



Western Zone Requirements and Split Guidelines 2023-2024

Section 1: Region Information .

- The Western Zone will be initially split into nine (9) geographic regions.
- Any region with 5% or less of the total western population, or with less than 3 active teams, as of December 1, 2023 will be absorbed into another region.
- All regular season shows will be approved by the Zone Administrator.

Section 2: Postseason 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.
- Additional or unused slots will be awarded by a random lottery draw of teams in Regions with 15% or more of the total Western population as of December 1, 2023. If this does not fill the 12 available slots, a second random lottery will be held for teams with 10 - 15% of the total Western population.
- With approval from the Zone Administrator, adjoining regions may hold a Bi-Region Final, combining resources and allotments .
- IEA reserves the right to make changes to any activity, show, or event (including the Region, Zone or National Finals schedule) and/or procedures of competition provided any changes to the published standard format for that year are approved by the IEA Executive Committee.

Section 3: Postseason Dates

- All Region Finals shows must be completed at least 20 business days prior to Western Nationals.
- All Region Finals dates will be approved by the Zone Administrator by September 1, 2023.

Section 4: Fundraising Information

Each region will be responsible for fundraising & support of their own regional finals. All Region Final shows are expected to cover their own costs and break even financially. Approved fundraisers at regional shows may be basket raffles, VIP table sales, t-shirts, and cash donations.

- Region Presidents may determine the best fundraiser for their area and submit the potential plan & value in their budget to the Zone Administrator no later than sixty (60) before Region Finals.

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 Region Final in some way: including but not limited to providing a facility, schooling riders, show staff, volunteers and horses.

The greatest need for the community effort is providing suitable horses. Teams and individuals participating in Region Finals have three options to meet the community effort:

1. Contribute appropriate horses to the event to cover the rides at each level for their qualified competitors (team and individual). Suggested contribution equates to one (1) horse to cover approximately five (5) rides.
2. Partner with another team that has excess horses to cover the rides for their qualified competitors. Terms to be negotiated between the two parties.
3. Pay a lease fee that will go to the teams or outside sources willing to bring additional 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

Western NY ET

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

President: Amanda Pope popeam35@gmail.com

Central Carolina

Flamekissed ET

Forsyth Central ET

King Show Horses

KTR Farms

Last Lap Ranch

Piedmont Academy

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

President: Katie Morehead kmoreheadph@gmail.com

DMB Performance-N

Designed By Faith

Hold Your Horses

KM Equestrian

McColley ET

Nothin But Chrome-N

On Eagles Wing -N

Region 5S: KY, southern IN, southern OH

President: Arianna Mathias

Autumn Rose ET-S

Dare ET-S

Double B's ET

Hold Your Horses

Tornado Pine Ranch

Warrior ET

Region 6: IA, KS,, MN, MT, ND, NE, OK, SD, WI

President: Janelle Schaefer schaeferbarn@gmail.com

Big Red Elite

Central Iowa

CCC Jr Trojans

Region 7: AR, LA, MO, OK, TX

President : Shannon Morris shannonrocks5@yahoo.com

CT Equestrian

Golden Touch 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: Jessica Bein jessicabein@gmail.com

Arizona Reining

Aspire ET

Berthoud ET

Fitts Horsemanship Team

Golden Plains ET

Mile High ET

Queens Creek

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

President: Ashley Wolfe saddlebrookstable@gmail.com

Circle J

Forest Edge

Grier School

Holy Spirit

Knelly ET

Lower Hopewell

Marciak

Red Wing Riders

Saddlebrook ET

Turtleback Farm