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IEA ADULT Pilot Program

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Rule 1000: General

A. The Adult Pilot Program will be a subsidiary of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association.

B. This addendum shall provide rules and guidelines to accompany the current *IEA Rules and Regulations* in relation to the Adult Equestrian Association Pilot Program. Any reference in this addendum relating to a Rule will be referring to the *2022-2023 IEA Rules and Regulations*.

C. Rules and Guidelines for the Adult Pilot Program shall be governed by the *2022-2023 IEA Rules and Regulations* with the exception of the guidelines listed in this addendum.

D. The *2022-2023 IEA Rules and Regulations* shall take precedence over all other rules and regulations of other similarly situated organizations. However, if a topic is not covered by the *2022-2023 IEA Rules and Regulations*, first the rules and regulations of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association ["IHSA"] and the Intercollegiate Dressage Association ["IDA"] shall be consulted. If not resolved, the rules and regulations of the US Equestrian, Inc. ["USEF"] may be used for the hunt seat discipline, the American Quarter Horse Association ["AQHA"] and National Reining Horse Association ["NRHA"] may be used for the western discipline and the United States Dressage Federation ["USDF"] for the dressage discipline.

Rule 2000: Membership

A. Any person 21 years of age or older, and who is considered an amateur under the policies of their disciplines' governing body, may participate in the Adult Pilot Program. Hunt seat will follow the amateur rules of USEF/USHJA, western will follow the amateur rules of AQHA and dressage will follow the amateur rules of USDF.

B. Participants must be an Adult Member of the IEA and be associated with a registered **returning** IEA team prior to participating in Adult Pilot Program competitions.

C. Participants may not compete in any IEA / Adult Pilot Program show in which they are also the judge, steward or manager of the show in which they intend to compete.

Rule 3000: Disciplines, Classes and Tests: Rider placement and eligibility

A. Participation in the 2022-2023 Adult Pilot Program will not affect rider placements in Adult Pilot Program classes in future seasons.

B. Riders should enter a class based on their own discretion, as well as the discretion of their coach. A rider may move up or down in class levels within the 2022-2023 season, pending their experience supports their eligibility.

Note: No cross entry permitted within the same show for riders in Class 3.

C. Hunt Seat Discipline: Classes

AH1. Class 1. Equitation Over Fences - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction over fences. This class will have two options to choose from for the height of the fences: 18" cross-rails or 2' verticals. Riders and coaches should choose the height of the fence based on the skills of the rider. The class will be judged together as one class at two fence heights over the same course/track unless it is split in accordance with Rule 4000.K in the *Adult Pilot Program Addendum*. Riders are expected to be proficient in Hunt Seat Rider Tests 1 through 10 (See rule 3304). Riders may also participate in Class 2 - Equitation on the Flat Walk/Trot/Canter.

AH2. Class 2. Equitation on the Flat Walk/Trot/Canter – Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction and who's coach feels they are capable of cantering on an unfamiliar horse. Riders are expected to be proficient in Hunt Seat Rider Tests 1 through 7 (See rule 3304). Riders in this class may also participate in Class 1 - Equitation Over Fences, if otherwise eligible.

AH3. Class 3. Equitation on the Flat Walk/Trot - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least six months of continuous professional instruction and who's coach feels they are capable of cantering on an unfamiliar horse, but are not yet ready to compete at the canter. Riders are expected to be proficient in Hunt Seat Rider Tests 1 through 5 (See rule 3304). Riders may not cross enter in Class 1 or 2 at the same show.

D. Western Discipline: Classes

AW1. Class 1. Ranch Riding – Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction performing ranch patterns. The pattern for this class must be chosen from the patterns offered in the *IEA Western Addendum*. Riders are expected to be proficient in Western Horsemanship Tests 1 through 10 (See rule 3404). Riders in this class may also participate in Class 2 - Horsemanship Walk/Jog/Lope.

AW2. Class 2. Horsemanship Walk/Jog/Lope - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction and who's coach feels they are capable of loping on an unfamiliar horse. Riders are expected to be proficient in Western Horsemanship Tests 1 through 7 (See rule 3404) Riders may also participate in Class 1 - Ranch Riding, if otherwise eligible.

AW3. Class 3. Horsemanship Walk/Jog - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least six months of continuous professional instruction and who's coach feels they are capable of loping on an unfamiliar horse, but are not yet ready to compete at the lope. Riders may not cross enter in Class 1 or 2 at the same show. Riders are expected to be proficient in Western Horsemanship Tests 1 through 5 (See rule 3404)

E. Dressage Discipline: Classes

AD1. Class 1. Dressage Test - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction performing dressage tests. This class shall have two test options to choose from: the *IEA Intermediate Dressage Test* or the *IEA Novice Dressage Test*. Coaches shall choose the test based on the skills of the rider. Regardless of test level performed, the tests will be ranked together based on highest test score(s), unless the class is split in accordance with Rule 4000.J in the *Adult Pilot Program Addendum*. Riders are expected to be proficient in Dressage Rider Tests for DSE classes 1 through 7 (See Rule L in the *Dressage Addendum*). Riders may also participate in Class 2 - Dressage Seat Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter.

AD2. Class 2. Dressage Seat Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction and who's coach feels they are capable of cantering on an unfamiliar horse. Riders are expected to be proficient in Dressage Rider Tests for DSE classes 1 through 7 (See Rule L in the *Dressage Addendum*). Riders may also participate in Class 1 - Dressage Test, if otherwise eligible.

AD3. Class 3. Dressage Seat Equitation Walk/Trot - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least six months of continuous professional instruction and who's coach feels they are capable of cantering on an unfamiliar horse but are not yet ready to compete at the canter. Riders are expected to be proficient in Dressage Rider Tests for DSE classes 1 through 5 (See Rule L in the *Dressage Addendum*). Riders may not cross enter in Class 1 or 2 at the same show.

Rule 4000: Competitions

- A. Adult Pilot Program classes can be offered as additional classes at any regular season IEA competition.
- B. Teams who have adult riders on their roster must be prepared to offer the three adult classes for their discipline in their competition and plan their time and resources accordingly.
- C. For the convenience of IEA Youth Teams and Adult Pilot Program attendees, the IEA recommends running the Adult Pilot Program classes at the end of the regular IEA show schedule and provide an estimated start time for adult participants.
- D. Adult Pilot Program classes may also be held as a stand-alone, or partial-day, competition as long as all guidelines set for a regular season IEA competition are followed. This includes submitting a show application and insurance to the IEA Membership Office and obtaining qualified officials. See Rules 4000 and 5000 for complete details.
- E. No additional insurance is required if Adult Pilot Program classes are being held during an IEA regular season competition. If Adult Pilot Program classes will be held on a separate day, a one day show policy must be submitted to the Membership Office.
- F. Show hosts must be following the hosting obligations of Rule 4106 for youth members, prior to offering the Adult Pilot Program classes at their regular season competition.
- G. Spurs are not permitted in Walk/Trot for the hunt seat and dressage disciplines.
- H. There is no limit on the number of competitions an Adult Pilot Program rider may participate in.
- I. A class may run with only one participant.
- J. Adult Pilot Program riders are eligible to school horses on the same day as the Adult Pilot Program classes in which they intend to compete as long as the horses they are school are at or below the Adult member's equivalent ability level based on outside (non- IEA / Adult Pilot Program experience), and/or based on Adult Pilot Program class descriptions and intended horse usage.
- K. Split Classes
1. Group classes *must* be split into two classes when they reach 12 participants, but may be split with less than 12 at the show host's discretion.
 2. Hunt Seat Class 1 - Equitation over Fences - shall have two options to choose from for the height of the fences: 18" cross-rails and 2 verticals. Participants in this class will be scored together for ribbons, regardless of height chosen. If the show host feels that entries warrant splitting the class, it may be split into separate classes by height of fence.
 3. Western Class 1 - Ranch Riding - EHC shall choose one pattern from the current *IEA Western Addendum* to be used in the class. Pattern may be Walk/Jog or Walk/Jog/Lope.
 4. Dressage Class 1 - Dressage Test - shall have two test options to choose from: the *IEA Intermediate Dressage Test* and the *IEA Novice Dressage Test*. Participants in this class will be scored together for ribbons, regardless of test chosen. If the show host feels that entries warrant splitting the class, it may be split into separate classes by test.

Rule 5000: Prize List, Entry Blank, Entry Fees and Program

- A. Adult Pilot Program classes must be included in the time schedule for any regular competition that intends to offer the classes.

B. The *Adult Pilot Program Entry Form* must be included in the prize list if classes will be offered by the show host.

C. Adult Pilot Program classes will be considered in the total ride count allowed for the show host and for horse usage. Show hosts must be following Rule 4106 prior to offering Adult Pilot Program options. Show hosts should prioritize IEA youth competitors over Adult Pilot Program if entries will need to be limited due to scheduling or horse availability.

D. Classes for Adult Pilot Program will not be available in the database, but eligible adults will be listed on the official Team Roster. Show hosts must manually add the classes into the program book.

E. Entry fees for competitions will be no more than:

\$45 for Flat and Over Fences classes at Hunt Seat Regular Season Shows

\$45 for Horsemanship and Ranch classes at Western Regular Season Shows

\$45 for DSE and \$50 for Test classes at Dressage Regular Season Shows

F. \$5.00 from each Adult Pilot Program rider's entry fee for each class will be collected by the show host and paid to IEA within fourteen (14) days of the competition.

Rule 8000: Points Scoring and Post Season Qualification

A. Participants in Adult Pilot Program classes *will not* accrue points for the 2022 - 2023 season.

B. Results for Adult Pilot Program classes will be posted on the IEA website.

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C. The EHC must submit a copy of the results from the Adult Pilot Program classes to Emily David at Emily@rideiea.org.



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ADULT PILOT PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. What is the minimum age requirement to participate in the IEA Adult Pilot Program?**
A. *21 years old*
- Q. Do participants need to be an amateur to participate?**
A. *Yes. Each member must be an amateur according to the governing body of their discipline. See Rule 2000.A. in the IEA Adult Pilot Program Addendum.*
- Q. Do participants need to join the IEA to participate?**
A. *Yes. All participants must become an Adult Member of the IEA and be associated with an IEA coach. Once the adult member is listed on the team roster they are eligible to participate in IEA Adult Pilot Program classes.*
- Q. How many adults are required to start a team?**
A. *Adult members will not participate as part of a team. Adults will be individual participants only.*
- Q. What disciplines are being offered?**
A. *The Adult Pilot Program includes hunt seat, western and dressage classes.*
- Q. What classes are being offered?**
A. *Each discipline has three types of classes: a walk-trot/jog class, a walk-trot/jog-canter/lope class and a pattern class: hunt seat over fences, western ranch riding, and dressage test.*
- Q. Where will the classes be offered?**
A. *Any show host can offer adult classes during their regular season IEA competition, preferably at the end of the show schedule. They may also offer them as a stand-alone competition. A team with an adult rider member should be prepared to offer the adult classes at their regular season competition.*
- Q. Will an adult rider compete in the same class level at each competition?**
A. *Adult members, in cooperation with their associated IEA coach, will determine which class they will participate in for each competition. Adults will not have an annual class assignment.*
- Q. How many competitions are adults allowed to participate in this season?**
A. *An adult member does not have a limit to how many competitions they may participate in.*
- Q. How many entries are required to run a class?**
A. *One*
- Q. Will results of the adult classes be posted on the IEA website.**
A. *Yes. Results will be collected and posted after each competition on the IEA website. Results will be available after September 1st.*
- Q. Will there be a post-season competition for the IEA Adult Pilot Program?**
A. *No. This is a pilot program. No points will be earned at competitions and therefore no post-season competitions will follow the regular season.*
- Q. What is the difference between an Adult Contributing Member (ACM) and an Adult Rider (AR)?**
A. *Both ACMs and ARs may compete as a rider member (when they are associated with an IEA team) and both must complete SafeSport certification. ACMs must complete the IEA Rule Quiz and also receive access to a team roster with permission from the coach. ACMs are not required to be associated with a team if they are not riding.*