

USDF Selects (CNYD&CTA member) Emma Gaskell for 2005 NAYRC

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce the advanced young riders selected to represent the United States in dressage at the 2005 North American Young Riders' Championships (NAYRC), held July 26-31 at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia. The NAYRC is the premier competition for young riders, ages 16-21, in the three Olympic equestrian disciplines of eventing, dressage, and show jumping. Riders from each Canadian province, United States Equestrian Federation zone (for show jumping), USDF region (for dressage), and United States Eventing Association area (for eventing), as well as from Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean Islands, and Bermuda, are invited to compete via each country's national equestrian federation. The broad range of competitors attending the championships produces an Olympics-like atmosphere.

To be selected to compete at the NAYRC, dressage riders must compete in a minimum of three official NAYRC qualifying competitions at the FEI Young Rider level during the qualifying season and must obtain a minimum 60% average. The riders with the top four qualifying averages in each region are placed on an NAYRC team and selected to compete. This year more than 120 young riders have been vying for a spot on their regional team.

The following riders will be representing Region 8 in dressage at the North American Young Riders' Championships:

Hayley Cullen, Dennis Proll, Ashley Peterson, **Emma Gaskell**, and Christina Jahl (reserve)

Complete qualifying results can be found at www.usdf.org/Programs/NorthAmericanYoungRider/index.asp. Additional information concerning the North American Young Riders' Championships can also be found at www.youngriders.org. If you have questions about the program, please contact Sheila Forbes, USDF Director of Programs, at (859) 271-7879 or sforbes@usdf.org.