

In her first year competing as a Young Rider, Anya Levermann (17) of 100 Mile House BC has made History as an Endurance Rider and as a Canadian. This follows a spectacularly successful career as a Junior Rider, during which she set records at the National level and competed very successfully at the International level.

In May of 2017, Anya rode Monk to a first place finish at the FEI 2* in Mt. Adams, Washington—taking Best Condition as an added bonus. This accomplishment qualified her as the first Canadian Young Rider to win FEI Elite status, meaning that she didn't have to pre-qualify on leased horses to compete at 48 events. She subsequently attended and completed the World Junior/Young Rider Championship in Verona, Italy in September on Kataki; the sole Canadian rider and the first Canadian Young Rider to complete a World Championship. She finished 51st out of 93 of the top Junior/Young Rider Endurance athletes in the world. Not quite done yet, she rode Monk to a first place finish in the No Frills Git 'Er Done FEI 3* in California in November.

She is now fully qualified (with a Certificate of Competency) to compete on Monk at the 2018 World Equestrian Games...the first Canadian Young Rider ever to do so.

In addition to her outstanding competitive career, Anya has always been quick to volunteer at competitions to assist ride management when not actually in the saddle. She also plays Hockey at the Provincial Championship level, has been a straight A student, and is fluent in three languages. She has just graduated from High School with a 'Double Dogwood Diploma' (two certificates; one French and one English) and is enrolling in the University of Northern BC in a 'joint major'—Economics and International Studies. In her spare time, she plays the piano and performs in Speech Arts via the Royal Conservatory of Canada program. She also 'helps out' on the farm—training horses, feeding and branding cattle, and haying!

Two Press Releases from Equestrian Canada:

<https://www.equestrian.ca/news/oe6mmymgpQwheZcPc/anya-levermann-makes-history-on-the>

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