

IEA Quick Start Guide



Fast Facts

- No need to own a horse to participate. Classes are offered in four ability levels: beginner, novice, intermediate, open. Any combination of ability levels on a team is permissible, but it is advantageous to have at least one rider in every class to be competitive as a team. Riders in grades 6-8 are eligible for Middle School Teams while riders in grade 9-12 compete at the High School level.
- Points are tracked for individual rider accomplishments AND for overall, team accomplishments. Individuals and teams earn points to qualify for regional, zone and national finals.
- Teams take turns hosting horse shows throughout the season. New teams are NOT required to host any shows. Second year teams are required to co-host at least one show. Teams in their Third year or additional years must host one show or co-host two shows per year.
- The competition season starts September 1st and ends at the National Finals in late spring/early summer.
- Students ride horses that are furnished by the host barn and chosen by random draw. The use of personal tack is not allowed and limited schooling is permitted. This equalizes competition variables and tests the horsemanship of the contestants.

Getting Started

Many things must come together to get a new IEA team off the ground. Having a group of interested riders is the first step. You must have three (3) riders in an age group to start a team. (3 middle school riders or 3 upper school riders). Once you're ready to get going, you must have the following:

1. **Host Barn:** Every team should have a facility to practice and access to enough horses to support team lessons and showing. While IEA teams do not need to be affiliated with a school, many enjoy the support of being on a school-recognized team.
2. **Coach:** An IEA Coach must be 21 years old and have proof of liability insurance (\$500,000), or must purchase the appropriate IEA liability insurance through Equisure (\$150/year covers participation in IEA events and practices).
3. **Membership Applications:** Once you have the riders, coach, and facility, you must submit a membership packet to the IEA. The attached membership checklist covers all required paperwork and forms for teams, coaches and riders.

In order to meet the deadline for the current season, all membership paperwork must be received by the IEA office for processing by November 1st.

Benefits

Coaches and barns with IEA Teams enjoy the following benefits:

- **Increased teaching and coaching revenues** from additional lessons, team practices and show-day coaching fees.
- **An introduction to showing** for students without horses, lower level riders and those without the financial means to show at larger shows.
- **An incentive to bring new riders into your facility!** As your IEA team becomes successful and your riders share their experiences with others, you have an additional service to offer new clients that other barns in your area may not be able to offer.

Contact Us

IEA Membership Office

877-RIDE-IEA

info@rideiea.org



Membership Packet Checklist

Please refer to this checklist to ensure that your membership application packet is complete when submitted to the IEA membership office. Please print legibly or type the information. All completed applications will be processed in the order in which they are received. **Please allow fifteen business days for processing.** Coaches will receive an emailed link to their team rosters providing proof of membership.

- Team Application Form
 - Team Membership Dues
 - At least three Rider Applications for each type of team joining (i.e. Upper school hunt seat team)

- Completed Rider Application/Waiver of Liability Forms containing all necessary signatures.
 - Riders' Dues

- Coach's application
 - Completed Coach Application/Waiver of Liability Form
 - Coach Dues

 - Proof of insurance (certificate stating named coach and appropriate equestrian instruction language)
or
 - Equisure Application and Payment (checks made payable to "IEA")

- Show application(s) (Please see Rule 2302 for specific requirements)

- Coaches and Contributing Member Team Organizers have read and are familiar with the current IEA Rulebook

Please contact our membership office if you require help with these forms or need additional information. 1-877-RIDEIEA (877-743-3432) info@rideiea.org

Per IEA Rule 2204, **Incomplete Membership Packets will not be processed** and may be returned to the applicant.

DEADLINE FOR ALL MEMBERSHIPS = NOVEMBER 1st

Any team who submits a correctly completed membership application packet will be entered into a drawing for a refund of their team application fees!!!