



## MZ Equestrian IEA 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 Hunt Seat IEA 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](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. The 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 IHSA or NCEA team in college and a great way to develop teamwork and lasting barn friendships.



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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 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 balance 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 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 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 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 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 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)** - IEA Hunt Seat Team Practice #2 from 7:00am – 1:00pm with Parent & Rider BBQ Meeting to follow from 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- **Friday, August 21, 2026** – 4:00pm – 7:00pm IEA Clinic/Course Walk with Katie Schaaf
- **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/Maclay 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. 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).

All initial placements for riders must be within the same class eligibility level. Competing in two different levels is permitted only when a rider "points-out" in the flat.

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 Hunt Seat 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 Divisions and Classes**

### **CLASS 1. Varsity Open Equitation o/f 2'6" ("OPEN")**

Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 3'-3'6" on their usual mounts at home. Coaches should be confident these riders could safely perform over a 2'6" equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Open Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Open Flat. To be eligible for post-season competitions in individual classes, riders must have accumulated the required **18 points** and participated in a minimum of two (2) Open Flat classes. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes, riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Open over Fences and (2) Open Flat classes during the regular season.

### **CLASS 2. Varsity Open Equitation on the flat ("OPEN")**

Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 16. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points**. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Open Flat classes during the regular season.

### **CLASS 3. Varsity Intermediate Equitation o/f 2' ("INTERMEDIATE")**

Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 2'6"-3' on their usual mounts at home. **Intermediate riders are not allowed to have shown over fences higher than 3' (0.90 meters) in any Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101) in any discipline. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 3' (0.90 meters) at any Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101) in any discipline are not eligible for Intermediate classes.** Coaches should be confident these riders would be able to safely perform over a 2' equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Intermediate Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Intermediate Flat or Open Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points** and participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate or Open Flat classes. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate Over Fences and two (2) Intermediate or Open Flat classes during the regular season.

### **CLASS 4. Varsity Intermediate Equitation on the flat ("INTERMEDIATE")**

Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 13. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points**. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

### **CLASS 5. Junior Varsity Novice Equitation o/f x-rails ("NOVICE")**

Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 2'-2'6" on their usual mounts at home. **Novice riders are not allowed to have shown over fences higher than 2'6" (0.75 meters) in any Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101) in any discipline.** Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 2'6" (0.75 meters) are not eligible for Novice classes. Riders should have a minimum of one year of professional instruction over fences. Coaches should be confident these riders would be able to safely perform over a x-rails equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Novice Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Novice Flat or Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points** and participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice or Intermediate Flat classes. To be eligible for post season competitions in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice Over Fences and two (2) Novice or Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

### **CLASS 6. Junior Varsity Novice Equitation on the flat ("NOVICE")**

Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 10. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points**. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice Flat classes during the regular season.

### **CLASS 7. Junior Varsity Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot/Canter ("BEGINNER")**

Open to riders in grades 9-12 who are not eligible for Novice level jumping classes but must be experienced enough to canter on an unfamiliar animal in a group. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 through 7. **Beginner riders are not allowed to have shown over fences higher than 2' (0.60 meters) in any Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101) in any discipline.** To be eligible for Class 7, 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 may not cross-enter into class Class 8 Walk/Trot. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 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 8. Junior Varsity Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot ("BEGINNER")**

Open to riders in grades 9-12 who meet criteria for Class 7 but are not yet ready to compete on an unfamiliar horse at a canter. To be eligible for Class 8, riders must have at least six 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 Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 5. Individual points will be tracked in Class 8 Walk/Trot for post season qualification. No team points will be awarded in Class 8 Walk/Trot during regular or post season shows. Reference rule 3205.2 for advancement criteria. Riders may not cross-enter Class 7 Walk/Trot/Canter. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points**.

**CLASS 9. Future Intermediate Equitation o/f 2' ("INTERMEDIATE")**

Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Class 1 or 3. Riders participating in Future Intermediate Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points** and participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate Flat classes. To be eligible for post-season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate Over Fences and two (2) Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

**CLASS 10. Future Intermediate Equitation on the flat ("INTERMEDIATE")**

Open to riders in grades 4-8 who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 13. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points**. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

**CLASS 11. Future Novice o/f x-rails ("NOVICE")**

Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Class 5. Riders participating in Future Novice Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Novice or Future Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points** and participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice or Intermediate Flat classes. To be eligible for post-season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice Over Fences and two (2) Novice or Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

**CLASS 12. Future Novice Equitation on the flat ("NOVICE")**

Open to riders in grades 4-8 who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 10. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points**. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice Flat classes during the regular season.

**CLASS 13. Future Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot/Canter ("BEGINNER")**

Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the eligibility requirements of Hunt Seat Class 7. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 7. Riders may not cross-enter Class 14 Walk/Trot. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 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 14. Future Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot ("BEGINNER")**

Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Beginner Class 8. To be eligible for Class 14, riders must have at least six months continuous professional instruction, must demonstrate proficiency at a trot, and must be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses. Individual points will be tracked in Class 14 Walk/Trot for post season qualification. No team points will be awarded in Class 14 Walk/Trot during regular or post season shows. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 5. Riders may not cross-enter Class 13 Walk/Trot/Canter. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required **18 points**.

**Combined Classes at Shows:** Please note that regular season shows require a minimum of three (3) riders to run. At times, in order to have three (3) riders in the class, the show host may combine future and upper school like divisions. For example, classes 8 and 14 may be combined, or classes 7 and 13 may be combined to arrive at the minimum number of required riders. Please refer to the IEA Rules for more information: <https://www.rideiea.org/rules/>

### **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:

- 1-5 for Beginner Walk/Trot riders
- 1-7 for Beginner W/T/C riders
- 1-10 for Novice riders
- 1-13 for Intermediate riders
- 1-16 for Open riders

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 \*\*
10. Trot a jump \*\*
11. Ride without stirrups at the canter
12. Change leads down center of ring, demonstrating simple change of lead
13. Half-turn on forehand and/or half-turn on haunches
14. Canter on the counter lead
15. Hand gallop
16. Jump without stirrups \*\*

\*\* 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

**Regional Finals** are usually in mid-February. To qualify for Regional Finals, a rider must earn **18+ points** in a class during the regular season shows. Teams earning 20+ points will qualify for Region Finals.

**Zone Finals** are usually in late March or early April. To qualify for Zone Finals, a rider must **earn 1st, 2nd, or 3rd**, in a class an individual class at Regional Finals. To qualify for Zone Finals, a team must earn 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Region Finals.

**National Finals** are usually held in late April. To qualify for National Finals, a rider must earn **1st place** in an individual class at Zone Finals or be the high point rider for the zone in the Varsity Open Division. 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> place at Zone Finals.

### **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 Shows:**

**Region 1 Finals:** February 2027 at LA Equestrian Center (Burbank, CA)

**Zone 10 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. There will be a list of 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
- 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](mailto:cmuzzy@mzequestrian.com).

AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF FEE PAYABLE FROM ALL RIDERS REGARDLESS OF PLACEMENT
\$85	<b>Membership Fee</b> <b>Payable to IEA online</b> 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.
AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF FEE / BASED UPON RIDER PLACEMENT
\$300 - \$600  <i>*Total is based upon rider placement.</i>	<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 5 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 - \$650  <i>*Total is based upon rider placement.</i>	<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> .  \$130 per show each for Open/Intermediate/Novice for Regular Season Shows total = \$650 \$65 per show each for Beginner for 5 Regular Season Shows total = \$325
\$500 - \$800  <i>*Total is based upon rider placement.</i>	<b>Horse Use/Tack Use Fee</b> 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 for Open, Intermediate, and Novice Horses (Over Fences & Flat) \$500 per rider for Beginner Horses (Flat Only)

AMOUNT	NEW RIDERS ONLY – RETURNING RIDERS WILL NOT PAY THIS FEE
\$100	<b>New Rider Assessment Lesson</b> to determine placement for classes/division.
AMOUNT	OPTIONAL - POST SEASON COMPETITION
Fees will Vary by Qualification/ Number of Classes/Location  \$410 - \$1,000	<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. 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 at Region and Zone Finals \$100 / Class Entry Fee for Individual and Team Classes at National Finals \$75/ Class Rail Fee Per Class for Region and Zone Finals / \$100 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)
AMOUNT	OPTIONAL FEES FOR TEAM SUPPORT AND ATTIRE
\$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 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:

\$3,150	<b>Open, Intermediate, Novice Rider Fee</b> (See payment schedule below)
\$2,225	<b>Beginner/Flat 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](mailto: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 \$700.00 Due via Zelle, Cash, check or ACH/CC
<b>August 1, 2026:</b>	Open/Intermediate/Novice Riders: \$612.50

	Beginner/Flat 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/Flat Only Riders:	\$381.25
	Balance Due for Team Shirt and Jacket Orders	
<b>October 1, 2026:</b>	Open/Intermediate/Novice Riders:	\$612.50
	Beginner/Flat Only Riders:	\$381.25
<b>November 1, 2026:</b>	Open/Intermediate/Novice Riders:	\$612.50
	Beginner/Flat Only Riders:	\$381.25
<b>Jan/Feb 2027:</b>	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.	
<b>Feb/March 2027:</b>	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.	
<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.

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 tuition fees: Essex Classic team show shirt is \$119 - \$158 (price depends on the size) 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 Baldi, Coach Lund, Coach Dumrauf, 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 Coach Baldi, Coach Lund, Coach Dumrauf, or Team Manager Muzzy throughout the horse show weekend and a true leader for their team. Captains will be overseeing riders with their assigned horses and assignments on the 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.

Fan wear will include jackets, vests, hats, and visors.



### **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!

# MZ EQUESTRIAN IEA HUNT SEAT 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 height (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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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).

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

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