

## **USDF Region 5 Update – February 2019**

Hope everyone is staying warm and getting a little horse time this winter! We have definitely had a lot more snow this year than the past few years and it will do our pastures well, but I am craving warmth! Thankfully my brief interludes to California help a bit, but it does make it harder to come home as well. It's been wonderful to see so many of you from Region 5 participating in the West Coast Dressage Festivals in California. We really need to keep supporting the West Coast CDIS as much as possible. It will really help keep quality International competitions west of the Mississippi and help our trainers to stay home and teach instead of having to give up their businesses in the winter and travel to the east coast.

We are accepting bids for the 2020 Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships through February 8<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interesting in placing a bid for the Regional Championships or has any questions about the process, please contact myself or the USDF office and we'll be happy to help! The final date for a Regional Championship to be held in 2020 will be October 13<sup>th</sup> in order to fit into the National Championship time frame, so please keep that in mind when looking at facilities and possible weekends. The Finals will be held in Lexington, Kentucky in 2019.

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. There are many wonderful clinics and symposiums being offered all over our region that folks can audit or ride in.

If you intend to qualify for Region 5 teams to the North American Youth Dressage Championships, then please note that there has been a change in the application structure for 2019. The application and fee should be turned in to the USDF office by March 19, 2019 in order to avoid stiffer fees. If you apply by March 19<sup>th</sup>, the fee is only \$50. Applications submitted between March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> are \$100 and the final application deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>, but it will cost you \$300 to apply between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>. Absolutely no applications will be accepted after May 15<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 2019 NAYC will be held at Old Salem Farm, North Salem, New York August 1-5, 2018.

Till next month!  
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