

# Western Zone Requirements and Split Guidelines

## 2022-2023



### Section 1: Region Information

- Western teams are considered as a single, national zone.
- The Western Zone will be initially split into eight (8) geographic regions based upon all of the active western teams from the 2021-2022 season. One additional Region may be added for 22-23 depending on growth and will hold a Region Finals in that area.
- Any region with 5% or less of the total western population, or with less than 3 active teams, as of December 1, 2022 will be absorbed into another region.
- Each team is assigned to a region based on locality and resources (horses and facilities).
- All regular season shows will be approved by the Zone Administrator by September 15, 2022.
- Individual western riders must earn 15 points to qualify for Region Finals. Individual riders may compete in six (6) Western IEA competitions.
- Western teams must earn 20 points to qualify for Region Finals as a competing team

### Section 2: Post Season Format

- There will be no more than 12 teams competing at Western Nationals and no more than 12 individuals per class competing at Western Nationals.
- Each region will advance the first-place team and the first-place individual to Western Nationals.
- Unused slots will be awarded by a random lottery system to teams in Regions with at least 15% of the total Western population as of December 1, 2022. If this does not fill the 12 available slots, a second random lottery will be held for teams with greater than 10% but less than 15% of the total Western population. The random draw will be exactly that with no other criteria or circumstances being considered.
- Adjoining regions may combine their resources and hold a bi-region final; allotments would also be combined with the agreement of both Region Presidents involved as well as the Zone Administrator.
- In accordance with IEA Rule 8501.4, IEA reserves the right to make changes to the Regional, Zone or National Finals schedule and/or procedures of competition provided any changes to the standard format are approved by the IEA Executive Committee.

### Section 3: Post Season Dates

- All Region Finals shows must be completed by April 2, 2023.
- All Region Finals dates will be approved by the Zone Administrator by September 15, 2022.

### Section 4: Fundraising Information

Each region will be responsible for fundraising & support of their own regional finals. All Regional Finals shows are expected to cover their own costs and break even financially. Any profit from Regional Finals will be rolled into the budget for distribution in the next show season. Approved fundraisers at regional shows may be basket raffles, VIP table sales, t-shirts, and monetary donations.

- Region Presidents may determine the best fundraiser for their area and submit the potential plan & value in their budget to the Zone Administrator.

**8301** Region Finals must be considered a community effort. All teams and individual riders who qualify to compete are expected to participate in the organization and/or running of the Regional Final in some way: including but not limited to providing a facility, schooling riders, show staff, volunteers and horses.

## **Section 5: Regions**

### **Region 1: MA, ME, NH, VT, CT, RI**

**President: Suzanne Ferris** [nvsliders@gmail.com](mailto:nvsliders@gmail.com)

Crimson Acres  
Hillside Meadows  
Nashoba Valley Sliders  
Pond Hill

### **Region 2: NY**

**President: Amanda Vance** [ieateam.nch@gmail.com](mailto:ieateam.nch@gmail.com)

ABC Dream Team  
PD Equestrian  
North Country  
TMC  
Western NY ET

### **Region 3 & 4: AL, DE, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, southern VA**

**President: Amanda Pope** [popeam35@gmail.com](mailto:popeam35@gmail.com)

Bay View  
Central Carolina  
Flamekissed ET  
Forsyth Central ET  
King Show Horses  
KTR Farms  
Last Lap Ranch  
Piedmont Academy  
Platinum Strides  
Team Need A Hand

### **Region 5N: IL, MI, northern IN, northern OH**

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Culver-N  
DMB Performance-N  
Designed By Faith  
KM Black-N  
KM Purple-N  
McColley ET  
Nothin But Chrome-N  
On Eagles Wing-N

### **Region 5S: KY, southern IN, southern OH**

**President: Jessica Daniels** [jdshowhorses@yahoo.com](mailto:jdshowhorses@yahoo.com)

Autumn Rose ET-S  
Concord-S  
Dare ET-S  
Double B's ET  
Hold Your Horses  
Tornado Pine Ranch  
Warrior ET

### **Region 6: IA, KS, NE, WY, MN, ND, SD, WI**

**President: Clare Haag**

Big Red Elite  
Brush Creek Team  
Central Iowa

### **Region 7: AR, LA, MO, MT, NE, OK, TX**

**President: Shannon Morrise** [shannonrocks@aol.com](mailto:shannonrocks@aol.com)

CT Equestrian  
Golden Plains ET  
Halvorson Ranch  
Lone Star  
Sienna Stables Team  
Texas Academy  
The Matadors

### **Region 8, 9, & 10: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY**

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Arizona Reining  
Aspire ET  
Berthoud ET  
Fitts Horsemanship Team  
Golden Plains ET  
Mile High ET  
Queens Creek  
Rocky Mountain Wranglers

### **Region 11: NJ, MD, PA, northern VA, WV**

**President: Ashley Wolfe**

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Forest Edge  
Grier School  
Holy Spirit  
Knelly ET  
Lower Hopewell  
Marciak/Caustalot  
Red Wing Riders  
Saddlebrook ET  
Turtleback Farm