



Individual Membership & Placement Form 2026-2027

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R2.02 D A RUSH FEE \$25 WILL BE ADDED TO THE MEMBERSHIP IF A RIDER IS REQUESTING TO ENTER A SHOW AFTER THE SHOW CLOSING DATE AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP IS NOT CURRENTLY SUBMITTED AND IN THE DATABASE.

Payment of \$80 fee must be accompanied with this form
(\$10 of the \$80 will go towards the SIF as the YEDA Back # fee)

*This is your official YEDA Individual Membership Form.
Accurate completion of this form will determine your competition level for the entirety of the YEDA Season.*

<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Returning Member
Team Name _____	
Rider Name _____	
Back # <small>(Leave blank if first-time member)</small>	Current Grade <small>for '2026-27 School year</small>
Riders Height	Riders Weight
Rider's Email	Riders DOB
Home Mailing Address	
Cell/Primary PH #:	Expected Graduation Year
Parent's Name:	Parent PH #
Rider's Parent's Home Address	
School of Record	
School Address	

After completing the following pages and determining the riders Category and Division please fill out the following box.

2026 - 2027 Western Category: (choose one) Elementary Jr. High Sr. High

2026 - 2027 Division: _____

EVERY YEAR, A NEW PLACEMENT/MEMBERSHIP FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY. RETURNING MEMBERS, PLEASE INDICATE WHAT DIVISION YOU SHOWED IN LAST SEASON

RETURNING MEMBERS LIST 2025 – 2026 DIVISION _____

DID YOU FINISH IN THE TOP 3 POINT TOTALS IN EITHER OF YOUR CLASSES IN YOUR DIVISION IN 2025 – 2026 SHOW SEASON? YES NO

DID YOU FINISH 1st OR 2nd IN ANY 2026 NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS? YES NO

Answering “YES” to EITHER of the above 2 questions will automatically move you up to the next division. When answering the below placement questions, any new points or titles earned prior to the start of the new YEDA season must be disclosed.

If moving from Junior High to Senior High a lateral move is considered the next division.

DOES THE DIVISION YOU HAVE SELECTED COMPLY WITH SECTION 29: INDIVIDUAL POINT PROCEDURES & REQUIREMENTS IN THE CURRENT RULEBOOK AS SUMMARIZED BELOW? YES NO
IF NO, THEN THE RIDER SHALL MOVE UP TO THE NEXT DIVISION.

Summary of Section 29 Individual Point Procedures & Requirements in the Rulebook: Riders have 2 years of eligibility in each division within the category and must move up to the higher division once they have used all their years of eligibility regardless of points earned.

With the initial sign-up student riders will remain in (or be seeded in) that division for 2 years regardless of any type of show experience, points earned or National titles during their membership in YEDA. See rulebook for more details.

If you have competed in “recognized shows” you may be asked to submit a printed copy of your competition/points records along with this form. For YEDA purposes, “recognized shows” includes AQHA, NRHA, NSBA, APHA, PtHA, ApHC, IBHA, ABRA & POA, USEF, and any other association that keeps national records.

Coach’s Assessment of YEDA Divisions:

Note: If either the coach or rider believes that this form places the rider into a class unfairly based on the riders abilities and experiences and that this rider should be placed into a lower division other than the one indicated by the form, the coach should send an email describing in detail the rider's circumstances to Debbie Arnold -- Darnold@showyeda.com. The email will then be forwarded on to the National Steward for review and a final placement decision. Additional information may be required from the National Steward. A \$25 fee must accompany the formal request.

Reference Rule 4.08 and 23.05

NOTICE: YEDA DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF PARTICIPANTS AND/OR ATTENDEES AT ALL EQUINE EVENTS. EQUINE EVENTS ARE INHERENTLY RISKY. "INHERENT RISK OF AN EQUINE ACTIVITY" MEANS A DANGER OR CONDITION THAT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF AN EQUINE ACTIVITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:(A) THE PROPENSITY OF AN EQUINE TO BEHAVE IN WAYS THAT MAY RESULT IN INJURY, DEATH, OR LOSS TO PERSONS ON OR AROUND THE EQUINE; (B) THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF AN EQUINE'S REACTION TO SOUNDS, SUDDEN MOVEMENT, UNFAMILIAR OBJECTS, PERSONS, OR OTHER ANIMALS; (C) HAZARDS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SURFACE OR SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS; (D) A COLLISION WITH ANOTHER EQUINE, ANOTHER ANIMAL, A PERSON, OR AN OBJECT; OR (E) THE POTENTIAL OF AN EQUINE ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT TO ACT IN A NEGLIGENT MANNER THAT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO INJURY, DEATH, OR LOSS TO THE PERSON OF THE PARTICIPANT OR TO OTHER PERSONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FAILING TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER AN EQUINE OR FAILING TO ACT WITHIN THE ABILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT. THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN, ON BEHALF OF THEIR PARTICIPATING MINOR, ASSUMES ALL RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF THE PARTICIPATION AND DOES HEREBY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE YEDA AND SHOW MANAGEMENT, THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, WHENEVER OR HOWEVER ARISING FROM SUCH PARTICIPATION.

YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW ACKNOWLEDGES THAT COACH, GUARDIAN, AND RIDER HAVE FULLY REVIEWED THE YEDA RULE BOOK 2026-2027 AND ITS POLICIES AND UNDERSTAND THE CONDUCT, COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS, AND POSSIBLE SANCTIONS OUTLINED THEREIN. YOU ARE HEREBY GUARANTEEING THAT COACH, GUARDIAN, AND RIDER WILL ADHERE TO YEDA SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND RULES OF THE ORGANIZATION. YOUR SIGNATURE ADDITIONALLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE RIDER IS A FULLTIME STUDENT IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING. COACH, GUARDIAN, AND RIDER ARE SUBJECT TO ALL RULES, FINES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE YEDA RULES.

COACH'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

RIDER SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Photo Release:

May your likeness in photos taken in photos by our official photographers be used in promotional literature for YEDA? **YES** **NO**

If no, please enclose a current photo of the rider so that we can ensure their likeness is not used.

****The Youth Equestrian Development Association (YEDA) highly recommends that all riders be actively enrolled in a weekly lesson program.****

YEDA Individual Placement Form Rule

In order to compete in YEDA shows, an individual member showing YEDA must submit a completed YEDA Individual Placement Form to the Team Coach who will sign and forward it to the CFO, listed below prior to the Member's first show. Coaches are responsible for accurately evaluating a rider in the appropriate division. An Individual Placement Form must be retained annually for the entirety of student's eligibility.

NOTE:

1. *Because of the yes/no format of this form, the questions in each section are not intended to always match the class description of the same section. Rather, a "yes" answer in one section is, in many cases, an affirmation of the rider being over-qualified for the class description in the next lower class.)*
2. *For those students coming to YEDA from another team riding national organization that places their riders in divisions based on experience those students must compete in the equivalent division equal or greater than that division they have completed.*

All class descriptions refer to the guidelines specified in Rule R33.

Classes 1 & 2: Pearl Western Horsemanship

Pearl riders are student riders of any skill level that walk jog and who are riders currently enrolled in 4th or 5th grade for the school year of competition. Pearl riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the YEDA Individual Membership Form.

ARE YOU ENTERING THE 4TH OR 5TH GRADE FOR THIS COMPETITION YEAR?

YES NO

Classes 3, 4, 11 & 12: Opal Western Horsemanship

Opal riders are Walk-jog students who are beginning riders who have not competed in mounted competition which require them to canter or lope.

IS THIS STATEMENT TRUE? I HAVE NEVER COMPETED IN A CLASS THAT REQUIRES ME TO LOPE OR CANTER.

YES NO

Classes 5, 6, 13 & 14: Emerald Western Horsemanship

Emerald riders are students that have competed in twelve (12) or fewer shows that require them to lope or canter.

HAVE YOU COMPETED IN 12 OR LESS SHOWS WHICH REQUIRE YOU TO LOPE OR CANTER?

YES NO

Classes 7, 8, 15, & 16: Ruby Western Horsemanship

Ruby riders have competed in more than twelve (12) shows that require a rider to lope or canter. Ruby riders may not have earned more than 25 national points from any association including novice classes. This excludes roping, games, halter, showmanship 10 & under classes, and/or non-roping classes.

IS THIS STATEMENT TRUE? I HAVE NOT EARNED 25 NATIONAL POINTS FROM ANY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION INCLUDING NOVICE BUT EXCLUDING ROPING, GAMES, HALTER, SHOWMANSHIP 10 & UNDER CLASSES, AND/OR NON-LOPING CLASSES.

YES NO

Classes 9, 10, 17, & 18 : Sapphire Western Horsemanship / Ranch Riding

Sapphire riders are those who have earned 26 or more national points from any national association including novice but excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship 10 & under classes, and/or non-roping classes. Sapphire riders are also riders who have competed at a national run show including but not limited to World Championships, National Championships, Novice Championships, Congress, and Derby.

HAVE YOU EARNED 26 OR MORE NATIONAL POINTS FROM ANY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION INCLUDING NOVICE BUT EXCLUDING ROPING, GAMES, HALTER, SHOWMANSHIP 10 & UNDER CLASSES, AND/OR NON-LOPING CLASSES.

YES NO

HAVE YOU COMPETED IN A NATIONAL RUN SHOW INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS, CONGRESS, AND DERBY?

YES NO

Class 19: Diamond Western Horsemanship

Diamond riders are those who have finished in Top Five (5) at a national run show including but not limited to World Championships, National Championships, Novice Championships, Congress, and Derby. Including novice but excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship 10 & under classes, and/or non-roping classes.

HAVE YOU EVER FINISHED IN THE TOP FIVE (5) AT A NATIONAL RUN SHOW INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS, CONGRESS, AND DERBY INCLUDING NOVICE BUT EXCLUDING ROPING, GAMES, HALTER, SHOWMANSHIP 10 & UNDER CLASSES, AND/OR NON-LOPING CLASSES?

YES NO

Class 20: Diamond Reining

Diamond Reining riders are students who are eligible for Diamond Horsemanship and possess reining experience. In accordance with Rule R33.04(E), riders must have either competed in the YEDA Sapphire Division for a minimum of one (1) competition year or have competed in at least one (1) sanctioned reining event recognized by AQHA, NRHA, APHA, NSBA, or an equivalent governing body.

IS THIS STATEMENT TRUE?

I AM ELIGIBLE FOR DIAMOND REINING AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

YES NO

NOTE:

- 1. A Student must be enrolled in school full-time at the time of any YEDA Competition.**
- 2. See coaches Assessment at the beginning of this form if you consider yourself a lower-level rider than what this form indicates.**
- 3. For those students coming to YEDA from another team riding national organization that places their riders in divisions based on experience those students must compete in the equivalent division equal to or greater than that division they have completed.**

TO DOCUMENT PRIOR COMPETITION RECORDS:

LIST YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS IN ASSOCIATION RECORDS, AND list your ID# for each association in which you have competed. (Not one in which you are simply a card holding member who has never participated in competition).

United States Equestrian Federation (USEF):	
United States Eventing Association (USEA) :	
American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA):	
American Paint Horse Association (APHA):	
Pinto Horse Association (PtHA):	
Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC):	
National Reining Horse Association (NRHA):	
United States Dressage Federation (USDF):	
International Buckskin Horse Association (IBHA)	
American Buckskin Registry Association (ABRA)	
Palomino Horse Breeders Association (PHBA)	
Pony of the Americas (POA)	
Other:	

Please send all forms to:

**Debbie Arnold, CFO
2415 State Route 603
Ashland, OH 44805**

For Questions Contact Debbie Arnold (CFO)

Phone: 419 – 566 – 6589

Email: DArnold@showyeda.com

Make all Checks Payable to YEDA