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POLICIES, GUIDELINES, AND PROCEDURES

Governing Activities of USEA Area V



Area V
United States Eventing Association



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Area V is the geographic area of the United States Eventing Association, Inc. (USEA) consisting of the states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana.

Section I. COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

1. AREA V CHAMPIONSHIPS

Area V Championships shall be held for the levels Starter, BN, N, T, M, P and I (if there are at least 5 qualified horse/rider pairs at the level) once a year at a regularly scheduled USEA Area V event between September 1 and November 30. Championships will be rotated among Area V horse trials.

1.1. Eligibility

1.1.1. USEA Requirements:

- 1.1.1.1. All Area Championship competitors must be current USEA Members.
- 1.1.1.2. All qualifying competitions must be USEA registered horse trials, three-day events or CIs.
- 1.1.1.3. Divisions must have five or more starters to count as qualifying competitions.
- 1.1.1.4. A horse may compete in more than one Area Championship in a calendar year.
- 1.1.1.5. Beginner Novice divisions will not count as qualifiers for the Novice division.
- 1.1.1.6. List the qualifying competitions on the entry form.

1.1.2. Area V Requirements:

- 1.1.2.1. Must place 1st through 5th at the same level of the championships in a qualifying division of a USEA recognized horse trial within Area V. Qualifying ride must have five or more starters in the division.
- 1.1.2.2. Open to members outside of Area V, but must qualify within Area V.
- 1.1.2.3. Qualifying period begins on the closing date of previous year's championships and ends on the closing date of the current year's championships.
- 1.1.2.4. Horse/rider pair must qualify as a pair and both horse and rider must be current USEA members at time of qualifying event and at time of championships.

2. AREA V YEAR END AWARDS

2.1. Calculation Period and Eligibility

- 2.1.1. Points calculation period will begin December 1 through and end November 30
- 2.1.2. Points will be awarded for competitions held in Area V to all competitors, regardless of Area of residence

2.2. Point Calculation – Horse Trials/Combined Tests

- 2.2.1. Points will be awarded for all USEA recognized horse trials/combined tests in accordance with the USEA Leaderboard Point System found on the USEA website with the following exceptions:
 - 2.2.1.1. No MER requirements – if you finish on a number, your points will count
 - 2.2.1.2. No “next highest level” restriction – all points count in the division the points were earned
- 2.2.2. Horse/rider must complete a minimum of 2 competitions at the level of the award to be eligible for an award in that division (not necessarily as a pair).
- 2.2.3. Rider points will be divided into "Professional", "Amateur" and "Junior" based on USEF/USEA declaration ("Junior" must be 18 or younger on December 1 of the competition year)
- 2.2.4. Horse points will be awarded based on final placing in the division regardless of age of rider or rider's pro/am status
- 2.2.5. For divisions that combine levels, points will be awarded at the lower level (example: P/T points will be awarded to the Training division)

2.3. Point Calculation – YEH

- 2.3.1. Points will be awarded at all USEA recognized YEH competitions based on the horse's final score
- 2.3.2. Horses must complete a minimum of 2 competitions at the level of the award to be eligible for an award in that division
- 2.3.3. Year-end points will be calculated by taking the mathematic average of the top 2 scores for the horse at the level during the calculation period
- 2.3.4. FEH and YEH points will be calculated for the Horse division only

2.4. Awards

- 2.4.1. Horse Trial division awards will be given to the top 3 placings
- 2.4.2. FEH/YEH division awards will be given to the top 2 placings in each division

Section II. ADMINISTRATION

The Area Council will be administered in conjunction with the USEA Area Chair Manual: Guidelines & Policies for USEA Area Affairs.

Section IV. ADULT RIDER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

3 SELECTION GUIDELINES

3.1 Purpose

The USEA Adult Team Championships (ATC) is the capstone event for the USEA Area Adult Team Challenges. The ATC provides adults with the chance to compete as a team and represent their Area in a friendly and fun environment.

3.2 Qualifications and selection for Area V supported teams

Anyone in Area V meeting the qualifying conditions set forth and published each year by the USEA on the USEA ATC website for the annual event may form a team. To ride on an Area V supported team, a rider must be a member of the Area V Adult Rider Program and have filled out an application requesting to be on a team during the application period which will be announced at a time reasonably in advance of the competition each year. Selection criteria for the Area supported team will be published prior to the application period and will be fair to all program members and applicants.