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Canadian Reining Teams Named for 2009 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships

Ottawa, ON—Canadian Reining Committee (CRC) is pleased to announce the teams that will represent Canada and their provinces at the 2009 Adequan FEI North American Junior/Young Rider Championships. Presented by Gotham North, these Championships will be held July 21-26 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, also the site of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

The Canadian Reining Teams were selected based on results achieved during a specified qualification period.

Team Alberta

Rider

Amanda Antifaev
Morgan Girletz
Nancy Pratch
Sage Sapergia

Hometown

Calgary, AB
Airdrie, AB
St. Paul, AB
Cochrane, AB

Horse

Whats Up Doc Cody
Hickory Ginnin Peppy
Mega Pay
Shiners Q Chex

Owner

Dianne Clarke
Caroline Armstrong
Nancy Pratch
Donald Leach

Team Manitoba

Rider

Alexa Kullberg
Megan Robinson
Christine Simpson
Kylie Wasiuta

Hometown

Brandon, MB
Dufresne, MB
Winnipeg, MB
Winnipeg, MB

Horse

Drifters Chance
Breanna Kid/ Peppy Chick Olena
Pickplays Rocket Man
Watch Tiger Jack/GLH Dolls Badger

Owner

Peri Gardner
Megan Robinson
Christine Simpson
Kylie Wasiuta

Combined Team

Rider

Vanessa Strotmann
Melia Blakely
Darcy Wilson
Gabrielle Martel

Hometown

Salmon Arm, BC
Coldwater, ON
Goodwood, ON
Repentigny, QC

Horse

Listos May Day Hobby
Neon Cola Sign
Miss Cielo Chex

Owner

Vanessa Strotmann
Melia Blakely
Tamalyn Wilson

"It is very satisfying to see the amount of enthusiasm from riders across Canada and the amount of effort exerted to ensure qualifying classes were offered. We had tight time lines to work with this year and everyone has been so supportive, it is an incredible joint effort from all the provinces and the staff at Equine Canada," said remarked Wendy Dyer, of Keswick, ON, who has been named as Chef d'équipe for the teams. "I first heard of the NAJYRC quite a few years ago while I was on the Board of the Ontario Equestrian Federation and thought what a great program—if only we could get something like that established for the Reining youth. My wish has come true."

Assisting Dyer will be Wendy Johnston from Bowden, AB.

2009 Tentative Schedule

July 22—Welcome

July 24—Team Competition

July 26—Individual Competition

For additional information on the CRC and its programs, including selection criteria, please visit the Equine Canada website at www.equinecanada.ca or e-mail reining@equinecanada.ca.

About the Canadian Reining Committee

The Canadian Reining Committee is the discipline committee of Equine Canada that is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of reining programs in Canada. The Canadian Reining Committee's objective is to foster the growth of reining and the pursuit of excellence in the sport at the local, national and international levels

About Equine Canada

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