

Students in Grades 4-12: Take the Reins and Join IEA

An IEA rider's journey starts with the desire to be a part of a

TEAM.

IEA riders have the opportunity to develop their competitive riding skills while making memories that will last a lifetime.

NEW! Novice Ranch Riding Classes



- Open to riders in grades 4-12. Middle/Futures (Grades 4-8), Upper (Grades 9-12)
- Horse and tack assembled for all competitions by host team(s). No rider needs to own a horse.
- A random draw determines the rider's mount for every class.
- Scores are based on horsemanship and equitation.
- Unique competition format levels the playing field while maintaining affordability for participants.
- Prepares riders for collegiate riding format.
- Thousands of dollars in Zone and National Scholarship Awards available each season.
- Riders compete individually and as a team from August to April (for the 2021-2022 season).
- Since 2002, IEA has grown to over 14,500 members nationwide in nearly 50 states and the Bahamas with 1,500 teams competing in 800+ horse shows annually.

The IEA works on collaborative programming with the following MEMBER PARTNERS:

- American Paint Horse Association (APHA)
- American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA)
- American Youth Horse Council (AYHC)
- Arabian Horse Association (AHA)
- Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA)
- Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA)
- Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA)
- National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA)
- National Reining Horse Association (NRHA)
- National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA)
- United States Dressage Federation (USDF)
- United States Equestrian Federation (USEF)
- United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA)
- The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC)
- Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA)



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HUNT SEAT • WESTERN • DRESSAGE
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HOW TO START A TEAM

- Requires a minimum of 3 members in either middle school (grades 4-8) or upper school (grades 9-12) and a coach.
- Each team must have access to an equine facility whether in a private or public school or at a local barn.
- Coaches and facilities must provide proof of insurance and all members must submit membership applications and annual dues.



Our kids are always hunting for a seat.

HUNT SEAT

Gliding through the air over obstacles on a 1,200 pound mount is quite the sight and, for a rider, a significant accomplishment! Hunt Seat is the largest discipline of the IEA, and competitions offer over-fences opportunities at every event. With a history based in foxhunting, modern day hunt seat riding has adapted to a forward seat style to allow the rider to easily stay in balance with the horse on the flat or over a course of fences. In equitation, a rider's position, ability to clearly communicate with the horse and overall performance are being judged. Each ride is performed on an unknown mount determined by a draw-based format. Whether showing over fences or on the rail, riders have lots of fun.

Hunt Seat Classes Offered – Equitation on the Flat and Over Fences

- 4 Ability Levels for Flat Classes in Middle and Upper School: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Open.
- Flat classes may include patterns for upper levels.
- 3 Ability Levels for Over Fences: Novice, Intermediate, Open.
- Over fences classes include cross-rails, 2' and 2'6" jumps.
- ASTM/SEI helmets are mandatory for all Hunt Seat riders.

WESTERN

For hundreds of years, western riding has been synonymous with ranch work. Movements necessary to work cattle can be seen in reining and ranch riding patterns used in competitions today where a horse demonstrates changes of speed with the slightest touch from the rider and the ability to stop and turn quickly with ease. Western horsemanship provides a rider with a strong foundation that will support seamless communication with the horse as the combination executes the walk, jog or lope on the rail and maneuvers in individual pattern work. All Western classes are done with zero warm-up time allotted to the rider.

Western Classes Offered – Horsemanship, Reining and Ranch Riding

- 4 Ability Levels for Horsemanship in Middle and Upper School: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Open.
- Horsemanship classes are primarily rail classes with patterns for upper levels.
- 2 Ability Levels for Reining: Intermediate and Open.
- Reining classes use standard NRHA or modified IHSA/AQHA reining patterns.
- **(NEW)** - 1 Ability Level for Ranch Riding: Novice
- ASTM/SEI helmets are mandatory for Beginner level Western riders in both Middle and Upper School.

The best slides aren't necessarily on the playground.



DRESSAGE

Derived from the French word for training, Dressage fulfills its definition as youth-riders work hard to perform classic riding maneuvers developed on the ancient Greek battlefields. Be it equitation or test, riders are expected to guide their horses, from memory, through a series of predetermined movements in a rhythmic fashion designated by on-course letter cues. As in the Olympics, Dressage has become the fastest growing IEA equestrian offering. Harmony between the rider and horse are the goal in producing a beautiful partnership.

Dressage Classes offered: Dressage Test and Dressage Seat Equitation (DSE)

- 3 Ability Levels for Dressage Test: Novice, Intermediate and Open.
- Dressage Test classes utilize tests specifically designed for this unique type of competition.
- 4 Ability Levels for DSE in Middle and Upper School: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Open.
- DSE classes are primarily on the rail with possible tests for upper levels.
- ASTM/SEI helmets are mandatory for all Dressage riders.



Studying for a test just got way more fun.