



MZ Equestrian IEA Adult Program Hunt Seat Team

Coach Kiri Baldi, Coach Jamie Lund, Coach Abby Dumrauf, and Team Manager Cathy Muzzy, would like to welcome you to the MZ Equestrian IEA Adult Program Hunt Seat Team (IEA Zone 10, Region 1). The information in this packet can help you finalize your decision for participation on our team and can also be used as a reference for our policies. Please make sure you read all the rules and regulations governing IEA at www.rideiea.org

Why Join the MZ IEA Adult Team?

IEA provides an affordable way for you to experience showing without the expense of horse ownership, leasing or even owning your own tack. Joining the team is the next step in continuing your riding career past the recreational level of weekly lessons. A rider is ready to join the team when they can correctly demonstrate control at all gaits on a variety of horses and have the desire to be more involved in this sport.

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Team Rider Guidelines

The decision to join MZ Equestrian IEA is a big one and reflects commitment to the team for the entire IEA season (August through post-season competition at Regionals/Zones/Nationals).

Each rider is required to attend all scheduled Adult Program team events. If you are unable to attend, you must communicate with one of our coaches or team manager well in advance. Riders that continually miss events may be required to perform extra tasks to make up for absences.



- Riders are expected to only share comments that are helpful, kind, and true. Our team will have no place for those who are unkind.
- Have a positive attitude, respect your teammates and coaches.
- Be on time to all practices, team rides, and horse shows.
- Wear proper attire for practices and shows.
- Come with a coachable attitude: work hard and try your best.
- All horses must be cared for before and after rides and tack must be cleaned. Please plan accordingly with your time.
- Good sportsmanship is an expectation!

The coaches will choose a division for each rider based on the team member's riding level and eligibility. All riders are required to take a minimum of 1 weekly lesson at MZ Equestrian or its approved affiliates including Baldi Barn, Lund Equestrian, Flower Hill Farm in Del Mar/Rancho Santa Fe, Sorella Farm in Orange County, Golden Pointe Farm in Ramona or other with trainer approval. During the season, there may also be 1 monthly scheduled IEA-specific lesson. It is highly encouraged that all riders attend all IEA lessons offered as well as any IEA clinics offered during school breaks. No scheduled IEA team make-up times will be provided.

During the off-season, riders are encouraged to take a minimum of weekly lessons. Yearly placements for riders will be dependent on your level of commitment during the off-season.

In our sport, riding once per week is not considered an adequate amount of riding for the timely advancement of a rider. Our Region and our Zone are highly competitive, and most riders are lessoning a minimum of 2 times a week but the vast majority ride 3-5 days a week plus horse show on at least a regular basis. There is no requirement to ride in lessons, hack, or horse show more than the minimum one lesson per week; however, results at the horse shows will be indicative of the level of commitment to riding which includes the number of times per week each student is actively riding. The best thing you/your student can do to increase the likelihood of success in the IEA show ring is to increase their saddle time.

Attire for Team Practice

Shirt with sleeves and a collar, riding pants with a belt, boots and half chaps or tall boots. Each member of the team must also supply their own riding properly fitted black helmet for practices and shows.



Attire for IEA Shows

All riders need hunt seat show clothes which consist of the following:

- White show shirt (Optional Essex Team Shirt may be worn)
- Show jacket in black or dark navy
- Tan or beige breeches with no piping or textural patterns
- Paddock boots and garters or tall boots (boots must be clean and polished)
- Show helmet with hair secured with a hair net or in braids and bows (properly fitted)
- Belt
- Gloves – Black
- Crop – plain black with wrist strap removed

Monthly IEA Practice/Lessons

Each month there will be one Adult Program IEA lesson. It is meant to better prepare riders for the IEA horse shows by allowing for the changing of horses, riding new horses, and working on the most common tests seen at the horse

shows. IEA Adult Program practices are not mandatory. These will be billed to the rider when the lessons is scheduled and confirmed. No Shows and cancelations made less than 24 hours in advance will be charged the full practice fee.

All riders will be expected to arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled lesson time to groom, tack, and prepare their assigned horse. All riders will be expected to remain on-site for at least 30 minutes following your scheduled lesson time to un-tack, clean, groom your horse. Please plan for riders to be at practice for at least 2 hours as horsemanship, grooming, and riding are all part of the practice. Riders who cannot commit to managing their own assigned horse should not join this team as everyone is expected to know how to tack, groom, and untack a horse. We are happy to teach riders who may not already have these skills during the first few practices. After that time, riders will be expected to manage their assigned horse on their own.

2026– 2027 IEA Lesson Dates Included in Team Fee

Please refer to the MZ IEA calendar provided for more detailed information and a complete list of practice dates, but please note these important team dates below.

- **Sunday, July 26, 2026 (New Date)** Rider BBQ & Team Meeting 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- **(OPTIONAL) Friday, August 21, 2026** – 4:00pm – 7:00pm IEA Clinic/Course Walk with Katie Schaaf
- **(OPTIONAL) Saturday, August 22, 2026** – 7:30am Team & Individual Photos and 8:00am – 2:00pm IEA Judge’s Perspective Clinic and Schooling Show with Katie Schaaf
- **Saturday, August 29, 2026** – Show Hosted by MZ Equestrian at MZ Equestrian – LVBRY (Co-Host)
- **Sunday, August 30, 2026** – Show Hosted by Las Vegas Blue Ribbon Youth at MZ Equestrian (Co-Host)
- **(OPTIONAL) Saturday, September 12 – Sunday, September 13, 2026** - Equitation Clinic with Jeff Cook at MZ Equestrian from 7am – 3pm (\$600 – Not Covered by Team Fees and Riders must provide their own horse)
- **Saturday, December 5, 2026** – Show Hosted by MZ Equestrian at MZ Equestrian
- **Sunday, January 3, 2027** - Show Hosted by MZ Equestrian at MZ Equestrian

From the Judge’s Perspective Clinic with Katie Schaaf on August 21 - 22, 2026



Participants learn from a USEF “R”/IEA/IHSA judge what she’s looking for in the ring and receive specific feedback on their rides. The clinic is run like a horse show. During the clinic riders walk the course, ride a class over fences and a class on the flat. Feedback is provided both through a conversation between judge and rider, and in written format. Riders will learn about differences between USEF and IEA/IHSA showing, and how to perform their best at each. Riders are encouraged to watch with the judge and to ask questions.

Bio for Clinician Katie Schaaf

Katie Schaaf is a USHJA certified trainer, USEF ‘R’ judge in Hunters and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, and coach of two national champion teams. She is the President of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA). She

believes in a training environment that is warm and friendly, while structured and disciplined. She actively cultivates horsemanship, sportsmanship and leadership. Katie has trained successful riders from leadline through Medal/Maclar and is proud to have trained the captains of several of the top IHSA teams in the US.

Before moving to North Carolina from Massachusetts, Katie ran her own Braveheart Farm and co-coached the IEA team at North Gate Farm. In 2016 North Gate became the only team to win the IEA national championships for both middle school and upper school in the same year. A North Gate rider also won the national horsemanship test, and another rider received the national sportsmanship award.

Katie has coached multiple winners of regional equitation finals, horsemanship test winners, and sportsmanship award recipients, including: three Massachusetts Hunter Jumper (MHJ) finals winners, two Rhode Island finals winners, one Southeast Horsemen’s Association (SEHA) finals winner, three IHSA Cacchione Cup riders, an Emerson Burr horsemanship test winner at USEF Pony Finals, two IEA nationals horsemanship test winners, two IEA Hugo-Vidal sportsmanship recipients at nationals, and co-recipients of the Massachusetts Horsemen’s Council sportsmanship award. Katie has led full teams to IEA nationals ten times, from four different programs. In 2015, Katie received the

IEA's first coach sportsmanship award, and in 2022, the IEA's lifetime achievement award. In 2011, the Massachusetts Horsemen's Council named her the Person of the Year.

Katie grew up riding with Ashton Phillips, Ken Berkley, Gary Zook and Meredith Taylor. She graduated from Tufts University in 2000, where she served as captain of the equestrian team, and later, its coach. She graduated from Harvard Law School in 2004. Katie is the 2026 IEA Board of Directors President.

Rider Placement and Eligibility

The first practice will include a rider placement assessment. Placement for IEA is based upon an established set of guidelines from the IEA which includes rider show history with USEF and county level showing as well as a safety and skill assessment. The initial placement may be reassessed prior to the first show based upon the rider's show history and records and performance at our IEA practices. Please note that riders will be competing at a lower level than what they currently show at outside of IEA due to the added challenge of getting on an unfamiliar horse and competing with little or no practice on that horse. Horses and tack will be supplied by the show host(s). Adult riders may not and will not compete against youth rider members at IEA shows. Adult classes may not combine with Future or Upper School classes to meet the minimum class requirement of three (3) riders.

IEA Hunt Seat Adult Divisions and Classes

The Adult IEA Program is open to any person 21 years of age or older, and who is considered an amateur under the policies of their disciplines' governing body, may participate in the Adult Program. The IEA Adult Hunt Seat and Dressage Programs follow the amateur rules of USEF.

Participants must be an Adult Member of the IEA in accordance with rule G2303.2 and be associated with a registered returning IEA team prior to participating in Adult Program competitions. Participants may not compete in any IEA / Adult Program show in which they are also the judge, steward, medical personnel, or manager of the show in which they intend to compete. Participants may not be IEA coach members. IEA promotes rider safety and horse welfare ensuring the health and wellness of horses, participants, show hosts, and coaches. Horses are selected for classes based on riders' achieved level, stability on the horse, equipment available, horse conformation and movement, and riders' height and weight (maximum rider weight for the Adult Program is 225 lbs).

AH1. Class 1. Equitation Over Fences - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction over fences. This class will have two options to choose from for the height of the fences: 18" cross-rails or 2' verticals. Riders and coaches should choose the height of the fence based on the skills of the rider. The class will be judged together as one class at two fence heights over the same course/track unless it is split in accordance with Rule 4000.K in the Adult Program Addendum. Riders are expected to be proficient in Hunt Seat Rider Tests 1 through 10 (see Rule H3304). Riders may also participate in Class 2 - Equitation on the Flat Walk/Trot/ Canter.

AH2. Class 2. Equitation on the Flat Walk/Trot/Canter – Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction and whose coach feels they are capable of cantering on an unfamiliar horse. Riders are expected to be proficient in Hunt Seat Rider Tests 1 through 7 (see Rule H3304). Riders in this class may also participate in Class 1 - Equitation Over Fences, if otherwise eligible.

Hunt Seat 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. 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 ** Jumping tests are only used in over fences classes
10. Trot a jump ** Jumping tests are only used in over fences classes

Judging Guidelines and Perspective

In all IEA classes, good horsemanship is paramount. Judges are to find the “Best Riders” and not necessarily the best mount. However, one must understand that the horse has a significant impact on the quality of the ride. Because of the random draw component, this cannot be controlled and must be accepted.

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

Hand and Seat

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

To mount, take up the reins in the 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.

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.

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

Hunt Seat Class Routine

Over Fences

The performance begins when the horse enters the ring or is given the signal to proceed after entering the ring. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the fault of the rider. Except in combinations, number of strides shall not be considered unless it is the fault of the rider. Although a flying lead change is preferable, a well-executed simple change must not be penalized.

Each contestant may include one courtesy circle, if desired, before approaching the first jump. He or She shall then proceed around the course, keeping an even pace throughout. Three (3) cumulative refusals will result in elimination.

On the Flat

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

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.

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.

2026 - 2027 Horse Show Schedule

Riders are eligible to participate in up to 5 regular season IEA shows. Riders may not participate in more than 5 IEA regular season shows but can qualify for participation in post-season shows such as Regionals, Zones and Nationals based upon their points in each class. Riders who qualify for post season events will need to budget for additional entry fees and travel expenses if they choose to participate.

San Diego is part of Zone 10, Region 1. Our region’s shows are primarily held in the San Diego and Los Angeles Counties. We will also need to host one show each season at our barn, which will mean that each team member will need to volunteer and work at these events

Regular-Season Shows:

The 2026-2027 IEA Region 1 Horse Show Schedule has not yet been finalized but you can refer to our **2026-2027 MZ IEA Calendar on our website** for tentative show dates for the regular IEA season.

Post Season Competition for the Adult Program:

The exact details for the Adult Program Post Season Competition have not yet been finalized as of May 5, 2026. Post Season Competition Details will be updated when they are available.

Hosting Horse Shows

Our team will be responsible for co-hosting and hosting horse shows. When we host a show, we are responsible for every aspect of that show including providing and preparing horses, managing the show schedule, preparing the facility, preparing hospitality, renting portable restrooms, securing show officials, etc. Every adult rider will be expected to support this show. There will be a list of volunteer positions available to choose from for the show. This list includes:

- Show Planning Coordinator – Orders Ribbons, Rentals, Communication
- Horse Name Tags – Print and Laminate Horse Name Tags for use on Saddle Pads
- Shopping Coordinator – Volunteer visits Smart & Final and Costco to pick up hospitality supplies.
- Parking Volunteers – Day of Event Position to help get folks safely parked
- Prize/Ribbon Volunteers – Day of Event Position to help organize and distribute ribbons and prizes
- Jump Crew – Assists in setting the jumps and moving them as needed for the schedule
- Announcer – Announces each rider in each class, instructions for the flat classes, and results
- Show Scribe – Sits with Judge for Flat Classes to help document observations and notes
- Runner – Runs scorecards to Show Secretary and delivers the officials snacks and lunch
- Hospitality Coordinator – organizes morning hospitality and orders lunches for officials
- Barn/Horse Coordinator – organizes team of groomers, tack, horse preparation crew
- In-Gate Coordinator – keeps the show moving along by getting horses/riders in and out of arena
- Show Secretary Assistant/Score Keeper – tracks and documents results and team scores
- Photographer – takes candid photos and class results photos for show social media
- Set-up and Clean-up Crew – set up show day prior, clean up show at conclusion

IEA Team Fees and Financial Requirements

For the 2026-2027 Season the Interscholastic Equestrian Association has raised individual and team membership fees, show entry fees for the regular season and post season to help regional show hosts and zones better cover their expenses. Our team pricing for this season is reflective of these increases.

Your IEA membership fee is directly payable to IEA through their website. All other fees will be collected by our team and then submitted to the show hosts, horse providers, or coaches by MZ Equestrian. MZ Equestrian runs this program on a break-even basis and not for profit. Our fees cover the expenses paid for this program.

As needed, additional payment plans can be accommodated by consultation with the Team Manager, Cathy Muzzy cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com.

AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF FEE PAYABLE FROM ALL ADULT RIDERS
\$85	Membership Fee Payable to IEA online at time of rider registration. This fee increases on October 1, 2026. Riders must be registered with IEA and activated on our team roster to participate in our team practices and events.
\$300	Team Admin Fee / Participation Deposit This fee includes the Team Insurance, Team Membership Fee to IEA, Team Photos, Saddle Pad and Nametags, Facility Use Fee, Saddle Pads/Laundry, Consumable Grooming Supplies (shampoo, show sheen, clipper blades, hoof oil, brushes, towels, etc.) This fee is paid to our facility for the work done throughout the entire season.
\$100 Per	Adult Only Practices

Practice	We will host eight (8) total Adult Only Practices throughout the season. These fees are collected by MZ Equestrian and then paid to our coaches for the lesson or clinic. Lessons will include both Riding and Horsemanship Lessons.
\$200	From the Judge's Perspective Clinic and Schooling Show We will be hosting a clinic and schooling show with USEF R Judge, Katie Schaaf on August 21 and 22, 2026. Adult Riders may participate in this two-day clinic for a flat fee of \$200 per rider. Participation in this clinic is optional for our Adult Program riders.
\$80 Per Practice or Show for Adult Program <i>*This cost can be Offset with Horse Loan/Use for Adult Practices.</i>	Horse Use/Tack Use Fee In IEA we use our IEA program horses or privately owned horses for our lessons and shows. Each rider will practice on 2-3 horses per lesson. The rider does not need to lease or own their own horse or tack. However, there is a cost to the team associated with borrowing a horse for lessons and shows. These fees are passed along to the riders in the program. <i>Note that horse owners who wish to use their horse for the Adult IEA Program can trade horse support in lieu of paying this fee.</i> \$800 per rider for Flat/OF Riders (Flat & Jumping) \$500 per rider for Flat Only Riders (Flat Only)
AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF SHOW FEES
\$60 Per Class <i>*Total is based upon rider placement.</i>	Rail Coaching Fee \$60 Per Class Rail Fee Payable for each class that the rider participates in at the show for a total of five (5) regular season shows. Adult Riders may participate in an Over Fences OF class and a Flat Class. They may also only participate in a Flat Class. These fees are paid directly by the team to our coach at the show for rail time and warm-up coaching. Adult Program Riders will be billed per show for these fees based upon show availability and participation. \$300 for Flat Only Riders 5 classes x \$60 per class for the regular season * \$600 for Flat/OF Riders 10 classes x \$60 per class for the regular season *
\$65 Per Class <i>*Total is based upon rider placement.</i>	Show Entry Fees Show Entry for 5 Regular Season Shows: Riders may participate in a maximum of 5 shows per season. Some Adult Only Shows may be held in Region 1 this season and in this case, they may be double shows (A-Show/B-Show) in the same day. Riders must do a minimum of 2 shows per season to be on the team, and 3 shows to be eligible to compete in Post Season. These fees are paid directly by the team to the show host team/facility. \$65 per show each for Flat Only Riders for 5 Regular Season Shows total = \$325 * \$130 per show each for Flat/OF Riders for Regular Season Shows total = \$650 *
AMOUNT	OPTIONAL - POST SEASON COMPETITION <i>The exact details for the Adult Program Post Season Competition have not yet been finalized as of May 5, 2026. Post Season Competition Details will be updated when they are available</i>
Fees will Vary by Qualification/ Number of Classes/Location \$410 - \$1,000	Post Season Expenses For riders who qualify to participate in Post Season competition, there will be additional expenses. These fees are collected only from qualified riders who choose to participate in post season competition. Once riders are qualified the Team Manager will prepare estimates for post season competition including Region 1 Finals, Zone 10 Finals, and IEA National Finals. \$85/ Class Entry Fee for Individual and Team Classes \$75/ Class Rail Fee Per Class \$50/ Class Horse Use Fee / Includes Hauling and Horse Provision for Team Allotment \$20/ Rider for Team Silent Auction Fee (Shared costs for silent auction basket that is required) \$200 - \$400/ Rider for Trainer Travel Split Expense (Shared costs for Trainer Travel and Meals) <i>The exact details for the Adult Program Post Season Competition have not yet been finalized as of May 5, 2026. Post Season Competition Details will be updated when they are available</i>

AMOUNT	OPTIONAL FEES FOR TEAM SUPPORT AND ATTIRE
\$180	Adult Essex Classic Show Shirt with Embroidery (\$20 for Embroidery)
\$100	Port Authority Navy Team Jacket with Embroidery
\$85	Port Authority Navy Team Vest with Embroidery
\$1,500	Horse Sponsor Sponsor an IEA Horse for the Season and get a custom banner hung alongside the main arena for the duration of the season, mention of your sponsorship in our prizelists and show programs, we will also announce your name and sponsorship level at our home shows.
\$1,000	Jump Sponsor Sponsor an IEA Arena Jump for Season and get a custom banner hung alongside the main arena for the duration of the season, mention of your sponsorship in our prizelists and show programs, we will also announce your name and sponsorship level at our home shows. You are welcome to add signage to one of our jumps.
\$500	Tack Sponsor Sponsor some tack and get a custom banner hung alongside the main arena for the duration of the season, mention of your sponsorship in our prizelists and show programs, we will also announce your name and sponsorship level at our home shows.
\$250	Fan Sponsor Become a fan sponsor and you will get two MZ Equestrian hats, your name or logo in our show program, and one show announcement.

Rider Fee Payable to Interscholastic Equestrian Association:

\$85 **Per Rider** Regardless of Class Placement/Division

Team Fees Payable to MZ Equestrian:

\$300 Team Admin Fee / Participation Deposit Per Rider
 \$180 Per Team Practice (Will Ride 3 Horses). **\$80 of this fee can be offset with Horse Loan/Use for the Adult Program Only.** Costs Per Rider Vary on Participation in Practices/ Clinics, and Shows
 Adult Program Riders will be billed per show for these fees based upon show availability and participation. Please note that not every Region 1 show host will offer Adult Program Classes.

Note: In order for a rider to be entered in a show or to participate in a scheduled practice their account must be up to date and paid with no outstanding balance.

Payment Schedule of Fees:

Fees are due and payable to MZ Equestrian via ZELLE to cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com, Check, Cash, or CC/ACH Transfer with 3.5% convenience fee added by the 1st of every month as per the schedule noted below:

- May – June 2026:** IEA Application & Fee \$85.00 (Paid to National IEA)
IEA Team New Rider Assessment Lesson \$100 (Paid to MZ Equestrian if Applicable)
- July 1, 2026:** Team Application Due - Email completed application to cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com
Team Admin Fee / Deposit of \$300 Due to MZ Equestrian
- August 1, 2026:** Team Shirt and Jacket Orders Taken – \$100 Deposit Taken
Costs Per Rider Vary on Participation in Practices/ Clinics, and Shows
Adult Program Riders will be billed per show for these fees based upon show availability and participation.
- September 1, 2026:** Balance Due for Team Shirt and Jacket Orders
Costs Per Rider Vary on Participation in Practices/ Clinics, and Shows
Adult Program Riders will be billed per show for these fees based upon show availability and participation.
- October 1, 2026:** Costs Per Rider Vary on Participation in Practices and Shows. Adult Program Riders will be billed per show for these fees based upon show availability and participation.

- November 1, 2026:** Costs Per Rider Vary on Participation in Practices and Shows
Adult Program Riders will be billed per show for these fees based upon show availability and participation.
- Jan/Feb 2027:** *The exact details for the Adult Program Post Season Competition have not yet been finalized as of May 5, 2026. Post Season Competition Details will be updated when they are available.* Entry Fees, Rail Fees, Trainer Travel Splits, Horse Requirements for Region 1 Finals for qualified riders due. Approximately: \$410/class plus personal travel expenses. Plus Silent Auction Basket Donation for Team Basket at Region Finals.
- Feb/March 2027:** Entry Fees, Rail Fees, Trainer Travel Splits, Horse Requirements for Zone 10 Finals for qualified riders due. Approximately: \$410/class plus personal travel expenses. Plus Silent Auction Basket Donation for Team Basket at Zone Finals.
- March/April 2027:** Entry Fees, Rail Fees, Trainer Travel Splits, Horse Requirements for National Finals for qualified riders due. Approximately: \$1,000/class plus personal travel expenses.

Expenses not included in Regular Season Team Fees

Trainer expense splits will be due from all participating riders when a hotel is needed for away shows. This includes shows that take place during the regular season if a trainer is required to travel early and stay overnight at a hotel.

Region Finals, Zone Finals, and National Finals expenses will be split among all riders entered and may include airfare, hotel or housing expense, rental car, gas, meals, etc. All post-season related practices, entry fees are \$80 per class (Region Finals, Zone Finals, and National Finals), coaching fees of \$75 per class, and related travel expenses for the coach will be due at the time of entry and are not included in the regular team fees. Please note that we will schedule post season practices for qualified riders. These practices are not covered within our regular team fees and will take place on an as needed basis at the same cost as regular season lessons/practice (\$100 per rider).

Entry fees and expense splits are non-refundable after entries close. If you scratch one of your 5 shows after entries close, you will owe additional entry fees above the team tuition costs if you add another show to replace the one scratched. Also not included in the team fees: Essex Classic Team Show Shirt, Port Authority Team Jacket, or Port Authority Team Vest.

Sponsorships and Fundraising

Our program is seeking program sponsors. This is totally optional, but sponsors help us build our program and provide additional resources for our team including horsemanship clinics and lessons, additional tack, therapeutic treatments for our horses and more. Please refer to the Optional Program Sponsorship above.

Our team fundraisers will include snack and beverage sales at our team events and shows, a holiday fundraiser TBD, and silent auctions throughout the season. We will be seeking volunteers to help facilitate our team fundraisers.

Team Fan Wear

The team will have official fan wear including hats, visors, vests, jackets, and shirts available for sale at the beginning of the season. This is totally optional attire for parents, fans, and team members. It will be available for sale at our team/parent meeting and throughout the season at team practices.

Questions – Need More Information?

Please direct any program questions to Team Manager, Cathy Muzzy from MZ Equestrian at cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com or (714) 381-9251. Thank you for your interest in IEA at MZ Equestrian!

MZ EQUESTRIAN IEA HUNT SEAT ADULT TEAM APPLICATION 2026-2027

RIDER INFORMATION: EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Rider Phone: _____ Rider Email: _____

Rider Social Media Handles (Post Tags): _____

Rider regularly trains with: _____

Rider currently shows at what height (if applicable): _____

If applicable, please attach a copy of the show record from USEF or www.Showgroundslive to help the coaches verify the appropriate placement for IEA.

Rider has previous IEA Experience (circle one)? YES NO

Rider owns a saddle: YES NO

If yes, may the program use this saddle for practice and shows as needed? YES NO

Describe saddle (brand, size, flap): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

PHOTO RELEASE FOR 2026-2027

I, _____ (print name) release all photographs that are taken of me during IEA shows, practices, and events for media, barn use, IEA sponsorship acknowledgement, program advertisement, and future team use.

Signature: _____

IEA RIDER PLACEMENT AFFIDAVIT 2026-2027

IEA Rider Placement is based upon two criteria:

- 1) The IEA Rulebook Rule H3000 which considers rider's show experience prior to June 15th.
- 2) Trainer Assessment of rider skill and safety in a draw-based, catch riding situation.

Note: A rider's show history is reviewed to ensure that the rider is placed appropriately given his or her show experience with reference to the IEA Rules. As needed, a coach may appeal to the IEA Zone Ethics Committee before the first show if a placement cannot follow the show history rule but rather considers rider's safety and well-being when riding an unfamiliar horse in a draw-based show format.

RIDER EXPERIENCE

Rider Name: _____

Number of Years Rider has Participated in Riding Lesson with a Trainer: _____

Rider's Current Trainer/Barn: _____

Trainer Email: _____ Trainer Phone: _____

Rider has Horse Show Experience: Yes No

If yes, list Classes/Division performed in last show: _____

If yes, **attach your United States Equestrian Federation Rider Report** for the past three years and any show records that you have participated in outside of USEF including county level shows, breed shows, and shows outside of Equitation (including Cross County, Western or Dressage).

Jumping Experience: Yes No

If yes, select highest jump height rider is comfortable showing on a familiar horse (horse known to the rider through riding lessons, training, etc.):

Cross-rails 2' 2'3" 2'6" 2'9" 3' or higher

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____



RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT – IEA TEAM MEMBER 2026-2027

MZ EQUESTRIAN, LLC

READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOU UNDERSTAND IT AND AGREE ON ITS TERMS. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, YOU AND YOUR CHILD ARE GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR RECOVER DAMAGES IN CASE OF INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGES, FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE STABLE; IT'S OWNER, EMPLOYEE AND AGENTS ("THE RELEASEES").

This release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement ("Agreement") entered into on this day [REDACTED], by and between **MZ EQUESTRIAN, LLC, a subsidiary Glenview Vista LLC** (hereinafter referred to as "Releasees") and [REDACTED] **PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME**, (hereinafter referred to as "Participant") for their use of the premises located at **2260 Glenview Lane, Vista, CA 92084** ("Property").

In consideration for allowing me to use, today and on all future dates the Property, facilities, horses, and services of Releasees and on behalf of myself, my child or our personal representatives, heirs, next-of-kin, spouses, and assigns, I hereby agree as follows:

1. **INHERENT RISKS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK.** The undersigned acknowledges there are inherent risks associated with equine activities such as described below, and hereby expressly voluntarily assumes all risks associated with participating in such activities. ***I understand and acknowledge that Under California Law, An Equine Professional is Not Liable for an Injury to or the Death of a Participant in Equine Activities Resulting from the Inherent Risks Of Equine Activities. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of MZ Equestrian, LLC.***

A. "Inherent Risks" include, but are not limited to, the propensity of equines to behave in ways such as, running, bucking, biting, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling or stepping on, that may result in an injury, harm or death to persons on or around them; the unpredictability of equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other animals; the limited availability of emergency medical care; and the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability. I am aware that horseback riding, the handling of horses and being in close proximity to horses in general is an inherently dangerous activity and that Inherent Risks also include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses (including all injuries or illness sustained by my horse(s) while or after being ridden); other animals on site including but not limited to dogs (off leash), exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other Participants, staff, grooms, caretakers, volunteers, trainers and spectators; contact or collision with other Participants and horses, tractors, trailers or other farm equipment and vehicles, natural or manmade objects including but not limited to any pools, guest house structures, sheds, fountains, ponds, puddles, ravines, burrows or holes in the earth; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; Participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control such as flooding, thunder, lightning, puddles of water, pedestrians with umbrellas, leaf blowers, lawn-movers, construction materials, noises and workers, cyclists, music and other wildlife including birds, ground squirrels, deer, cats, coyotes, mountain lions, chickens, bees and other insects, other farm animals and any other animal wild or domestic. Participant further acknowledges that riding or being around horses in other areas outside riding arenas such as trails, driveways, parking areas, round pens, pathways, cross country courses, tracks, over jumps of any kind and outside of fenced arenas, is inherently dangerous and carries risks of injury that

are an integral part of such activities.

B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Participant or Participant's guardian acknowledges that horses, by their very nature are unpredictable and subject to animal whim, which may include behavior including but not limited to their propensity to kick, bite, shy, buck, stumble, bolt, rear or general unpredictability. Participant or Participant's Guardian hereby voluntarily and knowingly assumes all risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses, in connection therewith, and expressly waives any claims for any injury or loss arising there from. Participant agrees to abide by and follow Releasee's rules and regulations, which shall be posted and/or available from time to time. Participant also agrees to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control while on site.

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Participant understands and expressly assumes such risks. Participant also assumes all risks for riding hazards of any kind, including breaks or holes on surfaces or in the ground as a result of burrowing animals, rain, erosion, or any other source to cause an uneven surface and I acknowledge such uneven surfaces or holes may not be visually apparent. Participant also assumes all risks for riding or walking hazards such as, debris, rocks, paths, uneven footing, streams and other hazardous surface or subsurface conditions and obstacles, whether they are obvious or not obvious, man-made or natural.

Participant further acknowledges that the behavior of any animal is contingent to some extent upon the ability of Participant. Participant assumes all risks therefore and warrants a full and fair disclosure of Participant's abilities has been made to Releasee.

Participant understands and is aware in the ordinary course of business, motor vehicles (with or without horse trailers), golf carts, tractors and bicycles continuously enter and exit the Property in close proximity to the areas, and in the same areas, in which horses are kept, groomed, and ridden. Furthermore, tractors, utility vehicles, trucks and other machinery are used on a daily basis in the operation, maintenance and repair of the Property. People are working, walking, running, riding, and handling horses, lunging and "turning out" horses. Dogs bark, children play, flags and other objects wave, and other activities, conditions and distractions occur at or near the Property, all on a daily basis, and in close proximity to horses. Such items, activities, conditions, and objects may cause horses to react in an unpredictable and dangerous manner without warning. **PARTICIPANT ACCEPTS AND ASSUMES ANY AND ALL RISK OF INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, DAMAGE AND LOSS THAT MAY RESULT TO ME OR ANY OTHER PERSONS ANY TO MY HORSE OR PROPERTY AND TO OTHER PERSON'S HORSE OR PROPERTY, FROM ANY SUCH REACTION OF MY OR ANY OTHER HORSE.** Participant is aware and understands that the surface area of the Property are either uncovered or only partially enclosed, and that rain or run-off may enter their areas causing the surface to become slippery. The slippery nature of the Property surface may not be apparent upon visual inspection. Participant is also aware and understand that the arenas, roads, fields, and other grounds and fields at the Property may at any time be wet, icy, slippery, rutted, eroded, or rocky, or contain rodent holes.

I am aware and understand that the any equine related activity ("Activity") is a potentially dangerous activity and involves the risk of serious injury, disability, death, or property damage. I am also aware of the highly contagious nature of bacterial and viral diseases including the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) (the "Disease") and the risk that I may be exposed to or contract the Disease by engaging in the Activity, which may result in serious illness, personal injury, disability, death, or property damage. I acknowledge that these risks may result from or be compounded by the actions, omissions, or negligence of Releasee employees or others, including negligent emergency response or rescue operations of Releasee. I understand that while Releasee has implemented measures to reduce the risk of injury from the Activity and the spread of the Disease, Releasee cannot guarantee that I will not be injured or become infected with the Disease due to my participation in the Activity and that engaging in the Activity may increase my risk of contracting the Disease. **NOTWITHSTANDING THESE RISKS, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGERS INVOLVED. I HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL RISKS OF INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING FROM MY ENGAGING IN THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEE**

7. ANY ACTION. brought under this Agreement shall be brought within one (1) year of the incident or accident giving rise to said claim. Participant agrees that damages shall be limited to \$250 for property damage, medical or other actual expenses incurred, and a maximum of \$10,000 for damages such as pain and suffering.

8. PARTICIPANT AGREES. The undersigned expressly agrees that this Agreement is governed by the State of California and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by California Law (RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK), and that in the event any portion of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the balance of the Agreement shall not be affected or impaired in any way and shall continue in full legal force and effect.

9. WAIVER. Participant agrees to waive the protection of any applicable statutes in this jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing said release.

10. PARTICIPANT PRE-CONDITIONS. By signing this Agreement, I affirm that I am not now pregnant and that I have no history of epileptic seizures, heart condition or any other medical problem that could be affected by horseback riding.

11. HELMETS. I acknowledge that all horse handlers and Participants should wear appropriate protective headgear while riding and being near horses. I agree to always take safety first into consideration while riding a horse, including always wearing a safety helmet. I acknowledge that I will not be allowed to ride a horse without the use of a helmet with a safety harness approved by the USDF or USEF for horseback riding activities and said helmet shall meet all ASTM F1163-00 standards and shall meet or exceed SEI certified standards. I understand that the wearing of such helmet may reduce the severity of any injury incurred on or around horses, and if I refuse to wear such helmet, I assume all such risk of injury resulting therefrom. **I acknowledge and agree that all minors must wear a helmet while riding a horse.** I further understand that riding boots and protective clothing, such as vests, should be worn while riding.

I have read the foregoing Agreement. I fully understand its terms and understand that I am giving up substantial rights by agreeing to these terms. I have made a free and deliberate choice to sign this Agreement as a condition to MZ Equestrian, LLC allowing me and/or my minor child to ride or handle a horse or to participate in any activities on premises. I hereby agree that all of the terms and conditions contained herein shall apply to me

DATE:

Rider/Participant Name (Printed)

Rider/Participant Address, City, State, Zip Code

E-Mail:

Rider/Participant Signature