

THE ADEQUAN/FEI NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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COMPETITIVE riding's greatest up-and-coming talent gathered for this year's Adequan/FEI North American Youth Championships (NAYC) at picturesque Old Salem Farm in North Salem, New York, July 30-August 4. Show jumping took center stage at this prestigious competition, which offers children, junior, and young riders ages 12 to 21 the chance to contend for team and individual medals under Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) rules. This one-of-a-kind show is the only FEI championship held every year in

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1. Annelise Klepper and Happy Texas Moonlight, the USDF North American Junior Dressage Individual Champions. In addition, Annelise was the youngest athlete in the class at 14-years-old.
2. Mexican team members.
3. Nicole Weatherall.
4. Sisters Sophie and Mimi Gochman.
5. Sam Walker and Coralissa.
6. Mia Albelo and Cassandra Dreams.

North America. The athletes attending the NAYC represent the future generation of equestrian sports for the United States. New this year, the event introduced expanded prizes including the \$50,000 Junior Jumping Championship and \$75,000 Young Rider Championship.

Among the developing young talent, two titles were notably claimed by sisters Sophie and Mimi Gochman. The duo earned individual gold in their respective age groups: Sophie in the Young Rider Division and Mimi in the Junior Rider Division. Meanwhile, NAYC's youngest rider Isaac Parada, age 12 from Guadalajara, Mexico, clinched top honors in the children's jumping. *Photo gallery courtesy of Andrea Evans/US Equestrian and Lindsay Brock/Jump Media.*

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