

## USDF Region 5 April 2021 Update

There sure has been a lot of snow in Colorado the last few weeks! It has been desperately needed and hopefully we will have greener pastures this coming spring and summer, but our horses have had very little turnout due to all the mud the last few months and they are a bit stir crazy at times.

Prize lists will be coming out soon for the 2021 Great American/USDF Regional Championships and we are very much looking forward to hosting one this year at HIPICO Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The New Mexico Dressage Chapter of RMDS has been working very hard to make this show a great success and we are looking forward to having a more central championships for our region for the first time in a long time. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us September 16-19, 2021.

For the 2022 Great American/USDF Region 5 Regional Championships, we did not receive any bids. There are some irons in the fire to find a solution that will work, but if you have any ideas for venues with 300 stalls, 4 competition arenas and date availability in September or early October, please reach out to me as soon as possible. It will greatly aid in our expanding our current options.

The deadline for Participating Member Delegate nominations is **April 15**. Our region will have 4 PM delegates for the 2021 USDF Convention in Houston, Texas December 1-4. You can check the status of our delegate nominees by going to the link below. Please check your status to make sure your acceptance is there if you would like to be a PM delegate candidate. If you are not listed and you would like to be a PM delegate, please contact Dorothy Kapaun at [dorothykapaun@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothykapaun@yahoo.com). Please do not commit to be a delegate unless you know you can attend. There is some financial assistance from our Region for those PM delegates who do attend the convention.

<http://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/accepted.asp>

As of March 22, our potential candidates for the 2021 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships August 10-15 in Travers City, Michigan will be finalized. As I write this, we have 8 riders who have declared (6 Juniors and 2 Young Rider). 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](mailto: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!

Till next month!  
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director