

## USDF Region 5 Update – March 2024

I hope everyone has been having a good winter. Show season is well underway or just around the corner for many of you and I hope you're working well towards your training and/or showing goals!

If you have an educational activity that your barn, group or organization is doing, please let me know so I can add it to the Region 5 educational activity calendar that is sent out with the monthly Regional updates by USDF. We would love to keep everyone as informed as possible. We can also post events on the Region 5 website. Please feel free to send me an email reminder for anything you'd like to see posted.

If you intend to qualify for Region 5 teams to the North American Youth Championships, then please make sure you take note of the application structure for 2024. The application and fee should be turned in to the USDF office by March 12, 2024 in order to avoid stiffer fees. If you apply by March 12<sup>th</sup>, the fee is only \$50 per application. Applications submitted between March 13<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> are \$100 and the final application deadline is May 7<sup>th</sup>, but it will cost you \$300 to apply between April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>. At this point in time, absolutely no applications will be accepted after May 7<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to compete for NAYC, please also be sure to contact Joan Clay, our Region Coordinator for the FEI Juniors and Young Riders and let her know your intent. Her email address is [jnclay@comcast.net](mailto:jnclay@comcast.net) and her phone number is 970.420.0887. The 2024 NAYC will be held at the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival, Flintfields Horse Park, Traverse City, Michigan – July 30 - August 4, 2024.

If you are interested in being a delegate to the Board of Governors meeting, please contact our new Nominating Council representative Virginia Sorenson at [g\\_sorenson@yahoo.com](mailto:g_sorenson@yahoo.com) and have your name added to the ballot for Participating Delegate. Also please feel free to contact Ginny and let her know your interest and she can provide you with more details on the potential responsibilities. PM Delegate nominations are due in to the USDF office no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Below please also find a tentative list for 2024 of USDF Deadlines that you may need to pay attention to for upcoming events.

Till next month!  
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director

- APRIL 1 - Deadline for 2023 Submission of Continuing Education credit recognition for L Graduates
- APRIL 1 - Young Rider Graduate Program Applications Open
- APRIL 15 - Nominations for Participating Member (PM) Delegates due
- APRIL 24 - USDF/IDA Quiz Challenge Finals (held at Tryon International Equestrian Center)
- MAY 1 - Nominations for Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame individual or equine, Lifetime Achievement award, and Member of Distinction
- MAY 1 - Nominations for USDF Volunteer of the Year due
- MAY 7 - Final application deadline for 2024 NAYC
- JUNE 1 - Nominations for Executive Board positions for 2025 due (President, Treasurer, Regional Directors - Regions 2, 4, 6, and 8 - nominations also accepted from the floor of the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting at the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention)
- JUNE 23 - Last qualifying day for the 2024 North American Youth Championships
- JUNE 30 - Last day to earn hours for Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program (paperwork due July 31)
- JULY 1 - Entries for the Arts Contest due

- JULY 1 - Change of Region form for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships with no late fee
- JULY 2-AUGUST 1 - Change of Region form for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships (\$100 late fee)
- JULY 31 - Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program paperwork deadline
- AUGUST 1 - All Breeds Awards declarations (\$35 fee for new declarations)
- AUGUST 2-31 - All-Breeds declarations (\$100 late fee for new declarations)
- AUGUST 2 - the closing date of the championship region the rider is declaring for - Change of Region form for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships (\$300 late fee)
- AUGUST 15 - USEF Youth Sportsman's Award nominations are due
- AUGUST 26 - Last day to earn qualifying scores for Region 5 Regional Championships
- AUGUST 31 - Applications for the USDF Youth Convention Scholarship are due
- AUGUST 31 - Youth Volunteer of the Year Award nominations are due
- AUGUST 31 - Applications for the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant are due
- AUGUST 31 - Regional GMO Award Nominations due
- SEPTEMBER 30 - 2024 USDF University Certificate credits due
- SEPTEMBER 30 - Deadline for Rider Performance Awards applications to be recognized within the current year
- SEPTEMBER 30 - Deadline for Breeder of Distinction Award applications
- SEPTEMBER 30 - Deadline for Horse Performance Certificate applications to be recognized within the current year
- SEPTEMBER 30 - Deadline to submit birthdate for Vintage Cup and declare for Adequan®/USDF Vintage Cup Awards
- OCTOBER 15 - Young Rider Graduate Program (YRGP) applications are due without a late fee
- OCTOBER 15 Deadline to verify All-Breeds declared horse eligibility AND score corrections