



TEAM NETHERLANDS



COACH: **JAMIE VERKERK**

COACH: **NATASCHA HOLTROP**



KEVIN HOLTHUIJSEN - RIDER

AGE: 18

HOMETOWN: Venlo

Kevin started riding when he was 8. He started with dressage and jumping and in 2018 he made the switch to western riding. Since then, he has ridden a lot of different shows from Dutch Championships to German and European championships. Over the years, he earned international youth high-points with his Quarter Horse, Bar King Sterling. "I am very excited for the Youth World Cup this year and looking forward to all the new experiences in Texas this year."



SAARTJE WITTERS - RIDER

AGE: 12

HOMETOWN: Pellenberg, Belgium

Saartje enjoys showing her 14-year-old Quarter Horse, "Martin." She loves to show her horse in showmanship, pleasure, halter, trail and hunter under saddle. She has won several titles at major shows in Europe. "I am really looking forward to participating in the Youth World Cup in Texas with this great team."



ESMÉE VERMEEREN - RIDER

AGE: 17

HOMETOWN: Amsterdam

Esmée started riding when she was 4 years old, but did change from English to western about five years ago. In 2020, she got her own Quarter Horse mare and began her show career in 2021. She competed mainly in the reining at the NRHA but also in the ranch classes. "I am really excited for the World Cup this summer with our amazing team and to meet all the other teams."



JULIE VANCRAEYNST - RIDER

AGE: 17

HOMETOWN: Herselt, Belgium

Julie started showing in 2017 and has owned her own horse, "Socket," since November 2022. Her favorite disciplines are hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, pleasure, horse-manship, trail and showmanship. "I am very happy that I am a part of this team and looking forward to go to Texas with this great team!"



ANNE LUITJENS - RIDER

AGE: 17

HOMETOWN: Venlo

Anne enjoys the western world with her own Quarter Horse. She rode dressage for one year when she got her own Quarter Horse in 2019. She had only ridden western once before and learned everything from her own horse. "I'm really looking forward to going to Texas with the Dutch youth team and learn a lot! I am also looking forward to meeting all the youth teams from all over the world and to gain lifelong friendships."