



March 30-31, 2018
DALLAS EQUESTRIAN CENTER
Dallas, Texas



UNITED EQUESTRIAN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, March 30

2018 UEC Equestrian Semifinals Round- 10 a.m. CT Start Time

Western Arena

7:00 a.m. Pattern open to walk
8:45 a.m. National Anthem, Starting Line Ups
9:00 a.m. Schooling of Horsemanship Horses
9:30 a.m. Horsemanship Demos
9:55 a.m. First rider begins warm up
10:00 a.m. Horsemanship Begins
11:00 a.m. End of Horsemanship
11:10 a.m. Half Time
12:00 p.m. Schooling of Reining Horses
12:30 p.m. Drag
12:35 p.m. First rider in first set begins warm up
12:40 p.m. Reining Begins
1:15 p.m. Drag
1:20 p.m. First rider in second set begins warm up
1:25 p.m. Reining resumes
2:00 p.m. End of reining

Hunt Seat Arena

7:00 a.m. Course open to walk
9:00 a.m. Schooling of Fence Horses
9:40 a.m. First half of Section 1 warm up
9:50 a.m. Second half of Section 1 warm up
10:00 a.m. First Half of Fences begins
10:25 a.m. First Half of Section 2 Warm Up
10:35 a.m. Second Half of Section 2 Warm Up
10:45 a.m. Second Half of Fences Begins
11:10 a.m. End of Fences
11:15 a.m. Half Time
12:00 p.m. Schooling of Flat Horses
12:40 p.m. Flat Demos
12:55 p.m. First Half of Section 1 Warm Up
1:05 p.m. Second Half of Section 1 Warm Up
1:15 p.m. First Half of Flat Begins
1:45 p.m. First Half of Section 2 Warm Up
1:55 p.m. Second Half of Section 2 Warm Up
2:05 p.m. Second Half of Flat Begins
2:35 p.m. End of Flat

Saturday, March 31

2018 UEC Equestrian Championship/Consolation Round- 9 a.m. CT Start Time

Western Arena - Consolation Round

7:00 a.m. Pattern open to walk
8:15 a.m. National Anthem, Starting Line Ups
8:25 a.m. Schooling of Reining Horses
8:45 a.m. Drag and begin staggered warm up
9:00 a.m. First half of Reining begins
9:20 a.m. Drag and begin staggered warm ups
9:30 a.m. Second half of Reining begins
9:50 a.m. End of Reining
9:50 a.m. Drag
10:10 a.m. Schooling of Horsemanship Horses
10:25 a.m. Horsemanship Demo
10:35 a.m. Drag and begin staggered warm ups
10:45 a.m. First half of horsemanship begins
11:00 a.m. Drag and begin staggered warm ups
11:10 a.m. Second half of horsemanship begins
11:25 a.m. End of horsemanship

End of consolation round

Hunt Seat Arena - Consolation Round

7:00 a.m. Course open to walk
8:25 a.m. Schooling of Fences Horses
8:45 a.m. First official warm-up
8:50 a.m. Second official warm-up
9:00 a.m. First half of Fences begins
9:20 a.m. Second half first official warm-ups
9:25 a.m. Second half second official warm-up
9:30 a.m. Second half of Fences begins
9:50 a.m. End of Fences
9:55 a.m. Drag
10:05 a.m. Schooling of Flat Horses
10:25 a.m. Flat demo
10:35 a.m. First official warm-up
10:40 a.m. Second official warm-up
10:45 a.m. First half of Flat begins
11:00 a.m. Second half first official warm-up
11:05 a.m. Second half second official warm-up
11:10 a.m. Second half of Flat begins
11:25 a.m. End of Flat

End of consolation round

Western Arena - Championship Round

11:30 a.m. Schooling of Horsemanship Horses
11:50 a.m. Drag and begin staggered warm ups
12:00 p.m. First half of horsemanship begins
12:15 p.m. Drag and begin staggered warm ups
12:25 p.m. Second half of horsemanship begins
12:40 p.m. End of horsemanship
12:50 p.m. Schooling of Reining Horses
1:10 p.m. Drag and begin staggered warm up
1:20 p.m. First half of Reining begins
1:40 p.m. Drag and begin staggered warm ups
1:50 p.m. Second half of Reining begins
2:10 p.m. End of Reining

End of Finals Round

Hunt Seat Arena - Championship Round

11:30 a.m. Schooling of Fences Horses
11:50 a.m. First official warm-up
11:55 a.m. Second official warm-up
12:00 p.m. First half of Fences begins
12:20 p.m. Second half first official warm-ups
12:25 p.m. Second half second official warm-up
12:50 p.m. End of Fences
1:00 p.m. Schooling of Flat Horses
1:20 p.m. First official warm-up
1:25 p.m. Second official warm-up
1:30 p.m. First half of Flat begins
1:45 p.m. Second half first official warm-up
1:50 p.m. Second half second official warm-up
1:55 p.m. Second half Flat begins
2:10 p.m. End of Flat

End of Finals Round



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1 Mustangs

8-5, 5-0 UEC



2 Skyhawks

4-5, 3-2 UEC



3 Bulldogs

3-9, 3-2 UEC



4 Jackrabbits

4-6, 1-4 UEC

Friday March 30

Saturday March 31

#1 SMU

Semifinal #1

#4 South Dakota State

#2 UT Martin

Semifinal #2

#3 Fresno State



UEC Champion

The SMU equestrian team would like to thank the SMU Athletic Department and all those who help make each and every season a success for the program. Also, the team would like to thank everyone who has put forth a strong, collective effort to make the 2018 UEC Championships happen.

SMU Equestrian Staff: Carol Gwin, Megan Southam, McKenzie Lantz
DEC Facility Management: Scott Wilson, David Sanderson
SMU Equestrian Sport Administrator: Kris Harris
SMU Sports Medicine: Mike Morton; Elizabeth Garcia; Care Flite
SMU Equestrian Academic Services: Lauren O'Brein
SMU Public Relations: Spencer Stewart

Thank you to all in Event Management, Athletic Communications, Marketing, and PonyUp TV for all their hard work in making this a successful event.



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DALLAS EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Home of the Mustangs



The Dallas Equestrian Center, home of the SMU equestrian team, resides on 5 acres in the heart of Dallas and is 3.5 miles from the SMU campus. The facility is conveniently located roughly 10 minutes away from campus, making it easily accessible for student-athletes, faculty and staff.

The DEC features three indoor arenas with new footing, a large outdoor arena, and 20 new state-of-the-art paddocks with cover. Other recent renovations include upgrades to a tack room and the addition of a club house with a locker room and coaches' offices. In addition, a 6 horse European horse walker was added to the facility.

All home competitions for SMU equestrian are held at the facility. DEC was purchased by Scott and Lisa Wilson in December of 2016. The facility is located at 8787 Park Ln, Dallas, TX 75231, across the parking lot from Top Golf Dallas.





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DALLAS EQUESTRIAN CENTER SITE MAP



Dallas Equestrian Center
8787 Park Lane
Dallas, TX 75231



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SMU MUSTANGS

RECORD: 8-5 (5-0) | UEC Seeding: No. 1 | NCEA Ranking: No. 6



Hayley Banas	Hunt Seat	Sr	Lake Forest, IL
Tova Barden	Western	R-Fr	Snoqualmie, WA
Kelsie Brittan	Hunt Seat	Jr	Westlake, TX
Brett Burlington	Hunt Seat	Fr	Coral Gables, FL
Mary Elizabeth Cordia	Hunt Seat	So	Alexandria, VA
Morgan DiGiulio	Western	Sr	San Jose, CA
Michaela Dinger	Western	Jr	Keller, TX
Ali Fuller	Western	Sr	Scottsdale, AZ
Nora Gray	Hunt Seat	Jr	Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada
Anne Mason Jackson	Hunt Seat	Jr	Atlanta, GA
Madison Johnson	Hunt Seat	Fr	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
Sophia Koolwick	Western	R-So	Ortonville, MI
Jaclyn Landers	Western	So	Prescott, AZ
Holly Lansidel	Western	So	Roy, WA
Ashley Mauney	Western	Jr	Magnolia, TX
Sara McCann	Hunt Seat	Fr	Flower Mound, TX
Alexandra Murphy	Hunt Seat	Jr	New Canaan, CT
Kirsten Ostling	Hunt Seat	Fr	New Canaan, CT
Olivia Pakula	Western	Jr	Scottsdale, AZ
Carilynn Peyton	Hunt Seat	Sr	Great Falls, VA
Jill Pfisthner	Western	Fr	Scottsdale, AZ
Rylee Reiter	Hunt Seat	Fr	Gainsville, TX
Sharese Rivait	Western	Fr	Orillia, Ontario, Canada
Haylee Schoonover	Western	Jr	Phoenix, AZ
Charlotte Selby	Western	Jr	Sammamish, WA
Keagan Snively	Western	Sr	Winter Haven, FL
Madison Steed	Western	R-Jr	Cochrane, Alberta, Canada
Nadja Tiktinsky	Hunt Seat	Sr	Southport, CT
Kara Vickery	Western	So	Sanger, TX
Elle Young	Hunt Seat	Fr	Salina, KS
Vivian Yowan	Hunt Seat	So	Darien, CT
Haley Zimmerman	Hunt Seat	So	Carmel, IN

2017-18 Schedule

Date	Opponent	W/L
09/29	No. 6 TCU	W, 11-8
10/14	No. 7 Baylor	W, 10-10 (1510-1464)
10/21	No. 4 OSU	W, 11-9
11/9	Delaware State	W, 8-7
11/10	No. 10 UT Martin	W, 8-7
2/3	South Carolina	L, 12-7
2/16	Fresno State	W, 9-8
2/17	No. 5 OSU	L, 8-6
2/23	No. 10 UT Martin	W, 15-3
2/24	No. 8 SDSU	W, 15-5
3/2	No. 1 Georgia	L, 11-8
3/3	No. 2 Auburn	L, 14-3
3/9	No. 6 TCU	L, 14-4

UEC Championship -- Dallas, Texas

3/30	4-seed South Dakota State
3/31	TBD

NCEA Championship -- Waco, Texas

4/18	TBD
4/19	TBD
4/20	TBD
4/21	TBD

Head Coach - Carol Gwin
Assistant Hunt Seat Coach - Megan Southam
Assistant Western Coach - McKenzie Lantz



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UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS

RECORD: 4-5 (3-2) | UEC Seeding: No. 2 | NCEA Ranking: No. 8



Megan Aiosa	Western	Sr	Paris, TN
Lindsay Anderson	Hunt Seat	Jr	Chardon, OH
Tess Baumann	Western	Fr	Redmond, WA
Jade Bleskey	Western	So	Lakewood, IL
Gwen Bracey	Hunt Seat	So	Goodlettsville, TN
Lucy Eier	Western	Fr	New Carlisle, OH
Sammi Felts	Western	Jr	Chesterfield, VA
Abbie Hopkins	Hunt Seat	Fr	Seekonk, MA
Sylvia Justice	Hunt Seat	Fr	State College, PA
Sarah Kent	Hunt Seat	Fr	Indianapolis, IN
Randi LaChance	Hunt Seat	So	Exeter, R.I.
Sydney Lintner	Hunt Seat	Jr	Wildwood, MO
Laurie Love	Hunt Seat	Fr	Vero Beach, FL
Hannah McDonald	Western	Fr	Ridgefield, WA
Noel Meadows	Hunt/Western	Fr	Staunton, VA
Savannah Metheny	Hunt Seat	So	Weston, W.V.
Kenzie Mezrah	Hunt Seat	Fr	Tampa, FL
Maddie Mykolaitis	Western	Fr	Mendon, MI
Bailey Newlin	Western	Fr	Alamo, CA
Liana Nowak	Western	So	Snellville, GA
Mackenzie Palmer	Hunt Seat	Fr	Norfolk, MA
Johnie Parker	Hunt Seat	So	Powell, TN
Brooke Pfeiffer	Hunt Seat	Fr	Marine City, MI
Bobbie Piddock	Western	So	Castro Valley, CA
Quinn Reed	Hunt Seat	Fr	Batavia, OH
Grace Rogers	Hunt Seat	Fr	White Lake, MI
Maddie Rubin	Western	Fr	Godfrey, IL
Grace Salmon	Hunt Seat	So	Wilsonville, OR
Madeline Williams	Western	Sr	Fruitport, MI
Devon Woods	Western	Fr	Escondido, CA
Monika Zoromski	Hunt Seat	Jr	Saukville, WI

Head Coach - Meghan Corvin
Assistant Coach - Kim Leiter

2017-18 Schedule

Date	Opponent	W/L
9/22	No. 3 Auburn	L, 13-7
10/6	vs. No. 8 TCU	L, 8-7
10/7	at No. 10 Del. State	W, 9-6
10/13	at Miami (Oh) (Exh.)	W 11-8
11/9	No. 5 Fresno State	W, 11-5
11/10	No. 4 SMU	L, 8-7
2/16	No. 7 TCU	L, 13-6
2/18	Ole Miss (Exhibition)	W, 13-6
2/23	at No. 5 SMU	L, 15-3
2/24	vs. No. 8 SDSU	W, 10-6
3/15	Sweet Briar (Exh.)	W, 5-3
3/16	Minn.-Crookston	W, 19-0

UEC Championship -- Dallas, Texas

3/30	3-seed Fresno State
3/31	TBD

NCEA Championship -- Waco, Texas

4/18	TBD
4/19	TBD
4/20	TBD
4/21	TBD



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FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS

RECORD: 3-9 (3-2) | UEC Seeding: No. 3 | NCEA Ranking: N/A



Katelyn Altenhofel	Western	Jr	Murrieta, CA
Paige Barton	Western	So	Oakdale, CA
Alexa Bell	Western	Jr	Clovis, CA
Kylina Chalack	Hunt Seat	Sr	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Alexandra Dirickson	Hunt Seat	Jr	Thousand Oaks, CA
Taylor Dixon	Western	Sr	Dover, DE
Alysa Frias	Western	Sr	Bakersfield, CA
Shea Gilson	Western	So	Sanger, CA
Kara Gustafson	Western	Jr	Plymouth, IN
Taeya Harle	Western	Jr	Issaquah, WA
Julia Kelly	Western	So	Seattle, WA
Hailey Livingston	Hunt Seat	Fr	Spring Hill, KS
Alannah Lones	Hunt Seat	Jr	Lynden, WA
Alexis Miller	Western	Fr	Eaton, CO
Annemarie Morias	Western	Fr	Pleasanton, CA
Brooke Nelson	Hunt Seat	Jr	Batavia, IL
Allison Nordvall	Western	So	Greenfield, MN
Paige Pastorino	Hunt Seat	Sr	Half Moon Bay, CA
Michelle Patin	Western	So	Healdsburg, CA
Alex Peltier	Hunt Seat	Sr	Point Roberts, WA
Hailey Robison	Western	Sr	Petaluma, CA
Erica Rosinski	Hunt Seat	So	Charlotte, N.C.
Danielle Schneider	Hunt Seat	Jr	Simi Valley, CA
Sierra Swaffar	Hunt Seat	Sr	Ventura, A
Frannie Twohig	Hunt Seat	Fr	Los Ranchos, N.M.
Terra Wallace	Hunt Seat	Jr	Lomita, CA
Natalie Wendt	Hunt Seat	So	Santa Cruz, CA
Rachel Williams	Western	Sr	Enumclaw, WA

Head Coach - Eric Hubbard
Assistant Coach - Caitlin Marshall
Assistant Coach - Mary Brown

2017-18 Schedule

Date	Opponent	W/L
9/22	No. 1 Texas A&M	L, 14-5
9/29	South Dakota State	W, 17-2
10/21	No. 2 Georgia	L, 10-8
11/9	at No. 10 SDSU	W, 12-7
11/10	at No. 10 DSU	L, 11-5
2/2	at No. 7 TCU	W, 11-5
2/3	at No. 4 Texas A&M	L, 15-5
2/16	No. 4 SMU	L, 12-6
2/17	No. 5 Oklahoma St.	L, 9-8
3/9	at No. 10 USC	L, 11-8
3/10	at No. 2 Auburn	L, 13-6

UEC Championship -- Dallas, Texas

3/30	2-seed UTM
3/31	TBD

NCEA Championship -- Waco, Texas

4/18	TBD
4/19	TBD
4/20	TBD
4/21	TBD



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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS

RECORD: 4-6 (1-4) | UEC Seeding: No. 4 | NCEA Ranking: No. 9



Jessica Boesch	Hunt Seat	So	Sammamish, WA
Jacey Chorlton	Hunt Seat	Jr	Colchester, CT
Taylor Duerr	Hunt Seat	Sr	Rochester, N.Y.
Morgan Erickson	Western	Fr	Atwater, MN
Claire Garduno	Hunt Seat	So	Minneapolis, MN
Jordan Gates	Western	So	Wooster, OH
Jessica Grodzins	Western	So	Duvall, WA
Catelyn Hall	Western	Sr	Neligh, NE
Riley Hanna	Hunt Seat	Fr	Ashland, NE
Sydney House	Hunt Seat	So	Anna, TX
Hayley Kastrup	Hunt Seat	Fr	Blair, NE
Alaina Kauffman	Hunt Seat	Fr	Gretna, NE
Emily Keiser	Western	So	Gothenburg, NE
Jessica Martinez	Hunt Seat	So	Chandler Heights, AZ
Olivia Nesbitt	Western	Fr	Vacaville, CA
Bailey Olson	Western	Fr	Trimont, MN
Alexis Rasmussen	Hunt Seat	Fr	Omaha, NE
MaQuelah Schueler	Western	Fr	Wilma, MN
Matilyn Skinner	Hunt Seat	Jr	Lynden, WA
Rylee Streit	Western	So	Holden, MO
Madison Sullivan	Western	So	Orleans, IN
Miranda Sullivan	Western	Sr	Orleans, IN
Savanna Tomoson	Western	Fr	Marshall, MN
Whitney Vesey	Western	Jr	Indianola, IA
Sarah-Michele Weaver	Western	Fr	Britt, IA
Mariah Wright	Western	Sr	Wooster, OH
Nichole Zazula	Western	Sr	Genoa City, WI

Head Coach - Ellie Wikins
Assistant Coach - Logan Pluhar

2017-18 Schedule

Date	Opponent	W/L
9/22	vs No. 1 Texas A&M	L 12-4
9/23	at No. 9 Fresno State	L, 17-2
10/13	No. 8 South Carolina	W 15-4
10/21	No. 8 Fresno State	L, 12-7
11/10	Minn.-Crookston	W, 18-2
2/8	North Dakota State	W, 14-2
2/9	Delaware State	W, 9-7
2/22	at No. 7 TCU	L, 12-7
2/23	at SMU	L, 15-5
2/24	vs UT Martin	L, 10-6
3/10	Minn.-Crookston	W, 15-5

UEC Championship -- Dallas, Texas

3/30	4-seed SMU
3/31	TBD

NCEA Championship -- Waco, Texas

4/18	TBD
4/19	TBD
4/20	TBD
4/21	TBD



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EQUESTRIAN 101

JUDGING AND KEY TERMS

The National Collegiate Equestrian Association tests four to five riders from each team in head-to-head competitions. Five horses are selected for each event. Each rider is paired with one of the five horses in a random draw before the competition. The rider is able to watch the horse warm up and receives four minutes to practice on her assigned mount before competing. Riders from opposing teams compete on the same horse over the same pattern or course in the head-to-head competition. Each rider receives a score, and the rider with the highest score receives one point for her team. In NCEA competition, the level of difficulty is demonstrated by the accuracy of the pattern and how the competitor uses the horse that she draws to the best of her ability.

EVENTS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Equitation Over Fences (Hunt Seat) - The judges evaluate the rider's position, consistency on course, smoothness, flow from jump to jump, the number of strides (steps taken by the horse) in a line and the rider's plan to complete the course. Scoring for the event is out of a perfect score of 100.

Equitation On The Flat (Hunt Seat) - The riders perform a flat test on their horses in a 40 x 20 metered arena. The test consists of nine movements to be judged on accuracy, smoothness and overall position of the rider. Each movement receives a score from 1-10. The 10th score judges the position and seat of the rider and the correctness and effectiveness of her aids. The score is out of a perfect score of 100.

Horsemanship (Western) - This event is designed to evaluate the rider's ability to execute a prescribed set of maneuvers with precision and smoothness while maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position. The ideal horsemanship pattern consists of seven to nine maneuvers and is extremely precise with the rider and horse working in complete unison, executing each maneuver with subtle aids and cues. Exhibitors are scored for each sequence of maneuvers with a -1.5 to +1.5 score for each maneuver with a base score beginning at 70.

Reining (Western) - This is a class based on set patterns and a precise scoring system. Within these patterns the horses' and riders' athletic abilities are tested in a series of maneuvers including spins, stops, flying lead changes and circles with changes in size and speed. In collegiate competition, the rider must perform one of the set National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) patterns. There are a total of eight parts to a reining test with each individual maneuver judged from -1.5 to +1.5 with a base score beginning at 70.

KEY TERMS

Hunt Seat: Hunt Seat riders compete over a series of jumps or in a general equitation pattern.

Reining: Western riders perform an assigned pattern from memory, demonstrating a variety of stops, turns and figures at various speeds. The emphasis is on precision and technical application of the rider's ability to handle unfamiliar horses.

Horsemanship: Western riders perform a set pattern that requires precision and correct aids with the horse's movements and efforts. Aids: A rider communications to her horse through aids.

Combination: A series of jumps set one or two strides apart from one another.

Course: A pre-determined series of 8-12 jumps that must be completed in order without major penalty.

Equitation: In riding competitions, this indicates that riders are being judged on their ability to control the horse while maintaining the correct riding position.

Gaits: Starting from slowest to fastest, gaits include the walk, jog, trot, lope, cantor and gallop. Riders may be asked to vary each gait by shortening or lengthening the horse's stride.

Roll Back: A turn performed in equitation over fences to show control of the horse and rider's ability to maintain a position throughout a turn. In Western reining, a rollback is a 180-degree pivot with speed after a halt.



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HISTORY OF THE NCEA

In 1998, Equestrian was identified and adopted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA) as an emerging sport for women at the Division I and II and III levels. Currently, there are 18 Division I and four Division II programs sponsoring equestrian.

The National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA), a non-profit corporation, was created as a governing body to advance the sport of equestrian. The NCEA is responsible for the development and administration of equestrian rules and guidelines. Equestrian is subject to all NCAA policies and procedures in the same manner as other sports.

The NCEA developed sub-committees for areas critical to the advancement of equestrian. These sub-committees consist of coaches and administrators from member institutions. Coaches and administrators are invited to serve on any of the various NCEA Committees of their choice. The committees include but are not limited to: Emerging Sports, Competition, Promotions, Sponsorship, Selection, and Championship. Each committee is charged with helping to progress equestrian to championship sport status within the NCAA. Additionally, liaisons from the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) interact with and provide input to these committees and the NCEA Executive Committee.

RECENT NCEA NEWS

The Committee on Women's Athletics confirmed its support for Equestrian to remain on the NCAA Emerging Sports list during the April 2016 meeting in Indianapolis. The CWA voted on and approved a statement recommending that Equestrian remain on the Emerging Sports list due to new organizational efforts, membership feedback, and potential growth.

Over the past 12 months, support for the sport of Equestrian has surged with renewed enthusiasm from both NCAA membership as well as stakeholders in the equine industry. The NCEA in collaboration with the NCAA oversees the sport of Equestrian while under the Emerging Sports umbrella. With renewed focus on the expansion of the sport, the NCEA has provided the foundation for a stronger support base for the sport to remain viable within the collegiate setting.

Dr. Leah Fiorentino, Executive Director of the NCEA, responded to the CWA message, "Our initial efforts to reorganize our resources and implement a sound strategic plan for growth and expansion has been recognized by the NCAA. We are encouraged by the support we've received from the NCAA leadership as well as our colleagues involved with the other Olympic Sports. With the continued support of the NCAA we look forward to ensuring that Equestrian will be part of the effort to maintain meaningful educational opportunities for women through athletics".

In the fall of 2014, the CWA recommended that Equestrian be dropped from the Emerging Sports list due to the limited growth in the number of teams sponsoring Equestrian. Representatives from Division I and Division II rejected the CWA recommendation in support of maintaining participation opportunities for women. Multiple updates on the progress of the sport from the NCEA leadership offered a new perspective on Equestrian and convinced the CWA to reconsider its earlier action.

"Receiving the support of the CWA based on this latest action is crucial to the continued growth and development of the sport on the collegiate level", commented Nancy Post, Senior Woman Administrator at Baylor University, "Our work to expand the sport has been hampered by the uncertainty of future support from the NCAA. This public statement from the NCAA clears the way for several schools to move forward with the addition of Equestrian as a varsity sport on their campus".

Part of the NCEA's new structure includes a National Advisory Board (NAB) comprised of corporate leaders, philanthropists, and equine industry experts. The goal of the NAB is to develop the financial support to make Equestrian the first financially-independent non-revenue generating collegiate sport. NAB efforts have shown early success in the form of grants to help sustain current NCEA teams, as well as providing financial strategies for the development of new Equestrian teams across the nation.



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UEC CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY AND AWARDS



Delaware State claimed the 2017 UEC championship on March 26, 2017 in Harrington, Del.

UEC CHAMPIONS

Year	Champion	Coach
2017	Delaware State	Jen Ridgely
2016	New Mexico State	Robin Morris-Walters
2015	Fresno State	Eric Hubbard
2014	South Dakota State	Megan Rositer
2013	UT Martin	Meghan Cunningham

UEC ANNUAL AWARDS

	Coach of the Year	Fences ROY	Flat ROY	Horsemanship ROY	Reining ROY
2017	Jen Ridgely (DSU)	Madison Brayman (NMSU)	Vivian Yowan (SMU)	Taylor Brown (FSU)	Taylor Brown (FSU)
	Carol Gwin (SMU)				
2016	Jen Ridgely (DSU)	Sierra Swaffar (FSU)	Schaefer Raposa (SMU)	Taylor Dixon (FSU)	Taylor Brown, (FSU)
2015	None	Sylvia de Toledo (SMU)	Mia Bray (UTM)	Rachel Williams (FSU)	Mariah Wright, (SDSU) Brynn Larson (NMSU)

UEC ANNUAL FRESHMAN AWARDS

	Fences ROY	Flat ROY	Horsemanship ROY	Reining ROY
2017	Vivian Yowan (SMU)	Randi LaChance (UTM)	Alyssa Luckhardt (NMSU)	Shea Gilson (FSU)
2016	Nora Gray (SMU)	Nora Gray (SMU)	Taeya Harle (FSU)	Madison Steed (SMU)

UEC CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIALS



WESTERN OFFICIALS

Ms. Gretchen Mathes — AQHA/NRHA
Ms. Chris Thompson — AQHA

HUNT SEAT OFFICIALS

Mr. Randy Neumann — USEF "R"
Ms. Amy Eidson — USEF "R"

STEWARDS

Ms. Sarah Locker — Western Steward
Ms. Meg Massaro — Hunt Seat Steward

ANNOUNCERS

Mr. Adam Reese — SMU Equestrian Official Announcer
Ms. Isabelle Eastment — '17 SMU Equestrian
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