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Adult Amateur Musical Freestyle Awards.

The United States Eventing Association's 2018 USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Championship will be held at Virginia Horse Trials (VHT) in Lexington, Va. during the Virginia CCI/CIC and Horse Trials May 24-27, 2018.

VHT hosted the inaugural Intercollegiate Championship in 2016 as well as the second edition in 2017. The Championship will return to VHT for one more year before moving on to a new venue.

"The Intercollegiate Program and its Championship are very important to the USEA. It is a central component of our larger strategic plan," said USEA CEO Rob Burk. "In the first two years of the Championship, getting the right host site was vital. The Virginia Horse Center along with organizer Andy Bowles, team coordinator Leslie Threlkeld, and the whole team from the Virginia Horse Trials have knocked it out of the park! We are excited to have one more year of the Intercollegiate Eventing Championships in Virginia."

In the first year of the Championship, 37 students from 10 colleges and universities made up 10 competing teams. Participation increased dramatically the following year, with more than 80 students from 17 schools forming 21 teams. Students and parents traveled to Virginia from all

around the East Coast and from as far west as Texas. Both the USEA and VHT anticipate the ongoing growth of this program.

The USEA Intercollegiate Committee voted for the Intercollegiate Championship to return to VHT for one more year. The committee recommended to the USEA Board of Governors to set a three-year venue rotation for the Championship in order to spread the concept and vary the ability of colleges and universities potentially limited by proximity to attend. The USEA will execute a formal bid process for the 2019-2021 Intercollegiate Championship venue.

Special outreach to encourage West Coast involvement was announced as a priority for this year, said USEA reps during their December annual meeting in Long Beach.

In 2014, the USEA Board of Governors approved the creation of the Intercollegiate Eventing Program as an official program of the USEA. Originally proposed with input from the Intercollegiate Eventing League, the program was established to provide a framework on which eventing teams and individual competition could flourish at universities and colleges across the country. For more information, including a list of participating colleges and how to start a new team visit www.useventing.com.

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