



USDF Region 9 Youth Regional Team Competition

- A rider may compete as a Junior/Young Rider until the end of the calendar year (Dec 31) in which they reach the age of 21.
- The USDF Youth Regional Team Competition is a unique show for Youth, featuring team competition in dressage, educational programs, team medals and a mounted awards ceremony. The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is sponsoring a competition in each region so young riders everywhere can join in the fun!
- There are no qualifying scores needed to enter. A team can be 3 or 4 riders. All teams will be mixed levels. Each team may have a nonriding manager (youth age) who will help the riders, participate in the unmounted activities, and be included in the awards. Riders and managers may enter as part of a team or as individuals, and be put on a scratch team. A team may represent a dressage club, farm, barn, instructor, Pony Club, 4-H club, any youth riding club, or be a group of individuals. Any individual or partial team needing team members is encouraged to send in their entry and a mixed team will be formed. To enter, send in the Team Participation Form.

Rules

- On Saturday of the Youth Regional Team Competition while on the grounds (including the stabling area), the horse or pony may only be ridden by the Youth Rider(s) that will be competing that horse or pony.
- One whip is allowed and must be in accordance with USEF whip rules.
- Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear except those riders *age 18 and over* while on horses that are competing *only* in FEI levels and tests at the Prix St. Georges level and above (including FEI Young Rider Tests, the USEF Developing Prix St. Georges Test, and the USEF Brentina Cup Test).
- Horses and ponies are to be braided.
- Parents are encouraged to participate.
- Awards Ceremony: Riders will be expected to be dressed in riding clothes and mounted for the awards ceremony.

Tests and Activities

- Each competitor will ride two tests in their division on Saturday. Riders competing in FEI divisions will only ride one test. All tests used will be current issue. Opportunity classes may be ridden but all opportunity requirements must be followed, see prize list.
- Each team will decorate a tack stall that is based on their team name.
- Each team will compete in an unmounted activity Sunday morning.

Team Names

- Have fun with this! Some examples are: Pony Power; Wild Things; The Mountsters; The Tempel Terrors.

Schedule

- Friday- teams meet during pizza party
- Saturday- ride tests; preliminary standings announced at awards presentation after show
- Saturday and Sunday- opportunities throughout both days to sit with L graduates and/or judges in the stands to discuss rides, times will be announced for both days
- Sunday- judging of decorated tack stalls, unmounted activity, mounted awards at lunch break

Scoring

All scores from each team member will be counted. No scores will be dropped. Percentage scores from each team member will be added together along with the team's score from the stall decorating contest and the unmounted activity. The average will then be calculated by dividing the number of team members' tests and extra activities to compute team placings.

Awards

USDF rider team medals on neck ribbons will be awarded for first through sixth place. If there are more than six teams, then the teams will be divided into two divisions. Standings will be determined by the average of each team's total score. USDF Rosettes will be awarded to the Individual High Score Champion and Reserve in each division for the highest test of a level. Riders will be expected to be dressed in riding clothes and mounted for the awards ceremony Sunday during the lunch break.