



Movado Farms Equestrian Team

Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Introduction Packet

Check out the IEA web site at rideiea.com. It is the responsibility of each rider and parent to be familiar with IEA rules found on this site.

Who is eligible?

The IEA is open to full-time students in grades 6-12. Riders are divided into Middle School ("Future" grades 6-8) and Upper School ("Varsity" and "Junior Varsity", grades 9-12) for competitions. Additionally, all members of the Movado Farms Equestrian Team must ride regularly at Movado Farm, and attend at least one lesson (preferably 2) during the week prior to a show or they will not be able to show that week.

How does IEA Showing Work?

A rider may compete in each class in which he/she is eligible for 5 times. If a rider is competing both over fences and on the flat, the maximum number of shows would be 5 shows. Movado will share with the team which shows we will be attending.

At the show, a random draw will be held in which each rider is assigned a horse from the host team. Although the riders may observe the horses during warm-up and in competition rounds prior to their own, the premise of IEA is to be able to adapt quickly to a strange horse. Flat riders are given no warm-up prior to competition; fence riders receive 2 jumps and 2 change of lead before entering the ring to show.

Riders are not responsible for the care/tack/etc. of horses at away shows. They may only adjust their stirrups.

Good sportsmanship is paramount; regardless if the ride went well or poorly, if the horse was fantastic or unsuitable, each Movado rider is expected to behave in a gracious manner (dismount quietly, run up your stirrups, pat the horse, and thank its horse holder). There will be no bad-mouthing of horses/riders/school/etc. If the horse has behaved in such a way that you were unable to perform adequately, if your coach determines your mount to not be level appropriate, your coach will be aware of this and may ask the steward for a re-ride.

At each show, riders must bring their entire show outfit (clean), a black crop, a change of clothes if needed, boots (clean), a wipe rag, a lint roller, and food/drink or money to purchase.

What clothing is required?

Proper show attire is required. This includes a approved show helmet, dark jacket, white shirt, gloves, pants, and boots. Please see Louisa or Trisha for correct fit, styles and colors. All team members are encouraged to purchase a Movado Farms Equestrian Team jacket.



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IEA TEAM PRACTICES and LESSONS

- * Team Practice is a time for the team to bond and prepare for shows.
- * Team Practice is not a Lesson but a time for the coach to observe and tweak to allow her to better school the rider on show day for peak performance.
- * Due to the current size of our team and limited time during Team Practice basic Lessons cannot be combined with Practice.
- * Each team member should attend at least one Lesson per week and as many Practices as possible.
- * Any rider showing Walk/Trot/Canter must take Lessons prior to participating in mounted Practices.
- * The week prior to a show all riders need to attend a Lesson AND Team Practice unless other arrangements have been made with Tricia.



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Rules for Members and Parents

1. Team members shall maintain positive attitudes for all practices and shows. This means working hard, supporting each other, and listening carefully to coaches.
2. Team members will help each other with the goal of making our team strong and cohesive. This may mean checking that each rider's attire is correct, helping to fix a friend's hair, and providing positive encouragement.
3. At horse shows, the "Bambi" rule will be in effect at all times: **if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.** All talk regarding teammates, coaches, other competitors, horses, footing, courses and show management will be positive. Remember, you never know which horse owner is standing behind you: Let's have Movado Farms be a model for positive, polite behavior toward the horses and horse owners.
4. Good sportsmanship is expected and will be practiced, both toward your team members and other competitors.
5. Members should be ready and willing to help their fellow teammates at all times during horse shows and should watch their teammates complete.
6. While teammates and parents are encouraged to support riders with kind words, warm drinks and help getting ready, coaches will help riders decide their plan in the ring and will debrief the riders after each class.
7. Parents are encouraged to maintain a 20 ft distance from their child while they are competing. Parents and other riders are NOT to coach unless specifically asked by the coach.
8. Parents should take pictures and post on Facebook often!
9. When the Movado Farms Team is done competing for the day, we will go, as a team to thank the host(s) and horse providers for their hard work.
10. Team members shall conduct themselves with class and pride at all shows and overnights. Absolutely no smoking, drinking or drugs will be tolerated.

If it seems that certain expectations are stated more than once, it is not an accident: it reflects the importance of that expectation. Please, be proud and exceed these expectations.

Violation of the Movado Farms Equestrian Team rules may result in lack of showing privileges or expulsion from the team at the discretion of the coaches.