

## July 2019 Region 5 Message

I hope everyone is having a great summer! I am enjoying a little bit of showing and plenty of riding and training in-between running some shows and serving as technical delegate at a few shows too. It's so much fun to enjoy the summer riding with both of my girls and spending more time with them before they go back to school in August.

Several important **DEADLINES** are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.
  - GMOs can submit nominations for [Newsletter Awards](#), [Website Awards](#), and [Photography Awards](#). Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by **August 31**. No more submitting hard-copy nominations! See the nomination forms for detailed information.
  - Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.
  - One deserving group member will receive the [Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant](#) to attend the 2019 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Savannah, Georgia. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by **August 31**
- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors meeting at the USDF Annual Convention December 4-7, 2019.

The end of the qualifying period has come for the 2019 NAYC Championships, this year in Region 8 again at Old Salem, New York. Congratulations to our Juniors and Young Riders who worked to make the teams or decided to qualify instead for the Lamplight National Championships. It has once again been a tough year for our kiddos. NAYC is very expensive due to its location on the East Coast and many folks have juggled the decision of whether they could afford to go or not. Sadly, due to the distance, we will not be fielding teams this year again for NAYC. I hope some of them will be attending the Festival of Champions at Lamplight in Illinois this August.

The qualifying period for the 2019 USEF Championships Programs for Young Horses, Developing Horses, Children, Ponies, Young Riders, Juniors and U25 Grand Prix will close at the end of July. We wish all our intended competitors good luck in their endeavors for those championships as well.

Please mark your calendars for our Region 5 Championships and plan to join us! It will be a fun week.

- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – September 19-22, 2019 – Colorado Horse Park, Parker, Colorado.
- The USDFBC Rocky Mountain Series Sport Horse Championships are also held in conjunction this year with the USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships. They will be September 18, 2019, also at the Colorado Horse Park in Parker, Colorado.

There are many educational opportunities being held over the next year around our region. Please be sure to double check your local calendars and those of the GMOs and barns just outside your area and take part in one of these wonderful events.

Till next month!  
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director