



North American Young Rider Championship (NAYRC) Fact Sheet – Reining

- In 2009, NAYRC will be in Lexington, Kentucky at the Kentucky Horse Park July 22nd – 26th
- NAYRC is a FEI level competition, where a rider represents their country and their region
- There are 4 other disciplines that already compete at NAYRC: Eventing, Dressage and Show Jumping, and Endurance as a Demonstration Sport.
- NAYRC teams consist of 3-4 riders between the ages of 16-21. A rider is eligible for Young Riders the year they turn 16
- Riders must be a member of USEF and have a FEI registration
- This is considered part of the High Performance pipeline
- High Performance refers to riders and horses that compete at FEI level competitions on national teams, such as the World Equestrian Games
- Horses must be 6 years of age as of January 1st
- Riders do not have to compete on their own horse
- Owner must be a member of USEF
- Horse will need to be Life Recorded
- To compete at 2009 NAYRC horses will need to have at a National Passport or an FEI passport
- Horses need a FEI registration
- Horses will need to have had their Flu shots at within seven (7) days prior to the arrival to the competition grounds
- Riders will be selected for the regional or association team according to a regional process, which will be published on the USEF website no later than 60 days prior to the competition, in order to compete at NAYRC
- At each FEI competition riders will present their horses for a Horse Inspection/Jog to have the horse checked for soundness. Upon passing the jog a horse then is able to compete at an FEI level competition.
- Canada and Mexico are able to send teams
- If a region or association are not able to send a team then 1 or 2 individuals may compete in the individual competition
- There is an opening and a closing/medal ceremony similar to the World Equestrian Games and the Olympic Games
- Horses are in sequestered stabling, only certain people; rider, groom, owner, chef, and vet are able to get into the stabling area
- Stabling and Entry fees are estimated to cost \$500 per the previous year with the other participating disciplines
- Teams can raise money to fund the competition
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