,P, I CCI2S	Cross Border Challenge Team Competition
Aug 25 – Aug 30	American Eventing Championships (Lexington KY) Open: Jul 14 Close: Aug 11 Divisions: Intro,BN,N,T,P,I, A	Program Member Awards 1-8 th
Sep 12 - 13	Flora Lea Fall H.T. (Medford, NJ) Open: July 28 Close: Aug 25 Divisions: BN,N,T,P	Behind the Scenes + Achievement Awards
Oct 9 - 11	The Maryland H.T. at Loch Moy Farm (Adamstown, MD) Open: Aug 25 Close: Sep 22 Divisions: BN,BN3D,N,T,M,P,I	3Day Competition & Area Championships
Oct 22 - 25	Waredaca Classic 3D Event & H.T. (Laytonsville, MD) Open: Sep 8 Close: Oct 6 Divisions: N3D,T3D,P3D, BN,N,T,M,P	3Day Team Competition
Oct 29 – Nov 1	Virginia CCI/CIC & H.T. (Lexington, VA) Open: Sep 15 Close: Oct 13 Divisions: Starter,BN,N,T,P,I,AI,CCI1S, CCI2S, CCI2L, CCI3S, CCI3L	Behind the Scenes + Final Team Competition Awards
Nov 8	Full Moon Farm (Finksburg, MD) Open: Sept 22 Close: Oct 20 Divisions: BN,N,NT,T,PT	Behind the Scenes + Achievement Awards
Dec 27-30	Winter WoW Camp Morven Park Leesburg VA	CAMP