

Summer is here and shows are full swing, as are many educational programs, clinics and fun horse activities. I hope many of you were able to join at the World Cup in Omaha. It was an incredible show and some amazing horses and riders. I'm very much looking forward to returning to Omaha for the 2023 USDF Convention November 29 – December 2nd. The town had great restaurants, lots of fun things to do and the Convention will have some fantastic educational events, along with informative meetings and the annual Awards Banquet.

Our USDF Executive Board Spring meetings have also just concluded as they were held during the World Cup and it's wonderful to see all the programs coming forward from our various committees. There are some interesting rule changes coming forward for consideration that we spent a lot of time discussing, so please take the time to consider them and provide your feedback to both USDF and USEF.

The deadline for Participating Member Delegate nominations was **April 15**. Our region will have 5 PM delegates for the 2023 USDF Convention. Elections will be held very soon! Our Group Member Organizations need to start the process of appointing or electing who they are going to be sending to the convention as GM delegates.

As of May 1st, our potential candidates for the 2023 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships August 8-13 in Traverse City, Michigan will be finalized. As I write this, we have 8 riders who have declared (3 Juniors and 5 Young Riders). If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at jnclay@comcast.net or 970-420-0877. This competition is a reasonable distance for us to travel by trailer, which makes things much more feasible, but we still need your help in order to be able to. If you're a rider, PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR DECLARATIONS!

We are excited to announce that the 2024 Great American USDF Region 5 Championships will be coming back to the Colorado Horse Park in Parker, Colorado September 19-22. It will have been 5 years since Colorado will have hosted the Regionals. It's fantastic to have Arizona as our host for 2023 and get our rotation for the Regional Championships back on track!

I hope everyone stays healthy and happy.

If you have news you'd like to share, please let me know, we're try to get it out and about for you.

Happy Spring!

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

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