



## **MZ Equestrian IEA Dressage Team**

Coach Jamie Lund, Coach Roo Alcantar (Petter), Coach Sofia Santos Bernardino, and Team Manager Cathy Muzzy, would like to welcome you to the **MZ Equestrian Dressage IEA Team** (Dressage Zone 6, Region 3). 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 online at [www.rideiea.org](http://www.rideiea.org)

### **Why Join the MZ IEA Team?**

IEA provides an affordable way for your child to experience showing without the expense of ownership or horse leasing. Joining the team is the next step in continuing your child's riding career past the recreational level of weekly lessons.

Joining our team is a big commitment both timewise and financially. 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.

For riders who own/lease and show their own horse, IEA is a valuable addition to your equestrian resume if you would like to ride for an IDA team in college and a great way to develop teamwork and lasting barn friendships. In addition, for Hunt Seat Riders who wish to ride on an NCEA Equestrian team in college can gain valuable experience from IEA Dressage in terms of riding a flat pattern inside of a dressage court.



Other benefits of IEA include:

- \$1.5 million in cash and renewable collegiate Scholarships awarded each season.
- National Youth Board and Leadership opportunities.
- Financial Aid and Grant opportunities.
- Individual and Team Advancement at Local, Zone, and National competitions.
- National Online Horsemanship Knowledge Program (National Hippology Academy)
- Access to additional events, clinics, college recruitment events, mentorships, volunteer opportunities, contests, and more.

## MZ Equestrian IEA Team Staff and Facility Location



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[Google Map](#)

## 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 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! Excellent sportsmanship is recognized with an award at every show and with a national award at the end of every season. Riders who have earned the sportsmanship award during the regular season or in post-season competition are eligible to apply for the National Sportsmanship Award.

## Parent Guidelines

Parents are an integral part of our team. We need you! We appreciate your support and volunteer contributions! Here are our expectations for parents:

- Make sure rider attends all scheduled team events. If your child must miss, please email, text, or call the coaches well in advance and offer solutions for making up missed team obligations.
- Let the coaches coach and be supportive of each rider.
- Keep your IEA team account paid and up-to-date.



- Support the entire Team by helping with fundraising support.
- Complete the team application and waiver forms.
- Aid in preparations for horse shows. Including but not limited to:
  - Driving riders to/from practices and shows.
  - Booking hotel rooms for away shows and post season shows.
  - Purchasing snacks and/or meals while competing at shows.
  - Bring set up items for shows including chairs, coolers, etc.
  - Attending practices and horse shows to support your child and the team.
  - Stay out of the paddock and mounting area during shows to allow coaches and riders to do their thing.

### **Riding Commitment**

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 an approved Dressage Program or 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 lesson 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 dressage clothing which consist of the following:

- White show shirt (Optional Essex Team Shirt may be worn)
- Stock Tie
- Show jacket in black or dark navy
- White breeches / Tan breeches permitted for Beginner Level Dressage
- Black Tall Boots (boots must be clean and polished)
- Show helmet with hair secured with a hair net (properly fitted)
- Belt
- Gloves – Black or White
- Dressage Whip – Black

### **Monthly IEA Practice/Lessons**

Each month there will be one IEA-focused 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. The lesson will also include a horsemanship section that will be required for all riders who attend the lesson.

The monthly lesson is mandatory and is included in the program cost. If a rider misses the scheduled IEA lesson, make-up lessons are not provided but a rider's regular weekly lesson may be adapted as necessary to better prepare them for the IEA shows. This could include switching horses during a lesson, having extra flatwork lessons to include testing, riding unfamiliar horses, having a groundwork/horsemanship lesson in exchange for riding, etc.

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 Dressage calendar](#) provided for more detailed information and a complete list of practice dates, but please note these important team dates below.

- **Saturday August 1, 2026** - IEA Dressage Team Rider & Parent Meeting from 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- **Saturday, August 14, 2026** – Show Hosted by MZ Equestrian at MZ Equestrian – LVBRY (Co-Host)
- **Sunday, August 15, 2026** – Show Hosted by Las Vegas Blue Ribbon Youth at MZ Equestrian (Co-Host)
- **Saturday, August 22, 2026** – Team and Individual Photos at MZ Equestrian
- **Saturday, January 9, 2027**– Show Hosted by MZ Equestrian at MZ Equestrian
- **Sunday, January 10, 2027** - Show Hosted by MZ Equestrian at MZ Equestrian

### **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. Rider show history matters and we require riders and their parents to provide the coaching staff with a complete show history. 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).

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. No rider who has competed successfully in at least 2 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. Please keep this in mind as your child is placed into their competition classes as they will not be allowed to move down a division if they are unsuccessful in a higher division.

If a rider accumulates **29 points in a class in regular show 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 future IEA shows.

Please review the class list below so that you better understand the requirements of the riders for placement in each division. The dressage tests referenced in the class descriptions are located just below the descriptions themselves. Understand that the level your child rides/jumps at home on our program horses should be higher than what they are looking to compete in an IEA setting.

### **IEA Dressage Divisions and Classes**

#### **CLASS D1. [Varsity Open](#) Dressage Test:**

- Test: IEA Open Rider Test
- Open to riders in grades 9-12 who are not otherwise eligible for the varsity intermediate, or lower divisions.
- Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter and halt in a group class.
- Riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1 - 12.

To be eligible for post-season competitions in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) open DSE classes. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) open test classes and two (2) open DSE classes during the regular season.

#### **CLASS D2. [Varsity Open](#) Dressage Seat Equitation (DSE):**

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

To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) open dressage seat equitation classes during the regular season.

**CLASS D3. [Varsity Intermediate Dressage Test:](#)**

- Test: IEA Intermediate Rider Test • Open to riders in grades 9-12.
  - Open to riders who have not competed in a recognized or schooling dressage competition at Second level or higher.
  - Riders may not have been rated B or higher by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc.
  - Riders who have won ten (10) or more blue ribbons in jumping events at 3'3" (1.0 meter) or higher are not eligible for intermediate classes (Rule G3101).
  - Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter, and halt in a group class.
  - Riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1 - 9.
- To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) intermediate or open dressage seat equitation classes. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) intermediate test classes and two (2) intermediate or open DSE classes during the regular season.

**CLASS D4. [Varsity Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation:](#)**

- Open to riders in grades 9-12. • Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter, and halt in a group class.
  - Riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1 - 9.
- To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) intermediate DSE classes during the regular season.

**CLASS D5. [Junior Varsity Novice Dressage Test:](#)**

- Test: IEA Novice Rider Test • Open to riders in grades 9-12.
  - Open to riders who have not competed in six (6) or more first level tests or competed at a level higher than first level in any recognized or schooling dressage competition.
  - 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, and halt in a group class.
  - Riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1 - 7.
- To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) novice or intermediate DSE classes. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) novice test classes and two (2) novice or intermediate DSE classes during the regular season.

**CLASS D6. [Junior Varsity Novice Dressage Seat Equitation:](#)**

- Open to riders in grades 9-12. • Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter, and halt in a group class.
  - Riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1 - 7.
- To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) novice DSE classes during the regular season.

**CLASS D7. [Junior Varsity Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation - Walk/Trot/Canter:](#)**

- Open to riders in grades 9-12. • Open to riders who have not competed in six (6) training level tests 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 or 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 D7, 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 should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1 - 6.
- Riders may not cross-enter into Class D8 Walk/Trot. To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) beginner DSE walk/trot/canter flat classes during the regular season.

**CLASS D8. [Junior Varsity Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation - Walk/Trot:](#)**

- Open to riders in grades 9-12 who meet criteria for Class D7 but are not yet ready to compete on an unfamiliar horse at a canter.
  - To be eligible for Class D8, riders must have at least six (6) months continuous professional instruction, must demonstrate proficiency at a trot, and must be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses. • Riders should be capable of performing DSE Tests 1 - 5. • Individual points will be tracked in Class D8 Walk/Trot for post-season qualification. • No team points will be awarded in Class D8 Walk/Trot during regular or post-season shows. • Riders may not cross-enter Class D7 Walk/Trot/Canter.
- To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points.

**CLASS D9. [Future Intermediate Dressage Test:](#)**

- Test: IEA Intermediate Rider
- Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the criteria for dressage Class D1- Varsity Open Dressage Test or Class D3- Varsity Intermediate Test.
- Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter, and halt in a group class.

- Riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1 - 9. To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) intermediate DSE classes. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) intermediate test classes and two (2) intermediate DSE classes during the regular season.

**CLASS D10. Future Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation:**

- Open to riders in grades 4-8.
- Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter, and halt in a group class.
- Riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1 - 9. To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) intermediate DSE classes during the regular season.

**CLASS D11. Future Novice Dressage Test:**

- Test: IEA Novice Rider Test
- Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the criteria for dressage Class D5- Junior Varsity Novice Test.
- Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter, and halt in a group class.
- Riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1 - 7. To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) novice or intermediate DSE classes. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) novice test classes and two (2) novice or intermediate DSE classes during the regular season.

**CLASS D12. Future Novice Dressage Seat Equitation:**

- Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the criteria for dressage Class D6- Junior Varsity Novice DSE.
- Riders must be able to walk, trot, canter, and halt in a group class. • Riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Equitation Tests 1 - 7. To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) novice DSE classes during the regular season

**D13. Future Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation - Walk/Trot/Canter:**

- Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the eligibility requirements of dressage Class D7- Junior Varsity Beginner DSE - Walk/Trot/Canter. • Riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Tests 1 - 6.
- Riders may not cross-enter into Class D14 Walk/Trot.
- To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points.
- To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) beginner walk/trot/canter flat classes during the regular season.

**CLASS D14. Future Beginner Equitation on the Flat - Walk/Trot:**

- Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the eligibility requirements of dressage Class D8.
- To be eligible for Class D14, riders must have at least six (6) months continuous professional instruction, must demonstrate proficiency at a trot, and must be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses.
- These riders should be capable of performing Dressage Seat Tests 1 - 5.
- Individual points will be tracked in Class D14 Walk/Trot for post-season qualification.
- No team points will be awarded in Class D14 Walk/Trot during regular or post-season shows.
- Riders may not cross-enter Class D13 Walk/Trot/Canter.
- To be eligible for post-season competition in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points.

## Dressage Tests

Rider must be prepared to perform the tests appropriate for the Dressage Test or 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, 1-9 1-11 for the Intermediate classes and 1-12 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. Figure eight or serpentine at the trot demonstrating change of diagonals Ride without stirrups at the trot
7. Figure eight at the canter demonstrating changes of lead through the trot
8. Sitting trot
9. Lengthening at the trot

10. Lengthening at the canter
11. 10m circles at the trot
12. 15m circles at the canter

### **Judging Guidelines and Perspective**

The key to judging an IEA competition is to look for the rider who is the most effective and the most capable, regardless of their mount. For example, a rider who draws a difficult horse, but is an outstanding rider and shows remarkable ability, should place higher than a mediocre rider who does very little on an extremely nice horse.

### **Hand and Seat**

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.

The heels should be the lowest point.

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.

### **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 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 Dressage Zone 6, Region 3 (Southern California and Nevada). Our region's shows are primarily held in the San Diego and Los Angeles Counties. We will also host 2-4 shows each season at our barn, which will mean that each team member will need to volunteer and work at these events

**Zone Finals** are usually in late February to early March. To qualify for Zone Finals, a rider must **earn 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**, in a class an individual class at Zone Finals. To qualify for Zone Finals, a team must earn 20 points.

**National Finals** are usually held in late April. To qualify for National Finals, a rider must earn **1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place** in an individual class at Zone Finals. For the 2026-2027 year, the National Finals are scheduled to take place at Tryon in North Carolina from April 29 – May 2, 2027. For a team to qualify for National Finals, the team must earn 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Zone Finals.

### **Regular-Season Shows:**

The 2026-2027 IEA Zone 6, Region 3 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 Shows:**

**Zone 6 Finals:** March 2027 at LA Equestrian Center (Burbank, CA)

**National Finals:** April 29 – May 2, 2027 – Tryon, North Carolina

### **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 rider and a parent or guardian will be expected to support this show. Riders will be expected to help with horse grooming and handling. There will be a list of parent volunteer positions available for team parents 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

- Assembling the Dressage Court – Help set up and measure the dressage court
- 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
- Announcer – Announces each rider in each class, instructions for the flat classes, and results
- 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](mailto:cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com).

AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF FEE PAYABLE FROM ALL RIDERS REGARDLESS OF PLACEMENT
\$85	<b>Membership Fee</b> <u>Payable to IEA online</u> at time of rider registration. This fee increases on October 1, 2026. Riders must be registered with IEA and activated on our team roster in order to participate in our team practices and events.
\$300	<b>Team Admin Fee</b> 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 <b>paid to our facility</b> for the work done throughout the entire season.
\$800	<b>Practices/Clinic</b> We will host eight (8) Total Practices including a Clinic/Schooling Show. These fees are paid <b>to our coaches</b> for the lesson or clinic. Lessons will include both Riding and Horsemanship Lessons. Coaches are paid \$100 per rider/per lesson.
AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF FEE / BASED UPON RIDER PLACEMENT
\$300 - \$600  *Total is based upon rider placement.	<b>Rail Coaching Fee</b> \$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. A beginner rider will have one class; a novice, intermediate, or open rider will have two classes. These fees are paid directly by the team <b>to our coach at the show</b> for rail time and warm-up coaching.  \$300 for Beginner for 5 DSE classes x \$60 per class for the regular season \$600 for Novice, Intermediate, Open 10 classes x \$60 per class for the regular season
\$325 - \$675  *Total is based upon rider placement.	<b>Show Entry Fees</b> Show Entry for 5 Regular Season Shows: Riders may participate in a maximum of 5 shows per season. Each show is one 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 <b>to the show host team/facility.</b>  \$65 Per Dressage Test Class (DS.1, DS.3, DS.5, DS.9, DS.11) Regular Season Shows total = \$325 \$70 Per DSE Class (DS.2, DS.4, DS.6, DS.7, DS.8, DS.10, DS.12, DS.13, DS.14) = \$350
\$500 - \$800	<b>Horse Use/Tack Use Fee</b>

*Total is based upon rider placement.	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/clinic. 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.  \$800 per rider in both Test and DSE Classes (2 Classes per show) \$500 per rider in DSE Classes Only (DSE Class only)
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>NEW RIDERS ONLY – RETURNING RIDERS WILL NOT PAY THIS FEE</b>
\$100	<b>New Rider Assessment Lesson</b> to determine placement for classes/division.
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>OPTIONAL - POST SEASON COMPETITION</b>
Fees will Vary by Qualification/ Number of Classes/Location	<b>Post Season Expenses</b> 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.
\$425 - \$1,000	Once riders are qualified the Team Manager will prepare estimates for post season competition including Zone 6 Finals and National Finals.  \$80/ Class Entry Fee for Individual and Team TEST Classes / \$100 at National Finals. \$85/ Class Entry Fee for Individual and Team DSE Classes at Zones / \$110 at National Finals \$75/ Class Rail Fee Per Class for Zone Finals / \$100 per class for National Finals \$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)
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>OPTIONAL FEES FOR TEAM SUPPORT AND ATTIRE</b>
\$145	Youth Essex Classic Show Shirt with Embroidery (\$20 for Embroidery)
\$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	<b>Horse Sponsor</b> 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	<b>Jump Sponsor</b> 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	<b>Tack Sponsor</b> 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	<b>Fan Sponsor</b> 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	<b>Per Rider</b> Regardless of Class Placement/Division
\$35	<b>OPTIONAL:</b> You can also register for the <b>IEA National Hippology Horsemanship Program</b> as an additional cost through IEA when you are signing up for the season online. This program offers lessons and assessments and prizes throughout the season.

### Team Fees Payable to MZ Equestrian:

\$3,175	<b>Open, Intermediate, Novice Rider Fee</b> (See payment schedule below)
\$2,250	<b>Beginner/DSE Only Rider Fee</b> (See payment schedule below)

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> of every month as per the schedule noted below:

<b>May – June 2026:</b>	IEA Application & Fee \$85.00 (Paid to National IEA) IEA Team New Rider Assessment Lesson \$100 (Paid to MZ Equestrian if Applicable)
<b>July 1, 2026:</b>	Team Application Due - Email completed application to <a href="mailto:cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com">cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com</a> Team Deposit \$725.00 Due via Zelle, Cash, check or ACH/CC
<b>August 1, 2026:</b>	Open/Intermediate/Novice Riders: \$612.50 Beginner/DSE Only Riders: \$381.25 Team Shirt and Jacket Orders Taken – \$100 Deposit Taken
<b>September 1, 2026:</b>	Open/Intermediate/Novice Riders: \$612.50 Beginner/DSE Only Riders: \$381.25 Balance Due for Team Shirt and Jacket Orders
<b>October 1, 2026:</b>	Open/Intermediate/Novice Riders: \$612.50 Beginner/DSE Only Riders: \$381.25
<b>November 1, 2026:</b>	Open/Intermediate/Novice Riders: \$612.50 Beginner/DSE Only Riders: \$381.25
<b>Feb/March 2027:</b>	Entry Fees, Rail Fees, Trainer Travel Splits, Horse Requirements for Zone 6 Finals for qualified riders due. Approximately: \$425/class plus personal travel expenses. Plus Silent Auction Basket Donation for Team Basket at Zone Finals.
<b>March/April 2027:</b>	Entry Fees, Rail Fees, Trainer Travel Splits, Horse Requirements for National Finals for qualified riders due. Approximately: \$1,000/class plus personal travel expenses.

**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.



### **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.

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 or \$85 per class (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 tuition fees: Essex Classic team show shirt is \$119 - \$158 (price depends on the size), Embroidery with our logo is about \$20, and the team jacket is \$100 each.

### **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 Captains**

The team will have two team Captains assigned by Coach Alcantar, Coach Lund, Coach Sofia, and Team Manager Muzzy from the High School Level Team. Being chosen as a Captain is not based on level of riding or age but rather commitment to the horses, the team, and one's teammates. All team members are eligible to be named Captains.

A Captain is expected to be the right hand of the coaches throughout the horse show weekend and a true leader for their team. Captains will be overseeing the riders assigned to each horse on horse show days and are expected to help resolve any issues that arise from confusion about or failure to perform needed tasks. Captains should be willing to first try to resolve issues on their own through rallying their teammates before reporting incidents to the Coach.

Captains should be knowledgeable about horses and the horse shows enough to be the go-to for questions from teammates and parents while the Coach is busy at the show ring. A Captain needs to have exceptional leadership abilities, a strong work ethic, patience with the horses and teammates, integrity, and passion for the sport.

Team Captains will be expected to participate in the IEA Team Captain monthly meetings via Zoom. They will also be responsible for adding photos and words of celebration and encouragement to our team social media posts.

### **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](mailto:cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com) or (714) 381-9251. Thank you for your interest in IEA at MZ Equestrian!

# MZ EQUESTRIAN IEA DRESSAGE TEAM APPLICATION 2026-2027

**RIDER INFORMATION:** EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO [cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com](mailto:cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade for 2026-2027: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Rider Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider regularly trains with: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider currently shows at what level of dressage (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**If applicable, please attach a copy of the show record from USEF or [www.Showgroundslive](http://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): \_\_\_\_\_

## **PARENT /GUARDIAN #1 INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT/ PARENT /GUARDIAN #2 INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PHOTO RELEASE FOR 2026-2027**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) parent/guardian of

\_\_\_\_\_ (print rider name) release all photographs of my child that are taken 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 initial placement of dressage riders must be based upon the class descriptions in Rule D3300. This rule 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 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).

Dressage Experience: [  ] Yes [  ] No

If yes, please note the highest level of competition that rider has participated in at a rated or unrated show:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent 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 \_\_\_\_\_, by and between **MZ EQUESTRIAN, LLC, a subsidiary Glenview Vista LLC and MZ Equestrian IEA** (hereinafter referred to as "Releasees") and \_\_\_\_\_, (Rider Name, hereinafter referred to as "Participant") and, if Participant is a minor, Participant's parent or guardian, \_\_\_\_\_ ("Participant's Parent or Guardian") for their use of the premises located at **2260 Glenview Lane, Vista, CA 92084** ("Property").

In consideration for allowing me (or my minor child) 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 OR OTHERWISE.

2. INDEMNIFICATION. Participant (or Participant's parent or guardian) agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend Releasee, including any of its owners, agents, assigns, employees, from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, actions, losses, liabilities, costs and/or expenses, including attorney's fees, which are occasioned by, or otherwise attributable to, matters for which I have assumed the risk and for which I am responsible in accordance with the language hereof, and for any actions brought by my guests or invitees.

In the event Participant is a minor, the parent or guardian shall further indemnify, defend and hold Releasee harmless from any such claims by said minor child, regardless of any statute of limitations or contractual limitation of actions.

3. IN THE EVENT Participant is using Participant's own horse, or a horse(s) not owned by Releasee, Participant warrants said horse(s) shall be free from infection, contagious or transmittable diseases. Releasee reserves the right to refuse access or use of any horse upon the premises that does not appear to Releasee to be in good health, or is deemed dangerous or undesirable.

4. MEDICAL AUTHORITY. I, [REDACTED] (participant, or if minor, parents/guardians) hereby grant permission and authority to MZ Equestrian, LLC, its officers and authorized employees to act for me in executing verbal instructions or if unable to contact us, to act for us in dealing with physicians, available ambulance companies and hospitals, to obtain prompt medical attention for the person named above in the event of any perceived medical emergency. I hereby covenant and agree to release MZ Equestrian, LLC its owners, occupants, tenants, subtenants, employees, officers, directors, or agents and their respective affiliates or persons of any one or more of them, and hold harmless from liability connected with obtaining prompt medical attention for the person named above.

5. WAIVER. I understand and agree that this release extends to all claims and demands referred to in this Agreement, of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and that I expressly waive all rights under section 1542 of the Civil Code of California. Section 1542 of the Civil Code provides as follows: "A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY."

6. WILDFIRE RELEASE: I understand that California has an elevated risk of wildfires that are fast moving, unpredictable & dangerous. They can change course forcing MZ Equestrian, LLC to undertake emergency evacuations of horses and equipment if possible. Despite best efforts, MZ Equestrian, LLC cannot guarantee that MZ Equestrian, LLC can prevent or limit wildfire losses. I understand in an emergency situation caused by wildfires in the area where MZ Equestrian, LLC is located, MZ Equestrian, LLC (as well as employees, agents, contractors, representative &/or assistants) will undertake reasonable evacuation efforts in good faith to minimize injury to or loss of horses and equipment on the premise or in the MZ Equestrian, LLC care, custody & control. Depending on all of the circumstances during a wildfire including lack of availability of staff, trailer's, trucks, fuel, traffic, visibility, severity of fire conditions, unstable ground or road conditions, risks to humans and governmental directives restricting access or activity, MZ Equestrian, LLC's response and mitigation efforts could result in some horses safely evacuating while other horses may not. I acknowledge and agree that MZ Equestrian, LLC will proceed as reasonably as possible should a wildfire emergency occur that threatens to cross the property. I

understand that even with the best advanced planning and the best efforts in response to a wildfire there is never a guarantee that MZ Equestrian, LLC can save every horse in its program or save all of the equipment kept on premises and/or in MZ Equestrian, LLC care, custody & control. I further acknowledge and agree that MZ Equestrian, LLC will prioritize evacuating horses over equipment and personal property.

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 that is rated and fits well 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, and if applicable, my minor child and shall be binding upon the undersigned and the minor.*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider/Participant Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rider/Participant Address, City, State, Zip Code

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Name (Printed)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature