

Texas A&M IHSA Equestrian Team

Member Interest and Tryout Application

Howdy! Thank you for your interest in the Aggie IHSA Equestrian Team. Please read the information below regarding the different levels of membership we offer. Then fill out the following form and answer the short answer questions on a separate page. **Email all applications as a PDF to aggieihsa@gmail.com by FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th.**

There are **three possible membership levels** offered on the Texas A&M IHSA Equestrian Team: Competitive, Reserve Competitive, and Social. We group these membership levels into **two tiers: Competition and Social.**

Social Tier:

Prospects who select the social tier are not required to try out but are **REQUIRED** to complete an interview to be considered for membership. This option is great for those who want to be involved with the team but cannot commit to the requirements for competition tier membership.

Competition Tier:

Prospects who select the competition tier are **REQUIRED** to try out and **REQUIRED** to complete an interview to be considered for membership. This option is for those who want to be eligible for the show roster. Competition tier members will be designated a “Competitive” or “Reserve Competitive” status after the first scrimmage. Competitive members will be picked first for the show roster, but Reserve Competitive members could be picked to show if a spot in their division is available. Keep in mind that these statuses are fluid, and members can be moved from Competitive to Reserve Competitive or Reserve Competitive to Competitive at any point during the season.

On the next page are the requirements for each tier and what to expect in a semester. If you have questions, please email aggieihsa@gmail.com or watch the team informational on the Aggie IHSA website.

Member Requirements

Competitive:

Attend weekly meetings

Maintain point requirements (social, horsemanship, service, fundraising, and fitness)

Record 1-2x lessons weekly

Attend monthly/bi-monthly team scrimmage

Attend team practices as scheduled

Be able to attend all shows

Reserve Competitive:

Attend weekly meetings

Maintain point requirements (social, horsemanship, service, fundraising, and fitness)

Record weekly lessons

Attend team practices as scheduled

Opportunities to show

Social Member:

Attend weekly meetings

Maintain point requirements (social, service, and fundraising)

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Personal Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

TAMU Email: _____

Personal Email: _____

***Incoming freshmen can put N/A for TAMU Email**

Membership Category

☐ Competition Tier (*try out*) ☐ Social Tier (*no try out*)

***Please refer to the previous page for information about the competition vs social tiers**

Education

Graduation Year: ☐ 2025 ☐ 2026 ☐ 2027 ☐ 2028 ☐ 2029 ☐ Other

Undergraduate Degree: _____

***Note: Must be pursuing an undergraduate degree to be a competitive member**

Short Answer Questions

***Please answer all short answer questions on a separate page and to the best of your knowledge.**

1. Why do you want to join the Texas A&M IHSA Equestrian Team?
2. What would you contribute to our team? (skills, personality, etc.)
3. Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) is all about sportsmanship, supporting fellow teammates, and showcasing horsemanship at competitions and team-related events. What does sportsmanship and horsemanship look like to you?
4. If you're a member of USEF, AQHA, USDF, USEA, NRHA, APHA, IEA, or other associations, please specify which association(s) you are involved with and include your membership number. If you're not associated with any of the organizations, please write N/A.

Texas A&M IHSA Equestrian Team Application Summary

After applying, look for an email sent on August 13th for your tryout information. **The email will include the date and time of your tryout and additional information regarding how tryouts will run.**

Tryouts will take place on the dates August 23rd, 24th, 31st, and September 1st at our team barn located at (27815 Calvert Rd, Tomball, TX, 77375). Please **arrive 30 minutes before your assigned time slot.** We ask that you arrive wearing proper English riding attire (tan breeches, tall boots, helmet with hair in hairnet, long or short sleeve collared shirt, etc.).

Set aside a few hours on your assigned tryout date to ensure you have ample time to arrive, ride, and leave the facility. Tryouts will run similarly to an IHSA competition. Our Executive Board and Coach will be conducting tryouts. Please see our checklist below for items to bring with you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our executive board at aggieihsa@gmail.com.

Tryouts Checklist:

Form of Payment (cash, check, or Flywire payment)

Riding Attire (tan breeches, tall boots, hairnet, gloves, collared shirt)

Helmet (only riding helmets are allowed)

Sunscreen

Water

Email all applications as a PDF to aggieihsa@gmail.com. Due by Friday, August 8th.

Email riding videos and your riding resume (*if applicable*) with the application.

Sign all forms and waivers located on our website (<https://aggieihsa.com/> under the “Tryouts” page) before tryouts and email them to aggieihsa@gmail.com.