



Rules and Regulations of Membership

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1100 Name

The name of the organization is the Interscholastic Equestrian Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "IEA.")

1200 IEA Office Locations

Membership Office: 467 Main St., Melrose, MA 02176
Business Office: P.O. Box 809, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022
Toll free IEA telephone: 1-877-RIDE-IEA [1-877-743-3432]

1300 Purpose

IEA is organized to promote and expand access to quality team and individual equestrian competition and instruction available to middle and secondary school students. Its purpose shall be to set standards for competition; to provide information concerning the creation and development of equestrian sport programs; to promote the common interests of safe riding instruction; and to educate on matters related to horsemanship at the pre-collegiate level.

1400 Equal Opportunity

Though IEA shall serve all equine sport enthusiasts regardless of age, color, gender, race, religion, or national origin, the competitions it shall sponsor or sanction shall principally be for the benefit of riders who are in grades 6 through 12.

1500 Mission

The mission of the IEA is to introduce students in middle and secondary schools to equestrian sports and to develop understanding and appreciation of equestrian sports through organized competitions and educational opportunities.

Sportsmanship

The IEA was established to provide competitive and educational opportunities through equestrian athletics. Good Horsemanship and honorable participation are priorities at every event. It is the responsibility of all attendees to foster a spirit of belongingness, an atmosphere of community enjoyment, and a mutual respect for all participants and their equine partners.

1600 Goals

- To encourage recognition for middle and secondary school equestrians and to promote the equestrian as an athlete.
- To provide riders with organized competitive opportunities.
- To introduce new riders to equine sports.
- To promote the IEA among its constituencies.
- To provide riders with opportunities to further their education in equine sports and equine-related matters.
- To encourage liaison with other equestrian associations for the betterment of equestrian sports.
- To encourage a higher standard of coaching and instruction.
- To provide information concerning the creation and development of mounted and non-mounted equestrian programs.
- To establish and enforce IEA rules, standards and policies.
- To keep pace with the continuing progress of equestrian sports and to encourage good horsemanship.
- To generally promote the common interests of riding instruction and competition, and education on matters related to all segments of the horse industry.
- To develop team and individual sportsmanship.
- To establish a foundation to support the continuing mission of the IEA.

1700 Rules Interpretation and Application

These Rules and Regulations shall take precedence over all other rules and regulations of other similarly situated organizations. No IEA Zone may adopt rules inconsistent herewith. However, if a topic is not covered by these Rules and Regulations, first the rules and regulations of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association ["IHSA"] and then, if not resolved, the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. ["USEF"] for the Hunt Seat Disciplines and the American Quarter Horse Association ["AQHA"] and National Reining

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Horse Association ["NRHA"] for the Western discipline may be used as a reference for guidance in making an equitable decision under the circumstances.

1800 Use of Name, Logo & Distribution Lists

1801 The name, initials, logos, trademarks and other identifying material or information exclusively created by, created for, used by, or are the property of IEA, shall not be used by any person, club, team, company or entity without advance express written permission of IEA. Any use of this material or information (e.g: Regional and Zone email distribution lists) for non-IEA activities or events will be considered a violation of IEA rules.

1802 At the discretion of the IEA Executive Committee, violation of this rule may cause an IEA member to immediately forfeit all rights and privileges of membership for up to one year from the date of the violation.

1803 Furthermore, if a member violates this rule, IEA may, among other actions, file a lawsuit requesting temporary and/or permanent injunction orders from an appropriate court. If the IEA is successful, it may require the member to pay all reasonable attorney fees, litigation expenses and costs of the action and require the member to pay IEA for all profits received for breach of these rules.

1900 For all judicial procedures and time lines, days will be counted as business days. Written documents will be accepted via regular mail or email. Burden of proof for delivery / receipt is that of the sender.

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2100 Eligibility for Membership

2101 Membership in IEA shall be open to all individuals, teams, coaches and others interested in supporting equine sports at the middle and secondary school level and who enthusiastically support the goals and ideals of IEA. For teams and riders to participate in IEA competitions, shows and events, an IEA Coach Member must coach the team and all riders.

2102 Membership shall be on an annual basis beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th of each year.

2103 IEA reserves the right for any reason to deny, revoke, or suspend membership of any individual or team, even if that person or team was a member in any prior year.

2104 All Members are expected to be knowledgeable about and follow all local / state guidelines and laws pertaining to equines and equestrian sport. Each participant is expected to comply with the rules of his/her state as well as any state in which he/she competes.

2200 Membership Forms and Information

2201 Each IEA Member must make an annual application for membership to IEA by completing the prescribed application form, signing the waiver of liability form, and delivering the forms with the application fee to IEA. An application will only be accepted, the IEA membership granted to any class of member, and the member entitled to the benefits of IEA, including entering events, shows and competitions and being awarded points, only upon completion of ALL of the following: **(1) The Membership Packet, application, all required supporting documents, certificates, the inherently dangerous activity acknowledgment and waiver of liability form, and the fees must be received by IEA; and (2) The application is completely filled out with all requested information and appropriately signed by all required persons.**

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2202 It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure timely delivery and completion of membership forms. **All paperwork must be processed and the member activated on the team's roster prior to entering any IEA show.**

2203 IEA is not required to validate the intended receipt of material, or to assure completion; only to accept materials as they are received.

2204 Incomplete Membership Packets will not be processed and may be returned to the applicant.

2205 If a parent or guardian desires to revoke the Waiver of Liability or Release, the revocation must be in writing and sent to the rider's coach and the Membership Secretary of IEA via certified mail. Effective immediately upon signing the revocation, the rider is no longer entitled to exercise any of the privileges of membership in IEA and cannot train for, travel to, or participate in any IEA event, show or competition. The coach must immediately contact via telephone the IEA Executive Director and give personal verbal notice of receiving the written revocation.

2206 By making application for membership to IEA, each member, parent and legal guardian certifies that he/she has thoroughly read these Rules and Regulations, authorizes IEA to distribute the member's name, address, email address, and other available demographics to IEA sponsors, advertisers and other companies, activities, programs, and organizations, and authorizes IEA, its sponsors and publicists to use for promotional purposes all photographs taken at any IEA show or event.

2207 If a rider, coach, or team desires to revoke membership in the IEA, the revocation must be in writing and received by the Membership Secretary no later than November 1st. Effective immediately upon signing the revocation, the rider, coach, or team is no longer entitled to exercise any of the privileges of membership and may not participate in any IEA activities or competitions. While a rider, coach, or team may revoke membership at any time, **refunds of membership fees may only be granted prior to the November 1st membership application deadline.** No refunds will be granted to any rider, coach, or team who competed in one or more IEA shows.

2300 Classes of Membership

2301 Team Membership

2301.1 While individual rider members do not need to own or provide a horse to compete, all participating teams must have access to appropriate horses for instruction as well as to fulfill hosting duties as described in Rule 2302, 8301, 8401, and 8501.6.

2301.2 A Team consists of not less than three Rider members of the same team type (e.g. three Upper School Hunt Seat riders or three Middle School Western riders.)

2301.3 A Team must have an affiliated Coach Member.

2301.4 A Team must participate fully in the activities of the IEA, including participation in individual and/or team competitions in at least two IEA sanctioned shows per school year and subscribe to the Rules and Regulations of the IEA.

2301.5 No individual team member will be eligible to compete until a complete team membership packet has been received and processed by the IEA Membership Secretary. A complete team membership packet includes all of the following:

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1. Team application and membership dues
2. Applications, waivers, and membership dues for three (3) riders
3. Coach application, waiver, membership dues, a score of 80% or higher on the IEA Rules Quiz, and proof of professional liability insurance, **and SafeSport completion certificate.**
4. Show application(s) for the one (1) hosting date or two (2) co-hosting dates (as defined in Rule 2302.)

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- 2301.6** All Team applications which include a minimum of three completed rider applications, (i.e. submitted payment and signed hard copies), must be received by November 1st. Additional rider members may be added to the team roster after the November 1st deadline. Late membership fees will apply.
- 2301.7** An eligible Team must apply for membership annually on the official IEA Team Membership Form. An IEA Coach Member must sign this form. All Team membership applications must be timely filed with IEA and must include an annual membership fee as established by IEA.
- 2301.8** In order to remain a Team Member in good standing, the team coach must be an IEA Coach Member in good standing.
- 2301.9** To qualify as an IEA Team Member, the team, though desirable, is not required to have permission of, affiliation with, approval of or sponsorship by a middle or high school.
- 2301.10** If three or more previous IEA members and/or a previous coach form a team they are considered a team in the second year of competition and must fulfill all hosting obligations as per Rule 2302.

2302 Hosting Obligation

- 2302.1** In the first year or partial year of competition, a Team will be assigned by the Zone Administrator to assist at an IEA competition within their Zone.
- 2302.2** In the second year of competition, a Team must co-host a minimum of one IEA competition.
- 2302.3** In the third year of competition and each year thereafter, a Team must co-host two (2) or host one (1) IEA regular season point show as the Event Host Coordinator (EHC) as defined in Rule 4200.
- 2302.4** Host and co-host dates must be submitted as part of the IEA Membership Packet. To ensure all Teams have an opportunity to successfully fulfill their hosting requirements, show date requests with co-hosts included must be approved by the Zone Administrator. ~~and any additional dates may not be granted until the Membership deadline has passed.~~ Requests to host additional shows must also be approved by the Zone Administrator.
- 2302.5** The hosting and co-hosting responsibility must be fulfilled within each Team's designated Region.
- 2302.6** If an IEA Team fails to meet hosting / co-hosting requirements during the competition year, both the Team and all individual riders who competed as, who were associated with, or who were listed as a member of that IEA Team will not be eligible to compete at Regional, Zone and/or National Finals during that competition year. Furthermore, if a Team fails to meet hosting / co-hosting requirements during a competition year, both the Team and all its associated or listed riders will not be allowed to compete at any IEA show, competition or event in any subsequent competition years until they have hosted or co-hosted a competition.
- 2302.7** The Team must host or co-host each type of Team membership that is represented, e.g., a Team with a Hunt Seat Middle School Team and a Western Upper School Team must host both a Hunt Seat Middle School show and a Western Upper School show.
- 2302.8** In order to be eligible to host or co-host a show, a Team must have hosted a show previously, co-hosted with a Team who has hosted a show previously, or the show must be overseen by that Team's Zone Administrator or Zone Administrator's designee.

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2302.9 A first-time show host may be approved by the Zone Administrator with the following stipulations:

1. A Show Steward who is approved by the Zone Administrator is hired.
2. A Show Secretary that is approved by the Zone Administrator is hired.
3. A Show Supervisor may also be required at the discretion of the Zone Administrator
4. All expenses for the Show Supervisor, Show Secretary, and Steward will be paid by the show host. (Note: The Show Supervisor may also serve as the Show Secretary or Show Steward on the day of competition, but may not hold all three positions.)

2302.10 Definition of a Show Supervisor. A Show Supervisor:

1. Will have been an adult IEA member for three (3) or more years
2. Will have hosted at least three IEA shows and/or performed steward duties at a minimum of three (3) IEA shows.

A Show Supervisor will communicate advice for the show host concerning the set-up of a show, required paperwork, development of the prize list, creation of the horse use grid, efficient use of the chosen facility, and any other communication required among coaches within the region.

2302.11 One team is defined as the primary host (EHC) with up to two (2) co-host teams assisting. Co-hosting is defined as equitable division of cost, reward, labor and services among not more than three (3) teams, as determined by the EHC. It is the responsibility of the co-hosts to *prearrange* a fair and equitable division of all costs, reward, labor and services. All co-host team names must be listed on the Show Hosting Application, event insurance form, prize list and program for the show, and the final show results report made to IEA to fulfill hosting / co-hosting requirements.

2303 Coach Membership

2303.1 Coach membership is open to any person at least twenty-one (21) years of age, associated with an IEA member Team, and covered by the coach's own professional liability insurance with minimum liability coverage of \$500,000 per occurrence. Proof of insurance, including the named coach and appropriate equestrian instruction language, must accompany the Coach Membership Form. A copy of the proof of renewal of insurance must be filed with IEA within thirty (30) days after the date of renewal. Until a Coach submits the proof (i.e. certificate) of insurance required by this rule, the Coach is not an IEA member.

2303.2 Only IEA Member Coaches are permitted to coach / teach / assist riders in the schooling area and at ringside.

2303.3 Eligible coaches must apply for membership on and endorse the official IEA Coach Membership Application Form. All coach membership applications must be timely submitted to IEA with the annual membership fee as established by IEA. A coach may only be associated with two (2) separate teams, but is only required to pay one coach membership fee for the membership year. Upper and middle school groups under the same name are counted as one (1) team. Hunt seat and western groups under the same name are counted as one (1) team.

2303.4 In order to remain a Coach Member in good standing, the coach must ascribe to the Objectives of IEA, remain familiar with all IEA Rules and Regulations (and any amendments thereto), act professionally and respectfully at all IEA sanctioned shows, competitions and events, maintain current professional liability insurance, maintain current SafeSport certification, and follow all rules and regulations of the IEA, including but not limited to Rule 2300.

2303.5 IEA coach members will be responsible for promoting the tenets of good sportsmanship with their rider members, their families and related parties who attend any IEA event.

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2303.6 If a coach resigns her/his position during the competition season, the new, substituting, IEA coach member must submit all necessary forms and payment as outlined in Rule 2301.5.

2303.7 A Coach who has not timely complied with ALL rules of membership, responsibilities and duties of a Coach set forth in these Rules, is not a member in good standing and as a result:

1. The non-complying Coach will not be allowed to enter a team in any IEA event, show or competition;
2. No rider evaluated and coached by that non-complying Coach will be permitted to ride in any IEA event, show or competition; and
3. No points will be awarded to a team or rider with which the non-complying Coach is affiliated for any IEA event, show or competition.

If non-compliance is untimely discovered, at the discretion of the IEA Executive Committee, the coach's good standing may be revoked retroactively and all points accumulated for riders and teams may be not awarded.

2303.8 At least one IEA Coach or IEA Member Coach assistant of his/her team ["Responsible IEA Coach"] must attend and be present at all IEA sanctioned or approved events, shows and competitions at which the Responsible IEA Coach's rider(s) or team participates. The Responsible IEA Coach must be available at all reasonable times to the coach's riders during the IEA events, shows, and competitions.

2303.9 If the Responsible IEA Coach is not able to attend to all normal and reasonable anticipated coach's duties at the event, show or competition, then an alternate IEA Coach member (proxy coach) must attend in place of and is required to fulfill the same duties and responsibilities of the Responsible IEA Coach. An alternate IEA Coach (proxy coach) is defined as an IEA member coach of a different team. An IEA Coach listed on riders' team roster must in writing at the earliest opportunity notify the Event Host Coordinator and the Show Steward of this substitution. **The alternate IEA Coach must have complied with all IEA rules and regulations and must also sign and date the original entry form on or before the day of competition.**

2303.10 Coaches are not expected to switch teams during the competition year. Under extenuating circumstances a petition may be filed with the IEA Membership Secretary who will send it to the Zone Administrator and Zone Ethics Committee for a team change review.

2304 Rider Membership

2304.1 Any full-time student enrolled in grades six (6) through twelve (12) during the application year is eligible to be a rider member provided they are less than twenty (20) years of age on September 1st. Middle school riders (Futures) shall be those students in grades six (6) through eight (8) and high school riders (Varsity and Junior Varsity) shall be those students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12). Any change to the student's grade level in the application year must be reported to the IEA Membership Office.

2304.2 In order to participate in IEA shows, an IEA Coach Member must coach the rider.

2304.3 A rider having successfully completed a secondary school program in mid-academic year is eligible to ride in the upper school classes in regular point shows, and if otherwise qualified, may compete at that year's post-season finals shows. A rider may not compete concurrently on an IEA team and a collegiate equestrian team.

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- 2304.4** An eligible rider must apply and pay for membership online using the official IEA Rider Membership Application Form. Riders will not be eligible to compete until a hard copy of their Membership Form with all the required signatures has been received and reviewed by the Membership Office and the Rider marked as active on the Team Roster. Rider application for membership must indicate and include payment for selected Hunt Seat and/or Western disciplines. ~~The rider and her/his custodial/supervising parent (or legally appointed guardian) must sign the rider application form and Waiver of Liability Form in the presence of the IEA Coach before the form is submitted to IEA.~~
- 2304.5** An eligible rider applying to join an existing team (completed forms and payment submitted by November 1st) may submit hard copies of their membership forms to the National Office at any time during the regular season. The rider will not be eligible to compete until a hard copy of the Rider Membership Form with all the required signatures has been received and reviewed by the Membership Office and the Rider marked as active on the Team Roster. Please allow up to fifteen (15) business days from the date received for membership forms to be reviewed and processed. An eligible rider applying to join an existing team who begins the online membership after the November 1st deadline will be charged a late membership fee.
- 2304.6** ~~The Coach Member must personally verify both the individual applicant's and the parent's/guardian's signatures and identification on ALL rider applications and Waiver of Liability Forms. Once a rider's application is submitted to IEA, the IEA Coach is certifying to IEA the genuineness of all signatures on rider applicant and waiver forms.~~ The Coach Member shall retain and maintain copies for not less than three (3) years, and produce upon the request of any IEA official, all Team, Coach and Rider applications, current proof of professional liability insurance coverage, and Waiver of Liability Forms.
- 2304.7** It is the responsibility of the Coach Member to accurately assess the rider's ability, ~~fill-out and sign the rider membership form,~~ select the proper class(es) on the team roster and **enter the rider in the proper class(es) according to her/his individual skill and experience level in compliance with the definitions and descriptions of those levels as set forth in these rules.** [See Rules 2000 and 3000.] The over-placement or under-placement of a rider in a division to which they are not suited shall be considered a violation of these rules. Not every rider will fall within the specifications of Rules 2000 and 3000 and may not be suited to competing within the IEA format.
- 2304.8** All rider applications, accompanied by the original executed Waiver of Liability Form, and fees must be timely submitted to IEA, as outlined in Rule 2200. An official IEA membership number will be issued to each member annually and must be available at all IEA competitions, shows, or events, and upon request presented to any IEA officer, director, show steward or show official.
- 2304.9** A rider member is not eligible to enter an IEA show until a membership number has been assigned and the membership has been activated for the current show season by the IEA Membership Office. Riders who become eligible after the closing date of a competition may not enter and compete in that event.
- 2304.10** An Individual may switch teams by filing a Change of Team Form and new membership form with the IEA Membership Secretary. Once a team change request has been filed and processed then the following stipulations apply:
1. A rider will be eligible to compete for the new team once their forms have been fully processed and deemed eligible as an addition on the new teams' roster. Standard membership timelines will apply.
 2. A rider may be used as a point rider for the new team if they have not yet competed during that competition year. If a rider has competed that season, they are not eligible to be designated as a point rider for the new team during that competition season.

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3. Riders will carry any individual points earned and the number of shows in which they competed to the new team.

2304.11 Individuals may be affiliated with only one IEA team per discipline. When competing in more than one discipline, individuals may join a different Hunt Seat and/or Western and/or Dressage team. Separate membership applications and separate membership fees must be submitted with each different team packet.

2305 Contributing Membership

2305.1 Adult: This membership is open to adult individuals that are not participating in competitions as coaches, but who desire to be members of the association and to participate fully as members with regard to voting privileges and the right to hold office.

2305.1.1 A prospective adult contributing member will fill out an official "Contributing Membership Application," a signed waiver of liability, and submit dues annually to the association.

2305.1.2 Contributing Members must ascribe to the Objectives of IEA, remain familiar with all IEA Rules and Regulations (and any amendments thereto), act respectfully at all IEA sanctioned shows, competitions and events, **maintain current SafeSport certification**, and follow all rules and regulations of the IEA.

2305.1.3 Adult Contributing Members may be designated on the team membership form to communicate on behalf of the coach but it is ultimately the coach's responsibility for rider placement and team governance.

2305.2 Junior: This membership is open to junior individuals that are not participating in competitions as riders, but who desire to be members of the association. Junior members do not have voting privileges, and they do not have the right to hold office, and Junior Contributing members are not eligible to ride at IEA competitions.

2305.2.1 Junior Contributing Members ARE eligible for non-mounted horsemanship and sportsmanship competitions within the IEA, and other potential member benefits.

2305.2.2 A prospective junior contributing member will fill out an official "Junior Contributing Membership Application," a signed waiver of liability and submit dues annually to the association.

2305.2.3 Junior Contributing Members must ascribe to the Objectives of IEA, remain familiar with all IEA Rules and Regulations (and any amendments thereto), act respectfully at all IEA sanctioned shows, competitions and events and follow all rules and regulations of the IEA.

2400 Riders with Disabilities or Special Needs

2401 A rider with disabilities is defined as one who cannot safely compete at the appropriate level of competition without special equipment or active assistance from one or more persons during the competition by reason of loss of one arm or one leg or loss of use of same; loss of or limitation of sight not correctable to 20/40 by corrective lenses; or loss of or limitation of hearing. Special equipment is any substitution of tack. Persons qualified for individual membership in IEA but who have a disability as defined herein may be permitted to compete under the terms and conditions described herein.

2402 Before becoming eligible to compete, the disabled person and his/her coach must both submit written statements requesting permission to compete and the nature and extent of the limitations, along with a full statement by the coach as to his/her evaluation of the ability of the rider. The statements must be submitted as a petition per Rule 9303 to the IEA Membership Secretary who will send it to the Zone Administrator and Zone Ethics Committee for review.

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- 2403** The Zone Administrator or a designee from the Zone Ethics Committee shall observe the rider on a horse, either in person at a mutually convenient location or via video, within thirty (30) days of the application, or if the application is received between April 1 – September 15, of the calendar year, then by October 15. A video, unedited and recorded by a disinterested party, may be substituted for the on-site observation. If, however, the Zone Administrator or a designee from the Zone Ethics Committee is not satisfied with the video, she/he may still request personal observation.
- 2404** The Zone Administrator or a designee from the Zone Ethics Committee shall determine whether the disabled person can safely compete in the class level for which the person is otherwise eligible under the Rules without active assistance. Active assistance is defined as physical assistance in the directing or control of the horse or verbal or sign assistance in the directing or control of the horse. If the Zone Administrator or a designee from the Zone Ethics Committee determines that the rider cannot safely compete, then the person shall have the right to a review by the full Executive Committee by requesting such a review in writing. The request shall state all facts the person believes to be pertinent and must include a statement signed by the person, or her/his parent / legal guardian if the person is under eighteen (18), agreeing with the decision of the Board. The Board's decisions shall be final and the prospective rider and parents / legal guardians will be bound by that determination.
- 2405** Once the rider is determined to be eligible to compete, the coach must note any accommodations or special needs when submitting a show entry. The EHC shall promptly notify the stable or person providing horses for the show of the nature and extent of the disabilities so that reasonable accommodations can be made.
- 2406** The provider of horses may, in her/his sole discretion, determine whether to permit the rider to compete on the provider's horses with or without special equipment. The provider's determination shall be final for that event only. The EHC should make every attempt to obtain the provider's determination before the day of the event in order to avoid inconveniencing the disabled person. If the EHC determines that none of the provider's horses can be ridden with the special equipment required for the rider, then the EHC must timely notify the coach and rider with disabilities.
- 2407** The stewards, the show committees, the stable providing facilities, the EHC and the persons providing horses for the show will evaluate riders having temporary physical disabilities on an individual basis as to suitability and safety.

2500 Membership Rights and Obligations

2501 Membership Rights

A member in good standing has a right to participate in IEA sanctioned, sponsored or promoted competitions, shows, activities and events, and receive other benefits of membership as determined by IEA. However, in order to remain a member in good standing, a member's annual dues must be paid in full, the member must submit annually information as required by IEA in the IEA Membership Packet, a member must not be indebted to the IEA except in the ordinary course of the IEA's operation, and shall not be in violation of any requirement set forth in these Rules and Regulations and shall not be suspended or expelled pursuant to Rule 2600.

2502 Membership Obligations

Each member of IEA agrees that she/he will abide by the Rules and Regulations of IEA (and any amendments thereto) and by all standing rules, policies and procedures set forth by IEA in its efforts to conduct the business consistent with IEA's mission and objectives. Current IEA issued and activated membership numbers for riders, coaches and teams must be available at all reasonable times during an IEA sanctioned event, show or competition, and must be timely shown to the Event Host Coordinator, Show Steward, Show Judge or IEA Official when requested.

2600 Membership Suspension and Expulsion

- 2601** Membership rights will be automatically suspended from the date that IEA is notified of non-payment of entry fees or that a member's entry check has not cleared their account until such date as the

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member makes payment to IEA by cash, certified check or money order as substitute payment and pays IEA \$25.00 as an administrative and returned check fee.

2602 Any Rider, Coach or Team member may be suspended or expelled from active participation in IEA for just cause as determined by the prevailing standards and rules of the IEA, which may, but need not, incorporate the standards and rules of other recognized equestrian associations, including but not limited to the USEF, AQHA, NRHA, IHSA and **U.S. Center for SafeSport**. Expulsion of a member can also be determined by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, excluding the offending member. In all such cases, a written notice shall be given to the member in question ten (10) days in advance of such meeting, stating the charges and inviting the member to attend and be heard at such meeting. Should the member desire to appear and be heard at such meeting, she/he shall indicate such desire in writing to the IEA Membership Secretary, at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting date. The Board of Directors shall determine the suspension and/or sanctions, if appropriate.

2603 The falsification of any membership, show, eligibility, insurance information, application, waiver of liability, placement or any other document or form required by IEA, Event Host Coordinator or a host facility, may be cause for immediate expulsion of the rider, coach, and/or Team from IEA, the IEA sanctioned event and any other penalty assigned by the Zone Ethics Committee, the IEA National Steward or the IEA Executive Committee.

2700 Board of Directors and Executive Committee

2701 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will consist of as few as nine (9), or as many as fourteen (14), members (Founding members, officers and at-large members) as indicated in the By-Laws.

2702 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of IEA will consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and the Founding Board Members (or their designees). The Board of Directors will elect the officers of the organization annually as set forth in the By-Laws. Officers may be elected from any adult member of IEA or the Founding Members.

2800 Zone Organization and Governance

2801 Zones

2801.1 IEA membership and competitions will be divided into zones.

2801.2 For zones with less than three (3) active teams, refer to Rule 8501.5.

2801.3 Refer to the IEA website for zone maps. The following is a list of the hunt seat zones and the states which comprise each zone:

- Zone 1: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island
- Zone 2: New York
- Zone 3: Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina
- Zone 4: Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi
- Zone 5: Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan
- Zone 6: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska
- Zone 7: Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana
- Zone 8: Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico
- Zone 9: Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska
- Zone 10: California, Nevada, Hawaii
- Zone 11: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

2801.4 Western will be a single zone with multiple regions as listed on the IEA website.

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2802 Zone Administrators

- 2802.1** A Zone will consist of one or more Regions as determined annually by the Board of Directors.
- 2802.2** The position of Zone Administrator is a paid position hired and supervised by the Executive Director.
- 2802.3** Each Zone will have one seat on the Zone Advisory Committee. The Zone Administrator will represent all disciplines, coaches and riders in their respective zone on the Zone Advisory Committee. The Zone Administrator will also be responsible for organizing and supervising the Zone's operations, the Regional competitions (if required) and the Zone Finals competitions.

2803 Zone Requirements and Split Guidelines - General Rules for Dividing a Zone into Regions

- 2803.1** If the Zone Administrator of a zone determines that there are too many teams or rider members in a zone (or region) to equitably allow competition, then the Zone Administrator will review and present a Regional Split Guidelines Zone Requirements and Split Guidelines proposal to the Zone Administrator Captain Membership Secretary who will forward it to a review committee composed of the National Steward, Executive Director, National Membership Secretary, and Zone Administrator Captain. The proposal shall detail how the zone should be divided into two or more regions, taking into consideration such factors as facilities, horses, traveling distance, size of teams, etc.

The number of individual participants in every class and teams advancing to Zones will be twelve (12) unless otherwise petitioned and approved.

The initial proposal must be submitted in writing to the IEA Membership Secretary no later than May 15th January 15th. All Zone Requirement and Split Guidelines are to be approved and published by May 15th. Any amendments after September 15th May 15th must be submitted as a written petition to the Membership Secretary who will forward it to the Zone Ethics Committee, National Steward, Executive Director, National Membership Secretary and Zone Administrator Captain for review the review committee for approval.

Once a Zone reaches fifteen (15) teams, a mandatory review to split into regions is required the following year. (Rule 2803.6)

- 2803.2** Each discipline should be considered separately when planning regions.
- 2803.3** A region must have at least three (3) teams to exist.
- 2803.4** Teams should be assigned to a region based on geographic proximity, number of riders, and facility/horse resources. Returning teams will be assigned to a region within the Zone Requirements and Split Guidelines by July 15th of each year. New teams joining after July 15th will be assigned to a region at the discretion of the Zone Administrator.
- 2803.5** Futures teams that exist without an upper school team are to be assigned a region also. Futures teams that are a part of an upper school team should remain in the same region as their upper school team.
- 2803.6** Larger regions ideally have 8-12 teams initially assigned. A region that has more than fifteen (15) teams by National Finals will be reviewed for splitting options the following IEA competition year.
- 2803.7** A region that was established but has less than three (3) teams register by November 1st should be absorbed back into existing regions.

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2803.8 Teams hosting shows may limit all entries only to their region, or may include a priority entry period for their region. ~~or open the entries to the Zone at large.~~ This priority entry period must be stated in the prize list.

2803.9 Host / co-host requirements must be fulfilled within a team's own designated region.

2803.10 Zone Requirements and Split Guidelines ideally include dates for post season competitions. If those dates are not included in the Zone Requirements and Split Guidelines they must be submitted to the Membership Office by September 15th.

2803.11 Any fundraising ideas or sponsorship opportunities should be included in the Zone Requirements and Split Guidelines or presented by the Zone Administrator to the Executive Director for approval.

Note: The IEA does not govern individual team fundraising efforts.

2804 Region Presidents

2804.1 Election of Region Presidents

Regional Presidents are elected every two years or any time a new region is added. A special election will be held if the current regional president position is vacated and an interim Region President is needed.

At a meeting of each active region, or by some other fair and reasonable method, the qualified adult IEA members in the Region will nominate members or self nominate for the position of Region President. To be eligible for the position of Region President, the nominee must be an active adult IEA member in good standing and a resident of the region. The nominations for Region President must be submitted to the Zone Administrator by May 31st each year. The Zone Administrator and Zone Ethics Committee will review the nominations and put together a slate of approved nominees. All adult IEA members of each Zone will vote to approve or disapprove the slate presented by their Zone Administrator and their Zone Ethics Committee no later than June 30th. If the majority votes to disapprove, then the nomination process will be re-opened.

The IEA Member must endorse the ballot, and the ballot must be returned to and received by the Zone Administrator by the deadline date set by IEA.

There will be one vote per IEA adult Member.

A Region President may be removed from office by recommendation of the Zone Administrator and a majority vote of the Zone Ethics Committee.

2804.2 Responsibilities of Region President

- Oversee and organize Region Finals
- Educate and orient new IEA coaches and teams
- ~~Create pre-approved Judge and Steward lists by June 15th~~
- Oversee new shows or assign a designee to oversee new shows
- General communication and promotion in the region
- Manage regional finances

2900 Presenting Matters to IEA and Indemnification

2901 Any IEA member has the right to bring matters concerning the functioning of the IEA to the attention of the Board of Directors by submitting a request in writing to the attention of the Zone Administrator. Members who have general concerns, compliments or suggestions for the IEA should present the matter to their coach, who then should contact their Zone Administrator. The Zone Administrator can then bring the matter to the attention of the IEA Board of Directors.

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Only coach members may file formal petitions, appeals and protests on behalf of their teams or individual riders.

Any matter that concerns the safety of horses and riders, or the ethics of coaches or riders shall be considered an urgent matter and shall be dealt with immediately by the Show Steward, and such determination and decision will be final during the show.

2902 By making application to, becoming a member of IEA, or competing in any IEA sanctioned event, competition or show, all IEA Members, and the parents, next friend and legal guardians of the Rider Members, agree not to sue, not to bring any claim against, and to indemnify and hold harmless IEA, its officers, directors, members, National Steward, Zone Administrator, employees, show officials, judges, stewards, agents, representatives and assigns against all threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Action") arising by reason of or from injury, death, or damages of any kind that occurs at, traveling to, around, or near, or training and preparing for, any IEA approved or sanctioned competition, show or event. Litigation expenses, attorney fees and costs incurred in defending an Action may be paid by the IEA in advance, however, the responsible Team, Coach, parents, legal guardians and member shall reimburse IEA for said expenses, fees and costs.

2903 All IEA members acknowledge and agree, as condition to membership in IEA, that if litigation is initiated or filed by IEA against a member, or is initiated or filed by a member (or the parents, next friend or legal guardian of a member) against IEA, its officers, directors, members, Zone Administrators, agents or representatives, the member waives all defenses and claims relating to jurisdiction and venue, and consents to such litigation being filed in, or removed to, an appropriate state or federal court located in Columbus, Ohio.

2904 ***IEA does not take responsibility for, endorse or make any representations regarding the competency, education, training, ability or background of any member, including Coaches.*** Furthermore, IEA cannot and does not evaluate or vouch for the background or quality of any Coach, horse, riding facility, equipment, tack or stables. **Riding horses and being around such animals is an unpredictable, inherently risky, and intrinsically dangerous activity.** Therefore, ***all members and parents / guardians should, and must, make their own evaluation and decision of the associated risks and dangers before becoming a member, or granting permission for a minor to become a member, of IEA and competing at IEA shows, competitions, and events.***

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3100 General - All Disciplines

There shall be **three disciplines**: Hunt Seat, Western **and Dressage**. Except where special rules only apply to a particular discipline, all rules apply to all riders and coaches in all disciplines.

3101 Definitions:

3101.1 ~~Recognized competitions – A recognized competition is any sanctioned by~~ **Section 1 Competitions** - Competitions that are sanctioned by nationally recognized associations or their affiliates. Examples include but are not limited to the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF); United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA); American Grand Prix Association (AGA); American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA); National Reining Horse Association (NRHA); American Paint Horse Association (APHA); Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC); Pinto Horse Association (PtHA); and United States Eventing Association (USEA).

3101.2 ~~Open Competitions – Local horse show series, 4-H state and regional competitions, or any competitions that do not keep permanent point records are considered open competitions.~~ **Section 2 Competitions** - Competitions that maintain verifiable records on a local or regional level.

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3101.3 Instruction - Any number of lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week of instruction. **Section 3 Competition** - Competitions that are unrecognized with unverifiable records. Examples include but are not limited to in-house farm shows, camp shows, and county fairs.

3101.4 Instruction - Any number of lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week of instruction.

3101.5 Hunt Seat Equitation Classes - A Hunt Seat equitation class is any class that is judged on Hunt Seat equitation specifically.

3200 Rider Classification and Class Eligibility

3201 Riders shall be classified in accordance with guidelines established by the IEA Rules.

3201.1 The team coach will be responsible for assigning the rider to the appropriate division and class within the discipline, based upon the class descriptions.

3201.2 The rider's total riding experience, not just riding experience with IEA shows, must be considered for class designations as per Rule 3000.

3201.3 If a rider has progressed sufficiently in skills, the coach may also voluntarily move her/him to a higher class. Prior to submitting an entry form to compete at the higher level, the coach must contact the Membership Office in writing to officially change the rider on the team roster.

3201.4 These class descriptions are designed to aid in initially placing new members, and should be used to support, but not override mandatory class advancement.

3201.5 Along with the mandatory advancement rules, riders must be evaluated each year according to class description levels prior to submitting membership application.

3201.6 Competing in two different levels is permitted only when a rider points-out on the flat (Hunt Seat) or horsemanship (Western).

3201.7 The rider's official eligibility date is listed on the team roster. Once that date is posted their non-IEA experience will not affect placement for that competition year.

3202 Initial Placements

3202.1 Initial placement of Hunt Seat riders must be based upon the class descriptions in Rules 3301 and 3302. Riders without jumping experience should be assessed according to their ability to perform flatwork tests, as listed in Rule 3304.

3202.2 Initial placement of Western riders must be based upon the class descriptions in Rules 3401 and 3402.

3202.3 All initial placements in each discipline must be within the same class eligibility level. Competing in two different levels is permitted only when a rider points-out on the flat (Hunt Seat) or horsemanship (Western).

3202.4 Cross Over Riders

Riders competing in multiple disciplines should be placed at least one division lower in the crossover discipline than their primary discipline placement. Open or Intermediate Western riders with no prior jumping experience shall be placed no lower than the Hunt Seat Novice Equitation o/f x-rails class. Open or Intermediate Hunt seat riders with no prior reining experience shall be placed no lower than the Western Novice Horsemanship class. Open or Intermediate riders may not be placed lower than Novice in any crossover division. Once

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initially placed, riders will progress independently in each discipline per advancement criteria outlined in section 3200 of the IEA Rulebook with particular attention to Rule 3201.5.

- 3202.5** Riders crossing over into the Western discipline should have a minimum of one-year of professional instruction in reining before competing in an Open or Intermediate level reining class.
- 3202.6** Riders crossing over into the Hunt Seat discipline should have a minimum of one-year professional instruction over fences before competing in an Open, Intermediate, or Novice level jumping class.
- 3202.7** International riders coming to the IEA with no hunter or hunt seat equitation experience in the United States may be placed one division lower than their experience would designate for initial placement.
- 3203** Once a rider has competed in a division, the rider may not move to a lower level division unless directed to do so by the IEA National Steward.
- 3203.1** No rider who has competed successfully in at least two IEA sanctioned shows in a specific division will be permitted to ride in a lower level division, unless he/she provides proof of diminished riding ability.
- 3203.2** Any rider moved to a lower division through petition may not be designated as a point rider during regular or post-season competition in that division.
- 3204** To be eligible for post season finals in the individual or team classes, a rider must show in a minimum of two (2) IEA shows during the regular season. Hunt Seat and Western riders may not show in more than five (5) regular season point shows per class per year.
- 3205** Under the following conditions, a rider will be required to advance to the next higher division in order to compete in an IEA sanctioned event, show or competition and have those points count. IEA will track separately the points accumulated by a rider in flat and fences or horsemanship and reining classes as applicable.
- 3205.1 Riders may not compete in the same division for more than two (2) show seasons.**
- 3205.1.1** If a coach believes that a rider is not ready to advance after two years at the same level, the coach can file a petition with the National Office requesting a third year for the rider if all of the following criteria applies:
1. Rider has not pointed out per Rule 3205.2
 2. Rider has not competed in a Region, Zone or National Final (Individual or Team class) at that level.
 3. The total sum of the rider's over fences or reining classes from year one and year two at that level equal twenty-one (21) points or less.
 4. Rider is otherwise eligible per rules 3301 and 3401.
- 3205.1.2** Petitions not meeting the criteria above will be advanced to the Zone Ethics Committee for review. Valid reasons to petition could include setback due to accident or illness or consistently poor performance.
- 3205.1.3** Any rider granted a third year in any class through petition may not be designated as a point rider during regular or post season competition in that class.

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- 3205.2** If a rider accumulates twenty-two (22) points in a class in regular season competitions in any single competition year, that rider points out and must, **during the next competition year**, move up at least one division in order to be eligible to ride in any IEA show.
- 3205.3** Competing in two different divisions is permitted only when a rider points-out on the flat (Hunt Seat) or horsemanship (Western). For purposes of this rule, only rider points awarded during a single competition year will be accumulated. No rider points will be carried over from one year to the next.
- 3205.4** Any rider who has qualified or shown as an individual rider in a given class in their division for the previous season's National Finals must advance to the next class the following season. Riders selected to compete in team classes at the National Finals who do not meet any of the other advancement criteria are not required to advance to the next division the following season.
- 3205.5** Riders who advance over fences or reining through voluntary advancement, two-year participation, pointing-out, or qualifying for Nationals must also advance on the flat or horsemanship (*i.e. - a rider may compete in VO flat and VI over fences but may not compete in VO over fences and VI flat // a rider may compete in VO horsemanship and VI reining but may not compete in VO reining and VI horsemanship*).
- 3205.6** All middle school riders (Futures) graduating to upper school competition (Varsity/Junior Varsity) should be reevaluated as "initial placements" and assigned the appropriate class(es).
- 3205.7** Individual and Team points will be posted on the IEA website. **Points become final after they have been posted for twenty-one (21) days barring a ruling by the ZEC or National Steward.** Coaches are responsible for verifying points and must immediately notify the IEA Membership Office of any discrepancies.
- 3205.8** Once upper school riders reach the Varsity Open level, they will remain in this division until aging out or graduating from high school. Once middle school riders reach the Future Intermediate level, they will remain in this division through eighth grade and then be reevaluated for placement in ninth grade.

3206 Rider Placement Review

- 3206.1** If a coach is concerned or uncertain about their own rider's classification, a petition for review should be sent to the IEA Membership Secretary per Rule 9303.2. **This petition should be received by the IEA Membership Secretary prior to the rider competing or immediately after the rider's first competition.**
- 3206.2** If a coach questions their own rider's ability or the ability of a rider from another team, to compete safely, he/she should communicate that concern to the show steward. The Show Steward will follow Rule 3207. When concerned about their own rider's ability to compete safely on a specific horse, a coach may also follow the steps outlined in Rule 4503.3.
- 3206.3** If a coach would like to protest a rider's classification level, he/she must follow Rule 9303.3
- 3207** If a Show Steward is concerned about a rider's classification, a written recommendation must be noted in the Show Steward report and a copy of that report will be sent to the Membership Secretary and Zone Administrator within forty-eight (48) hours of the competition. The Show Steward's recommendation will trigger written notification to the coach as well as the rider's parent informing them that their rider's placement has been called into question. Included in the letter will be steps for the coach to follow to address the concern and adjust rider placement if necessary. See Rule 6702.

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3301 Hunt Seat Varsity & Junior Varsity (Upper School) Classes

CLASS 1. Varsity Open Equitation o/f 2'6": Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 3'-3'6" on their usual mounts at home. Riders may have shown in any **Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101)** recognized or unrecognized, at 3'3" or above. Coaches should be confident these riders could safely perform over a 2'6" Hunter or equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Varsity Open Over Fences are **expected** to compete throughout the season in Varsity Open Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Varsity Open Flat classes during the regular season.

CLASS 2. Varsity Open Equitation on the flat: Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 16.

CLASS 3. Varsity Intermediate Equitation o/f 2': Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 2'6"-3' on their usual mounts at home. **Intermediate riders may have shown in any Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101),** recognized or unrecognized, **at 3' (0.90 meters) or below in any discipline. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 3' (0.90 meters) at any Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101),** recognized by organizations listed in Rule 3101.1 or their affiliates **must be placed in Varsity Open O/F.** Coaches should be confident these riders would be able to safely perform over 2' hunter or equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Varsity Intermediate Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Varsity Intermediate or Varsity Open Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Varsity Intermediate or Varsity Open Flat classes during the regular season.

CLASS 4. Varsity Intermediate Equitation on the flat: Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 13.

CLASS 5. Junior Varsity Novice Equitation o/f x-rails: Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 2'-2'6" on their usual mounts at home. Junior Varsity Novice riders may have shown in any **Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101),** recognized or unrecognized, at 2'6" or below in any discipline. **Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 2'6" at any Section 1 or Section 2 competition** recognized by organizations listed in Rule 3101.1 or their affiliates **must be placed in the next higher appropriate level.** Riders should have a minimum of one-year of professional instruction over fences. Coaches should be confident these riders would be able to safely perform over a x-rails Hunter or equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Junior Varsity Novice Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Junior Varsity Novice or Varsity Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Junior Varsity Novice or Varsity Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

CLASS 6. Junior Varsity Novice Equitation on the flat: Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 10.

CLASS 7. Junior Varsity Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot/Canter: Open to riders in grades 9-12 who are not eligible for Novice level jumping classes, but should **must** be experienced enough to canter on an unfamiliar animal in a group. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 through 7. A Beginner rider may not have shown over fences larger than 2' in any **Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101).** horse show. To be eligible for Class 7, a rider must have had at least one year continuous professional instruction, must demonstrate proficiency at the trot and canter, and be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses. **Riders may not cross-enter into class Class 8 Walk/Trot.** A Walk/Trot class is an optional offering and is open only to those riders competing in the Walk/Trot/Canter

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class. Entry fees will be collected but no individual or team points will be awarded. The intent is not to accommodate lower level riders. Competitors in W/T must meet eligibility requirements of Hunt Seat Class 9 and must compete in the W/T/C class.

CLASS 8. Junior Varsity Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot: (optional offering and does not count for points) Open only to those riders who are riding in Class 9 W/T/C. Open to riders in grades 9-12 who meet criteria for class 7 but are not yet ready to compete on an unfamiliar horse at a canter. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 5. Individual points will be tracked in Class 8 Walk/Trot for post season qualification. No team points will be awarded in Class 8 Walk/Trot during regular or post season shows. Reference rule 3205.2 for advancement criteria. **Riders may not cross-enter Class 7 Walk/Trot/Canter.**

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CLASS 9. Future Intermediate Equitation o/f 2': Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Class 1 or 3. Riders participating in Future Intermediate Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Future Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

CLASS 10. Future Intermediate Equitation on the flat: Open to riders in grades 6-8 who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 13.

CLASS 11. Future Novice o/f x-rails: Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Class 5. Riders participating in Future Novice Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Novice or Future Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Future Novice or Future Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

CLASS 12. Future Novice Equitation on the flat: Open to riders in grades 6-8 who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 10.

CLASS 13. Future Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot/Canter: Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the eligibility requirements of Hunt Seat Class 7. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 7. **Riders may not cross-enter Class 14 Walk/Trot.**

CLASS 14. Future Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot: (optional offering and does not count for points) Open only to those riders who are riding in Class 12 – W/T/C. Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Beginner Class 8. Individual points will be tracked in Class 14 Walk/Trot for post season qualification. No team points will be awarded in Class 14 Walk/Trot during regular or post season shows. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 5. **Riders may not cross-enter Class 13 Walk/Trot/Canter.**

3303 Hunt Seat Championship Class

Varsity Open Championship Class – The top Varsity Open riders as determined by points and places within the show are eligible for this class. The class requires a minimum of six (6) riders, and should be limited to the top ten (10). Riders must be eligible to compete in Varsity Open Over Fences (2'6") to be eligible for this championship class. The class may be run using the same mount for both phases of the competition, or a separate draw may be done for each phase. The judge may choose to implement any additional testing after the completion of the two mandatory phases. Phase 1 – Riders will be judged over an advanced equitation course with jumps from 2'6" to 3'. Hunt Seat tests 1-16 may be asked. Phase 2 – Riders will also compete on the Flat and may be asked to perform any of tests 1-16.

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3304 Hunt Seat Rider Tests

A rider must be prepared to perform the test appropriate for the class in which the rider is participating. Riders may be requested to perform the following tests collectively or individually during a show or competition. A Hunt Seat judge may choose from the following tests using tests 1-5 for Beginner Walk/Trot riders, 1-7 for Beginner W/T/C riders, tests 1-10 for Novice riders, tests 1-13 for Intermediate riders, and tests 1-16 for Open riders. Instructions for performance of the test must be publicly announced. Any one or combination of appropriate or equivalent tests may be used.

1. Asked an appropriate horsemanship question that is tailored to the rider's ability level
2. Halt
3. Sitting trot
4. Two point position at the walk and/or trot
5. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals
6. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead
7. Change horses
8. Ride without stirrups at the trot
9. Jump a shortened course
10. Trot a jump
11. Ride without stirrups at the canter
12. Change leads down center of ring, demonstrating simple change of lead
13. Half-turn on forehand and/or half-turn on haunches
14. Canter on the counter lead.
15. Hand gallop
16. Jump without stirrups

(Jumping tests should only be used in over fences classes.)

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3401 Western Varsity & Junior Varsity (Upper School) Classes

- CLASS 1.** **Varsity Open Horsemanship:** Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders who have finished in the top ten in a nationally recognized breed or world show competition (for example, QH Congress, AQHA, NRHA, APHA, ApHC, PtHA) in a western mounted class; and/or riders who finished in the top two year-end standings in a recognized state breed association or top ten national ranking for year end results. This excludes games, halter, showmanship, walk trot, and 10 & under. Riders will be required to perform at least two of the tests listed in rule 3404. These riders should be capable of performing Western Horsemanship tests 1 - 13.
- CLASS 2.** **Varsity Open Reining:** Open to riders in grades 9-12 competing in the Varsity Open Horsemanship. Riders participating in Varsity Open Reining are expected to compete throughout the season in Varsity Open Horsemanship. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Varsity Open Horsemanship classes during the regular season. Riders should have a minimum of one-year professional reining instruction.
- CLASS 3.** **Varsity Intermediate Horsemanship:** Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders who have won **five (5) or more** blue ribbons in western mounted classes at nationally recognized breed association competitions, (for example, AQHA, APHA, NRHA, ApHC, PtHA) OR have earned **twenty-two (22) or more** total points from a breed association in western classes (including novice divisions) excluding halter, showmanship, games, walk-trot, and 10 & under. These riders should be capable of performing Western Horsemanship tests 1 - 12.
- CLASS 4.** **Varsity Intermediate Reining:** Open to riders in grades 9-12 competing in Varsity Intermediate or Varsity Open Horsemanship. Riders participating in Varsity Intermediate Reining are expected to compete throughout the season in Varsity Intermediate or Varsity Open Horsemanship. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Varsity Intermediate or Varsity Open Horsemanship classes during the regular season. Riders should have a minimum of one-year professional reining instruction.
- CLASS 5.** **Junior Varsity Novice Horsemanship:** Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders who have shown at more than eight (8) open shows or county fairs and have not won five (5) blue ribbons in a western mounted class at a nationally recognized breed association show (for example, AQHA, APHA, NRHA, ApHC, PtHA). These riders have earned **less than twenty-two (22)** total points in any breed association in western classes (including novice divisions). This excludes halter, showmanship, games, walk-trot, and 10 & under. These riders should be capable of performing Western Horsemanship tests 1 - 9.
- CLASS 5x.** **Junior Varsity Novice Reining Prep:** (Designed to help riders ready themselves for the reining divisions - optional offering and does not count for points) Open to riders in grades 9-12 competing in the JV Novice Horsemanship Class. Riders participating in JV Novice Reining Prep are expected to compete throughout the season in JV Novice Horsemanship. This class should use NRHA Short Stirrup Patterns 14 or 15 or an equivalent pattern. Riders should be capable of performing these reining patterns or similar horsemanship patterns. If horse availability and/or horse ability necessitates adjustments to the pattern, changes must be posted 30 minutes prior to the start of the class.
- CLASS 7.** **Junior Varsity Beginner Horsemanship Walk/Jog/Lope:** Open to riders in grades 9-12 who are not eligible for Novice level classes, but **should must** be experienced enough to walk, jog and lope an unfamiliar animal in a group. These riders should be capable of performing Western tests 1 - 6 and may have participated in camp shows and in-house farm shows. Riders may not have shown at a lope in more than **eight (8)** open shows (for example, 4H events and county fairs) and non-breed specific shows. IEA experience at the Beginner level in a different

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discipline does not count. To be eligible for Class 7, riders must have at least one year continuous professional instruction, must demonstrate proficiency at a jog and lope, and must be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses. **Riders may not cross-enter Western Class 8 Walk/Jog.** A Walk/Jog class is an optional offering and is open only to those riders competing in the Walk/Jog/Lope class. Entry fees will be collected but no individual or team points will be awarded. The intent is not to accommodate lower level riders. Competitors in W/J must meet eligibility requirements of Western Class 4 and must compete in the W/J/L class.

CLASS 8. Junior Varsity Beginner Horsemanship Walk/Jog (optional offering and does not count for points) Open only to those riders who are riding in Class 4 – W/J/L. Open to riders in grades 9-12 who meet criteria for Class 7 but are not yet ready to compete on an unfamiliar horse at a lope. These riders should be capable of performing Western tests 1-6 and may have participated in camp shows and in-house farm shows. Individual points will be tracked in Class 8 Walk/Jog for post season qualification. No team points will be awarded in Class 8 Walk/Jog during regular or post season shows. Reference rule 3205.2 for advancement criteria. **Riders may not cross-enter Western Class 7 Walk/Jog/Lope.**

3402 Western Futures (Middle School) Classes

CLASS 9. Future Intermediate Horsemanship: Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for Western Horsemanship Class 1 or 3 and/or are capable of performing Western Horsemanship tests 1 - 12.

CLASS 10. Future Intermediate Reining: Open to riders in grades 6-8 competing in the Future Intermediate Horsemanship Class. Riders participating in Future Intermediate Reining are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Intermediate Horsemanship. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Future Intermediate Horsemanship classes during the regular season. Riders should have a minimum of one-year professional reining instruction.

CLASS 11. Future Novice Horsemanship: Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for Western Horsemanship Class 5 and/or who are capable of performing Western Horsemanship tests 1 - 9.

CLASS 11x. Future Novice Reining Prep: (Designed to help riders ready themselves for the reining divisions - optional offering and does not count for points) Open to riders in grades 6-8 competing in the Future Novice Horsemanship Class. Riders participating in Future Novice Reining Prep are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Novice Horsemanship. This class should use NRHA Short Stirrup Patterns 14 or 15 or an equivalent pattern. Riders should be capable of performing these reining patterns or similar horsemanship patterns. If horse availability and/or horse ability necessitates adjustments to the pattern, changes must be posted 30 minutes prior to the start of the class.

CLASS 13. Future Beginner Horsemanship Walk/Jog/Lope: Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for Western Horsemanship Class 7. **Riders may not cross-enter Class 14 Walk/Jog.** These riders should be capable of performing Western Horsemanship tests 1 - 6.

CLASS 14. Future Beginner Horsemanship Walk/Jog (optional offering and does not count for points)—Open only to those riders who are riding in Class 7 – W/J/L. Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for Western Horsemanship Class 8. These riders should be capable of performing Western Horsemanship tests 1 - 6. Individual points will be tracked in Class 14 Walk/Jog for post season qualification. No team points will be awarded in Class 14 Walk/Jog during regular or post season shows.

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3403 Championship Western Award

This is an award issued to the high point rider based on the total of the Varsity Open Horsemanship and Varsity Open Reining points. In case of a tie, the judge(s) may require a ride off, the type of which to be determined by each judge.

3404 Western Horsemanship Tests

A Western judge must use two or more of the following horsemanship tests in Class 1 Varsity Open Horsemanship, and may choose from the following horsemanship test for the other horsemanship classes using tests 1-6 for Beginner riders, tests 1-9 for Novice riders, tests 1-12 for Intermediate riders, and tests 1-13 for Open riders. Any one or combination of appropriate or equivalent tests may be used.

1. Ask an appropriate horsemanship question that is tailored to the rider's ability level
2. Individual performance on the rail
3. Halt and/or back
4. Figure eight at the jog
5. Change horses
6. 180 degree turn
7. Lope on specific lead and stop
8. 360 degree turn
9. Ride without stirrups at the jog
10. Figure eight at the lope, demonstrating a change of lead (through the walk or jog)
11. Ride without stirrups at the lope
12. Simple change of leads in a straight line
13. Counter canter

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4100 Competitions and Shows - Applicability of IEA Rules

- 4101** IEA shall establish rules, regulations, and standards to govern all IEA recognized shows for all classes. These rules, regulations and standards may be changed by the Board of Directors from time to time as required to ensure, to the degree possible, the safety of horse and rider and to maintain the quality of competition. IEA shows shall be classified as "Regular Point" and post-season "Regional Finals," "Zone Finals" or "National Finals" shows. Except where specifically stated otherwise, the guidelines for Regular, Regional, Zone and National Shows will be the same.
- 4102** In order to apply to compete in an IEA sanctioned event, show or competition and receive IEA points from that event, show or competition, the rider and/or team must be a qualified IEA member before making application for the show and an IEA membership number must have been assigned to the rider or team.
- 4103** The provisions of these rules shall apply to the following persons: exhibitor, coach, rider, show official, show employee, EHC, show host and co-host, show facility and the designated representative or member of the family of the above, rider members and Team members who act in a manner in violation of the Rules of the IEA or deemed prejudicial to its best interests. Any action in connection with a show in violation of these Rules by a member of the family of a person participating in the Show, who is described in the previous sentence, may be deemed to have been committed by such person and subject her/him to penalties. IEA Member Teams may not adopt rules that circumvent or abridge established IEA rules.
- 4104** A regular point show cannot be double judged for separate show points, and each entry fee must correspond with a separate ride for each opportunity to be judged.

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4105 The Zone Administrator approves the date of each show or competition in writing and in advance, and the show is scheduled to commence no earlier than September 1st, and no later than ten (10) business days before the first post season competition, unless special written permission is granted by the IEA President and all additional conditions required by IEA to run that show are strictly followed. Otherwise, even if the show is run, if the additional conditions are not met, the points acquired at the show will not count towards Regional, Zone or National Finals.

4106 In zones that are NOT split into regions, the EHC must be prepared to accommodate at least twelve (12) riders in each class offered. In zones that ARE split into regions, the EHC must guarantee at least one entry per class to every team within their region **entering before the priority closing date.** (See Rule 5312)

4106.1 Once a team has fulfilled its hosting obligation to the Region per Rule 4106, it may consult with the Zone Administrator to approve additional shows limiting entries in any fair and equitable manner. The Zone Administrator may also grant additional and priority entries to riders from the host team. The total number of rides from the host team may not exceed 50% of the total number of rides entered in the show.

4107 No fewer than three (3) riders will be allowed to compete in a class and a class may not be split for points unless there are twelve (12) or more riders in the class. The number of riders in the class will be determined by the actual number attending and participating in the competition, not by the number of entries. If there are not three (3) riders competing in a class, both upper and middle school riders of the same class level must be combined for that show in order for the rider points to count.

4108 The format, Class and Division levels must comply with IEA Rules and Regulations. Only classes listed in Rules 3300 and 3400 are covered by the rules, regulations, and IEA required event insurance. **IEA is not responsible and will not accept liability for any non-IEA sanctioned classes.**

4109 The judge's and show steward's qualifications must comply with IEA Rules and Regulations.

4110 All coaches must be IEA Coach Members in good standing.

4111 The last regular season competition will be held at least ten (10) business days before post season competition begins. No individuals or teams may compete in an IEA regular season show during the ten (10) business days preceding their first post season competition.

4200 Event Host Coordinator (EHC)

4201 A regular point show is a show held by an Event Host Coordinator in compliance with these Rules. Each IEA Team Member must host or co-host IEA regular point show(s) in accordance with Rule 2302.

4202 One team can be defined as the primary host (EHC) with up to two co-host teams assisting. Co-hosting is defined as equitable division of cost, reward, labor and services among not more than three teams, as determined by the EHC.

4203 The EHC will be responsible for providing suitable facilities, horses, tack and equipment. (See Rule 4204.3) IEA rules shall govern all classes held at all IEA shows.

4204 Event Host Coordinator Requirements and Responsibilities

4204.1 Any team, in good standing, college or facility with approval of IEA, may make application to be an Event Host Coordinator ["EHC"] or Event Host Facility ["EHF"] and run an IEA regular point show.

4204.2 While several teams may co-host a competition, one team must be the designated host. The coach of the host team is the primary decision maker and ultimately responsible for running a safe and quality competition that complies with all IEA Rules and Regulations.

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- 4204.3** The EHC and/or EHF shall provide suitable facilities, horses and equipment for all entries.
- 4204.4** Acceptable use of horses in IEA competitions is to schedule and use each mount no more than 5 - 8 times in any one day of competition. Variables are based upon characteristics of each horse, facility, courses, and judging.
- 4204.5** A competition day cannot exceed 200 rides without prior approval of the Zone Administrator. The intended size of the show(s) should be included in the show hosting application(s). Additional rides must be approved by the Zone Administrator no later than the closing date of the event(s).
- 4204.6** The EHC may limit entries to any number of riders and teams (so long as this limit complies with all other IEA rules), which shall be binding on all participating teams and riders.
- 4204.7** For all teams other than a co-host, the EHC may not make entries contingent upon the entering team or riders supplying horses for the event.
- 4204.8** If a college or other facility will be the EHF, one IEA team must be designated the host team and responsible pursuant to Rule 4200.
- 4204.9** The proposed EHC must apply to host an IEA sanctioned event, show or competition on the current IEA Show Hosting Application Form supplied by or made available through IEA.
- 4204.10** The proposed EHC must agree to comply with the IEA Rules and Regulations and all Show Hosting Policies promulgated by IEA.
- 4204.11** Prior to submitting the Show Hosting Application, the show date must be approved by the Zone Administrator. The IEA Show Hosting Application Form must be received by the IEA Membership Office not less than **sixty (60) days** before the date of the proposed event, show or competition, except for the September shows where applications can be made up to forty-five (45) days before the proposed date. Thereafter, IEA will promptly process the application and verify the date is available and preliminarily determine if all other show hosting qualifications are fulfilled. Before the EHC may announce the date of the event or supply entry blanks to other IEA members, and in order for the show, competition or event to qualify as a sanctioned IEA regular point show, this Application and the proposed EHC must receive final written approval from the IEA Membership Office.
- 4204.12** Accompanied by the Show Hosting Application Form, the EHC must submit to the IEA Membership Office an application for insurance from Equisure for the specific show date(s) and in the amounts indicated in the IEA Master Policy. The Certificate of Insurance must specifically name the "Interscholastic Equestrian Association, Inc., its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents and representatives" as additional named insureds on the insurance policy for the event, show or competition. Failure to apply and pay for this required Certificate of Insurance will result in the Show Hosting Application for the event, show or competition to be denied and approval of the EHC to be withdrawn.
- 4204.13** Any changes to show management (manager & secretary), show hosts, or show venue must be finalized and reported to the Zone Administrator, IEA Membership Office, and participating teams immediately. For changes see Rule 4204.14, 6203.7 and 6503.8.
- 4204.14** When use of a substitute venue is required, the EHC must inform the Zone Administrator, IEA Membership Office, Equisure Insurance Company, and participating teams of the change providing as much notice as possible.
1. If before the closing date of entries, the EHC must send an updated prize list to the appropriate list of eligible teams, noting the change of venue.
 2. If on or after the closing date, the EHC must notify current entries of the venue change and allow them 24 hours to make adjustments to their entries without penalty.

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4204.15 In order to qualify as an IEA sanctioned event, from which the points will count towards the Zone and National Finals, the event must be timely announced to and open to all IEA Members in the host region. This requires at a minimum a mail or email announcement to all IEA Coaches within that region.

4204.16 Show Information Requirements

The following information must be posted for all coaches and riders in a timely manner:

1. Courses for over fences classes must be posted not less than thirty (30) minutes before the class is to run.
2. Warm-up pattern for over fences classes.
3. Horse List – Descriptions of horses and equipment required.
4. Class list that displays which riders are in which classes and sections.
5. Team point chart must be posted for public view and updated after each division is completed.

4204.17 In situations when the EHC coach does not serve as show manager, the designated show manager must be a member or contributing member of the IEA.

4204.18 Event Hosts must use the IEA Horse Show Database when verifying entries, producing show programs, and submitting results.

4204.19 In situations when the EHC coach does not serve as show secretary, the designated show secretary must be a member or contributing member of the IEA.

4300 Minimum Entry Requirements for Regular Shows and Classes; Split Classes

4301 In order for a show to count, a host must offer either (a) all classes in the Futures divisions and/or (b) all classes in the Varsity/Junior Varsity divisions as provided in these Rules.

4302 In cases of inclement weather, the minimum requirement for entries set forth in Rules 4303 and 4304 must be met for points to count.

4303 A minimum of three (3) IEA Teams (3 upper school or 3 middle school) must compete in an official Regular IEA point show for any points to count towards qualifying for Regional, Zone and National Finals.

4304 In order for a class to count towards accumulated points, there must be a minimum of three (3) riders in each class.

4304.1 If there are less than three (3) riders in a class, the riders should be placed in another class of the same level. (e.g. If there is only one (1) Future Intermediate rider that individual would compete with the Varsity Intermediate classes.) When classes of the same level are combined standings and points are not adjusted.

4304.2 When there are less than three (3) Open riders in a class, they drop down to compete in the Intermediate classes but points will be adjusted. Open rider(s) will keep any points earned and points will be adjusted as needed for Intermediate riders by taking out the Open rider(s) then sliding up the Intermediate placements. (e.g. An Open rider competes with an Intermediate flat class and places 5th. The Open rider receives 2 points for the 5th finish and the Intermediate rider who placed 6th is counted as placing 5th earning 2 points and the Intermediate rider who was 7th moves to 6th earning 1 point.) Only points are adjusted. Any ribbons or awards won in combined classes remain the same.

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4304.3 A class with less than three (3) riders could run at the discretion of the EHC but no individual or team points will be counted and the class will not be considered one of the rider's five (5) allowed IEA shows.

4305 Split Classes

4305.1 Hunt Seat flat classes and Western horsemanship classes **must** be split at twelve (12) riders.

4305.2 Over Fences and Reining classes **may** be split at twelve (12) riders.

4305.3 The EHC will run, award ribbons, and issue points separately for each of the split classes, as though the class was not split.

4305.4 A class may not be split for points unless there are twelve (12) or more riders in the class. The number of riders in the class will be determined by the actual number attending and participating in the competition, not by the number of entries. The assignment of riders to each split class shall be equitable; however, no one section can have fewer than six (6) riders in it for points and awards to be given.

4305.5 During Regional, Zone and National Finals flat classes are permitted to run with twelve (12) riders. Classes may be split to canter at the Show Manager's or Judge's discretion.

4400 Class Routine

4401 In order for the points earned at an IEA sanctioned show to count towards national rankings, the show must comply with Rules 4000-5000. A Championship Class as defined by Rule 3304 is optional and does not have to be offered at a regular point show nor at Zone Finals. All classes offered for which rules are provided herein must be conducted in accordance with these rules. Care and control of horses shall be the sole prerogative of the owners of the horses.

4402 A class in operation at the time of the stopping of a show for any reason shall cease and no placements shall be made. In the event that a class in which horses compete individually is stopped while in progress, due to storm, incident, or other emergency, the following procedure shall govern:

1. If the class is continued at the same session of the show, it shall proceed from the point at which it was stopped.
2. If the class is continued at a succeeding session of the show, it shall be held over in its entirety and no scores credited in the first session shall count.

4403 If the class in which horses compete together is stopped while in progress due to storm, incident, re-ride or other emergency, the class (or test), when recommenced, shall at the Judge's discretion, restart from the beginning, or from the point when it was stopped.

If a show is stopped while in progress and is unable to recommence, then any points earned for a completed class will be awarded to the individual rider's point totals, but no team points will be awarded at that show.

4404 Jumps

4404.1 It is recommended that fences consist of natural posts and rails, painted rails, brush, oxers (but not square oxers), coops, gates, walls and aikens. Coops that are hinged at the top and free at the bottom are prohibited.

4404.2 All fences must have wings at least twelve inches (12") higher than the top of the fence.

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4404.3 Ground lines are mandatory.

4404.4 For the back rail of all oxers, either safety cups or breakable jump cup pins (e.g. wooden dowels) are mandatory.

4404.5 Lines should not be set for fewer than three strides. Combinations of one or two strides are prohibited.

4405 Small ponies shall not be used in IEA shows. Medium ponies may only be used in Futures classes.

4406 Stallions shall not be used in IEA shows.

4500 Show Routine

4501 Schooling

4501.1 Schooling Procedures

4501.1.1 Schooling times must be set so that all riders and coaches may have the opportunity to observe.

4501.1.2 All horses (jumping and non-jumping) must be schooled during a posted time on the day of competition.

4501.1.3 Non-jumping horses must do a minimum of one lap at each gait in each direction.

4501.1.4 Horses to be used over fences must be schooled over all the fences in the appropriate direction and at the highest height over which they are scheduled to compete.

4501.1.5 Hunt Seat horses may be schooled using equipment required to help them perform their best. Before the completion of schooling, horses must be schooled in the show tack and aids listed in the horse description.

4501.1.6 Western horses may be schooled in the manner that best prepares them for the class. It is not mandatory to switch to a non-rowled spur for schooling purposes.

4501.1.7 Additional schooling may occur as needed.

4501.1.8 When one show is spread over multiple days, riders may only school on the first set-up day (i.e. school set-up day Friday for the show held over Saturday & Sunday).

4501.1.9 When two shows (AM & PM) are held on one day at the same venue, riders may only school on the first set-up day (i.e. school set-up day Friday for the shows held Sat. AM and Sat. PM).

4501.1.10 When two shows are held on consecutive days (Saturday & Sunday) at the same venue, Rule 4501.2.4 will apply.

4501.2 Schooling Riders

4501.2.1 EHC's must secure and submit IEA Waivers of Liability for all adult schooling riders who are not current IEA members as per Rule 4501.2.2.

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4501.2.2 No IEA member may school a horse over fences or on the flat above their IEA level of riding.

4501.2.3 All schooling riders must be either (a) an IEA member or (b) a non-member eighteen (18) years of age or older **and** have signed the IEA approved non-competitor Schooling Waiver of Liability form or (c) an Open rider schooling on a horse provided by her/his team as per Rule 4501.2.4.

4501.2.4 Rider Members Schooling Horses at Regular Season Shows

4501.2.4.1 Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate riders who are competing are prohibited from schooling horses during any of the schooling times listed in the prize list or on the day of competition until they have finished showing in that competition.

4501.2.4.2 Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate riders who are not competing are permitted to school horses but only at the level in which they are eligible to compete or in a lower division (e.g. novice riders may not jump higher than 18"; flat only riders may not jump; beginner and novice horsemanship riders may not school reiners).

4501.2.4.3 Open riders (even those competing) who are eligible for Class 1: Varsity Open over Fences (Hunt Seat) or Class 8: Varsity Open Reining (Western) are permitted to school horses at any level at regular season shows during posted schooling times including the day of competition, but **only on those horses provided by their team.**

4501.2.4.4 Open riders are permitted to compete on a horse that they schooled if randomly pulled in the draw.

4501.2.5 Rider Members Schooling Horses at Post Season Shows (Regionals, Zones, and National Finals)

4501.2.5.1 During post season shows (Regional, Zone or National Finals) **no** (Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, or Open) rider who is showing may school any horse on the show grounds unless they have completely finished showing. Any exceptions to this rule must be specifically detailed in the prize list.

4502 Rider Warm-up

4502.1 The Event Host Coordinator or Show Host must provide a Schooling Supervisor who is qualified by experience to assist the Show Steward where necessary.

4502.2 No rider, coach or anyone else without the approval of either the Schooling Supervisor or the Show Steward may adjust any tack or equipment, except stirrup lengths.

4502.3 Flat Class riders will mount and ride the horse with no additional warm-up before entry into the competition arena.

4502.4 Over Fences Class riders will be allowed one lap in each direction around the warm-up arena and two (2) practice jumps before the competition. Practice jumps will be set and adjusted by the Schooling Supervisor and/or Show Steward. Jumps should be set at the same height as the class in the show arena. The Show Steward should post a set warm-up pattern that complies with the above guidelines.

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4502.5 If a show does not have a separate schooling area, a warm-up pattern in the show ring will be posted that complies with IEA guidelines. After the warm-up pattern is completed, the rider may confer with their coach for up to thirty (30) additional seconds before starting the judged round.

4502.6 Warm up patterns are unjudged. Errors (e.g., refusals, off pattern, or falls) in warm-up do not necessitate elimination. Disregarding the posted patterns or directions from Schooling Supervisors may result in loss of schooling privileges or elimination.

4503 Drawing for Horses

4503.1 Drawings will be by lot. The draw must take place the day of competition and be supervised by the Show Steward or Show Steward's designee ~~and shall be conducted at least ten minutes prior to the start of each class.~~ If a live draw (riders present) is used, an announcement of the draw must precede it by at least 10 minutes. **The draw will only be posted after point rider forms have been turned in and the schooling of relevant horses is complete.**

4503.2 Riders are expected to compete in the appropriate class on the horse which was drawn.

4503.3 If a coach feels that a rider has drawn a horse that the rider is not capable of safely riding, the show steward will determine whether or not the rider can be moved to the designated alternate. **If the steward decides not to grant the request, the coach has the right to withdraw the rider from the competition. That rider's entry fee will be returned and that class will not count toward the show limits for that rider.**

4504 Falls, Refusals and Eliminations

4504.1 A rider is considered to have fallen when the rider is separated from the horse that has not fallen in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.

4504.2 Falls during the judged portion of competition will result in elimination unless it is undeniably clear that the rider fell from the horse through no fault of said rider and due instead to the unanticipated actions of the horse.

4504.3 Re-rides after falls are rare exceptions and may only be granted by show stewards.

4504.4 Concussion/Injury Awareness

1. Safety of our participants is of the utmost importance. Therefore, when a participant in an IEA competition exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury while participating in a practice or competition, the individual shall be removed from the practice or competition. Further, the individual removed from competition must be assessed by a physician or other licensed healthcare provider and must receive written clearance from such physician or healthcare provider before competing in another IEA competition.
2. It is the rider's responsibility to secure a written statement from a health care provider specifically clearing them for equestrian activities. The rider must give that statement to his/her coach who must submit that statement to the IEA Membership Office.
3. Coaches are expected to be knowledgeable and follow their local and state laws pertaining to head injuries and return-to-play guidelines for youth athletes.
4. All falls and any incidents must be documented in the Show Stewards report. **Any incident resulting in evaluation by the official show medical personnel must be documented in the IEA Incident Report submitted by the Show Manager. The decision of the official show medical personnel named on the prize list as to whether or not a rider is fit for continuing competition is final.**

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4504.5 Three (3) refusals will result in elimination.

4504.6 In Hunt Seat classes, no courtesy fences will be allowed after elimination.

4504.7 If elimination occurs during a ride-off, the contestant shall be placed in last of all of those chosen for the ride-off.

4505 Re-rides

4505.1 When through no fault of the rider, a horse performs so poorly that it is impossible to fairly judge the rider's ability, a re-ride may be granted.

4505.2 A re-ride must be requested before the lineup in a flat class or the last horse leaves the ring in an over fences class.

4505.3 Only the coach of the rider involved or the judge may request a re-ride. It is the show steward's responsibility to determine if the re-ride is granted or denied.

4505.4 Although they may confer with show management and the judge, only the show steward may grant or deny a re-ride.

4505.5 If a re-ride is granted in a class in which riders compete individually (over fences or reining classes), it shall be judged as if the first ride never occurred and the re-ride shall take place after all other rides in that class have been completed.

4505.6 If a re-ride is granted in a class in which riders compete together (flat or horsemanship classes), it will be the Judge's discretion whether to restart the class from the beginning or resume the class from the point when it was stopped.

4505.7 During a competition, if it is determined by the show steward that a rider fell from the horse through no fault of the rider and due instead to the unexpected and unanticipated actions of the horse being ridden, the rider shall be granted a re-ride.

4506 Tack and Aids

4506.1 No substitution of tack or aids by exhibitors shall be permitted unless approved by the show steward with permission from the horse provider. Riders are not permitted to use substitute equipment (e.g. spurs, saddle, stirrups, bounce pads) without first gaining approval from the show steward.

4506.2 It is the coach's and the rider's responsibility to check the tack before mounting; any tack concerns must be communicated to the horse handler or show steward for adjustment.

4506.3 The need for crops and spurs may change throughout the day. Exhibitors should ask the Show Steward whenever there is a question as to what is listed in the horse description.

4506.4 For all regular and post season shows, the use of light weight, black, or colored stirrups is prohibited in IEA competitions. (Note: This is more prohibitive than USEF rule EQ105.6)

4506.5 The use of safety stirrup irons is strongly encouraged. When traditional stirrup irons are used, they must be silver in color or non-colored stainless steel with the stirrup bar in the down or open position. All hunt seat stirrup irons must have stirrup treads.

4506.6 Any type of martingale or noseband is permitted in the competition ring. Training equipment (e.g. draw reins, training forks, tie downs) may not be used in the competition ring.

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4507 Use of Whips and Spurs

4507.1 As per USEF HU106.4, crops, whips, or bats that are 30" or less are the only types approved for use in the IEA. Crops, whips or bats may be carried and spurs worn only when specified by the horse provider, affirmed by the Show Steward, and communicated to the coaches.

4507.2 Crops, whips and bats are not to be used outside the schooling ring and show ring.

4507.3 One or two disciplinary applications in the event of disobedience are sufficient. Use of the crop or spur should not be penalized when it is appropriate to the situation and/or mount.

4507.4 Stewards may rule that a rider be disqualified for improper use of crops, whips or bats, or spurs.

4507.5 A list of aids appropriate to each horse must be posted or accompany each horse. Riders who use anything other than the approved listed aids will be eliminated.

4507.6 In Hunt Seat and Western disciplines spurs are not permitted in the beginner divisions.

4507.7 Novice, Intermediate, and Open riders may only use spurs when indicated in the horse description. Beginner riders are not permitted to wear spurs and will be eliminated for doing so.

4507.8 In the Hunt Seat discipline, spurs must be supplied by the horse provider. On the day of competition any changes to spurs provided with the horse must be approved by the Show Steward.

4507.9 Horsemanship and Reining classes may use a ball (non-rowled) spur. If the horse provider feels the horse would perform better in a non-ball spur, it must be specified by the Show Committee and that spur must be supplied by the horse provider.

4507.10 Western Riders should be prepared to provide their own ball (non-rowled) spurs.

4508 Dress and Headgear- Proper Show Attire

4508.1 It is the tradition of the show ring that riders are correctly attired for the class in question and horses properly presented. Show management may, at its discretion, bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience and must bar riders without protective headgear from any Hunt Seat classes.

4508.2 Riders in all disciplines are expected to compete displaying the number assigned by show management. Should a rider compete without a number or with the wrong number, he/she will not be eliminated as long as he/she can be correctly identified.

4508.3 At all times while mounted, riders in all Hunt Seat classes must wear a harnessed and fully fastened protective ASTM/SEI approved safety helmet for equestrian use. The IEA will follow the guidelines of USEF in the matter of what constitutes a safety helmet. Riders whose headgear becomes lost or unfastened while in the show ring will be disqualified and immediately excused from the ring. Helmets and chinstraps must be fitted properly according to manufacturer's instructions.

4508.4 Many States have adopted their own statutes pertaining to safety riding helmets. Coaches are expected to be knowledgeable about and follow all local / state guidelines and laws pertaining to safety riding helmets. All participants are expected to comply with the rules of his/her state as well as any state in which he/she competes. All riders (Hunt Seat and Western) under eighteen (18) years of age from the state of New York or who compete in the

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state of New York must wear a riding helmet that complies with current safety standards. (See Rule 4508.3.)

4508.5 No position aids not otherwise required due to valid medical reasons supported by written doctor's orders will be allowed. The written orders from the physician must be presented to the show steward at each competition or event.

4508.6 Western Attire - It is mandatory for all riders to use appropriate Western tack and Western attire while showing; this would include a long sleeve shirt, Western hat or safety helmet, boots, Western saddle, and Western bridle. Team identifying logos and names shall not be allowed on Western show clothing. Failure to use appropriate attire will result in a score of zero.

4508.7 Western Hats/Helmets - At all times while mounted, Western riders in grades 4 and 5, as well as middle and upper school riders competing in the Beginner divisions, (classes 7, 8, 13, 14) must wear a harnesses and fully fastened protective ASTM/SEI approved safety helmet for equestrian use. The IEA will follow the guidelines of USEF in the matter of what constitutes a safety helmet. Riders whose headgear becomes lost or unfastened while in the show ring will be disqualified and immediately excused from the ring. Helmets and chinstraps must be fitted properly according to manufacturer's instructions.

Western riders in grades 6-12 competing in the Novice, Intermediate, and Open divisions (classes 1, 2, 3, 5, 5x, 9, 10, 11, 11x) have the option of competing in Western hats or safety helmets as long as they follow all local / state guidelines and laws pertaining to safety riding helmets (rule 4508.4).

4509 Awards – Ribbons and Trophies

4509.1 The Color of ribbons at all shows shall be:

Champion-----blue, red, yellow	Third Place-----yellow
Reserve-----red, yellow, white	Fourth Place-----white
First Place-----blue	Fifth Place-----pink
Second Place-----red	Sixth Place-----green

4509.2 A minimum of six ribbons shall be awarded in each class.

4509.3 The host facility or school, including at the Zone Competitions, shall furnish all ribbons and trophies, except for any perpetual trophies provided by IEA.

4509.4 Sportsmanship Award - The EHC of each regular IEA sanctioned show will award a "Sportsmanship Award" to be chosen by, the show steward who will choose from nominations received throughout the day from any show official or IEA member. The award should be given to the rider who, during the course of the show and competition, best demonstrated the true meaning of sportsmanship.

4509.5 Horse of the Show Award - The EHC of each regular IEA sanctioned show will award the "Horse of the Show" to be chosen by the judge and/or show steward. The award should be given to the horse, regardless of points earned during the course of competition, who best demonstrated fair and generous treatment toward its riders.

4509.6 Champion and Reserve ribbons shall be awarded to the first and second place teams. Ribbons or trophies shall be awarded to the Leading Rider and Sportsmanship Award winners.

4509.7 Additional prizes may be given to the winners of each class, to the Champion Team and Leading Rider at each show at the discretion of each host.

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4509.8 At the National Finals, each individual class winner, the National Champion rider and the National Championship Team shall be awarded grand championship ribbons and trophies. Reserve through eighth place shall be awarded ribbons.

4510 Tie Breaker Rules

4510.1 At all shows, including Zone and Regional Finals, for all placings, team ties shall be broken first by the total number of first (1st) place finishes, then by total number of second (2nd) place finishes, then by total number of third (3rd) place finishes, then by total number of fourth (4th) place finishes, then by total number of fifth (5th) place finishes. If a tie still exists, then it shall be broken by the highest total over fences or reining points. Designated team point rider scores are the only scores to be considered when breaking team placement ties.

4510.2 If the tie still cannot be determined the show steward in consultation with the judge shall decide upon a ride-off, question from the judge, or a coin toss to determine the tie-break. Any one of these three methods selected shall determine both title and awards at all shows except National Finals. This selected method shall determine the distribution of awards at Nationals, but National Titles shall be shared.

4510.3 For ties in a two-judge system of Western horsemanship classes, see Rule 7601.5.

4511 Personal Conduct of Exhibitors, Coaches, and Show Personnel

It is expected that any and all participants and attendees including but not limited to: exhibitors, spectators, coaches, employees, and Board Members will behave in a manner that reflects the dignity of the sport. Ill-mannered conduct will not be tolerated. The show management may expel from the grounds any person whose behavior is deemed dishonest, unethical, unsportsmanlike, or detrimental to the health, safety or well-being of any horse, person, or the Association during the progress of the show. Any unbecoming conduct or communication related in anyway to IEA is subject to review by the ZEC or Executive Committee. Appropriate penalties as outlined in Rule 9502 may be assigned.

4512 Cruelty - Soundness / Ride-ability / NSAIDS

Equestrian sport is made possible by the animals that serve the rider. This is a sport of grace and elegance where the rider and animal work as a team. There is neither grace nor elegance in an abusive spectacle. IEA is concerned about animal welfare and encourages good horsemanship.

IEA does not condone the use of medications that affect the central nervous system. Administration of drugs and medications shall be limited to therapeutic use only, and used for the well-being of the horse. The administration of central nervous system drugs is prohibited in IEA competition.

Cruel or abusive behavior of any type toward the horses will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility, therefore, of all parties concerned to be aware of the conduct of participants and the condition of the horses; and, if a violation is observed, a report must be made immediately to the stewards.

Any individual found in violation of Rule 4512 will be subject to penalties outlined in Rule 9502.

4513 Alcohol and Illegal Substances

The use or possession of alcohol or any illegal substance at a competition or event by the riders, members, exhibitors or coaches is strictly forbidden on the show grounds, and any participant apprehended with such materials will automatically be suspended from the show and membership in IEA.

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5100 Prize List

For all IEA sanctioned competition an electronic copy of the prize list must be submitted to the Membership Office for approval not less than ~~two (2) weeks prior to the opening date~~ **45 days before the show**. Once approved, the prize list must then be distributed to all teams within the region one (1) week prior to the opening date. The prize list shall contain:

1. All host and co-host information as it pertains to the formation of the EHC.
2. The name of the judge(s) with credentials, steward(s) with credentials and emergency personnel.
3. Name and address of show manager.
4. The date, location, phone number for the show.
5. Time of registration and start of the show.
6. Opening and Closing date of entries.
7. Information about food and entertainment.
8. Amount of entry fees.
9. Disclosure statement.
10. Affordable motel information and map.

5200 Entry Blank

5201 The entry blank must contain spaces for the rider's name, IEA number, class numbers, and the name of the Team.

5202 Each Coach must sign the entry blank. In the event of failure to do so, the first entrance into the ring of an exhibitor of that Team shall constitute acceptance of the Rules and Regulations of IEA and the show by the Coach, Team and rider, and ipso facto render him/her subject to said rules.

5203 Each entry blank must contain the following statement to be signed by the coach making entry:

In exchange for entrance to and participation in the show, this entry constitutes an agreement and affirmation that the team making it, and each of its riders, coaches, trainers, and representatives shall accept and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the IEA and of the Show, and that each rider, coach and Team: (1) is a member in good standing of IEA, (2) is eligible as entered, and (3) will accept as final all rulings of IEA and the show steward (or committee) with respect to their conduct. Also, through participation each rider, **rider's parents/legal guardians**, coach, trainer, and participant acknowledges **THAT HORSES ARE INTRINSICALLY DANGEROUS AND UNPREDICTABLE AND CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH**, thus each agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless IEA, its officers, directors, members, employees, Executive Director, National Steward, agents and representatives, the Event Host Coordinator, the host team and facility, the show stewards, stewards committee members, the show judges, the show secretary, all show organizers and officials, and all persons, stables, and others providing facilities, horses or equipment for the Show, other riders, coaches, teams and team sponsoring institutions, from any claim, action or suit, for injury, property damage or death sustained by the individual, rider, entity, coach, trainer, or participant while traveling to, from and around the show, while staying in the city for the show, during participation in the show and while at the show. This entry constitutes an acceptance of the hired officials at this event.

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5300 Entries

- 5301** The EHC must first open entries to members of their own region (if the zone is divided) or zone (if not divided), and offer a reasonable amount of time for a deadline.
- 5302** After the initial deadline date, entries may be opened to members from other regions and zones if space permits.
- 5303** Entries received before the published opening date will be counted as having been received ON the designated opening date for in Region or out of Region teams.
- 5304** In case of discrepancy between information in the program and that of the entry blank, the entry blank shall take precedence.
- 5305** Scratches prior to closing date will be refunded. The Event Host is not obligated to refund scratches after the closing date.
- 5306** The acceptance of substitutions is entirely at the discretion of the EHC.
- 5307** If a horse show is canceled, entries will be refunded. If a horse show is rescheduled, original entries will have priority. Entry fees will be refunded for teams or individuals who cannot attend the rescheduled date.
- 5308** Whenever entry money is collected, IEA must receive the \$5.00 per entry per class fee.
- 5309** Any violation of financial obligations will result in the member being restricted from future shows until such fees are paid, including monies due to the National Treasurer.
- 5310** Show management must require participating teams to submit entry fee payments, signed entry blanks, and team rosters before the first class of the show.
- 5311** It is recommended that all entries received by the closing date be acknowledged by the Show Secretary, including a schedule indicating the classes for each entry.
- 5312** The EHC may limit the number of entries so long as it is done in a fair and equitable manner, and does not require entrants to supply horses for the event. (See Rule 4106.)
- 5313** A hard copy of the team roster must be submitted with the entry form and entry fees.

5400 Show and Entry Fees

- 5401** Show Fees shall be charged for each IEA regular point show, Regional and Zone Finals separate and apart from annual IEA membership dues.
- 5402** \$5.00 from each individual rider's entry fee for each class shall be collected by the show host and paid to IEA within fourteen (14) days of the show, of which IEA will send \$2.00 to the Zone Administrator for zone and regional use.
- 5403** Entry fees for Regular IEA shows, other than Regionals, Zones and Nationals, will be no more than \$40.00 per rider per class. Entry fees for Regional Finals will be no more than \$50 per rider per class. Entry fees for Zones and National Finals will be no more than \$60 per rider per class.
- 5404** No fee will be charged for the coach.
- 5405** No additional fee will be charged to the Team.
- 5406** All entry fees collected shall be distributed between the host team(s) and the IEA National Office.

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5407 Entry fee payment must be submitted along with the signed entry blank and team roster before the competition. Any team or responsible individual that has not paid the entry fees by the end of the competition shall forfeit all points earned and be assessed late fees, and if necessary, collection fees over and above the entry fees.

5408 Entry fees are non-refundable once the closing date designated in the prize list has passed. Substitutions of riders may be made until the day of the competition, although the EHC may charge a \$10.00 office fee for any team making changes to their entries after the closing date.

5409 All entry forms and fees for Regional Finals are due on or before the closing date as stated in the prize list. Late entries will only be accepted if enough horses have been secured to accommodate the additional rides and a late processing fee of \$10 per class is paid.

5410 Entry forms and payment for Zone and National Finals must be received on or before the closing date as stated in the prize list. After the closing date, any unclaimed spots will be offered to the next individual or team in the standings.

5500 Programs

Printed show programs are required and should be distributed to each coach on the day of the show and an official copy must be sent to the Membership Office. However, it is not mandatory that additional copies be available for sale or distribution. These programs can be printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper stock and should contain a statement of prizes offered for each class, the classes listed in order, the tentative time schedule of classes, and the names of show stewards. If available, a program insert sheet can include an alphabetical list of exhibitors by team with their numbers and class sections entered, with a numerical list of exhibitors in each class.

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The term "show official" shall include and refer to all persons directly engaged by the show, including the Manager, Secretary, Steward(s), and Judge.

6100 Show Manager, Secretary, and Show Supervisor

6101 Show Manager, who shall be present during competition and responsible for the operation of the show including but is not limited to:

1. Ensuring the official authorized Medical Personnel is hired and present for all posted schooling times and throughout the duration of competition. During post season competition, the authorized Medical Personnel must be present for any mounted activities including all schooling days and competition.
2. Completing and submitting an IEA Incident Form should any incidents or injuries occur that are associated with the competition.
3. Ensuring the show secretary has completed assigned tasks including submitting all required paperwork and fees to the Membership Office.

6102 Show Secretary, who shall be a member of the IEA and present during competition is responsible for:

1. Applying for the show date.
2. Hiring the judges and officials necessary for the operation of the show.
3. Appointing and identifying in the program the show stewards who shall be present throughout the show.
4. Distributing the prize lists.

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5. Processing the entries.
6. Providing qualified medical personnel on grounds for all scheduled performances and an ambulance on the show grounds or on call for the entire scheduled performance. Qualified medical personnel is a currently certified or licensed EMT or Paramedic, or a Physician or nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession. A physician or nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care is a physician or nurse who is currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support, Basic Trauma Life Support, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, or who has First Responder or comparable certification. It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or Paramedics be used to fill this position. Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice. The medical personnel who will be on the grounds during the competition must be listed in the prize list.
7. Marking the official programs with special regard to scratches, substitutions, additions and other corrections including horse assignments and any changes or alternates to the original draw.
8. Checking class sheets against actual riders and numbers.
9. Providing one (1) copy of the program that contains all changes, corrections, scores, scratches, substitutions and official results to IEA.
10. The Coach of the host Team shall verify that the correct fees have been collected and remitted to IEA in a timely manner. IEA may suspend a Team until the show fees are paid and no individual or team points won by the host team shall be counted in determining eligibility for the National Competition unless and until the show fees are paid to and received by IEA.
11. Report in writing to IEA within fourteen (14) days of the close of the show the name of any exhibitor whose fees are not negotiable.
12. Report to show stewards in writing, any act on the part of any person deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the Association.
13. Furnish the judges in each class a scorecard containing exact specifications as shown in the prize list or as amended if in conflict with the rules.
14. Be responsible for all matters in connection with substitutions.
15. Insure that no entry shall compete until the designated Team coach has signed the entry blank.
16. Familiarize the judges with the differences between IEA rules and those of IHSA, USEF, NRHA or AQHA.
17. Remit dues to IEA Membership Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the show. The \$5.00 per entry fee should be sent along with the completed show packet.
18. Remit both individual rider and team points and results to IEA Membership Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the show.

6103 Show Supervisor, as defined in rule 2302.10 can be assigned by authority of a Zone Ethics Committee, Zone Administrator, Membership Office, or National Steward as needed to oversee the organization and operation of a competition. Any of the following may precipitate the assignment of a Show Supervisor:

1. First-time hosting a competition per rule 2302.9 and 2302.10
2. Protest/Hearing leading to a penalty assignment per rule 9603.3
3. Show Steward report recommending the need for assistance or greater supervision during the next hosting/co-hosting competition
4. Show evaluations, complaints, or feedback suggesting support or supervision is needed.

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6200 Judges Qualifications

6201 To officiate at a regular season IEA show, a judge must be licensed in the discipline he/she is to judge as follows:

6201.1 Hunt Seat: USEF registered “r” or recorded “R” in Hunt Seat Equitation

6201.2 Western: USEF, AQHA (including level 1), NSBA or NRHA

6202 A judge not qualified as stated in Rule 6201 is permitted to be used only if they are on the Region or Zone pre-approved IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List submitted by the Zone Administrator with the Regional Split Proposal each year.

6203 IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List - Judges Pre-approved Judge List

6203.1 An pre-approved IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List of non-licensed judges may be established each year in any Region or each Zone. Non-licensed judges who are on the pre-approved IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List must become IEA members prior to officiating a competition.

6203.2 The pre-approved list should be submitted communicated with the Regional Zone Requirements and Split Guideline proposals by June 15th of each year.

6203.2 The pre-approved IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List should will be approved annually by the majority of active coaches in each Region or Zone vote of the Region Presidents in each zone. This confirmed list will be communicated to the Region Presidents by July 1st 15th of each year as well as being posted in the Membership Office.

6203.3 Once on the pre-approved IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List, the judge may be used without soliciting written approval.

6203.5 Consent from coaches of teams that join after the approval and publication of the pre-approved is not required.

6203.4 Only in extraordinary circumstances should a judge be added to the list during the competition season. This must be presented as a petition to the Zone Ethics Committee.

6203.5 When use of a substitute judge (licensed or from the IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List) is required, the EHC must make every effort to inform the Zone Administrator, IEA Membership Office, and participating teams of the change prior to the competition day.

6204 A person may judge only one show managed by any particular EHC within the same competition season.

6205 A licensed judge is permitted to judge up to three (3) regular IEA shows during a competition season within each region or within a zone if not split. An unlicensed judge from the pre-approved IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List is restricted to only judge two (2) regular season shows during a competition year within each region or within a zone if not split.

6206 Once a judge is hired for a Regional Final, he/she may not judge a regular IEA season show in that same region within sixty (60) days of the Regional Final. Once a judge is hired for a Hunt Seat Zone Final or Western Semi-Final, he/she may not judge any IEA show in that Zone within sixty (60) days of the Zone Final / Western Semi-Final. Once a judge is hired for National Finals, he/she may not judge any IEA competition within sixty (60) days of that National Final. (See Rule 6208.)

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6207 Judges for Region, Zone, and National Finals must be USEF ("r" or "R"), AQHA (excluding level 1), NSBA or NRHA registered judges in the discipline in which they are to adjudicate.

6208 A judge may not officiate if he/she has had a professional relationship as defined by the USEF, AQHA or NRHA rules, including clinics with any exhibitor or Member Team, within sixty (60) days prior to the show.

6209 No IEA individual member may show before a judge with whom he/she has had a professional relationship as defined by the USEF, AQHA or NRHA rules, including clinics, within sixty (60) days prior to the show.

6210 An IEA coach may not judge any IEA competition in the region to which his/her team is assigned. See Rules 6208 and 6209.

6211 Judges are to be listed in the prize list when submitted to the IEA Membership Office for approval.

6300 Responsibilities of a Judge

6301 Good judging depends upon a correct observance of the fine points and the selection of the best rider under the conditions of the class. A judge serves three interests: her/his own conscience, exhibitors and spectators. She/he should make clear to the audience that the best rider wins. The attention of the judges is directed to the difference in requirements between USEF equitation classes and IEA equitation classes. A judge is obligated to adjudicate each class in conformity with the rules and specifications of that class as they appear in this IEA Rulebook. He/she is expected to be proficient in his/her discipline and to possess a working knowledge of the IEA Rules and Regulations.

6302 The decision of each judge constitutes solely her/his individual preference and not a verdict by IEA.

6303 No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless she/he first obtains permission from a steward, who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place. In order to inspect a judge's card, an exhibitor must first obtain show management's permission and be accompanied by his/her coach and the show steward. Questions regarding the judges decision must be addressed to the show steward within 30 minutes of end of competition.

6304 A judge must order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors.

6305 A judge should inspect courses of fences after they have been set.

6306 A judge may request a re-ride if she/he feels the horse's performance prevents accurate assessment. It is the show steward's responsibility to determine if the re-ride is granted or denied.

6400 Non-Protestable Decisions

The following decisions cannot be protested under any circumstances:

1. The soundness of a horse or the suitability of a rider or a horse, when determined by a Steward of the Show or by a Judge, is not a violation of the rules.
2. Judge's decision, representing his/her individual preference, is not a violation of the rules. The laws of the State of Ohio shall govern the construction or application of the IEA Rules. If the rules of the IEA do not apply to a given situation, then first the rules and regulations of IHSA and if not resolved then the rules of USEF (for the Hunt Seat discipline) and the rules of AQHA and NRHA (for the Western discipline) may be used as a reference for guidance in making an equitable decision under the circumstances, including but not limited to procedural questions.

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6500 Show Steward Qualifications

6501 An IEA Steward must be twenty-one (21) years of age, an IEA member in good standing (coach or steward member), and must have read and fully understands the Rules and Regulations of IEA, and the supporting organizations in accordance with Rule 1700 and holds any one of the following qualifications:

1. Licensed USEF steward for Hunter/Jumper disciplines; or
2. Current IEA Board Member or employee; or
3. IEA Member coach, in good standing for at least two competition seasons, whose team is not, and members of the coach's team are not, otherwise participating in the competition; or
4. IHSA member coach or IHSA Board Member, in good standing, who is not otherwise participating in the competition.

6502 A Show Steward not meeting qualification criteria outlined in items 1 - 4 in Rule 6501 may be used only with prior written consent from coaches of teams participating in that region. Unless they are on the ~~Region or Zone pre-approved~~ **IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List**, a steward not meeting qualification criteria must be approved every time she/he is to be hired.

6503 IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List - Steward Pre-approved Steward List

6503.1 ~~A pre-approved~~ **An IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List** of show stewards not meeting criteria 1 - 4 in Rule 6501 may be established each year in any ~~Region or Zone~~.

~~**6503.2** The pre-approved list should be submitted communicated with the Regional Zone Requirements and Split Guideline proposals by June 15th of each year.~~

6503.2 ~~The pre-approved list It should be approved annually by the majority of active coaches in each Region or Zone. The IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List will be approved annually by the majority of active coaches in each Region or Zone vote of the Region Presidents in each zone. This confirmed list will be communicated to the Region Presidents by July 4th 15th of each year as well as being posted in the Membership Office.~~

6503.3 Once on the pre-approved **IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List**, the show steward may be used without soliciting written approval.

~~**6503.5** Consent from coaches of teams that join after the approval and publication of the pre-approved list is not required.~~

6503.4 Only in extraordinary circumstances should a show steward be added to the list during the competition season. This must be presented as a petition to the Zone Ethics Committee.

6503.5 ~~In Regions or Zones operating without an pre-approved~~ **IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List** or before hiring a show steward who was not previously submitted for an ~~pre-approved~~ **IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List**, a show steward not meeting qualification criteria may only be hired if unanimous written consent is obtained from all coaches of teams participating in that show from that Region. Consent from coaches of teams participating from outside the Region is not required.

6503.6 When use of a substitute show steward (qualified or from the IEA-Approved Non-Rated Officials List) is required, the EHC must make every effort to inform the Zone Administrator, IEA Membership Office, and participating teams of the change prior to the competition day.

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6600 Number of Show Stewards

6601 A Regular IEA Point Show must have at least one (1) qualified Show Steward as defined in Rule 6501.

6602 The Show Steward may not be affiliated with the Event Host or host facility.

6603 If a ruling relates to a horse provided by a Show Steward, other Show Stewards or the Judge will cast the deciding vote.

6604 ~~Regional Finals, Zone Finals and National Finals~~ shall have at least two (2) qualified Show Stewards. The National Steward or Associate National Steward should be present at National Finals.

6700 Duties of a Show Steward

6701 Show Stewards serve to interpret the IEA Rules and Regulations. **On the day of competition the Show Steward is ineligible to serve in any other capacity including but not limited to Show Manager, Show Secretary, Judge, or Emergency Medical Personnel.** An "IEA Show Steward's Guide" is available in the Show Hosting Packet. Steward's duties include, but are not restricted to the following:

1. Protect the interests of exhibitors, judges and show management.
2. Investigate and act upon any alleged rule violations without waiting for a protest.
3. Report to the show committee any misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest.
4. Ascertain that all judges are recognized in the disciplines to which assigned.
5. Post warm-up pattern for over fences classes.
6. Report to the show committee any violation of the Rules and proffer charges against the violator if not otherwise properly handled.
7. Grant or deny re-ride requests.
8. Determine, under extenuating circumstances or extreme unfairness to one or more exhibitors, if a class should be rerun.
9. Supervise the schooling of horses. Supervise or appoint a designee for the drawing of horses.
10. Determine the suitability of rider to horse (tall or small), rider to class, and horse to class level.
11. Stop a class in the event a horse or rider should be considered unsafe. **The Steward may remove from the ring any rider not having sufficient control of their mount.**
12. Fill out and return to the IEA Membership Secretary and Zone Administrator within forty-eight (48) hours of the show an official IEA Show Steward Report.
13. Receive nominations and select the winner of the Sportsmanship Award. (See Rules 1500 and 4509.4)

6702 Classification of Riders by Steward

When rider classification is called into question during a competition by an event host, coach, show steward, or judge, the Show Steward will note this concern as well as a recommendation for appropriate placement in the Show Steward Report. A copy of that report will be sent to the Membership Secretary and Zone Administrator within forty-eight (48) hours of the competition. This will trigger written notification to the coach as well as the rider's parent informing them that their rider's placement has been called into question. Included in the letter will be steps for the coach to follow to address the concern and adjust rider placement if necessary.

RULE 7000: JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

In all IEA classes, good horsemanship is paramount. Judges are to find the “Best Riders” and not necessarily the best mount.

7100 General Guidelines

7101 In equitation/horsemanship classes, only the rider is being judged; therefore no penalty should be assessed because of the horse’s conformation, color or way of going. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, ability to control and show the horse. Results as shown by performance of the horse are NOT necessarily to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining them. A rider must be prepared to perform the tests appropriate for the class in which the rider is participating.

7102 Rule 4504 shall govern falls, refusals and eliminations. Any rider not having his/her mount under sufficient control shall be removed from the ring by the stewards and shall be disqualified or remounted at their discretion.

7103 Riders must remain on the same mount throughout all phases of an equitation or horsemanship class until the judge requests a change. No attendant shall be allowed in the ring except at the request of the judge or stewards.

7104 If additional tests are desired and appropriate, the judge’s instructions to riders shall be publicly announced. It is suggested that the judge go over these instructions with the announcer to assure mutual understanding of the wording. Judges shall not confer with riders individually during the line-up.

7200 Hunt Seat Equitation – Hands and Seat

7201 Rider should have a competent appearance, seat and hands light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control should any emergency arise.

7202 To mount, take up the reins in left hand and place hand on withers. Grasp stirrup leather with right hand, insert foot in stirrup and mount. To dismount, rider may either step down or slide down. The size of the rider must be taken into consideration.

7203 Hands should be over and in front of horse’s withers, knuckles 30 degrees inside the vertical, hands slightly apart and making a straight line from the horse’s mouth to the rider’s elbow. Method of holding reins is optional but all reins must be picked up at the same time.

7204 The eyes should be up and shoulders back. Toes should be at an angle best suited to rider’s conformation, ankles flexed, heels down, calf of leg in contact with horse and slightly behind girth. Iron should be on ball of foot.

7205 At the walk, sitting trot, and canter, body should be a couple of degrees in front of the vertical; posting trot, inclined forward; galloping and jumping same inclination as the posting trot.

7300 Hunt Seat Class Routine

7301 Over Fences

7301.1 The performance begins when the horse enters the ring or is given the signal to proceed after entering the ring.

7301.2 Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the fault of the rider.

7301.3 Except in combinations, number of strides shall not be considered unless it is the fault of the rider.

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7301.4 Although a flying change of lead is preferable, a well-executed simple change must not be penalized.

7301.5 Each contestant may include one courtesy circle, if desired, before approaching the first jump. She/he shall then proceed around the course, keeping an even pace throughout. Three (3) cumulative refusals will eliminate. No courtesy fence will be allowed after elimination.

7302 On the Flat

7302.1 Contestants shall enter ring and shall proceed at least once around the ring at each appropriate gait and on command, reverse and repeat.

7302.2 Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Entries shall then line up on command, and any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements.

7400 Course Requirements and Hunt Seat Tests

7401 Classes over fences shall be held over at least six (6) jumps, type to be left to the discretion of management.

7402 A Hunt Seat judge may choose from the tests listed in Rule 3304. Tests may be performed collectively or individually. No other tests may be used except at the National Finals where additional appropriate tests may be asked. Instructions must be publicly announced.

7500 General Guidelines for Western Horsemanship Equitation

7501 Hands

7501.1 The upper arms are in a straight line with the body, the one holding the reins bent at the elbow.

7501.2 Some movement of the arms is permissible, but excessive pumping will be penalized.

7501.3 The position of the hand not holding the rein is optional, but it should be kept free of the horse and equipment, and held in a relaxed manner with the rider's body straight at all times.

7501.4 The hand is to be around the reins at all times.

7501.5 No more than one finger is permitted between the reins when split reins are used, but none with romal reins. Rider may hold the romal in the free hand provided it is at least 16" from the rein hand.

7501.6 Rein hand to be carried immediately above or slightly ahead of the horn of the saddle.

7501.7 Bracing against horn will be penalized.

7501.8 Reins should be carried so as to have light contact with the horse's mouth.

7501.9 Two hands may be used only on horses designated by the show committee. It is recommended that these horses be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore.

7502 Basic Rider Position:

7502.1 Riders shall sit in the saddle with legs hanging underneath.

7502.2 The stirrup should be just short enough to allow the heels to be lower than the toes.

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7502.3 The body should always appear comfortable, relaxed and flexible.

7502.4 Feet should be placed in the stirrups with the weight on the ball of the foot.

7600 Western Class Routine

7601 Western Horsemanship Class Routine

7601.1 All classes for which rules are provided herein must be conducted accordingly.

7601.2 Riders shall enter the ring and show collectively on the rail at all required gaits in both directions prior to any individual testing. The order to reverse should be executed away from the rail. Riders shall line up on command.

7601.3 A judge may change riders from any horse to any other horse in the same class. This may occur provided rail work or pattern has been completed by all riders.

7601.4 Any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate test included in class requirements. Testing is optional in all classes. (See Rule 3404)

7601.5 When two judges are used for a Western competition, a tie break judge for each class must be determined before the start of competition.

7602 Reining Class Routine

7602.1 Riders are to perform individually before the judge. Three markers will be placed on the left and right rail. A center marker and two end markers spaced appropriately to the size of the arena to allow easy passage beyond the markers. Personal appointments, position and procedures are consistent with rules governing IEA Western Horsemanship division.

7602.2 Riders will be judged on symmetry of figures; properly placed variations of speed, direction, and sizes of circles; proper technical application of natural aids in obtaining lead changes, stops, and turns; and reasonable working horsemanship. Emphasis is on precision, technical application, and the ability to show an unfamiliar horse in a pre-assigned pattern. Results as shown by the performance of the horse are NOT necessarily to be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining them.

7700 Reining Pattern Requirements

7701 All riders in the same class will be asked to perform the same pre-assigned pattern.

7702 All patterns will be posted not less than thirty (30) minutes before the class.

7703 Patterns will be selected from official NRHA / AQHA / IHSA patterns or IEA Appendix C patterns (to be available in August 2019).

7704 In the event horses are not capable of flying lead changes or four (4) spins, patterns may require one (1) or two (2) spins and/or simple lead changes. See IEA Appendix C for modified patterns (to be available in August 2019).

7705 Riders are judged individually upon entering the ring and judging ends upon completion of the final maneuver. A judge's decision is final.

7706 Any rider being off pattern will receive a score of zero (0) and cannot place or receive points in that class.

7707 Two hands may be used only on horses designated by the show committee and listed in the horse description chart. It is recommended that these horses be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore.

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8100 General Point Requirements and Scoring

8101 The points will be counted and awarded as follows:

First place _____	7 points	Fourth place _____	3 points
Second place _____	5 points	Fifth place _____	2 points
Third place _____	4 points	Sixth place _____	1 point

8102 Points and division assignment will follow riders who transfer to other teams throughout their eligibility.

8103 No matter how many individual team members are present at a given competition, points are assigned to each individual and to the group as a team.

8103.1 If a rider is deemed to have been placed illegally, points from regular season shows will be redistributed according to the ruling by the Zone Ethics Committee (ZEC) and National Steward. Placings in post season shows will be adjusted according to the ruling by the ZEC and National Steward. Team points for regular and post season shows will be redistributed as needed per Rule 8107.8.

8104 Procedures

8104.1 The show secretary must act as or designate a point keeper at each regular show. The point keeper will be responsible for tracking individual and team points during the horse show.

8104.2 Upon the conclusion of the competition, an official program, the IEA Show Report, copies of entry forms, judge's cards, point rider forms, team competition results, schooling rider waivers (if applicable) and show fees (\$5.00 per entry per class) must be submitted to the IEA Membership Office within fourteen (14) days after the close of the show for national tracking. The show report should include the competition date and number of entries including number of scratches. A check payable to "IEA" should be attached to the Show Report.

8105 Official Posting of Results

8105.1 In order to have Individual and Team results of the competition officially posted to count towards national standings, the written results from the show competition must be received by the IEA Membership Office within fourteen (14) calendar days after the last day of the competition. All funds must be paid in United States currency.

8105.2 Copies of the results shall be sent to the Zone Administrator.

8105.3 The official point records, maintained at IEA Membership Office, shall determine the class advancement of riders and their eligibility for the National Finals.

8105.4 The coach of each member team should also maintain a complete record of each rider's individual points for the sake of determining rider advancement.

8106 Leading Riders for Regular Season Shows

The Leading Rider at each regular IEA show or competition will be the winner of the Varsity Open Championship class.

8107 High Point Teams for Regular Season Shows

8107.1 Each Team will designate one rider per class to compete for points toward the team championship.

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8107.2 Point riders may be selected from any section of **Hunt Seat Classes 1-7, and 9-13 and Western Classes 1-5, 7, 9-11, 13.** Only one rider may be selected from each class regardless of the number of sections.

8107.3 Point riders must be registered with the scorekeeper or secretary before the first draw. Teams who fail to register point riders prior to the first draw shall have the first eligible riders listed on their entry blank designated by the show as point riders.

8107.4 After the draw has occurred, point riders may only be substituted for extraordinary circumstances, such as injury during the show. The show steward must approve this substitution, and the class must be re-drawn. Once a class has started no substitution can be made under any circumstance.

8107.5 At each regular point show, the total points as awarded to each team's designated point riders, will determine the hierarchy of team rankings.

8107.6 Team rankings at each regular point show will be awarded as follows: Champion – 7 points; Reserve Champion - 5 points; 3rd place - 4 points; 4th place – 3 points; 5th place – 2 points; and 6th place – 1 point.

8107.7 In the case of a tie for the team championship of a regular show, Rule 4510 will apply.

8107.8 If an ineligible rider is used as a team point rider, the team will lose that score and one more score will be dropped, regardless of the size of the team. This penalty applies for each class in which the rider was used. The score to be dropped will be the lowest score greater than zero.

8200 Post Season Qualification

Show points may only be accumulated by teams and riders by competing in IEA sanctioned regular point shows located anywhere in the United States during the competition year. All such show points will count towards qualification for post season competition.

8201 Hunt Seat and Western riders may not show in more than five (5) regular point shows per class per year.

8202 Riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) regular season point shows in their assigned class(es) if they are to be designated as a point rider in said class(es) for their team in post season competitions.

8202.1 After the closing date for a post season show, substitutions in team classes are allowed but must be submitted in writing along with a \$10 change fee per rule 5408. Substitution requests must be received prior to the start of the draw for the first class of the first day of competition. Once the draw for the first class has begun, changes will be made on a case by case basis and are not guaranteed. Substitution requests must be directed to the Show Steward. If approved, the Show Steward may require the class to be re-drawn. Once a class has started no substitution can be made under any circumstances.

8203 Riders will qualify separately for each class within their division.

8204 When a rider receives a score of "0" in a reining class or no score in an over fences class during Regional or Zones Finals, they will not be eligible to advance. Any previously allotted spots will not be reassigned.

8205 In cases when riders are given a bye to the next level of post season competition, Regions and Zones may offer scrimmage classes for those riders, but it must be clearly noted in the prize list and show

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program. If a rider receives a score of "0" or no score in a scrimmage class, they may still advance to the level for which they had already qualified.

8206 Points to Qualify - Hunt Seat

8206.1 Hunt Seat teams qualify for Regional or Zone Finals (in zones not split into regions), or National Finals (for instances in which a Zone Final team competition is not needed) by accumulating twenty (20) points during the competition year.

8206.2 Riders in Hunt Seat Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 11 qualify for Regional Finals by accumulating a minimum of eighteen (18) points in that class during the competition year.

8206.3 Riders in Hunt Seat Zones 6-10 qualify for Regional or Zone Finals (in areas not split into regions), or National Finals (for instances in which a Zone Final individual competition is not needed) by accumulating a minimum of fifteen (15) points in that class during the competition year.

8207 Points to Qualify - Western

8207.1 Western **teams** qualify for Regional Finals by accumulating twenty (20) points during the competition year.

8207.2 Western **riders** qualify for Regional Finals by accumulating a minimum of fifteen (15) points in that class during the competition year.

8300 Regional Finals

8301 Regional Finals must be considered a community effort. All teams and individual riders who qualify to compete are expected to participate in the organization and/or running of the Regional Final in some way; including but not limited to providing a facility, schooling riders, show staff, volunteers, and horses.

8302 Hunt Seat

8302.1 The top twelve (12) qualified riders in each class, and not more than twelve (12) riders, and the top twelve (12) teams, and not more than twelve (12) teams from Regional Finals, will be invited to Zone Finals. In the event there are more than twelve (12) qualified riders or teams, Zones utilizing regional splits will use a Regional Finals to determine which riders and teams will advance to Zone Finals. In the case of a tie at Regional or Zone Finals, the tie breaker in Rule 4510 will be used to determine which riders and teams will advance.

8302.2 Regional Finals will consist of only teams and riders that have qualified for Zone Finals under Rule 8200 in Zones that have been divided into regions.

8302.3 Regional Finals will be held at least ten (10) business days before Zone Finals.

8302.4 A minimum of eight ribbons shall be awarded in each class.

8303 Western

8303.1 The top twelve (12) qualified riders in each class, and not more than twelve (12) riders, and the top twelve (12) teams, and not more than twelve (12) teams from Regional Finals, will be invited to Western Semi-Finals. In the event there are more than twelve (12) qualified riders or teams, Zones utilizing regional splits will use a Regional Finals to determine which riders and teams will advance to Western Semi-Finals. In the case of a tie at Regionals or Western Semi-Finals the tie breaker in Rule 4510 will be used to determine which riders and teams will advance.

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8303.1 Regional Finals will consist of only teams and riders that have qualified for post season under Rule 8200 in Zones that have been divided into regions. Each region will send an allotted number of teams and individual riders to **Western National Finals**, its designated Semi-Finals event. Allotment numbers and Semi-Finals assignments will be posted on the IEA website.

8303.2 Regional Finals will be held at least ten (10) **fifteen (15)** business days before **Western Nationals**, Semi-Finals.

8303.3 A minimum of eight ribbons shall be awarded in each class.

8400 Zone Finals

8401 Zone Finals must be considered a community effort. All teams and individual riders who qualify to compete are expected to participate in the organization or running of the Zone Final in some way, including but not limited to providing a facility, schooling riders, show staff, volunteers, and horses.

8402 Hunt Seat

8402.1 There will be no more than twelve (12) riders per class at Zone Finals and no more than twelve (12) teams at Zone Finals. Rider and team allotments for Zone Finals will be proportionately divided among the regions of the zone based upon the number of members in each region as determined by IEA membership on December 31st of each year.

8402.2 Teams and individuals will qualify for Zone Finals under Rule 8200.

8402.3 The Zone Finals shall be held at a location designated by the Zone Administrator and approved by the IEA Membership Secretary. All Zone Finals will be commenced on a date no later than fifteen (15) business days before the date established for the IEA Hunt Seat National Finals. It is mandatory that the Zone Administrator organize, attend and supervise the Zone Finals.

8402.4 The top competitive teams and the top individual riders per class, as determined by Rule 8500, competing at the Zone Finals (assuming there are Zone Finals in each of these categories) are then eligible for invitations to the National Finals.

8402.5 A minimum of eight ribbons shall be awarded in each class.

8403 Western

8403.1 ~~There will be no more than twelve (12) riders per class at Western Semi-Finals and no more than twelve (12) teams at Zone Finals. Rider and team allotments for Western Semi-Finals will be proportionately divided among the regions of the zone based upon the number of members in each region as determined by IEA membership on December 31st of each year.~~

8403.2 ~~Teams and individuals will qualify for Western Semi-Finals under Rule 8200.~~

8403.3 ~~The Western Semi-Finals shall be held at a location designated by the Zone Administrator and approved by the IEA Membership Secretary. All Western Semi-Finals will be commenced on a date no later than fifteen (15) business days before the date established for the IEA Western National Finals. It is mandatory that the Zone Administrator organize, attend and supervise the Western Semi-Finals.~~

8403.4 ~~The top competitive teams and the top individual riders per class, as determined by Rule 8500, competing at the Western Semi-Finals are then eligible for invitations to the National Finals.~~

8403.5 ~~A minimum of eight ribbons shall be awarded in each class.~~

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8500 National Finals

8501 General

- 8501.1** In the spring of each year on a date and at a location designated by IEA, a National Finals competition will be conducted for the top qualifiers of the Zone Finals / Western Regional Finals and otherwise in accordance with the qualifying criteria as outlined in the IEA Rules and Regulations.
- 8501.2** IEA shall host a National Finals Show to determine and award teams and individuals with national titles.
- 8501.3** There will be a separate entry fee for the National Finals.
- 8501.4** IEA reserves the right to make changes to the Regional, Zone or National Finals schedule and/or procedures of competition provided any changes to the standard format are approved by the IEA Executive Committee.
- 8501.5** To be considered an active Zone there must be a minimum of three (3) eligible teams of the same age group (Futures or Upper School) that compete in a minimum of two (2) competitions held within the Zone during the regular competition season. Membership from a Zone with fewer than three (3) active teams as of November 1st will be assigned by the Board of Directors to another Zone for the remainder of the competition year.
- 8501.6** As the location of National Finals is rotated throughout the different Zones, teams from the hosting Zone will be expected to support in the operation of the show in some way; including but not limited to providing a facility, schooling riders, show staff, volunteers, and horses.

8502 Rider Qualifications and Eligibility for IEA National Finals

- 8502.1** Riders may compete in only one classification per year at National Finals. No rider shall be allowed to compete at a higher level in National competition without first demonstrating the ability to compete at the higher level during the regular season.
- 8502.2** Substitutions in the individual competition will be accepted only if those substitutions are arranged at the Zone Finals or Western Regional Finals and are sent in at the same time as the results. Any rider that does not plan to attend National Finals will have their coach notify the Zone Administrator IN WRITING at the morning coaches meeting at Zone Finals or Western Regional Finals; if that rider places in such a way that they would advance to National Finals, the Zone Administrator will assign the next rider in line to compete at National Finals, and will send this change to the IEA Membership Office with the results.
- 8502.3** The Varsity Open Championship Classes as offered at regular point shows do not count toward individual points for National Finals qualification.

8503 Team Qualifications and Eligibility for IEA National Finals

- 8503.1** The National Team Championship will be awarded to the qualifying team that accumulates the most points at the National Finals competition.
- 8503.2** Team members may change from show to show. However, at the National Finals in team competition, there can only be one rider for each class.
- 8503.3** Substitutions in the team competition will be accepted only if those substitutions are arranged AT the Zone Finals or Western Regional Finals and are sent in at the same time as the results. Any team that does not plan to attend Nationals will notify the Zone Administrator IN WRITING at the morning coaches meeting at Zone Finals or Western Regional Finals; if that team places in such a way that they would advance to National Finals, the Zone Administrator will assign the next team in line to compete at National Finals, and will send this

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change to the Membership Office with the results. After National team entries have been submitted, point rider substitutions may be allowed on a case-by-case basis, but are not guaranteed.

8503.4 After the closing date for National Finals, substitutions in team classes are allowed but must be submitted in writing along with a \$10 change fee per rule 5408. Substitution requests must be received prior to the start of the draw for the first class of the first day of competition. Once the draw for the first class has begun, changes will be made on a case by case basis and are not guaranteed. Substitution requests must be directed to the Show Steward. If approved, the Show Steward may require the class to be re-drawn. Once a class has started no substitution can be made under any circumstance.

8504 Class Specifications- Hunt Seat Individual Rider Competition

8504.1 There will be no more than eighteen (18) riders per class at the National Finals.

8504.2 Each active IEA Zone may send one Rider per class, as listed in Rules 3301 and 3302, to National Finals.

8504.3 The remaining rider positions for National Finals will be proportionately divided among the Zones based upon the number of members in each Zone as determined by IEA membership on December 31st of each year. Calculations will be based on total individual rider memberships, and they will be split into calculations for middle school total members and upper school total members. These percentages will then be applied to all individual class allotments and to all team class allotments at Nationals. In the case of any allotted spots that can not be awarded by mathematical percentages, any unused allotments will be put into a random draw and all zones that represent 10% or more of the membership in that category will be eligible to potentially draw the lottery-allotted spot. The draw will be done by the Executive Director and supervised by the National Steward. IEA will promptly notify the Zone Administrator at the beginning of each calendar year of the number of additional rider members per class a Zone may send to National Finals.

8504.4 Hunt Seat Championship Class

8504.4.1 The high point hunt seat rider in combined individual open fences and open flat from each zone during the regular season will be invited to participate in the Hunt Seat Championship class at the National Finals. If the top point earner is not able to attend, the next in line will be invited.

8504.4.2 Ties will be broken in this order: individual open fences points during regular season, total individual points earned at Regional Finals, total individual points earned at Zone Finals. In the event that multiple riders are still tied, they will compete in a ride off at Zone Finals. Only individual points count, not team points.

8504.4.3 One rider per each active zone will be invited, plus two more spots given to the top two point earners in combined open fences and open flat at Nationals. If a top point earner for a Zone is also a top point earner at Nationals then that additional spot will not be filled.

8505 Class Specifications- Hunt Seat Team Competition

8505.1 There will be no more than eighteen (18) teams at the National Finals.

8505.2 Each active zone may send one team to National Finals.

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8505.3 The remaining teams for Nationals will be proportionately divided among the zones based upon the number of teams in each zone as determined by IEA membership on December 31st of each year. IEA will promptly notify the Zone Administrator at the beginning of each calendar year of the number of additional teams a zone may send to Nationals.

8505.4 Each of these teams may send one (1) rider for each team point rider class offered at the National Finals.

8506 Class Specifications- Western Individual Rider Competition

8506.1 In the Western Discipline, there will be no more than twelve (12) riders per class at the National Finals.

8506.2 Any Western Region with less than 10% of the overall Western Membership will send one (1) rider directly from Regional Finals to National Finals. If a Western Region has between 10-20% of the overall Western Membership, that Region will send two riders directly from Regional Finals to National Finals. Any two contiguous Western Regions may choose to join together to pool their allotted number of spots at Western Nationals, upon request of both Region Presidents, with the approval of the Zone Administrator. Each Semi-Final will send six (6) riders per class to the National Finals.

8507 Class Specifications- Western Team Competition

8507.1 There will be no more than twelve (12) Teams at the Nationals Finals.

8507.2 Any Western Region with less than 10% of the overall Western Membership will send one (1) team directly from Regional Finals to National Finals. If a Western Region has between 10-20% of the overall Western Membership, that Region will send two (2) teams directly from Regional Finals to National Finals. Any two contiguous Western Regions may choose to join together to pool their allotted number of spots at Western Nationals, upon request of both Region Presidents, with the approval of the Zone Administrator. Each Semi-Final will send six (6) teams to the National Finals.

8507.3 Each of these teams may send one rider (1) for each team point rider class offered at the National Finals.

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9100 Committees and National Steward

Upon approval of the Board of Directors, the President may appoint a National Steward and/or Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee each of whom must be members in good standing to qualify for the position. These appointed positions sit at the discretion of the President, but may be removed (with or without cause) by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

9200 Rules and Ethics Committee

9201 The President may appoint members of the Rules and Ethics Committee ("REC"). The REC shall be composed of eight (8) members to serve one year terms starting July 1st. The composition shall be three (3) Hunt Seat representatives, three (3) Western representatives and the IEA President or the President's designee. The President or the President's designee shall be the Chair.

9202 The REC shall be responsible for suggesting changes to the IEA rules, regulations and standards. The REC shall review proposals for rule changes and prepare a report on the practicality and suitability of any proposed change. The Chair of the REC shall present the written rules, regulations and standards change proposals to the Board of Directors who will make the final decision.

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9203 The provisions of these rules shall apply to the following persons: exhibitor, coach, rider, show official, show employee, designated representative or member of the family of the above, individual, and member schools, member show and member institution, who act in a manner in violation of the Rules of the IEA or deemed prejudicial to its best interests. Any action in connection with a show in violation of the Rules, by a member of the family of a person participating in the Show, who is described in the previous sentence, may be deemed to have been committed by such person and subject to penalties.

9204 IEA Zones and Regions may not adopt rules that circumvent or abridge established IEA rules.

9205 Non-Protestable Decisions

9205.1 The soundness of a horse or the suitability of a rider or a horse, when determined by a Steward of the Show or by a Judge, is not a violation.

9205.2 A Judge's decision, representing their individual preference, is not a violation of the rules.

9300 Zone Ethics Committee (ZEC)

9301 Composition and Election

9301.1 The Committee shall consist of:

1. The Zone Administrator as Chairman, to vote only in case of ties.
2. Five (5) designated coach representatives as defined in IEA Rule 2303 (Coach membership).
3. At least one (1) alternate.
4. Five (5) IEA teams should be represented on the ZEC if possible. Any member involved in an alleged violation must be excused and replaced by the alternate. A Vice-Chairman shall be elected if the Chairman is involved in an alleged violation.
5. The National Steward and Associate National Steward shall act as resources to the ZEC aiding in the consistent application of all rules and regulations. They may serve as ad hoc members to any ZEC meeting and be consulted at any point of the review process.

9301.2 Members of the ZEC shall serve for a term of two (2) years unless they resign or are replaced by the Zone Administrator.

9301.3 The Zone Administrator will request nominations for appointments to the Zone Ethics Committee by December 15th. The committee will be appointed by June 15th for the coming show season. and appoint ZEC members by August 1

9302 Jurisdiction

9302.1 The ZEC shall have jurisdiction over all alleged violations of the IEA Rules and Regulations occurring within the Zone.

9302.2 The ZEC shall entertain only formal petitions, protests or appeals written by a coach member, steward, or show official and submitted through the IEA Membership Secretary. The Membership Secretary will immediately forward the petition, protest or appeal on to the Zone Administrator who will bring the matter before the Zone Ethics Committee or advance it directly to the Executive Committee in an extraordinary circumstance.

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9302.3 The ZEC shall rule on and enforce such violations and penalties as listed in Rules 9500 and 9600. For the sake of organizational consistency, the ZEC will send their recommendation to the National Steward to affirm, modify, or deny. Once approved by the National Steward, the final ruling will be communicated by the ZEC to all related parties.

9303 Judicial Procedure

9303.1 Formal petitions, protests and appeals must be written by a coach member, steward or show official and submitted through the IEA Membership Secretary on the appropriate form. The Membership Secretary will immediately forward the petition, protest or appeal on to the Zone Administrator who will bring the matter before the Zone Ethics Committee.

9303.2 Formal Petition - Any request submitted in writing to the Zone Administrator with respect to a particular cause, including a review of a decision made by a show steward. Petitions relating to events or decisions made at an IEA show must be submitted within ten (10) days of the pertaining show.

9303.3 Formal Protest - A notice of alleged violation must be in writing, submitted through the IEA Membership Secretary and addressed to the Zone Administrator within ten (10) days of discovery and must state the full name and address of the accused and the accuser and contain a complete and definitive statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. Precise details regarding a violation of the Rules are necessary.

9303.4 Appeal - Refer to Rule 9303.7.

9303.5 Hearings:

1. Following receipt of a formal protest, the ZEC shall notify the defendant in writing of the charges.
2. The defendant and accuser shall be given at least seven (7) days notice of the date of the hearing.
3. The hearing shall be recorded and a copy thereof forwarded within seven (7) days to the IEA National Steward.
4. To conduct the hearing at least four (4) members of the ZEC must be present.
5. After giving all persons an opportunity to be heard, the ZEC shall in closed session within seven (7) days of the hearing determine if a violation has occurred, and if so, what penalty, if any, should be imposed.
6. To reach a verdict or impose a penalty, at least four (4) members of the ZEC must concur in the verdict and penalty.

9303.6 Notification of Verdict and Penalty

The verdict and penalty, if any, shall be set forth in writing by the chairman of the ZEC within seven (7) days of the determination, and sent by certified (or "Fed Ex") mail or return receipt email to the defendant and the accuser. A copy shall also be sent to the Membership Secretary, National Steward and the President.

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9303.7 Appeal

1. If the defendant or the accuser is not satisfied with the decision of the ZEC and National Steward, she/he may bring an appeal to the IEA Executive Committee. Appeals may only be filed by IEA coaches. Coaches must file appeals for their teams and on behalf of individual riders.
2. The appeal shall be made in writing on the appropriate form within fourteen (14) days of the verdict's receipt and accompanied by a \$250.00 bond to be returned only if the appeal is sustained. It shall be sent to the IEA Membership Secretary, who will forward it to the President and the Executive Committee with a copy to be sent to the Chairman of the ZEC and the National Steward.
3. The Executive Committee will respond within fourteen (14) days of the appeal's receipt. The Committee may affirm, reverse, or modify the verdict of the ZEC and National Steward. Its opinion shall be set forth in writing by the National Secretary and sent to the defendant, the accuser, the Chairman of the ZEC, the Board of Directors, and the defendant's team coach or other appropriate team authority. The ruling of the Executive Committee is final.

9304 Extraordinary Procedure

9304.1 In the event that the ZEC upon receipt of written charge determines 1) that the outcome of the hearing could affect eligibility for either a Regional, Zone or National Horse Show and 2) that a hearing upon the notice required cannot be held in sufficient time before such Regional, Zone or National Horse Show to insure that only qualified riders or teams will be able to compete, the ZEC may on a two-thirds vote follow the extraordinary procedure herein.

9304.2 If the ZEC determines that the extraordinary procedure is necessary it shall follow all procedures outlined in Judicial Procedure except all communications shall be carried out as soon as possible by telephone.

9304.3 The date of the hearing must be no less than twenty-four (24) hours after notification.

9305 Non-cooperation

In the event that a member fails to cooperate with the ZEC, the ZEC by a vote of at least four (4) members shall forthwith suspend said member until the member renders the cooperation required.

9306 Procedure

9306.1 Procedure shall be as abbreviated as necessary to resolve a dispute while still maintaining fairness to all parties.

9306.2 If owing to a lack of pertinent information, all or any portion of a dispute cannot be resolved at a horse show, the accused may continue with the understanding that any point tallies and/or winnings may be forfeited at a later time.

9306.3 Notification and appeal shall be the same as outlined in Judicial Procedure.

9307 Reciprocity

~~Upon receipt of official notice that disciplinary action has been taken by a Humane Society or court of law against a person for an act which may be a violation of Association Rules, an officer of this Association may make a charge against such person to his Zone Ethics Committee and after a hearing of such disciplined person under the provision of the Rules, may take such action as it deems in its own best interest.~~

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9400 National Steward

- 9401** The National Steward shall be responsible for the interpretation of all rules, regulations and standards.
- 9402** The National Steward serves on the Rules and Ethics Committee and is charged with being knowledgeable of all rules, regulations and standards as set forth by the Board of Directors.
- 9403** The National Steward must be over twenty-one (21) years of age and must be recommended by the Board of Directors. Each term of office shall run for two (2) years.
- 9404** The President or President Elect will serve as Associate National Steward and will have jurisdiction in the National Steward's zone and in any matters where there may be a conflict of interest for the National Steward.
- 9405** All decisions made by the National Steward and Associate National Steward are final except through the procedure outlined in Rule 9303.7.
- 9406** All opinions or rulings by the National Stewards shall be reduced to writing and copies forwarded to the Executive Director, Executive Committee and all other interested persons.

9500 Individual Violations and Penalties

- 9501 Violations** - An individual violation is any of the following acts committed by a rider, contributing or coach member:
1. Violation of any IEA Rule or Regulation.
 2. Penalization by the Humane Society or Court of Law for violation of Association Rules.
 3. Acting, inciting or permitting another person to act, in a manner contrary to the IEA Rules and Regulations, or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, intemperate or prejudicial to the best interest of IEA.
 4. Any act committed or remark made in connection with a show, considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the judging; approaching a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the show committee or steward; inspection of a judge's card without show management's permission.
 5. Failure of a judge or steward to perform his duties at a show in accordance with the rules.
 6. Filing of an inaccurate membership application.
 7. Failure of an exhibitor or his/her representative to sign the entry blank of a show in which he/she competes.
 8. Physical assault upon a person and/or cruelty to a horse.
 9. Failure to obey any penalty imposed by IEA.
- 9502 Penalties** - If found guilty of any of the above violations, penalties for an individual shall be limited to the following:
1. Probation shall be listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a further violation, the defendant shall be subject to a heavier penalty than for a first offense.

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2. Suspension of such person or institution for any period from showing. A suspended person or institution is forbidden for the time specified in the sentence to hold or exercise a position, committee or office in IEA or in any Show, and is excluded from all show grounds during Shows, as an exhibitor, participant or spectator.
3. Expulsion from all recognized Shows.
4. Suspension or expulsion from membership in IEA.
5. Forfeiture of trophies, ribbons, and points won in connection with the offense committed.
6. Suspension from office as Steward, Judge or Show Official.
7. Fine.
8. Censure.
9. Removal from position, committee or office.

9503 Communication of Individual Violations & Penalties

All individual violations & penalties will be communicated to those involved via the primary member email contact on file, the coach member, the Region President, and the Zone Administrator. Upon receipt of the communication, the Zone Administrator will notify the Membership Office, who will update the database to reflect individual and/or team eligibility.

9600 Show Violations and Penalties

9601 An EHC, host, co-host or host school may be subject to penalty by the ZEC, Membership Office Secretary, Executive Committee or National Steward for violations of the rules in the conduct of its show.

9602 Violations shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

9602.1 Failure to:

1. Conduct a show in accordance with IEA Rules.
2. Use standard specifications for classes.
3. Print the most current IEA indemnification statement and deadlines on each entry blank.
4. Secure the signature of the (1) designated coach on each entry blank, and (2) schooling horse rider on the proper waiver form.
5. Provide ambulance on the show grounds or on call, plus qualified medical personnel on the grounds for the scheduled performance as defined in Rule 6102.
6. Timely pay its indebtedness to the IEA.
7. Pay other indebtedness within thirty (30) days.
8. Submit an Official Show Program and results, the IEA Show Report, copies of entry forms, judge's cards, point rider forms, team competition results, **Incident Report**, schooling rider waivers (if applicable) and show fees (\$5.00 per entry per class) to the IEA Membership Office within fourteen (14) days after the close of the show.
9. Report the disqualification of a person at the show.

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10. Present correct Hunt Seat Equitation courses or Western patterns.
11. Honor written contracts with judges, stewards, or other show officials and employees.
12. Conduct a competition day within a twelve (12) hour period from start of schooling to conclusion of last class.
13. Provide appropriate number of horses and alternates in the draw as recommended in the Show Hosting Guidelines for the accepted number of entries.
14. Secure IEA mandated event insurance through Equisure.
15. Use the IEA Database to verify entries and report show results.

9602.2 The use of judges in disciplines in which they have not been enrolled without obtaining in advance the required general permission.

9602.3 The use of non-qualified stewards.

9602.4 The listing of a judge or steward in the prize list before the invitation to serve has been accepted.

9602.5 Permitting persons or institutions not in good standing to participate in any manner.

9602.6 Permitting acts that are improper, intemperate, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or contrary to the Rules and Regulations of IEA.

9603 An EHC, host, and/or co-host guilty of a violation shall be subject to penalty of one or more of the following:

9603.1 Fine and/or suspension may be levied proportionate to the violation.

9603.2 If found guilty of a further violation, the EHC, host, and/or co-host shall be liable to a heavier penalty than for a first offense, including suspension for any period from the list of approved shows including National Finals and/or expulsion from membership in IEA.

9603.3 A Show Supervisor may be assigned (expenses to be covered by EHC, host, and/or co-host) by the Zone Administrator for future competition.

9603.4 Additional penalties as listed in Rule 9502 may also be applied if applicable.

9604 Communication of Show Violations & Penalties

All show violations and penalties will be communicated to the EHC, the Co-Hosts, the EHF and the Show Secretary via the primary member email contact on file, the Region President, and the Zone Administrator. Upon receipt of the communication, the Zone Administrator will notify the National Office who will update the database to reflect individual and/or team eligibility.

9700 Reciprocity

Upon receipt of appropriate notice that disciplinary action has been taken by a Humane Society or court of law against a person for an act which may be a violation of these IEA Rules and Regulations, an officer of IEA may make a charge against such person to the Zone Ethics Committee and after a hearing of such disciplined person under the provision of the Rules, may take such action as it deems in its own best interest.

IEA SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) recognizes the importance of the Internet in shaping public thinking about our organization and our current and future events and potential services. We also recognize the importance of our members, families, coaches, trainers, sponsors, volunteers, employees, vendors, contributors and friends joining together to have communication about the IEA, its events, activities and subjects related to equestrian sport. The IEA is committed to supporting honest, transparent and knowledgeable dialogue on the Internet through social media in a manner that is befitting the organization and promotes good sportsmanship.

The official IEA presence on Social Media

The IEA maintains several Facebook pages and groups, Twitter accounts, as well as accounts on YouTube, Tumblr, Pinterest and other sites.

The IEA will, from time-to-time, conduct contests, take surveys and endorse Zone, team and sponsor activities through social media.

The IEA encourages members, families, coaches, trainers, sponsors, volunteers, employees, vendors, contributors and friends to create communication among all groups through social media.

It is important to note: All IEA social media sites are monitored multiple times each day during the calendar year. Any information found on an IEA managed site that is found to be inappropriate will be deleted. This includes, but is not limited to, information discovered through posting, commenting, sharing, tagging, @reply or the use of any IEA-specific hash-tag (#IEA, #InterscholasticEquestrianAssociation, #IEAFinals, etc.) The person who originates an improper post will be subject to any of the penalties listed in Rule 9502. Should another occurrence happen, the originator would be blocked from all IEA social media sites. Should the problem persist, the IEA will, within its rights, cancel the person's membership and participation in the IEA.

The IEA Marketing Director manages all official social media accounts with support from the Membership Marketing Director, under the guidance of the Executive Director. The Marketing Director is responsible for the security of passwords and upkeep of these accounts. The Marketing Director grants access to other IEA staff to administer groups on the platforms and to post content.

Simple Guide to Postings:

Think of newscast, your mother and your boss

Don't post anything online—including demonstrative and colloquial language— that you wouldn't be comfortable seeing quoted on a newscast, being asked about by your mother or having to justify to your boss.

Be safe.

There are creeps online just like in the real world. Don't publicly post anything you wouldn't tell a stranger on the street. Opinions and ideas belong in a public forum; your last name, passwords or phone numbers do not. Use only your first name and last initial while blogging.

Comment in correct tone:

The IEA, like any organization, always strives to improve its operations so competitions remain among the best in equestrian sport. No matter the subject, every post must demonstrate proper intent and be written with good sportsmanship in mind. All comments should be crafted with appropriate tone and prose.

Please note: Social media is not the forum for filing complaints or criticisms about IEA staff, rules, officials, or events. Serious concerns and recommendations for rule or policy changes should be expressed through procedures outlined in Rule 9000 of the IEA Rulebook. The IEA management attempts to communicate through all methods in a transparent manner, and social media is no exception.

Confidentiality and Security:

Do not post confidential or proprietary information about the IEA or any individual or yourself on social media. Do not collect sensitive information—such as phone numbers, student ID numbers, Social Security numbers, payment information, etc.—via social media, as those are not secure channels.

Rule Infractions and Penalties To Be Applied by the IEA Membership Secretary

Applicable Rules	Typical Infraction	Standard Penalty
<u>2304.9</u>	Rider who is not an active member present on team roster competes in an IEA show	Rider: Loses any points earned plus that show; If Rider is used as a point rider Rule 8107.8 applies; Show Host: Fined \$100 for not using database plus all entries collected for those ineligible riders; Coach: Fined \$100 per entry form
<u>3000</u>	Rider competes in class they are ineligible for	Rider: Loses any points earned and the show
<u>8107.8</u>	Team uses a point rider in class they are ineligible for	Team: Loses point rider points plus 1 additional score (lowest score greater than 0) for each class in which an ineligible rider was used as a point rider
<u>4204.12</u>	Show host doesn't submit Equisure show coverage application after warning. Membership office has coverage bound on the show hosts' behalf	Host: Fined \$100, plus cost of insurance (\$140/day)
<u>4204.18</u>	Show host doesn't use IEA database for show entries	Host: Fined \$100
<u>4204.18, 6100</u>	Show host doesn't submit online show results in the required timeline	Host: Fined \$100
<u>6100</u>	Show host doesn't send in show paperwork in required timeline	Host: Fined \$100
<u>4305</u>	Show host runs a class split with less than 6 riders	Host: Fined \$100
<u>2601</u>	NSF/ returned checks	\$25 fee (fine) + certified ck / \$ order + deactivated until replacement payment received
<u>2601</u>	Unpaid indebtedness to IEA after timeline warning	Member is deactivated until payment received
<u>1801</u>	Unauthorized use of name/logo/ distribution lists	Fine \$100

<p>Additional penalties may be applied per rule 9600 for other infractions not listed above or for repeat offenses. Any fines or penalties must be paid and/or met before members are allowed to continue competing.</p>
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to the
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Dressage Addendum to the IEA Rules and Regulations

Rule 1000: General

A. This addendum shall provide rules and guidelines to accompany the current IEA Rules and Regulations in relation to the Dressage Discipline. Any reference in this addendum relating to a Rule will be referring to the *2019-2020 IEA Rules and Regulations*.

B. Rules and Guidelines for the Dressage Discipline shall be governed by the 2019-2020 IEA Rules and Regulations with the exception of guidelines listed within this addendum

C. The 2019-2020 IEA Rules and Regulations shall take precedence over all other rules and regulations of other similarly situated organizations. However, if a topic is not covered by the 2019-2020 IEA Rules and Regulations, first the rules and regulations of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association ["IHSA"] and then, if not resolved, the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. ["USEF"], United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) may be used as a reference for guidance in making an equitable decision under the circumstances.

Rule 2000: Membership

A. Previous year participation in the Dressage Pilot Program will require hosting or co-hosting a competition in accordance with Rule 2302.

B. Dressage teams shall be placed in a single zone with multiple regions. The following is a list of dressage regions, and the states which comprise each region:

Region 1: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island

Region 2A: Southeastern and Long Island, New York

Region 2B: Upstate and Central, New York

Region 3: Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

Region 4: Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi

Region 5A: Kentucky, Ohio

Region 5B: Indiana, Illinois, Michigan

Region 6: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska

Region 7: Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana

Region 8: Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico

Region 9: Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska

Region 10: California, Nevada, Hawaii

Region 11: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

Rule 3000: Disciplines, Classes and Tests: Rider Placement and Eligibility

A. Dressage is a discipline offered by the IEA in addition to hunt seat and western.

B. Recognized Competitions: In addition to those associations listed in the 2019-2020 IEA Rules and Regulations: United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC), and the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI).

C. Initial placement of Dressage riders must be based upon the class descriptions in Rule 3.J. of the IEA Dressage Addendum.

D. All initial placements in each division must be within the same class eligibility level. Competing on two different levels is permitted only when a rider points-out in the Dressage Seat Equitation Class.

E. Riders without experience performing a dressage test should be assessed according to their ability to perform flatwork tests, as listed in Rule 3.L.

F. Crossover Riders: Riders competing in multiple disciplines can be placed one division lower in their crossover division than their primary discipline placement. Returning Open or Intermediate hunt seat and western riders should be placed no lower than the Novice Dressage Seat Equitation division.

G. Riders crossing over into the hunt seat or western division should have a minimum of one-year of professional instruction over fences or reining before competing in an Open or Intermediate level division.

H. Riders who advance in the Dressage Test class through voluntary advancement, two-year participation, pointing out, or qualifying for Nationals must also advance in the Dressage Seat Equitation class.

I. Riders may not show in more than five (5) regular season point shows per class per year.

J. Dressage Discipline Class Descriptions

Upper School Class Descriptions - Varsity and Junior Varsity

Class 1. Varsity Open Dressage Test

Test: IEA Open Rider Test

Open to riders in grades 9-12 who are not other eligible for the Varsity Intermediate, or lower, divisions. Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-14.

Class 2. Varsity Open Dressage Seat Equitation

Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-14.

Class 3. Varsity Intermediate Dressage Test

Test: IEA Intermediate Rider Test

Open to riders in grades 9-12. This division is open to all riders who have not competed in a recognized or schooling dressage competitions at Second level. Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class. Riders may not have competed in the FEI 5 year old test or above. Riders may not have been rated B or higher by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons in jumping events at 3'3" or higher must be placed in the Open Varsity Division. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-11.

Class 4. Varsity Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation

Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-11.

Class 5. JV Novice Dressage Test

Test: IEA Novice Rider Test

Open to riders in grades 9-12. This division is open to all riders who have not competed in 6 or more first level tests or competed at a level higher than first level in any recognized or schooling dressage competition guidelines on equivalent FEI and foreign federation tests. Riders may not have competed in the FEI 4 year old test or above. Riders may not have been rated C+, C-3 or higher by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-7.

Class 6. JV Novice Dressage Seat Equitation

Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-7.

Class 7. JV Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation - Walk/Trot/Canter

Open to riders in grades 9-12. This division is open to any rider that has not competed in 6 training level test or competed at a level higher than training, in any recognized or schooling dressage competition; including those recognized by USDF, USEF or USEA. Riders may not have been rated C-2 above by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. Riders must be experienced enough to canter on an unfamiliar animal in a group. To be eligible for Class 7, a rider must have had at least one year continuous professional instruction, must demonstrate proficiency at the trot and canter, and be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-6. **Riders may not enter cross-enter into class Class 8 Walk/Trot.**

Class 8. JV Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation - Walk/Trot

Open to riders in grades 9-12 who meet the criteria for Class 7 but are not yet ready to compete on an unfamiliar horse at the canter. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-5. Individual points will be tracked in Class 8 Walk/Trot for post season qualification. No team points will be awarded in Class 8 Walk/Trot during regular or post season shows. **Riders may not cross-enter Class 7 Walk/Trot/Canter.**

Middle School Class Descriptions - Future

Class 9. Future Intermediate Dressage Test

Test: IEA Intermediate Rider Test

Open to riders in grades 6 - 8. This division is open to all riders who have not competed in a recognized or schooling dressage competitions at Second level. Riders may not have competed in the FEI 5 year old test or above. Riders may not have been rated B or higher by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-11.

Class 10. Future Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation

Open to riders in grades 6 - 8. Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-11.

Class 11 - Future Novice Dressage Test

Test: IEA Novice Rider Test

Open to riders in grades 6 - 8. This division is open to all riders who have not competed in 6 or more first level tests or competed at a level higher than first level in any recognized or schooling dressage competition guidelines on equivalent FEI and foreign federation tests are in the appendix of the rules). Riders may not have competed in the FEI 4 year old test or above. Riders may not have been rated C+, C-3 or higher by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-7.

Class 12. Future Novice Dressage Seat Equitation

Open to riders in grades 6 - 8. Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-7.

Class 13. Future Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation - Walk/Trot/Canter

Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the eligibility requirements for Class 7. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-6. **Riders may not cross enter into Class 14 Walk/Trot.**

Class 14. Future Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation - Walk/Trot

Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for Class 8. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1-5. Individual points will be tracked in Class 14 Walk/Trot for post season qualification. No team points will be awarded in Class 14 Walk/Trot during regular or post season shows. **Riders may not cross-enter Class 13 Walk/Trot/Canter.**

Intro Class Descriptions

See the *4th and 5th Grade Intro Rider Addendum* for more information on participation in Classes DI-1 and DI-2.

DI-1. Dressage Intro Walk/Trot/Canter

Open to riders in grades 4-5 with at least one year of professional riding instruction who are experienced enough to walk, trot and canter an unfamiliar animal in a group and have previous experience showing at the canter at any level. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage tests 1-6.

DI-2. Dressage Intro Walk/Trot

Open to riders in grades 4-5 with at least one year of professional riding instruction who are experienced enough to walk, trot, and canter an unfamiliar animal in a group with limited experience showing at the canter. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage tests 1-5.

K. Champion Dressage Award

This is an award issued to the high point rider based on the highest test score earned in the Individual Varsity Open Dressage Test class. In case of a tie, the judge(s) may require a ride off, the type of which to be determined by each judge.

L. Dressage Rider Tests for DSE Classes and Class Placement

A rider must be prepared to perform the test appropriate for the Dressage Seat Equitation class in which the rider is participating. Riders may be requested to perform the following tests collectively or individually during a show or competition. A dressage judge may choose from the following list, using tests 1-5 for the Beginner Walk/Trot classes, 1-6 for the Beginner Walk/Trot/Canter classes, 1-7 for the Novice classes, 1 - 11 for the Intermediate classes and 1-14 for the Open classes.

1. Ask an appropriate horsemanship question that is tailored to the ability level.
2. Halt
3. Transitions using the walk, rising trot and canter
4. 20m circles
5. Change horses
6. Ride without stirrups at the trot
7. Figure eight or serpentine at the trot demonstrating change of diagonals
8. Ride without stirrups at the canter
9. Figure eight at the canter demonstrating changes of lead through the trot
10. Lengthening at the trot
11. Sitting Trot
12. Lengthening at the canter
13. 10m circles at the trot
14. 15m circles at the canter

Rule 4000: Regular Season Competitions: Requirements, Procedures and Responsibilities

A. Only classes listed in Rule 3.L. are covered by this addendum and must comply with the IEA rules, regulations, and required event insurance requirement. IEA is not responsible and will not accept liability for any non-IEA sanctioned classes.

B. Tie Breaker Rule –

Team Competition: At all competitions, including post-season, for all placings, team ties shall be broken first by the total number of first (1st) place finishes, then by total number of second (2nd) place finishes, then by total number of third (3rd) place finishes, then by total number of fourth (4th) place finishes, then by total number of fifth (5th) place finishes. If a tie still exists, then it shall be broken by using the HIGHEST FINAL DRESSAGE TEST SCORE earned by a point rider representing the team in question. If a tie still cannot be determined, then it will be decided by a coin toss.

Individual Dressage Test Competition: At all competitions, including post-season, individual ties in the Dressage Test classes will be determined by using the four Collective Marks listed on the IEA Rider Tests in the order they are presented. Begin by first comparing the *Rider's Position* mark, and if there is still a tie, compare the *Rider's Correct and Effective use of the*

Aids mark, and so on. If a tie still cannot be determined, then it will be decided by a coin toss.

C. Arena Requirements

1. The arena intended for riders to perform a test will be either a small arena: 20 meters x 40 meters or a large arena: 20 meters x 60 meters, and contain all necessary letter markers.
2. The boundary of the arena shall be no lower than .3 meters (approx 12 inches) and shall be fully enclosed except with the entrance at A. The boundary shall not be comprised of unbreakable materials to eliminate the chance the horse will become entangled. If the arena being used has a permanent boundary (outside arena fencing or indoor walls) that meet arena size requirements than no boundary is necessary.
3. Show hosts that anticipate having an issue providing a large or small arena for competition should contact the Zone Administrator for discussion. If the size of the arena is called into question the day of the competition, Show Steward discretion is acceptable.

D. Schooling - Dressage horses may be schooled in the manner that best prepares them for the class

E. Dressage Seat Equitation classes must will be split at twelve (12) riders.

F. Dressage Test classes may be split at twelve (12) riders.

G. Rider Warm-Up

Riders participating in Dressage Test classes will be allowed a minimum of a two (2) minute warm-up prior to the bell, either in the show square, or in a designated warm up area. Show hosts may expand this time as long as each rider is allowed the same amount of time for warm-up.

H. Dressage Test participants may use a reader during their test during the regular season. Readers are not allowed in post-season competitions.

I. Tack and Aids

1. Dressage saddles are preferred, but all-purpose saddles are acceptable.
2. A plain snaffle bridle with a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband or a flash noseband is required.
3. Bits must comply with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Rulebook for Second Level and below.
4. Martingales are not permitted.

J. Whip and Spurs

1. Spurs are not permitted in Beginner Divisions.
2. Spurs may be no longer than 1 inch, must be blunt/smooth and provided by the horse provider.
3. The whip may be no longer than 76 cm (approx. 30 inches). When a horse provider deems a whip longer than 30 inches should be used on a particular mount, the horse provider must supply that whip for the competition and note it within the horse description.

4. Adjustable whips are not permitted at any time.

K. Dress and Headgear – Proper Show Attire

1. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders are correctly attired for the class in question and horses properly presented. Show management may, at its discretion, bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience and must bar riders without protective headgear.
2. At all times while mounted, riders in all classes must wear a harnessed and fully fastened protective ASTM/SEI approved safety helmet for equestrian use. The IEA will follow the guidelines of USEF in the matter of what constitutes a safety helmet. Riders whose headgear becomes lost or unfastened while in the show ring will be disqualified and immediately excused from the ring. Helmets and chin straps must be fitted properly according to manufacturer's instructions.
3. Dressage Attire - It is mandatory for all riders to use appropriate Dressage tack and Dressage attire while showing. This would include a short coat with tie, choker, stock tie or stand-up collar, white or tan breeches/jodhpurs, boots, a safety helmet compliant with Rule 4508.2.

Rule 5000: Prize List, Entry Blank, Entry Fees and Program

A. Entry fees

1. Regular Season - Dressage seat equitation classes will be \$40 each. Dressage test classes will be \$50.
2. Post-Season - Dressage seat equitation classes will be \$50 each. Dressage test classes will be \$60

Rule 6000: Officials, Judges and Stewards

A. Judge

To officiate an IEA dressage competition, the judge must be USEF registered "r" or recorded "R" in dressage. USDF "L" judges are also permitted.

B. Steward

In addition to qualifications listed in the IEA Rules and Regulations, IDA member coach or IDA Board Member, in good standing, who is not otherwise participating in the competition may steward an IEA dressage competition.

Rule 7000: Judging Requirements

A. In dressage seat equitation classes, only the rider is being judged, therefore, no penalty should be assessed because of the horse's conformation, color or way of going.

B. Judges should not feel it necessary to test

C. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, ability to control and show horse.

D. Results as shown by performance of the horse are NOT necessarily to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining them.

E. A rider must be prepared to perform the tests appropriate for the class in which the rider is participating.

F. Dressage Discipline – Hands and Seat

1. The rider should be well-balanced, elastic, sitting deep in the center of the saddle, smoothly absorbing the movement of the horse with his loins and hips, supple thighs with the legs steady and stretched well down.
2. The heels should be the lowest point.
3. The upper part of the body should be tall and supple. The contact should be independent from the rider's seat. The hands should be carried steadily close together, with the thumb as the highest point and a straight line from the supple elbow through the hand to the horse's mouth. The elbows should be close to the body.

G. Dressage Class Routine

1. Dressage Test

- a. Rider may enter the arena upon the final salute of the previous competitor.
- b. Rider may warm up for a minimum of one minute or upon the bell for their round.
- c. Rider enters center line at A, halting at X to begin test.
- d. At final salute, rider will walk up center line towards C and may stop and talk with the judge.

2. Dressage Seat Equitation

- a. Riders must enter the ring collectively on the rail and show collectively at all required gaits in both directions prior to any individual testing.
- b. Riders must be judged at the medium walk, working trot (sitting and rising), and working canter in both directions (except for W/T classes).
- c. A judge may, *but is not required*, to choose to request that all riders perform movements listed below on the rail as a group:
 - i. Free walk
 - ii. Transitions from one gait to the next in both direction
 - iii. Transitions from walk to halt and vice versa
 - iv. Change of direction across the diagonal, down the centerline, across the arena, and/or by making a half circle.
 - v. Half-circle at the walk or trot

3. Following required rail work, a judge may, *but is not required*, to also choose to do additional testing to be ridden in small groups or independently using the appropriate tests listed in Rule 3.N: Dressage Seat Equitation Rider Tests.

4. Post Season

DSE classes will choose from the USEF Dressage Seat Equitation Individual Workouts Easy and Short 1-4 for each class. Chosen Workouts will be published in each prize list.

Rule 8000: Points, Scoring and Post Season Qualification

A. Riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) regular season point shows in their assigned class(es) if they are to be designated as a point rider in said class(es) for their team in post season competitions.

B. Points

1. Teams qualify for Regional Finals by accumulating twenty (20) points during the competition year.
2. Riders will qualify for Region Finals by accumulating a minimum of fifteen (15) points in that class during the competition year.

C. See 2019 - 2020 Dressage Split Guidelines for Dressage National Finals allotments.

2019 – 2020 IEA Rider Tests

Tests will be released on or before September 1, 2019.



Intro Rider Pilot Program 2019-2020

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4th & 5th Grade Intro Rider Addendum

For the 2019-2020 Season, the IEA will offer a Pilot Program to allow 4th and 5th grade riders to begin competing in IEA competitions. Specific rules related to the Pilot Program are incorporated in the "Intro Rider Addendum" as a supplement to the applicable rules published within the IEA Rules and Regulations.

\$35 member fee (per discipline)

\$0 team fee (There is no additional team fee for Intro riders.)

Membership application timelines as stated in Rule 2304.5 will apply.

The following criteria must be met to register an Intro team:

1.) For the 2019-2020 season, Intro riders must be an addition to a returning IEA Futures (Middle School) team who had active, competing members during the 2018-19 season.

2.) The Intro riders must be an addition to an active 2019-2020 Futures (Middle School) Team (i.e. minimum of three (3) riders in grades 6-8) in the disciplines of hunt seat, western and/or dressage for the current season. There is no minimum number of Intro level riders required on any Futures (Middle School) team.

3.) Teams choosing to include Intro Members in 4th & 5th grade on their roster are required to offer Intro level classes when fulfilling their host/co-host obligations. Teams who do not have Intro Members on their roster are not obligated to offer Intro level classes, but may still choose to do so.

4.) Riders must be at least nine (9) years of age prior to submitting an IEA Intro Rider membership.

Membership Includes:

Participation in the IEA Horsemanship Program

Participation in competitions that are hosted by active Future Teams with Intro Rider members.

Riders will be eligible for the following Intro level classes:

HI-1. Hunt Seat Intro Walk/Trot/Canter

HI-2. Hunt Seat Intro Walk/Trot

WI-1. Western Intro Walk/Jog/Lope

WI-2. Western Intro Walk/Jog

DI-1. Dressage Intro Walk/Trot/Canter

DI-2. Dressage Intro Walk/Trot

Riders may enroll and compete in only one level of Intro class for the competition season. Any changes to placement must be made in accordance with **Rule 3201.3 and 3201.6 and 3203.**

Show Structure:

Entry fees will be no more than \$40/class.

Because not all Futures (Middle School) shows will offer Intro level classes, event hosts may choose to run each Intro class one or two times with a separate draw for each class in a show. Riders may enter eligible Intro classes as offered. It is allowable for duplicate classes offered in Intro level to be officiated by the same judge.

There is no minimum number of riders required for the class to run. Each class will be limited to six (6) riders in the ring at one time. Event hosts may split classes as needed to best accommodate horse use (e.g., a group of six entries may be run as one class of six OR split into two classes of 3).

Ribbons will be awarded for all placings in each class.

Intro level classes may not be combined with Futures (Middle School) or Upper school level classes.

In addition to standardly-applicable suitability rules, small ponies may be used in Intro level classes.

Participation Awards:

Intro riders will earn individual credit only. No team points will be accrued.

For the 2019-20 pilot season Intro riders will only compete in regular season competitions.

Intro riders are limited to competing in five classes per season.

Participation will be tracked for year-end recognition at three levels, certificates to be awarded at Regional Finals.

- Gold — 5 classes
- Silver — 3-4 classes
- Bronze — 1-2 classes

Placement

4th and 5th graders meeting the following minimum requirements for placement are welcome to participate regardless of prior or current show experience.

Riders may NOT cross enter between sections and will designate their class level on their 2019-20 membership application.

All participating riders are expected to have at least ONE year of instruction in the discipline they plan to compete in, and they must be able to competently canter on an unfamiliar horse.

HI-1. Hunt Seat Intro Walk/Trot/Canter

Open to riders in grades 4-5 who are experienced enough to walk, trot and canter an unfamiliar animal in a group and have previous experience showing at the canter or over fences at any level. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat tests 1-7.

HI-2. Hunt Seat Intro Walk/Trot

Open to riders in grades 4-5 who are experienced enough to walk, trot, and canter an unfamiliar animal in a group with limited experience showing at the canter. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat tests 1-5.

WI-1. Western Intro Walk/Jog/Lope

Open to riders in grades 4-5 who are experienced enough to walk, jog and lope an unfamiliar animal in a group and have previous experience showing at the lope at any level. These riders should be capable of performing Western tests 1-6.

WI-2. Western Intro Walk/Jog

Open to riders in grades 4-5 who are experienced enough to walk, jog and lope an unfamiliar animal in a group with limited experience showing at the lope. These riders should be capable of performing Western tests 1-5.

DI-1. Dressage Seat Equitation Intro Walk/Trot/Canter

Open to riders in grades 4-5 with at least one year of professional riding instruction who are experienced enough to walk, trot and canter an unfamiliar animal in a group and have previous experience showing at the canter at any level. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage tests 1-6.

DI-2. Dressage Seat Equitation Intro Walk/Trot

Open to riders in grades 4-5 with at least one year of professional riding instruction who are experienced enough to walk, trot, and canter an unfamiliar animal in a group with limited experience showing at the canter. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage tests 1-5.

Safety Helmets

4508.3 At all times while mounted, riders in all Hunt Seat and Dressage classes must wear a harnessed and fully fastened protective ASTM/SEI approved safety helmet for equestrian use. The IEA will follow the guidelines of USEF in the matter of what constitutes a safety helmet. Riders whose headgear becomes lost or unfastened while in the show ring will be disqualified and immediately excused from the ring. Helmets and chinstraps must be fitted properly according to manufacturer's instructions.

In accordance with **Rule 4508.7 Western Hats/Helmets** - At all times while mounted, Western riders in grades 4 and 5, as well as middle and upper school riders competing in the Beginner division, (classes 4, 4x, 7, 7x) must wear a harnessed and fully fastened protective ASTM/SEI approved safety helmet for equestrian use. The IEA will follow the guidelines of USEF in the matter of what constitutes a safety helmet. Riders whose headgear becomes lost or unfastened while in the show ring will be disqualified and immediately excused from the ring. Helmets and chinstraps must be fitted properly according to manufacturer's instructions.

IEA experience in the 2019-20 pilot program at the Intro level does not count toward initial placement in the Futures or Upper school team in any discipline offered.