

USEA Area IV Championships Timeline & Protocol

All venues in Area IV are eligible to bid for and, if selected, host the Area IV Championships. No venue situated outside the states of IA, IL, KS, MI (U.P.), MN, MO, ND, NE & WI can host the Area IV Championships. The Area IV Chair will send out a formal invitation to bid on the following calendar year's Championships to all organizers of record by July 1st (e.g. 2008's invitation will go out on or before July 1st 2007). This invitation will also be placed on the official USEA Area IV website.

If a venue is chosen that cannot host all four levels (BN, N, T & P) the Championships will be split between two venues. Each event will be given one of the higher levels (P or T) and one of the lower levels (N or BN). An example would be HT A gets P & N and HT B gets T & BN.

Proposals to host the Championships must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the invitation's issue date and include the following information:

- Venue
- Levels to be held including course outlines (additional "Championship" courses or fences are encouraged. Courses should be well maintained)
- Year when event last held the Championships
- Proposed date for Championships
- Accommodations available (i.e. hook-ups, approximate number of hotel rooms with distances to hotels from event)
- Stabling to be available including type and limitations on stabling (fixed, portable etc)
- Supporting events (e.g. welcome snacks, competitors' party, volunteers' package)
- Safety & support facilities
- Prize list & sponsorships (if any)
- Any other supporting information
- Copies of the event's last two technical delegates reports (to be used only by Area Council)

In the event that more than one venue bids for the Championships the packages from each venue will be sent to the members of the Area Council and the Area IV Organizers of record. The Area Chair will also provide guidance as to where the Championships have been held in the past five (5) years with both venue and general region held. Every effort will be made to rotate the Championships between regions throughout Area IV i.e. North, Mid & South. The venue(s) that hold the Championships one year will not be eligible to hold them the following year unless no other venue comes forward.

Ten (10) days later, a vote will be taken and the Championships will be awarded to the winner by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the decision of the Area Chair shall be final.

The result shall be published in the next Area IV Newsletter and on the website.

The winning venue(s) will be requested to make a presentation at the next Area IV Annual Meeting (if held) following Championship award.