

FAQ: USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge

- Is this the same competition as NAYC?
 - The year 2020 has certainly been one full of changes, and it is during this time that the USEF will pivot the Eventing North American Youth Championships to the Adequan USEF Eventing Youth Team Challenge.
- When and where do I apply?
 - All athletes must log into their Athlete Dashboard in their MY USEF account. Select Online Applications > Eventing > 2021 > Eventing Youth Team Challenge Area Declaration.
 - o All area declarations must be completed by January 29, 2021 at 5:00pm eastern.
- What happens if I don't apply by the deadline?
 - This is a one-time application. Even if you don't intend to compete until the fall of 2021, athletes must apply by January 29, 2021. Area declarations will not be accepted after the January 29 deadline.
- I am only competing at the Training level right now. Should I apply?
 - Yes! If an athlete intends to move up to the CCI1* level or higher during 2021 and wants to participate on a team, then they should complete their Area declaration.
- How old do I have to be to participate?
 - The Eventing Youth Team Challenge will offer new levels and age ranges for participation:
 - o The CCIO1* is for FEI ages 14-18.
 - o The CCIO2* is for FEI ages 14-21.
 - o The CCIO3* is for FEI ages 16-25.
- How is FEI age determined?
 - FEI age is defined as the age the athlete will turn during the calendar year of the competition. Unlike USEF age, the month and day of birth do not matter. For example, an athlete born on October 15, 2003 will turn 14 during 2017, so their FEI age is 14 for the entire 2017 calendar year of January 1 through December 31, 2017.
- When will the competition locations be announced?
 - The bid process for host competitions closes December 15, 2020. Host locations are expected to be announced at the end of January.
- What happens if competitions are shut down by USEF due to COVID-19 concerns?
 - USEF will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation. All announcements related to COVID-19 and competitions can be found here.

