

Congratulations to everyone from Region 5 who qualified and competed at the North American Youth Championships in Traverse City, Michigan and the USEF Festival of Champions at the end of August at Lamplight in Illinois! We are so proud of your accomplishments.

Don't forget to declare if you're thinking about attending the US Dressage Finals in November.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the USDF Convention in December! We are going to Houston this year, December 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a USDF Region 5 meeting during the convention and another one virtually before the convention, so you'll have a couple of different opportunities to join in our discussions.

All Group Member Organization's (GMO) were asked to designate their delegates for the USDF convention Board of Governors meeting by August 31st and if not determined by that date, the GMO president would become the delegate. If the GMO delegate/president is not able to attend the convention, a proxy for that delegate can be submitted at any time up until the night before the BOG meeting at the convention. The advantage for the GMO is that the delegate will be known and can receive communication from the USDF office earlier. GMO Delegates are included on a list of USDF delegates to receive e-mail communications containing pertinent information on issues that will come before the 2021 BOG meeting at convention. If GMO's have not yet sent in their delegate information, please do so as soon as possible.

Till next month!  
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