

Ansala Equestrian Team IEA Information

OVERVIEW

- *A complete set of rules and membership information can be found online at www.rideiea.com.*
- The Interscholastic Equestrian Association is organized in a similar fashion to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, however IEA team members are not required to attend the same school.
- Riders must have had a minimum of one year of continuous professional instruction.
- IEA is a great opportunity for riders that do not own or lease a horse to have the ability to horse show, or for any rider to prepare for intercollegiate competition.

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership is on an annual basis beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th of each year.
- An annual membership packet is required, including an application form, waiver of liability form, and application fee.

RIDERS AND TEAMS

- A team consists of a minimum of three members. High school and middle school riders are on separate teams. A team must compete at a minimum of two IEA shows per school year.
- Teams are not required to be affiliated with a particular school.
- Eligible riders must be enrolled in grades 6 through 12 and less than 20 years of age on September 1st of the show year.
- Middle school riders (Futures) are students in grades 6 through 8, and high school riders (Varsity and Junior Varsity) are students in grades 9 through 12.

COMPETITIONS AND SHOWS

- Riders will compete at a minimum of two and a maximum of five horse shows per season. Shows are held at participating IEA team barns.
- A minimum of three IEA teams must compete at a point show for points to count towards Zone and National Finals. In order for a class to count towards accumulated points there must be a minimum of three riders in each class.
- *It is the rider's responsibility to check tack before mounting. No rider or coach or anyone else may adjust tack except for stirrup length without the approval of the Warm-Up Supervisor or Show Steward. Any tack concerns must be addressed to the Warm-Up Supervisor.*
- Riders will show on horses provided by the hosting team. The host team will also provide tack and equipment for each horse.

- Riders are expected to have their own show clothes including breeches, boots, ASTM/SEI certified helmet, show shirt, jacket, and gloves.
- Horse selection is determined by draw.
- No warm up is allowed for flat classes.
- Over fence class riders are allowed one lap in each direction and two practice fences.
- Show points are accumulated by teams and individual riders. At each show the team will assign a “Point Rider” for each class who will earn points for the team. Each individual will also earn points in their classes.
- Team points are awarded as follows:
 - 1st place – 7 points
 - 2nd place – 5 points
 - 3rd place – 4 points
 - 4th place – 3 points
 - 5th place – 2 points
 - 6th place – 1 point

ZONE AND NATIONAL FINALS

- Each spring National Finals will be conducted for the top qualifiers of the Zone Finals. Teams and individuals may compete.
- CT is in Zone 1 along with Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
- Show points are accumulated by teams and individual riders towards Zone Finals throughout the competition season.
- Teams may qualify for Zone Finals by accumulating 20 points during the competition year.
- Individual riders may qualify for Regional Finals by accumulating a minimum of 18 points in that class during the competition year. Winners at Regionals move to Zone Finals, winners at Zones move to Nationals.
- The Varsity Open Championship Classes at regular point shows do not count towards individual points for National Finals qualifying.
- Within the National Finals the top 10 point earners in Varsity Open classes who are eligible to compete over fences will qualify for the National Championship class.

HUNT SEAT DIVISION CLASSES

- Coaches will determine which class each rider will compete in for the school year.
- **Over Fence Classes:**
 - Varsity Open Equitation 2’6” – riders should be capable of jumping 3’-3’3” on their usual mount at home.

- Varsity Intermediate Equitation 2'' – riders should be capable of jumping 2'6''-3' on their usual mount at home. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 3' must be placed in Varsity Open Eq.
- Junior Varsity Novice Equitation Cross Rails – riders should be capable of jumping 2'-2'6'' on their usual mounts at home. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 2'6'' must be placed in the next higher appropriate level.
- Future Intermediate Equitation 2' – restricted to middle school riders who meet the criteria for Varsity Intermediate Equitation.
- Future Novice Cross Rails – restricted to middle school riders who meet the criteria for Junior Varsity Novice Equitation Cross Rails.
- **Flat Classes:**
 - Varsity Open Equitation on the Flat – Riders should be capable of performing tests 1-13.
 - Varsity Intermediate Equitation on the Flat – Riders should be capable of performing tests 1-9.
 - Junior Varsity Novice Equitation on the Flat – Riders should be capable of performing tests 1-8
 - Junior Varsity Equitation on the Flat WTC – Open to riders who have been riding less than four calendar years who are not yet eligible for any jumping classes but should be experienced enough to canter an unfamiliar animal in a group. Riders should be capable of performing tests 1-7.
 - Future Intermediate Equitation on the Flat – Restricted to middle school riders who are capable of performing tests 1-9.
 - Future Novice Equitation on the Flat – Restricted to middle school riders who are capable of performing tests 1-8.
 - Future Beginner Equitation on the Flat WTC – Restricted to middle school riders who meet the eligibility requirements of Junior Varsity Equitation on the Flat WTC.
 - Championship Hunt Seat 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 riders. Riders must be eligible to compete in Varsity Open Over Fences 2'6''. Phase 1 – Riders will be judged over an advanced equitation course with jumps from 2'6'' to 3'. Tests 1-13 may be asked. Phase 2 – Riders will compete on the flat and may be asked to perform tests 1-11.

Tests

- 1) Asked an appropriate question
- 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
- 9) Change leads down center of ring, demonstrating simple change of lead
- 10) Canter on the counter lead
- 11) Half-turn on the forehand and/or half-turn on haunches
- 12) Jump a shortened course
- 13) Trot a jump not to exceed 2'6"

JUDGING

- All divisions are judged on equitation (only the rider is being judged).
- Jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless the fault of the rider.
- Flying changes are preferable, however well-executed simple changes are not penalized.
- Three cumulative refusals results in elimination.

RIDER ADVANCEMENT

- Riders may not compete in the same class for more than two show seasons.
- Riders that accumulate 22 points in a single competition year must move up at least one class in the next competition year.
- Any rider that has qualified or showed as an individual rider in a given class for the previous season's National Finals must advance to the next class level the following season.

COSTS

- All lesson, membership, coaching and show costs are the responsibility of the rider.
- Annual membership is approximately \$60.
- Show fees may be no more than \$40 per rider per each class. (flat and fences are two classes, This is for regular shows, finals may be higher.
- Coaching fees will be \$50 per rider per show.
- Riders **MUST** take one riding lesson per week with their regular trainer, and one IEA team lesson per month with the IEA coach. It is recommended that IEA students take 2 lessons per week. IEA team lessons will be \$45 per rider per lesson. There may be additional costs for field trip lessons.
- The team must also plan fundraisers throughout the year so funds are available for team dues and possible travel expenses at the end of the year for qualified members.
- The team is required to co-host 2 shows a year. All Students must plan to attend these shows and help. These shows will be decided at the beginning of the season (September)
- All students advancing to Regionals are required to do fundraising to support the shows. An individual is required to sell \$25 of ads for programs and teams \$125
- Regionals are generally held in March, dates to be announced. Zones shortly after and Nationals in April.
We are Region 8