



Annual Meeting of Membership

2026

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2026 Area V Council



Chair – Shelby Bradley

Secretary – Lindsay White

Treasurer – Ellee New

Young Rider Coordinator – Stephanie Reimers

Adult Rider Rep – Madeleine Caballero

Communications – April Bigby

Organizer Rep – Adri Doyal

BoG Rep - Siobhan O'Brien

ECP Coordinator – Lynda Lewis

YEH/NEH Rep – Jayne Lloyd

Fundraising Coordinator – Emily Johnson

At-Large – Rebecca Brown

Treasurer's Report



- We operate under a single bank account with three budget classes: Admin, Adult Rider, and Young Rider. Fundraising activities support each budget at a split that is adopted and adjusted by the Area Council. Adult Rider and Young Rider have additional support from membership dues.
- As you've heard this evening, Adult Rider and Young Rider are umbrella terms that encompass many great activities for their members and we are constantly trying to find more ways to make membership fun!
- In 2025, both Young Riders and Adult Riders chose to spend excess funds built up over the past few years. Since we are a nonprofit and aim to operate at a zero balance each year, this was a planned decision to use those accumulated funds rather than carry them forward.
- Admin covers ribbons, prizes, and awards for Area Championships and End of Year Awards. We are so happy to be back to gathering annually to celebrate you all!

USEA & USEF Updates



Area V BOG Representative is Siobhan O'Brien.

What can YOU do for Area V and the USEA?

- The best way to improve and support your sport is to GET INVOLVED!
- Volunteer
- Fill out show evaluation
- Participate on a committee - Directory of Committees on USEA Website



USEA & USEF Updates



- Area V is represented on many USEA committees:
 - **Admin and Finance Committee** - *Siobhan O'Brien*
 - **Area Affairs** - *Shelby Bradley*
 - **Strategic Planning Committee** - *Siobhan O'Brien, Diane Pitts*
 - Look at the future of the sport and ensure USEA has a solid action plan to grow and maintain success. UPDATE COMING SOON
 - **Rider Safety Committee** - *Stephanie Reimers*
 - **Eventing Coach's Committee** - *Jennifer Bodtmann, Mary D'Arcy*
 - **Young Event Horse Committee** - *Jayne Lloyd (chair)*
 - **Young Riders and Juniors Committee** - *Rebecca Brown (co-chair), Stephanie Riemers*
 - **Emerging Athlete U21 Committee** - *Rebecca Brown, Diane Pitts*
 - **Cross Country Designers and Builders Committee** - *Adri Doyal*

USEA & USEF Updates



- The USEA has begun to recognize Combine Tests in 2026.
- The goal is to encourage riders and horses to participate in the sport, even if they may not be ready for cross country.
- June 28 - Snowdonia Sport Horse Complex
- We need more hosts! Reach out to Hannah Seagle at the USEA if your facility is interested in hosting a recognized CT.



Eventing Coaches Program (ECP)

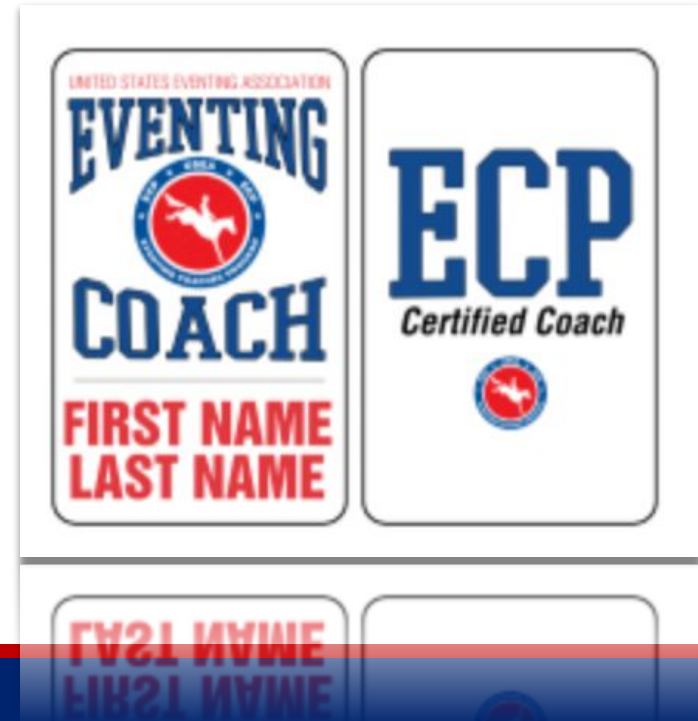


There are many scholarship opportunities to participate in the Eventing Coaches Program

- The US Pony Club Eleanor Brennan Memorial Fund This is a grant for US Pony Club members and is to cover the cost of attending ECP Workshops! For info please contact: Connie Jehlik at instruction@ponyclub.org
- Workshop scholarships are available from the North Texas Eventing Association to those NTEA members wishing financial help to participate in workshops!
- USEA Cindy Burge Memorial Grant is also available.

The ECP is launching the ECP Ambassador Program in order to increase visibility for ECP Certified Coaches and to improve data on the impact of coaching at competitions.

- You will begin to see coaches at shows with an ECP badge.
- There will be a sign up sheet in the office with coaches information. Riders are encouraged to reach out to these coaches for warm up help, course walking, etc.



Young Rider Program



•Young Rider Camp!

- This summer we will host a 3-day camp May 29-31 at Holly Hill Farm for ALL LEVELS with dressage, SJ and XC lessons from Jan Byyny. Entries will open March 23 and forms will be posted on Area V website.

•Intercollegiate Eventing League

- IEL offers education and engagement for riders who are rising 5th through outgoing 12th graders. This program will also help provide a pathway for those riders who may seek to be part of a collegiate program after high school. Beginning in 2026, the USEA Intercollegiate & Interscholastic Eventing Championships will be hosted as a standalone event only open to program participants. The event will be hosted on rotating dates with the first year scheduled for May 15-17, 2026, and the second year on May 7-9, 2027. The first two-year bid has been awarded to Stable View to again serve as the host venue

•Youth Council

- This is an opportunity for junior members to take part in organizing social events, helping fundraise for young rider programs, and run social media campaigns. We currently have room for more athletes on the youth council!

•Emerging Athletes 21 Program (EA21)

- USEA will be hosting the EA21 program which will consist of three regional clinics in the summer and a national camp in the winter. The regional clinics are open to USEA Young Rider program members competing at Training level+ who are age 21 or younger. National clinic participants will be chosen from the regional clinics. Applications are closed and selections will be announced soon.

•2026 Young Rider Eventing Championship

- YR Championships will be held on June 25-28, 2026 at Loch Moy Farm in Adamstown, Maryland. Area declarations are due May 15 and the Qualification period ends June 16.

Adult Rider Program

- **Save the Date for Area V Adult Rider Summer Camp!**
 - June 20-21, 2026 at Willow Draw with clinician Bec Braitling! Registration will open in May.

- **Adult Team Challenges for 2026:**
 - Pine Hill April 11th,
 - Texas Rose May 2-3
 - Willow Draw May 23
 - Pine Hill Oct 3
 - Willow Draw Oct 17
 - Fleur de Leap Nov 7





YEH and OEH Show Series

- **The YEH program is designed to educate and prepare 4 and 5 yr old horses on a path for the 4 and 5 star career and qualify for the national championships on East and West Coast locations.** Our goal is to develop a Central championship but we need to increase the number of entries to validate another championship.
- For 2026, the below facilities are offering the YEH and OEH program in Area V.
 - June 28 Snowdonia Sport Horse Complex
 - May 1-3 Texas Rose
 - May 23 Willow Draw
 - FINALE to be hosted at Fall Willow Draw
 - With enough support and entries in the Finale at Willow Draw, we hope to bring back a Central YEH Championship in 2027.
- **The Opportunity Event Horse Program aims to encourage horses and riders to try the sport of eventing.** The goal of the Opportunity Event Horse Program is to offer an introductory competition option for horse and rider combinations that may not be ready to step up to a full recognized event, or the Young Event Horse Program yet. Horses are asked to complete a Dressage and a Jumping Test/Gallop/General Impression Sections
- If anyone needs more information or explanation for these events please reach out to the Area V YEH/OEH Coordinator - Jayne Lloyd: 281-460-9107 , snowdoniafarms@yahoo.com , snowdoniasporthc@yahoo.com

Area V Chair Wrap-Up



- **Area Champs will be held at Texas Rose in November for all levels!**
 - Qualifications are posted on the Area V website and the USEA website
- **Keep up with Rules by downloading the USEF Rulebook App.**
 - Easy to use and keep up with changes!
- **Tell us what you want to see on Social Media!**
 - Send us a story to post on social media or in our newsletter
 - You can send to anyone on the board, but April Bigby is your Communications Coordinator and you can contact her at april.bigby@bigby.org

An advertisement for the 'NEW US Equestrian Rulebook App'. It features two smartphones. The left phone shows the app's splash screen with the US Equestrian Federation logo and the word 'Rulebook'. The right phone shows the app's main menu with a search bar and five red buttons labeled GR1 through GR5, each with a brief description of the rule category. To the right of the phones, the text reads 'Download the NEW US Equestrian Rulebook App!'. Below this text are the Google Play and Apple Store logos. In the bottom right corner is the US Equestrian logo.

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Area V Chair Wrap-Up



How are points and awards calculated?

- Information on how points are calculated is posted in the Policy and Guidelines document on the Area V website.
- Points are awarded based on the USEA Leaderboard Points System, with the following exceptions:
 - No MER. If you finish on a number - your points count.
 - No “next highest level” restriction - all points count in the division they were earned.
- How to calculate your points:
 - Placing: Note your placement at the event.
 - Starters: Record the number of starters in your division.
 - Top 25%: Determine if your placing is within the top 25% of starters.

Member Q&A

