

2022 Region 8
Regional Youth Team Tournament

- I. Regional Youth Team Tournament (RYTT)
 - a. No entry fees.
 - b. Points can be accumulated at any show (USEF/AHA or non-AHA Recognized) held within the Region 8 area or in Regions immediately adjoining Region 8 (i.e. – Regions 6, 7, 9, 10 & 11). Contestants can earn points in more than one (1) Regional show in the aforementioned Regions. Exception: Competitive Trail and Endurance Trail Division rides may occur anywhere in the Continental United States.
 - c. Teams must be submitted to the Region 8 RYTT Secretary prior to the start of the first show entered.

- II. Eligibility
 - a. Each contestant must be an AHA Youth Member in good standing with a Region 8 club.
 - b. Each team is made up of the following:
 - i. Coach – to give assistance to the team and supply needed information to the Region 8 Coordinator. It is the coach's responsibility to pre-register the team prior to the first show and assure show results are sent to the Region 8 RYTT Secretary.
 - ii. Not more than 5 AHA Youth Members per team. A Youth may hold up to two (2) positions on a team with different horses. A Youth may compete on multiple teams on different horses.

- III. Rules
 - a. Each horse entered must be a registered Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian and the registration number must accompany the team entry.
 - b. Ownership of horse is not required. Entrants showing in the equitation/showmanship division need not declare an individual horse. In the event of an injury to a horse preventing further competition, a substitute may be made if approved by the Region 8 RYTT Secretary.
 - c. If a rider/handler/driver becomes ill and is unable to continue to compete, a substitute can be made if approved by the Region 8 RYTT Secretary.
 - d. It is not mandatory that each team compete in each event or that the entire team be present at a show to count points towards the Youth Team Tournament.
 - e. Teams must be registered with the Region 8 RYTT Secretary prior to their points counting. No shows held prior to registration will be considered.
 - f. Teams do not need to designate which contestants will be competing in what divisions at the time of registration.
 - g. Eligible divisions for the Region 8 Regional Youth Team Tournament can be found in the 2022 AHA Handbook, under the Youth section.
 - h. All five team contestants on the same team may compete in the same class and count points towards the Youth Team Tournament.

- i. Each team contestant may compete in unlimited classes per show, however, only the two (2) best classes per division will count for points in the Youth Team Tournament.
- j. It is the responsibility of the team coach to send the Region 8 Regional Youth Team Tournament Tally Sheet to the RYTT Secretary within 45 days of the show.
- k. Points will be tabulated on shows held prior to December 15, 2022.
- l. Region 8 Regional Youth Team Tournament Results forms must be turned into the Region 8 RYTT Secretary no later than December 31, 2022 in order to count.

IV. Awards and Point System

- a. 18 & Under Teams – Recognized Shows (AHA and/or USEF)
 - i. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded based on points. The highest scoring four (4) shows will be totaled by the Region 8 RYTT Secretary and used to determine the winners. (Send the results from all shows attended in 2022 and the highest scoring four (4) shows will be selected at the end of the Tournament).
 - ii. Competitive Trail and Endurance Trail Divisions are included in the section.
- b. 18 & Under Teams – Non-Recognized Shows
- c. Walk/Trot 10 & Under
 - i. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded based on points. The highest scoring four (4) shows will be totaled by the Region 8 RYTT Secretary and used to determine the winners. (Send the results from all shows attended in 2022 and the highest scoring four (4) shows will be selected at the end of the Tournament).
- d. Points will be awarded on the following basis at USEF recognized/rated classes and Local Competition Member Shows or AHA Recognized Shows:
 - i. 6 points: 1st place
 - ii. 5 points: 2nd place
 - iii. 4 points: 3rd place
 - iv. 3 points: 4th place
 - v. 2 points: 5th place
 - vi. 1 point: 6th place.
- e. Points from Regional Championship classes recognized by the AHA Board of Directors shall receive the following points:
 - i. 12 points: Champion
 - ii. 10 points: Reserve Champion
 - iii. 8 points: Top 5
- f. Points will be awarded on the following bases at Open/all-Breed non-AHA/USEF shows:
 - i. 6 Points: 1st place
 - ii. 5 points: 2nd place
 - iii. 24 points: 3rd place
 - iv. 3 points: 4th place
 - v. 2 point: 5th place
 - vi. 1 point: 6th place.
- g. Competitive Trail and Endurance Trail Divisions:

- i. Earn 1 point for every 5 miles completed
- ii. Competitive Trail and Endurance Trail Division rides can occur anywhere in the Continental United States.
- iii. Competitive Trail and Endurance Trail Divisions points will be awarded on the following basis:
 1. 25 mile ride
 - a. 2 points – 1st place
 - b. 1.5 points – 2nd place
 - c. 1 point – 3rd place
 - d. .5 (1/2) point – 4th place
 2. 50 mile ride
 - a. 4 points – 1st place
 - b. 3 points – 2nd place
 - c. 2 points – 3rd place
 - d. 1 point - 4th place
 3. 75 mile ride
 - a. 6 points – 1st place
 - b. 4.5 points – 2nd place
 - c. 3 points – 3rd place
 - d. 1.5 points – 4th place
 4. 100 mile ride
 - a. 8 points – 1st place
 - b. 6 points – 2nd place
 - c. 4 points – 3rd place
 - d. 2 points – 4th place