

# Zone 4 Region Recommendation 2011-2012

**As Of August 15, 2011  
Amended September 18, 2011 to reflect combining Regions 5  
and 7**

*The Zone 4 regions were determined using the guidelines set forth in IEA Rule 4.C.2. A Zone map can be found at: <http://www.zeemaps.com/pub?group=248441&x=-79.6948&y=30.9305&z=11&list=1>.*

## Recommendation

Zone 4 proposes 6 regions for 2011-2012. **Western Teams and Saddle Seat Teams will not split into Regions.**

## Rationale

1. Each region should have adequate numbers of horses and facilities for hosting regular point shows.
2. Regions should be small enough to create an ease of entry and scheduling.
3. Regions should be in the same general geographic vicinity.

## Strategy

1. **Regions 1, 2, 3, and 6 will accommodate the Metro Atlanta area** and adjacent outlying areas. The following factors are considered:
  - a. teams with a shared coach in same region
  - b. at least 2 teams with large supply of horses in each region
  - c. at least 3 middle school teams in each region
  - d. some new teams and some returning teams in each region
  - e. at least one team/coach with strong IEA experience
  - f. reasonable driving distance to area shows
  - g. similar number of eligible riders in each region
2. Region 4 will accommodate South Carolina and coastal Georgia. Some parts of South Carolina may fall in to the Metro Atlanta area if they are within 1 ½ to 2 hours driving distance.
3. Region 5 will accommodate south Florida teams.

Following IEA rules, there will be no more than 12 riders per class at the Zone Finals and no more than 12 teams at Zone Finals. However, rider and team positions for Zone Finals will be narrowed further from the current recommendation. Each Region will be guaranteed at least one spot in each class if a rider is available. The remaining or unused spots will be proportionately divided among the regions of the zone based upon the number of members in each region's class as determined by that Regions' Regional Final show entries. Specifically, if 40% of the zone's Varsity Open riders at the Regional Final shows are in Region 5, then Region 5 will receive 40% of the Zone Finals' unused positions. Each Region will be guaranteed at least one spot in each class if a rider is available.

Every region in Zone 4 will be allowed one team at Zone Finals. Additional teams will be calculated based on the criteria stated above.

Regional finals will only consist of teams and riders that have qualified for Zone finals under Rule 4.C.3. Regional finals will be held at least 2 weeks before zone finals.

The Zone 4 Chair will nominate members to be Region Chairpersons. A majority vote of the Board and/or Region will be required to assume that position. The Zone 4 Board and its objectives are attached under separate cover, Zone 4 Organization for 2011-2012.

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