

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 May 28, 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

Crimson Acres
Hillside Meadows
Nashoba Valley Sliders
Pond Hill

Region 2: NY

President: Amanda Vance 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

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

President: Katie Morehead kmoreheadph@gmail.com

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

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

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

President: Bridget Rhode bri.equine@gmail.com

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