



Course Designer Mentor Program

To help the development of our sport Virginia Horse Trials would like to announce an exciting opportunity for a young Cross Country Course Designer who is starting their pursuit of Course Designing.

Virginia Horse Trials runs two high class events a year which cater to Beginner Novice to Intermediate and FEI One and Two Star levels run over two separate Cross Country Courses. We also run Team competitions for Young Rider and Inter Collegiate in the spring and Adults in the fall, which brings a large diversity of riders to the beautiful Lexington Virginia countryside.

We are looking for an enthusiastic new Cross Country Course Designer to take over our Horse Center side cross country course which caters for BN to Prelim classes under the mentorship of our recently appointed FEI Course Designer John Nicholson from New Zealand for an initial 2 year period.

John is a well-recognized International Designer who designs in numerous countries around the world and who this year was the course director for the FEI International Course Designers Seminar in Ireland, which focused on Designers from all over the world.

You will be expected to be on site for around 10 -14 days prior to the events working alongside John and the builders preparing your tracks and learning during the process. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by VHT and a small fee may be negotiated for the right candidate.

Applicant criteria;

1. USEA / USEF member who is either registered in the “r” course designers program or recently been granted their “r” course designers license.
2. A passion for designing with a desire to learn
3. A basic understanding of course building, decorating and safety devices



Application Process

Applicants are requested to submit an application by Jan 8th to

Virginia Horse Trials
3455 FM 731
Burleson, TX, 76028

Email: info@vahorsetrials.com

Applications should include the following

- Cover letter
- Equestrian Resume
- A brief outline on your thoughts on modern cross-country course designing and ideas on how to improve the presentation of courses.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by an independent panel with a phone interview, then a final selection will be made by this panel and the Executive Director of VHT. Final appointment will be made by the end January 2016.