



TEAM IRELAND



COACH: **MARLENE RUTTEN**

MANAGER: **ELLA THOMAS**



CHARLOTTE DOYLE - RIDER

AGE: 16

HOMETOWN: Longford, County Longford

Charlotte says horses have always been in her life. She enjoys being in a competitive environment and learning from all involved. Charlotte just completed work experience in the Irish Army Equestrian School. When not show jumping, she can be found in Drumcoura City Equestrian Centre where she rides Quarter Horses. I have never been to America before and I am so excited to meet everyone from around the world who shares my love for this sport!



NIAMH FITZPATRICK - RIDER

AGE: 16

HOMETOWN: Lisburn

Niamh has competed mostly in show jumping. A friend introduced Niamh to western riding, and she has been training in Drumcoura City Equestrian Centre. Niamh has represented Ireland in international show jumping. "I have won awards as an athlete in the equine industry. I love working with young, feisty and inexperienced horses, which has taught me to respect all the animals I work with, and to have patience. I am looking forward to this opportunity and meeting riders from all over the world."



KRISTIN KILFEATHER - RIDER

AGE: 19

HOMETOWN: Ballinamore

Kristin has always ridden Quarter Horses, competing in show jumping and western riding. At age 12, she decided to focus entirely on reining. At 14, she began successfully competing nationally and internationally, winning several Ireland Quarter Horse Association high-point awards. Over the years, Kristin has travelled around Ireland taking part in clinics to achieve the best out of herself and her horses. "I am excited to meet and train with the clinicians in America."



RHIANNA THOMPSON - RIDER

AGE: 19

HOMETOWN: Clogher, County Tyrone, United Kingdom

Rhianna started riding when she was 3 and received English lessons at 4. She studied at Cafre College and graduated in Level 2 equine management. After work, she helps her mum at her therapy center, Connecting With Horses. "It has always been a dream of mine to go to America and work on a ranch. I am over the moon to be selected to compete on the Irish team for the Youth World Cup. My childhood dreams are coming true!"



MIA GREEN - RIDER

AGE: 16

HOMETOWN: County Cavan

Mia started show jumping when she was 4. At 13, she started western riding and started riding in Drumcoura City Equestrian Centre in 2019. She rides regularly at Drumcoura, exercising the horses, assisting with general yard duties and horse care. "I enjoy taking part in clinics and learning new methods of training." Mia's favorite class is ranch riding, and she is currently working on developing her reining skills. "I am thrilled to be representing my country in Texas!"



HAZEL DARDIS - LEADERSHIP

AGE: 13

HOMETOWN: Miltownpass

Hazel has done show jumping, cross country and dressage. Over the last couple of years, she has taken a great interest in western riding. She has been riding in Fossey Mountain Springs Ranch where she is learning about western riding and horsemanship. "I'm really hoping to get my own Quarter Horse in the near future. I am really excited for what's to come and all I will learn from this experience!"



HANNAH MCGOVERN - LEADERSHIP

AGE: 13

HOMETOWN: Vickerstown

Hannah started riding when she was 5. When she was 7, her dad took her to Fossey Mountain Springs Ranch and that is when her real love for western riding began. "While riding at Fossey, I have been learning lots from Michael LaCumbre riding the ranch's variety of horses. I am so excited for this journey that lies ahead. I am looking forward to the challenge, the learning and the experience. I am going to give it everything I have."