



LIONHEART STABLES

IEA TEAM GUIDE

2026-2027 Season

JUNIOR • HIGH SCHOOL • ADULT TEAMS

Ride Together. Represent Together.

GO TEAM LIONS! 🦁

SECTION ONE



WELCOME TO THE PRIDE

Welcome to the LionHeart Stables IEA Team. Whether this is your first season in the saddle or your tenth year in the show ring, you are now part of something bigger than any one ride.

LionHeart exists because we believe riding should build people, not just riders. IEA is the rare format where you draw an unfamiliar horse, mount up with no warm-up, and go. It rewards adaptability, quiet hands, and a level head — and it teaches those things faster than almost anything else in this sport.

My coaching philosophy is simple. Fundamentals before flash. Effort over placings. Every rider gets coached like they matter, because they do. I will always tell your rider the truth about their round, and I will always tell it in a way that makes them want to get back on.

What makes this team different is the bench. Our riders cheer from the rail for teammates in divisions they'll never compete in. They hold horses for each other. They pick up a rake without being asked. That culture is not an accident, and it is the thing I am proudest of.

Parents, you are part of this too. The hosting, the volunteering, the early mornings, the encouragement from the stands — the program runs on it. Thank you for trusting us with your rider's season.

Let's have a great year.

Chrystal

Owner & Head Coach, LionHeart Stables



SECTION TWO

OUR IEA TEAMS



LionHeart Stables proudly offers two IEA teams.

JUNIOR & HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

GRADES 4-12

Open to riders in Grades 4 through 12 who meet IEA eligibility requirements. Riders compete across five regular season shows, with two of those hosted by LionHeart.

ADULT TEAM

21 AND OVER

Open to adult riders who want to keep learning, keep competing, and enjoy the team experience that makes IEA unlike anything else in this sport.

While the competition schedules differ, both teams are equally important members of the LionHeart family. The same values, expectations, coaching philosophy, sportsmanship standards, and commitment to teamwork apply to every LionHeart rider, regardless of age.

ADULT TEAM SCHEDULE

Adult IEA competition dates have not yet been released by the IEA. They will be shared with our adult riders as soon as they become available.

ELIGIBILITY — WHAT TO KNOW

- ▶ All riders must hold a current IEA membership before their first competition.
- ▶ IEA places riders into divisions by ability and experience; your coach will confirm each rider's division.
- ▶ Riders must be taking weekly lessons throughout the season.



SECTION THREE



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ANNUAL TEAM TUITION

\$1,375

Billed for the full 2026–2027 season. Payment in full or an approved payment plan is required at enrollment.

WHAT TUITION COVERS INCLUDED

- ▶ Five regular season IEA competitions, one class at each
- ▶ Six specialized team practices
- ▶ Professional coaching at each of the five shows
- ▶ Horse usage at our two hosted shows
- ▶ Team management and entries
- ▶ Parent communication

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES BILLED SEPARATELY

- ▶ Second class — \$65, billed per show as entered. Jumping-division riders ride flat and over fences, so they enter two classes
- ▶ Lesson package — a minimum of four lessons per month is required
- ▶ IEA membership — \$85, paid online at RideIEA.org at sign-up
- ▶ Team apparel (see Section Six)
- ▶ Show attire
- ▶ Regionals, Zones, and Nationals

PAYMENT — SCHEDULE

PAYMENT	AMOUNT	DUE
First payment	\$688	At enrollment
Second and final payment	\$687	September 1, 2026

Accepted: cash, check, Zelle, Venmo. Second-class fees are billed per show as entered. Late payments may affect show entries.

SEASON COMMITMENT

Enrollment is a commitment for the entire season. Tuition is non-refundable after enrollment, and a payment plan spreads the cost without reducing the total owed. The Enrollment Agreement sets out the full terms.

Team practices are at a special IEA rate and are for the regular season only. Sessions you do not sign up for and use are non-refundable and do not carry over. Regionals and Finals practices are billed separately.

SECTION FOUR



COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The schedule below applies to the Junior & High School Team (Grades 4–12). Adult Team competition dates will be announced once released by the IEA. Unless otherwise noted, the expectations outlined in this guide apply to both teams.

DATE	LOCATION	NOTES
Sept. 13	Firefly	★ Mandatory Team Hosting
Sept. 26	Top Notch	Regular Show
Oct. 18	Firefly	Regular Show
Nov. 1	Firefly	★ Mandatory Team Hosting
Nov. 15	Firefly	Regular Show

Class fees. Tuition covers one class at each of the five shows. Riders taking a second class are billed \$65 per additional class, per show, as entered.

ATTENDANCE — EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ Junior and High School riders are expected to attend all five regular season shows. Adult riders are expected to attend all scheduled Adult Team competitions once the IEA releases those dates.
- ▶ The two hosted dates are mandatory for every rider and family, whether or not your rider is showing.
- ▶ Riders arrive at the call time posted in WhatsApp, in full show attire, ready to walk to the schooling ring.
- ▶ Riders stay through the end of the team's classes to support teammates and help load out.
- ▶ Notify your coach as far in advance as possible if a conflict is unavoidable.

MAKE-UP SHOW — POLICY

BEFORE YOU PLAN AROUND ONE

Make-up shows fall later in the season, toward the end. Placement is not always guaranteed, and they are not always conveniently located. Please do your best to make the scheduled competitions. We know things come up that are outside anyone's control — tell your coach as soon as you know. Missed shows do not reduce tuition.

POSTSEASON

Riders who qualify may advance to Regionals, Zones, and Nationals. Postseason entries, travel, stabling, and coaching day rates are not included in tuition and are billed separately.

SECTION FIVE



TEAM EXPECTATIONS

RIDER EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ Take weekly lessons all season.
- ▶ Attend all six team practices.
- ▶ Arrive early, prepared, and in correct attire.
- ▶ Accept horse draws and coaching decisions without complaint.
- ▶ Thank the host barn, horse providers, and officials.
- ▶ Keep phones away in the schooling and show rings.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ Monitor WhatsApp and respond when a reply is needed.
- ▶ Meet payment deadlines.
- ▶ Get riders to shows and practices on time.
- ▶ Let the coaches coach, and raise concerns privately — never at ringside.
- ▶ Support every LionHeart rider, not only your own.
- ▶ Sign up on our SignUpGenius to help stock the team tailgate — we all pitch in so riders have food all day.
- ▶ Check the team Sign-Up Genius and bring snacks or refreshments. We set up a tailgate at hosted shows and want the riders fed all day — everyone is in this together.

HOSTING RESPONSIBILITIES

- ▶ Every IEA team hosts two shows. We co-host at Firefly on **Sept. 13** and **Nov. 1** — both mandatory for every rider and family.
- ▶ Riders arrive around **6:00 AM**, ready for whatever the day asks.
- ▶ Ribbons, setting or breaking down jumps, holding horses.
- ▶ It is the longest, most tiring day of the season. We do it with a smile.

HORSE CARE RESPONSIBILITIES

- ▶ Every horse is treated as if it were your own.
- ▶ Riders help tack, untack, cool out, and put away.
- ▶ Report anything that feels off about a horse immediately.
- ▶ Leave every stall, aisle, and tack room cleaner than you found it.
- ▶ Never feed a horse without permission.



SECTION SIX



TEAM APPAREL

Team colors are **black and red**. Please do your best to color coordinate to support the team — when we walk into a show, we walk in looking like one program.



NEW RIDERS

MANDATORY PACKAGE

Backpack, hoodie, baseball cap, and t-shirt, so the whole team matches at shows.

\$240 — ages 11 and older

\$295 — under 11, hair bow included

RETURNING RIDERS

REORDER AS NEEDED

Keep using your existing team gear and order only what you need to replace or add.

The optional items below are open to anyone, at any point in the season.

PRICING

ITEM	COST
Team Backpack	\$110
Team Hoodie	\$65
Team Baseball Cap	\$35
Team T-Shirt	\$30
LionHeart Hair Bow — required under 11	\$55
LionHeart Team Socks — optional, ages 11 and older in tall boots	\$20 / pair
Winter Sparkle Hat — optional	\$35

TWO THINGS TO NOTE

Hair bows are required for riders under 11. The sparkle hat and team socks are optional and bought separately — ask Coach Chrystal when you want either. **Hoodies and t-shirts come in child and adult sizes** — write your size on the order form. Caps are one size fits all.

SECTION SEVEN

THE LIONHEART WAY

These are not rules. Nobody is going to hand out a demerit. This is simply who we are when we wear the shield.

WE CHEER FOR EVERY TEAMMATE.

WE CONGRATULATE OTHER TEAMS.

WE CARE FOR EVERY HORSE AS IF IT WERE OUR OWN.

WE ARRIVE PREPARED.

WE WEAR LIONHEART PROUDLY.

WE SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER.

WE REPRESENT LIONHEART WITH INTEGRITY.



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SECTION EIGHT



REGISTRATION PACKET

Everything below is in the separate LionHeart IEA Forms Packet. Complete all seven, then return them together.

YOUR CHECKLIST

- ☐ Registration Form, including emergency contacts
- ☐ IEA Team Enrollment Agreement (initials on each item)
- ☐ Rider Agreement (signed by the rider)
- ☐ Payment Plan Agreement (only if you are using a payment plan)
- ☐ Apparel Order Form
- ☐ Photo & Video Release
- ☐ Liability Release & Assumption of Risk

ALSO REQUIRED BEFORE THE FIRST SHOW

Current IEA membership completed online and first payment received.

DEADLINES

ITEM	DUE
Completed forms packet returned	Before September 1, 2026
First payment received	At enrollment
IEA membership registered at RideIEA.org	By September 1, 2026
Apparel order submitted	As soon as possible

WHO TO CONTACT

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DAY TO DAY

TEAM WHATSAPP GROUP

Call times, hosting sign-ups, and show-day updates are posted in the team WhatsApp group.