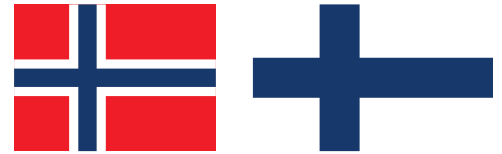




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COACH: **SHARON WELLMANN**

MANAGER: **ANNELI HOLVBERG**



STENER PEDERSEN - RIDER

AGE: 14

HOMETOWN: Finstadbru, Norway

Stener has been riding horses for about seven years and has competed in Norway and Sweden. "My main discipline is reining, but I have also competed in roping, trail, pleasure, hunt seat and timed events. I have ridden many different horses, I feel like every horse is different in its own way and I wish to ride more different horses in the future. I am really looking forward to experience more and, most importantly, learn more."



MARTINE HOLE - RIDER

AGE: 19

HOMETOWN: Lommedalen, Norway

Martine is currently studying at St. Andrews University in North Carolina, and she is on the school's IHSA western team in Level 2 horsemanship and ranch riding. "Before I moved to the states, I used to compete on my previous Quarter Horse in reining, ranch riding, showmanship, horsemanship and trail. I am so excited to be on this team and meet new people!"



MINJA TIKKANEN - RIDER

AGE: 18

HOMETOWN: Hyvinkää, Finland

Minja started riding at the age of 8, showing ponies in trail and western pleasure. "I have been competing with amazing and talented horses. I am calm, but I get excited about things very easily. I love every horse, no matter breed, size or experience. I have trained hard, but now even harder toward the AQHA YWC 2023! I can't wait to meet other youth riders from around the world and to ride and have fun in Texas!"



EMMA HOLMBERG - RIDER

AGE: 15

HOMETOWN: Kirkkonummi, Finland

Emma started taking lessons in English riding when she was 6 and learned about western riding five years ago. "The past two years, I have been training myself with our horse in ranch riding and trail, but I would also be interested in the faster disciplines. This spring, I have been competing in ranch riding and trail. I really look forward to learning more from experienced horses and get more experience in competitions!"



NATALIE FAGERLUND - RIDER

AGE: 14

HOMETOWN: Inkoo, Finland

Natalie started western riding in 2019 and has had training in show jumping, as well. "I mainly train in ranch riding and reining, as well as horsemanship and trail. I don't have my own horse, but I have ridden horses from young and inexperienced to international show horses. The best thing about horses and working with them is that no two days are alike. I hope to become a better rider, trainer and improve my horsemanship skills."