



Intro Rider Pilot Program 2019-2020

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4th & 5th Grade Intro Rider Addendum

For the 2019-2020 Season, the IEA will offer a Pilot Program to allow 4th and 5th grade riders to begin competing in IEA competitions. Specific rules related to the Pilot Program are incorporated in the "Intro Rider Addendum" as a supplement to the applicable rules published within the IEA Rules and Regulations.

\$35 member fee (per discipline)

\$0 team fee (There is no additional team fee for Intro riders.)

Membership application timelines as stated in Rule 2304.5 will apply.

The following criteria must be met to register an Intro team:

1.) For the 2019-2020 season, Intro riders must be an addition to a returning IEA Futures (Middle School) team who had active, competing members during the 2018-19 season.

2.) The Intro riders must be an addition to an active 2019-2020 Futures (Middle School) Team (i.e. minimum of three (3) riders in grades 6-8) in the disciplines of hunt seat, western and/or dressage for the current season. There is no minimum number of Intro level riders required on any Futures (Middle School) team.

3.) Teams choosing to include Intro Members in 4th & 5th grade on their roster are required to offer Intro level classes when fulfilling their host/co-host obligations. Teams who do not have Intro Members on their roster are not obligated to offer Intro level classes, but may still choose to do so.

4.) Riders must be at least nine (9) years of age prior to submitting an IEA Intro Rider membership.

Membership Includes:

Participation in the IEA Horsemanship Program

Participation in competitions that are hosted by active Future Teams with Intro Rider members.

Riders will be eligible for the following Intro level classes:

HI-1. Hunt Seat Intro Walk/Trot/Canter

HI-2. Hunt Seat Intro Walk/Trot

WI-1. Western Intro Walk/Jog/Lope

WI-2. Western Intro Walk/Jog

DI-1. Dressage Intro Walk/Trot/Canter

DI-2. Dressage Intro Walk/Trot

Riders may enroll and compete in only one level of Intro class for the competition season. Any changes to placement must be made in accordance with **Rule 3201.3 and 3201.6 and 3203.**

Show Structure:

Entry fees will be no more than \$40/class.

Because not all Futures (Middle School) shows will offer Intro level classes, event hosts may choose to run each Intro class one or two times with a separate draw for each class in a show. Riders may enter eligible Intro classes as offered. It is allowable for duplicate classes offered in Intro level to be officiated by the same judge.

There is no minimum number of riders required for the class to run. Each class will be limited to six (6) riders in the ring at one time. Event hosts may split classes as needed to best accommodate horse use (e.g., a group of six entries may be run as one class of six OR split into two classes of 3).

Ribbons will be awarded for all placings in each class.

Intro level classes may not be combined with Futures (Middle School) or Upper school level classes.

In addition to standardly-applicable suitability rules, small ponies may be used in Intro level classes.

Participation Awards:

Intro riders will earn individual credit only. No team points will be accrued.

For the 2019-20 pilot season Intro riders will only compete in regular season competitions.

Intro riders are limited to competing in five classes per season.

Participation will be tracked for year-end recognition at three levels, certificates to be awarded at Regional Finals.

- Gold — 5 classes
- Silver — 3-4 classes
- Bronze — 1-2 classes

Placement

4th and 5th graders meeting the following minimum requirements for placement are welcome to participate regardless of prior or current show experience.

Riders may NOT cross enter between sections and will designate their class level on their 2019-20 membership application.

All participating riders are expected to have at least ONE year of instruction in the discipline they plan to compete in, and they must be able to competently canter on an unfamiliar horse.

HI-1. Hunt Seat Intro Walk/Trot/Canter

Open to riders in grades 4-5 who are experienced enough to walk, trot and canter an unfamiliar animal in a group and have previous experience showing at the canter or over fences at any level. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat tests 1-7.

HI-2. Hunt Seat Intro Walk/Trot

Open to riders in grades 4-5 who are experienced enough to walk, trot, and canter an unfamiliar animal in a group with limited experience showing at the canter. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat tests 1-5.

WI-1. Western Intro Walk/Jog/Lope

Open to riders in grades 4-5 who are experienced enough to walk, jog and lope an unfamiliar animal in a group and have previous experience showing at the lope at any level. These riders should be capable of performing Western tests 1-6.

WI-2. Western Intro Walk/Jog

Open to riders in grades 4-5 who are experienced enough to walk, jog and lope an unfamiliar animal in a group with limited experience showing at the lope. These riders should be capable of performing Western tests 1-5.

DI-1. Dressage Seat Equitation Intro Walk/Trot/Canter

Open to riders in grades 4-5 with at least one year of professional riding instruction who are experienced enough to walk, trot and canter an unfamiliar animal in a group and have previous experience showing at the canter at any level. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage tests 1-6.

DI-2. Dressage Seat Equitation Intro Walk/Trot

Open to riders in grades 4-5 with at least one year of professional riding instruction who are experienced enough to walk, trot, and canter an unfamiliar animal in a group with limited experience showing at the canter. These riders should be capable of performing Dressage tests 1-5.

Safety Helmets

4508.3 At all times while mounted, riders in all Hunt Seat and Dressage classes must wear a harnessed and fully fastened protective ASTM/SEI approved safety helmet for equestrian use. The IEA will follow the guidelines of USEF in the matter of what constitutes a safety helmet. Riders whose headgear becomes lost or unfastened while in the show ring will be disqualified and immediately excused from the ring. Helmets and chinstraps must be fitted properly according to manufacturer's instructions.

In accordance with **Rule 4508.7 Western Hats/Helmets** - At all times while mounted, Western riders in grades 4 and 5, as well as middle and upper school riders competing in the Beginner division, (classes 4, 4x, 7, 7x) must wear a harnessed and fully fastened protective ASTM/SEI approved safety helmet for equestrian use. The IEA will follow the guidelines of USEF in the matter of what constitutes a safety helmet. Riders whose headgear becomes lost or unfastened while in the show ring will be disqualified and immediately excused from the ring. Helmets and chinstraps must be fitted properly according to manufacturer's instructions.

IEA experience in the 2019-20 pilot program at the Intro level does not count toward initial placement in the Futures or Upper school team in any discipline offered.