The 2010 Adequan FEI North American Junior Young Rider Championships were held July 28–August 1 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky.

At the individual **reining** final, 20 starters ran and **Nancy Pratch of St. Paul, AB** rode Marie Cameron's six-year-old gelding, Rooster Kicker, to a gold medal finish with a score of 215. Darcy Wilson of Goodwood, ON, won the silver medal and, taking the bronze medal, was Vanessa Strotmann of Salmon Arm, BC. Winning all three top placings at the championships is certainly an honour for Canada's reining community, where the quality of riders and horses is very high. *"Rooster Kicker went really well. It was a running pattern, and we both thrive on that type of pattern,"* said Pratch. *"He is a solid stopper and there were four stops which also helped us."* In 6th was **Kaylynn Malmberg of Carseland, AB**, riding Pickin Around, a 12-year-old Quarter Horse gelding owned by Garry Boan, and 7th place went to **Sage Sapergia of Cochrane, AB**, and Shiners Q Chex, Don Leach's 10-year-old Quarter Horse stallion.

In the **show jumping** arena, **Ben Asselin and Lolita**, of Calgary, AB, took the junior individual gold medal during the last day of competition. The duo jumped clean through the final rounds of competition, to be the only pair to finish with zero faults. *"It still feels like a dream,"* Asselin said of his five clear rounds over the course of the week competition. *"It's quite surreal. When everyone is cheering you on it's a great feeling."* Asselin, 16, had to jump clear in his final round to avoid a jump off. *"Going into the final round, Meg and Jocelyn put a lot of pressure on me jumping by clear,"*

Asselin said.
“My dad told me to focus and maintain that focus going through the course.”
Asselin is coached by his father Jonathan Asselin, the Chef de Equipe for the NAJC Canada-Alberta team. Fellow Alberta riders
Bretton Chad
,
Jasmine Wiggins
,and
Alex Smith
also finished with stellar results, finishing 8th, 9th, and 11th respectively, and, along with Asselin, won gold in the team competition.

Well done Alberta juniors! Visit www.youngriders.org for complete results.