Welcome to the 2026 USEA Young Event Horse East Coast Championships at Fair Hill

2025 4-Year-Old Champion
MBF Mirror Image & Arielle Aharoni

2025 5-Year-Old Champion
Pine Top Penny Belline & Kylie Cahoon

The USEA Young Event Horse (YEH) program is best described as an eventing talent search. The program's goal is to identify young horses that possess the talent and disposition to excel at the upper levels of the sport. During the Maryland 3 Star at Fair Hill, we offer championship divisions for both four- and five-year-old horses.

The 2026 USEA YEH East Coast Championships held at Fair Hill will see 23 four-year-olds and 38 five-year-olds compete for the champion titles. A horse must earn a 75% or higher at a qualifying event to enter to compete at the East Coast Championships. The championships will include three sections: dressage, conformation, and a jumping and galloping test.

All YEH competitions will take place on Friday and Saturday alongside the three-star (CCI3*-L) competitions. On Friday, the 5-Year-Olds will complete their dressage and conformation phases, while the 4-Year-Olds complete all three phases of their competition and recieve their awards. On Saturday, the 5-Year-Olds will finish their competition in the Jumping & Galloping field and a champion will be crowned.

The winner of the five-year-old division also has a chance to receive the Holekamp/Turner Young Event Horse Lion d'Angers Grant (pending further qualifications) which would enable them to travel to the FEI WBFSH Eventing World Breeding Championships for Young Horses at Mondial du Lion in Le Lion d'Angers, France, for the seven-year-old CCI3* Championships. In addition, the Dutta Corp. donates a $10,00 flight credit to the recipient of the grant to assist with travel costs.

USEA Young Event Horse

A talent search for the next generation of top U.S. Eventing equine athletes.

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Guidelines

The USEA Young Event Horse Series gives owners and breeders the opportunity to showcase the potential of their four- and five-year-old horses while encouraging them to produce top level event horses for the future. Young Event Horse classes focus on education and preparation of the event horse in a correct and progressive manner.

Young Event Horses are asked to complete three sections:

1. Conformation and Type - 10%
2. Dressage - 20%
3. Jumping Test, Gallop, & General Impression - 70%

The ultimate goal of the Young Event Horse Series is to choose the young horses that possess the talent and mind set, and who with proper training, will excel in the uppermost levels of the eventing world.

Horses participating in the Young Event Horse East Coast Championships have earned the right to be here by garnering qualifying scores of 75% or higher throughout the year at Young Event Horse qualifying events. These Young Event Horse Championships are made up of the best four- and five-year-olds in the country.

Want to learn more? Click the buttons below to find out about how each phase is judged, the rules and guidelines for each class and phase, and how a great result here could result in a trip to the World Championships in Le Lion d'Angers, France!

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Schedule of Events

Friday, October 16

PHASE	DIV	TIME	LOCATION
Dressage & Conformation	YEH-4 & YEH-5	8:00 a.m.	*Gallaher Main Arena*
Jumping & Galloping	YEH-4	10:00 a.m.	*Gallaher XC Course*
Awards Ceremony	YEH-4	Approx. 3:30 p.m.	*Gallaher Main Arena*

Saturday, October 17

PHASE	DIV	TIME	LOCATION
Jumping & Galloping	YEH-5	8:30 a.m.	*Gallaher XC Course*
Awards Ceremony	YEH-5	Approx. 3:30 p.m.	*Gallaher Main Arena*

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YEH 4-Year-Old Entries

HORSE BREED / GENDER / (SIRE - DAM)	RIDER OWNER / BREEDER
Taproot Falco Irish Draught Sport Horse / Gelding / (Taproot Diamond Peregrine - Penitence)	**Eryn Becker** Angela Myers / Taproot Stud
Lord Lexington Westphalian / Gelding / (Louisville HTF - I Am Mighty)	**Abigail Bennett** Rider / Lizz LeRoy
Faramour Westphalian / Mare / (Faramund - Salome B)	**Jessica Chappell** Rider / Hannah Heritage
Savannah Lion Dutch Warmblood / Mare / (Sea Lion - Atlanta B)	**Lauren Chumley** Rider / Rita Reynolds
Rust Never Sleeps Thoroughbred / Gelding / (V.E. Day - Inspiration)	**Daniel Clasing** Darlene Judd / Owner
Future Paradigm Anglo-Norman / Mare / (Ramiro B - Future Golden Glove)	**Kaitlin Clasing** Elizabeth Callahan & Rider / Julia Hodkin
Ferus de Muze Dutch Warmblood / Gelding / (I'm Special de Muze - Wild Orange)	**Grace Fulton** Rider / Rider
Excel Star Obsidian Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Jorado - DS Piper)	**Nicholas Hansen** Rider / David Moran
FGF Creamrisestothetop Thoroughbred / Mare / (Uptowncharlybrown - Gumdrop)	**Kaitlin Hartford** Ashlyn Strong / Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC
Gemini Miners Glove Thoroughbred / Mare / (Miners Lamp - Templar Romance)	**Diego Farje** Janelle Gunther / Gemini Stud

YEH 4-Year-Old Entries (Cont.)

HORSE BREED / GENDER / (SIRE - DAM)	RIDER OWNER / BREEDER
Diamantés Revolution Holsteiner / Stallion / (Diamante Fino - Ranee C)	**Heather Lawson** Rider & Courtney Zachary / Courtney Zachary
Brookview Sophistiqated Oldenburg / Gelding / (Qaiden AF - Esperance)	**Matthew Lewis** Rider / Rider
Carry Me Away Westphalian / Gelding / (Carry On MF - Lilyhammer GSF)	**Melanie McJannet** Rider / Kristina Anthes
Santo V Dutch Warmblood / Gelding / (Newmarket VM - D'Hotot M)	**Donna Miller** Rider / L. Visser
Wild Heart Belgian Warmblood / Gelding / (Diktator Van Boslandhoeve x Rebecca V D Boslandhoeve)	**James Moore** Rider / Cynthia Moore-West
Educated Guess Thoroughbred / Gelding / (Not This Time - White Hot)	**Elinor O'Neal** Rider / Bobby Flay Thoroughbreds
Quite Everglade German Sport Horse / Gelding / (Quite Great - Babette)	**Elinor O'Neal** Rider / Marion Dopfer
HSH Beneficial Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Coolkeeran - Thisonesformary)	**Caroline Pamukcu** Sherrie Martin & Rider / James Foley
HSH Straight Arrow Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Datsdwhy - Imnotafraid Fortuna)	**Caroline Pamukcu** Sherrie Martin & Rider / Jacinta O'Donoghue
Luckaroo Irish Sport Horse / Mare / (Jackaroo - Devine Luck)	**Kristin Schlachter** Rider / Kate Demasi

YEH 4-Year-Old Entries (Cont.)

HORSE BREED / GENDER / (SIRE - DAM)	RIDER OWNER / BREEDER
Excel Star October Hill Belgian Warmblood / Gelding / (Bustique - Graciella Van De Cruyenvelden)	**Jordan Sigmon** Rider / BVBA Lumaco
BFSawSea Trakehner / Mare / (G Ultimate SeaQret - I Saw It)	**Briggs Surratt** Rider & Rick Wallace / Brick Field Farm
Rock D'Oro Thoroughbred / Gelding / (Bolt D'Oro - Rockport Babe)	**Madison Temkin** Rider / Ruis Racing LLC

YEH 5-Year-Old Entries

HORSE BREED / GENDER / (SIRE - DAM)	RIDER OWNER / BREEDER
Opportunity Rock's Thoroughbred / Gelding / (Hoppertunity - Rock Solid)	**Lea Adams-Blackmore** Judith Grams / Tim & Judith Grams
Fortuna mbf Irish Sport Horse / Mare / (Imnotafraid Fortuna - PLS Halo Vendi)	**Arielle Aharoni** Alice Tarjan / William McDonnell Jr.
MBF Mirror Image Irish Sport Horse / Mare / (Quality Time - Chesnuthill Lady Milbrook)	**Arielle Aharoni** Alice Tarjan / Ian Norris
BLF Chaccella Irish Sport Horse / Mare / (Chacco Bay x Emelee)	**Sarah Alexander** Rider / BLF Sporthorses
Riette-O KWPN / Mare / (Impressive VDL - Marie Antoinette O)	**Fylicia Barr** Rider / George Campbell
Zodak First Sunrise American Warmblood / Gelding / (Viscerado - Gallaway Sunrise)	**Fylicia Barr** Rider / Shannon Barr
Redtail Angel's Envy Westphalian / Mare / (Timolin - Miss Moneypenny V)	**Morgan Batton** Ingrid Splawn / Alexander & Elinor O'Neal
Boleybawn Aristotle Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Aganix du Seigneur Z - In Style V.K.)	**Rosalie Biedron** Rider / Bolyebawn Horses LTD
HC Art's Judgement Connemara / Gelding / (ArdCeltic Art - DD)	**Devon Brown** Donna Miller / Owner
Atomic Star Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Capital Colnardo - Count R Lucky Stars)	**Courtney Cooper** Rider / Neal Camens & Courtney Cooper

YEH 5-Year-Old Entries (Cont.)

HORSE BREED / GENDER / (SIRE - DAM)	RIDER OWNER / BREEDER
Excel Star Jackpot Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Casallo Z - Mullentine One to One)	**Courtney Cooper** Excel Star Sporthorses LLC / Heather Johnston
Excel Star Stone Cutter Zangersheide / Gelding / (Cafallco - Dalmez)	**Courtney Cooper** Excel Star Sporthorses LLC / Jansen RLM
Rocky's Adventure Thoroughbred / Gelding / (Force the Pass - Flashy Metal)	**Stephanie Dunkleberger** Rider / Rolling Meadows Farm
At Best Thoroughbred / Gelding / (Saketini x Shezagreatgal)	**Audrea Dyer** Rider / Rider
Redwood Sprout Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Radolin - Painters Pearl)	**Sarah Ertl** Rider / Sean Purtill
Milchem Giovanni Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Tyson - Milchem Dreamer)	**Kendal Fansler** Hedgerow Farm / Ralph Conroy
Rockefeller Dutch Warmblood / Gelding / (Manden I Sonderbygaard - Goxynula-N)	**Gianna Fernandez** Rider / Unknown
Tanyderi All In Connemara Thoroughbred / Gelding / (Raven Sky - Twobits)	**Margo Goldfarb** Rider / Rider
Cosimo RCF Oldenburg / Gelding / (Contender One - Lovely Assistant)	**Hanna Hansen** Rider / Roaring Creek Farm
Tempus Fugit EZ Danish Warmblood / Stallion / (Tempest WT - Von Africa LF)	**Kaitlin Hartford** Rider / Elly Schobel

YEH 5-Year-Old Entries (Cont.)

HORSE BREED / GENDER / (SIRE - DAM)	RIDER OWNER / BREEDER
Suave Story Thoroughbred / Gelding / (Golden Years - Spooky Story)	**Ashley Helms** Rider / Javier Contreras
Bylaw Thoroughbred / Gelding / (Constitution x Kirby's Penny)	**Anna Leigh Huntress** Rider / Juddmonte
Quality Rebel Z Zangersheide / Gelding / (Grandorado - Femme Fatale RV Z)	**Carlin Keefe** Rumsey Keefe / Stoeterij Renken
Call Me Snoop Dog Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Tyson - Oldstone Countess Farra)	**Steph Kohr** Rider / Andrew Boville
Carrabeg Tabasco Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Kroongraaf x Lislan Ruby)	**Leah Lang-Gluscic** Tiffany Horton / Susan Malee
Role Model Dutch Warmblood / Gelding / (Arezzo VDL - Glamour Model)	**Sophia Middlebrook** Christa Schmidt / Mark Evans of Castell Sport Horses
Blue Hiello EFS Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Hiello - Abbazia)	**Alexander O'Neal** Eliza Farren / John Howard
Diadiama PS Oldenburg / Mare / (Diablue PS - Coliama)	**Alexander O'Neal** Rider / Paul Schokemohle
Clifton's On Par Hanoverian / Mare / (Valentino - Nadia VT)	**Bridget O'Rourke** Rider / Brent Mercke
HSH Moves Like Jagger Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Cookstown Royal Cavalier - Shakira K)	**Carolina Pamukcu** Rider / Mairead Gallagher

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HORSE BREED / GENDER / (SIRE - DAM)	**RIDER** OWNER / BREEDER
Ramello Thoroughbred / Gelding / (Jacadello - Ramiro B)	**Greta Schwickert** Rider / Maurice Cousins
Neco Z du Loir Zangersheide / Gelding / (Nouma d'Auzay - Casandra)	**Lexi Scovil** Rider / M. Hassan Yassine
United Front Thoroughbred / Gelding / (Unified - Hopeful Angel)	**Lexi Scovil** Rider / Sugarland, LLC
Falkor Trakehner / Stallion / (E.H. Windfall *E*Pg* - First Flight Romance *H*E*)	**Chris Talley** Timothy Holekamp, Matthew Boyd, & Ashley Boyd / New Spring Farm
Fernhill Fiesta Irish Sport Horse / Mare / (HHS Cornet - Ploverfield Gem)	**Madison Temkin** The Fiesta Syndicate LLC / Mr. Pauraic Hayes
Fernhill Lord Chacoa ELm Irish Sport Horse / Gelding / (Chacoa - Lady Alley)	**Madison Temkin** Lisa Hale / Joanne Murphy Hanley
Vagatendro Hanoverian / Gelding / (Vagabond - Contessa)	**Kendyl Tracy** Kara Angulo / Hermann Rink