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## Riding Academy

### Equestrian Team Information

#### About IEA

Learn more information about the organization at <http://rideiea.org/>

The mission of IEA is to introduce students in private and public middle and secondary schools in grades 6-12 (primarily ages 11 through 18) to equestrian sports, to provide information concerning the creation and development of school associated equestrian programs, to develop understanding and appreciation of equestrian sports through organized student competitions, to provide students with organized competitive events and to provide additional equine educational opportunities. Also, currently, there are few opportunities for these students to earn scholarship money. Through IEA, students may have the opportunity to earn scholarships towards their college education.

The objectives of IEA are:

- To promote the equestrian as an athlete.
- To provide students with organized competitive opportunities.
- To introduce new riders to equine sports.
- To promote the IEA among middle, and secondary schools.
- To provide students with opportunities for further education in equine sports and other equine-related matters.
- To encourage liaison with USA Equestrian, Inc, IHSA and other interested bodies.
- To provide information concerning the creation and development of school associated mounted and non-mounted equestrian programs.
- To establish and enforce IEA rules, standards and policies.
- To evolve with the continuing progress of equestrian sports.
- To generally promote the common interests of safe riding instruction and competition and education on matters related to the horse industry and all segments thereof.

The unique aspect of these competitions, both at the local and national level, is that none of the riders will supply their own horses or tack. Instead, the horses, saddle and other tack are all provided to the students at the show. The host team arranges for the horses and equipment. Some of the equipment may be borrowed from various training barns and facilities. Though the rider and horse have a short opportunity for orientation in the over fences classes, essentially, the horse is new to the rider, and the scores are based upon horsemanship, not the horse. The competitions involve six classes jumping over fences no greater than three feet and numerous flat equitation classes.

## **What to Expect from the Team**

- An equal opportunity to show
- An opportunity to meet others with similar interests
- A way to compete as a team since riding is usually an individual sport
- A way to compete without the cost of owning your own horse and tack
- An opportunity to learn more about showing

## **DRA Team Guidelines and Expectations**

- Riders are competitive athletes and part of a TEAM, and therefore must participate in at least one full hour weekly lesson which equals 4-5 lessons per month at Duzan Riding Academy.
- If a rider misses more than 2 weeks of lessons in a row, the rider will be unable to show until lessons are resumed and the coach approves the rider to be eligible to show again with the team. It is important that riders are getting practice and instruction in the weeks before they show.
- Riders should be respectful of their IEA team members in their lessons by arriving on time to allow plenty of time to tack up, and they should give their "all" in every lesson!
- Members must maintain POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND SPORTSMANSHIP at all times - in lessons, around the barn, and at shows...ribbons or no ribbons! Negative comments about other riders, teams, judging, or horses will not be tolerated.
- Molly will decide and place each rider in the appropriate showing level based on their current riding skills and show experience.
- Riders are to arrive at the designated time emailed prior to each show. Arrival times will usually be determined by the class or classes that a rider will be showing in.
- All riders are expected to stay for the ENTIRE duration of the show day to support their team members. Exceptions may be made based on weather and distance showing from home. If you have extenuating circumstances that require you to leave early, please notify Molly as soon as possible before the show. Often times car pooling can be arranged so that riders can stay for the day. Team awards are given at the end of the show, and it is nice to have everyone there!
- Riders are expected to volunteer their time to help run our hosted shows.
- Riders need to see Molly before leaving a show.
- All IEA members are required to purchase a team jacket to wear at the shows.
- Riders are required to read the rule book and know the IEA rules.
- Exceptions to any of these team guidelines and any necessary disciplinary action will be decided upon by Molly, on a case by case basis.

## **IEA Showing Policies**

- Riders who compete in jumping must have at least one year of instruction over fences and should be jumping higher in lessons at home with a familiar horse than what they are showing in IEA.
- Riders must compete in a minimum of two shows in order to advance to regional, zone or national competitions, either as an individual or to ride for the team.
- Riders may not show in more than five shows for the season.

- Riders may not compete in the same class for more than two years and must move up to the next showing level.
- At each show the coach selects point riders for each class and if a point rider places we accumulate points for our team. Team placings are determined by the point standings at the end of the show.
- Individual riders also accumulate points when they place at shows.
- Points are accumulated for the team and individual riders as follows - 7 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 5 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 4 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 3 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place, 2 points for 5<sup>th</sup> place and 1 point for 6<sup>th</sup> place.
- Points earned are accumulated throughout the regular IEA show season. Any individual earning 15 points or more, or any team earning 20 points or more, will qualify to compete at the regional competition.
- As an individual, if a rider earns more than 22 points during the regular season shows, or qualifies for nationals, that rider must move up to the next showing level the following year.
- IEA teams are divided throughout the country by zones and then further divided into regions. We will be in zone 5, region 3.

### **IEA and DRA Equestrian Team Fees**

- Individual Membership Fee (payable to IEA): \$50
- DRA Team Membership Fee (payable to DRA): \$50 at time of registration plus riders must raise at least \$175 in fundraising efforts. Riders will be expected to pay the remaining amount not met by fundraising activities, up to \$175 in two payments during the season.
- Entry for each class: \$40
- Coaching per day at shows: \$35
- Current Lesson Prices: \$38/group lesson, \$30/half hour private lesson, \$38/half hour advanced private lesson. One group lesson and one private lesson per week is preferred.
- Current IEA Practice Ride/Lease Ride: \$20 (based on availability of horses)