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RULE G1000: GENERAL

G1100 Name

The name of the organization is the Interscholastic Equestrian Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "IEA").

G1200 IEA Office Locations

Business Office: P.O. Box 809, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022
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Toll free IEA telephone: 1-877-RIDE-IEA (1-877-743-3432)

G1300 Purpose

IEA is organized to promote and expand access to quality team and individual equestrian competition and instruction. Its purpose shall be to set standards for competition; to provide information concerning the creation and development of equestrian sport programs; to promote the common interests of safe riding instruction; and to educate on matters related to horsemanship.

G1400 Equal Opportunity and Statement of Inclusion

IEA shall serve equine sport enthusiasts in providing an open and accepting environment for all of its participants regardless of gender, race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, creed, gender identity, genetic information, ancestry, familial status, military status, veteran status, or any other category protected by applicable federal, state, or local law. Participation in competitive offerings may be limited in accordance with the IEA Rulebook and Rule Addendum(s), and insurance limitations.

G1500 Mission

IEA's mission is to promote lifelong involvement in equestrian athletics. IEA wishes to introduce students in grades 4-8 (Future) and 9-12 (Upper School) to equestrian sports and to develop understanding and appreciation of equestrian sports through organized competitions and educational opportunities. IEA further wishes to inspire and facilitate adults to continue their journey in equestrian athletics for a lifetime.

G1501 Sportsmanship

The IEA was established to provide competitive and educational opportunities through equestrian athletics. Good horsemanship and honorable participation are priorities at every event. It is the responsibility of all attendees to foster a spirit of belongingness, an atmosphere of community enjoyment, and a mutual respect for all participants and their equine partners.

G1600 Goals

- To promote the equestrian as an athlete.
- To encourage recognition for equestrians in grades 4-12.
- To provide riders with organized competitive opportunities.
- To introduce new riders to equine sports.
- To promote the IEA among its constituencies.
- To provide riders opportunities to further their education in equine sports and equine-related matters.
- To encourage collaboration with other equestrian associations for the betterment of equestrian sports.
- To encourage a higher standard of coaching and instruction.

- To provide information concerning the creation and development of mounted and non-mounted equestrian programs.
- To establish and enforce IEA rules, standards and policies.
- To encourage good horsemanship.
- To promote the common interests of riding instruction, competition, and education on matters related to all segments of the horse industry.
- To develop team and individual sportsmanship.
- To establish a foundation to support the continuing mission of the IEA.

G1700 Rules Interpretation and Application

These Rules and Regulations shall take precedence over all other rules and regulations of other similarly situated organizations. No IEA Region or Zone may adopt rules inconsistent herewith. However, if a topic is not covered by these Rules and Regulations, the following rules may be referenced as guidance in making an equitable decision under the circumstances:

- For the Hunt Seat discipline: first the rules and regulations of the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (“IHSA”) and then, if not resolved, the rules of the appropriate national governing body (NGB);
- For the Western discipline: first the rules and regulations of the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (“IHSA”) and then, if not resolved, the American Quarter Horse Association (“AQHA”) and National Reining Horse Association (“NRHA”);
- For the Dressage discipline: first the rules and regulations of the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (“IDA”) and then, if not resolved, the rules of the appropriate national governing body (NGB).

G1800 Use of Name, Logo & Distribution Lists

G1801 The name, initials, logos, trademarks and other identifying material or information exclusively created by, created for, used by, or are the property of IEA, shall not be used by any person, club, team, company or entity without advance express written permission of IEA. Any use of this material or information (e.g.: regional or zone email distribution lists) for non-IEA activities or events will be considered a violation of IEA rules.

G1802 At the discretion of the IEA executive committee, violation of this rule may cause an IEA member to immediately forfeit all rights and privileges of membership for up to one year from the date of the violation.

G1803 Furthermore, if a member violates this rule, IEA may, among other actions, file a lawsuit requesting temporary and/or permanent injunction orders from an appropriate court. If the IEA is successful, it may require the member to pay all reasonable attorney fees, litigation expenses and costs of the action and require the member to pay IEA for all profits received for breach of these rules.

G1900 Except where otherwise defined, all ~~For all judicial~~ procedures and timelines (especially judicial), days will be counted as business days. Written documents will be accepted via regular mail or email. Burden of proof for delivery and receipt is that of the sender.

RULE G2000: MEMBERSHIP

G2100 Eligibility for Membership

- G2101** Membership in IEA shall be open to all individuals, teams, coaches and others who enthusiastically support the goals and ideals of IEA. For teams and riders to participate in IEA competitions, shows, and events, an IEA Coach Member must coach the team and all riders.
- G2102** Membership shall be on an annual basis beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th of each year.
- G2103** IEA reserves the right for any reason, other than a reason contrary to law, to deny an application of any prospective member, or revoke or suspend, membership of any individual or team, even if that person or team was a member in any prior year.
- G2104** All members are expected to be knowledgeable about and follow all local / state guidelines and laws pertaining to equines and equestrian sport. Each participant is expected to comply with the rules of their state as well as any state in which they compete.

G2200 Membership Forms and Information

- G2201** Each IEA member must make an annual application for membership to IEA by completing the prescribed application form, signing the waiver of liability form, attaching supporting documents as needed, and delivering the forms with the application fee to IEA.
- G2202** It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure timely delivery and completion of membership forms. **All registration materials must be processed and the member marked "Eligible" on the team's roster prior to entering any IEA activity, show, or event.**
- G2203** IEA is not required to validate the intended receipt of material, or to ensure completion; only to accept materials as they are received.
- G2204** Individuals and their teams must be designated as eligible in the database before entering any IEA activity, show, or event for that discipline.
- G2205** If a parent or guardian desires to revoke the Waiver of Liability or Release, the revocation must be in writing and sent to the rider's coach and the IEA membership director via certified mail. Effective immediately upon signing the revocation, the rider is no longer entitled to exercise any of the privileges of membership in IEA and cannot participate in any IEA event, show or competition. The coach must immediately contact via telephone the IEA membership ~~executive~~ director and give personal verbal notice of receiving the written revocation.
- G2206** By making application for membership to IEA, each member, parent/legal guardian certifies that they have thoroughly read these Rules and Regulations, authorize IEA to distribute the member's name, address, email address, and other available demographics to IEA sponsors, advertisers and other companies, activities, programs, and organizations, and authorize IEA, its sponsors and publicists to use for promotional purposes all photographs, digital images, and videos taken at any IEA show or event.

G2207 If an IEA member desires to revoke membership in the IEA, the revocation must be in writing and received by the IEA membership director. Effective immediately upon signing the revocation, the individual or team is no longer entitled to exercise any of the privileges of membership and may not participate in any IEA activities, shows or events. While a member may revoke membership at any time, refund of membership fees may only be requested within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of payment, and a \$15 processing fee will be retained. **No refunds will be granted to any member or team who participated in one or more IEA activities, shows, or events.**

G2300 Categories of Membership

G2301 Team Membership

G2301.1 While individual rider members do not need to own or provide a horse to compete, all participating teams must have access to appropriate horses for instruction as well as to fulfill hosting duties as described in Rules G2302, G8301, G8401, and G8501.4.

G2301.2 A team consists of not less than three rider members of the same team type (e.g. three upper school hunt seat riders or three future western riders.)

G2301.3 A team must have an affiliated coach member.

G2301.4 A team must adhere to all rules and regulations of the IEA.

G2301.5 No individual rider member will be eligible to enter any IEA event, show or competition without being a member of an eligible team. A complete team membership includes all of the following:

1. Team application and membership fees
2. Applications, waivers, and membership fees for a minimum of three (3) youth riders of the same team type
3. Coach application, waiver, membership fees, a score of 80% or higher on the IEA Rules Quiz, proof of professional liability insurance, SafeSport completion certificate and any required supporting documentation
4. Show application(s) for hosting date or co-hosting date(s) as defined in Rule G2302

G2301.6 Team applications, including a minimum of three completed youth rider applications, must be received by October 1st. Additional rider members may be added to the team roster after the October 1st deadline.

Teams interested in joining the IEA after the October 1st deadline must contact the IEA Membership Coordinator who will consult with the zone administrator. Membership may be accepted if the competition calendar and regional assignments can accommodate additional teams.

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- G2301.7** In order to remain a Member Team in good standing, the team coach must be an IEA Coach Member in good standing.
- G2301.8** To qualify as an IEA Member Team, the team is not required to have permission of, affiliation with, approval of or sponsorship by a middle or high school.
- G2301.9** If three or more previous IEA youth rider members and/or a previous coach form a team (same discipline or crossover discipline), they will be considered a team in the second or third year of competition, and must fulfill all hosting obligations per Rule G2302 as determined by the zone administrator.

G2302 Team Show Hosting Obligation

- G2302.1** In the first year or partial year of competition, a team will be assigned by the zone administrator to assist at an IEA competition within their zone.
- G2302.2** In the second year of competition, a team must co-host a minimum of one IEA competition.
- G2302.3** In the third year of competition and each year thereafter, a team must co-host two (2) or host one (1) IEA regular season point show as the Event Host Coordinator (EHC) as defined in G4200.
- G2302.4** As defined in the zone guidelines published in May of each season, additional hosting/co-hosting obligations may be required of teams with nineteen (19) or more total rider members (upper & future combined of the same discipline).
- G2302.5** Host and co-host dates must be included for each discipline selected on the team membership application and submitted prior to or as part of IEA team membership. To ensure all teams have an opportunity to successfully fulfill their hosting requirements, show date requests with co-hosts listed must be approved by the zone administrator. Additional hosting dates may be approved after the zone administrator reviews initial show date requests from other teams within the region. ~~Requests to host additional shows must also be approved by the zone administrator.~~
- G2302.6** Hosting and co-hosting responsibilities must be fulfilled within each team's designated region.
- G2302.7** If a team fails to meet hosting / co-hosting requirements during the competition year, both the team and all individual riders who competed as, or were listed as a member of that IEA team will not be eligible to compete in post-season competition during that competition year unless otherwise ruled on through a petition.
- G2302.8** The team must host or co-host each type of team membership that is represented (e.g. a team with a hunt seat future team and a western upper school team must host both a hunt seat future show and a western upper school show.)

G2302.9 In order to be eligible to host or co-host a show, a team must be approved by the zone administrator based on criteria below:

1. have a coach or contributing member who has hosted a show previously; or
2. have a coach member who has co-hosted with a team who has hosted a show previously; or
3. have the zone administrator or zone administrator's designee oversee the show; or
4. have other horse show management experience.

G2302.10 A first-time show host may be approved by the zone administrator with the following stipulations:

1. hire a show steward approved by the zone administrator;
2. hire a show secretary approved by the zone administrator;
3. if deemed necessary by the zone administrator, hire a show supervisor approved by the zone administrator.

All expenses for the show steward, show secretary and show supervisor will be paid by the show host. (Note: The show supervisor may also serve as the show secretary or show steward on the day of competition, but may not hold all three positions.)

G2302.11 **One team is defined as the primary host (Event Host Coordinator - EHC) with up to two (2) co-host teams assisting.** Co-hosting is defined as equitable division of cost, reward, labor and services among not more than three (3) teams, as determined by the EHC. It is the responsibility of the co-hosts to *prearrange* a fair and equitable division of all costs, reward, labor and services. All co-host team names **must** be listed on the Show Hosting Application, event insurance form, prize list and program for the show, and the final show results report made to IEA Membership Office to fulfill hosting / co-hosting requirements.

G2303 Adult Membership Categories

G2303.1 Coach Membership

G2303.1.1 Coach membership is open to any person who meets the following:

- at least twenty-one (21) years of age,
- associated with an IEA member Team,
- full-time or part-time professional trainer, instructor, or coach in the equine industry (not an amateur competitor),
- and covered by the coach's own professional liability insurance with minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Proof of insurance, including the named coach and appropriate equestrian instruction language (e.g. "Professional liability coverage" or "Riding instruction both on and off premises, both on owned and non-owned horses"), must accompany the Coach Membership application. A copy of the proof of renewal of insurance must be filed with IEA within thirty (30) days after the date of renewal. Until a Coach submits the proof (i.e. certificate) of

insurance required by this rule to the membership office for review, the Coach is not an IEA member.

In order to remain a Coach Member in good standing, the coach must:

1. adhere to the mission and goals Objectives of IEA;
2. annually read all IEA Rules and Regulations (and any amendments thereto);
3. act professionally and respectfully at all IEA recognized activities, shows, and events;
4. maintain current professional liability insurance;
5. maintain current SafeSport certification;
6. and follow all rules and regulations of the IEA, including but not limited to Rule G2300 Classes of Membership.

If uncertain or confused about any rules, questions must be directed to the IEA Membership Office prior to participation.

G2303.1.2 Only IEA Member Coaches are permitted to coach / teach / assist riders in the schooling area and ringside.

G2303.1.3 Eligible coaches must apply annually for membership. All coach membership applications must be timely submitted to IEA with the annual membership fee as established by IEA. A coach may be associated with two (2) separate teams, but is only required to pay one coach membership fee for the membership year. Upper and Future groups under the same name are counted as one (1) team. Hunt seat, Dressage, and Western groups under the same name are counted as one (1) team.

G2303.1.4 IEA coach members are responsible for promoting the tenets of good sportsmanship with their rider members, their families and related parties who attend any IEA event.

G2303.1.5 If a coach resigns their position during the competition season, the new, substituting, IEA coach member must submit all necessary forms and payment as outlined in Rule G2301.5.

G2303.1.6 A coach who has not complied with ALL rules of membership, responsibilities and duties of a coach set forth in these rules and subsequent addendums, is not a member in good standing and as a result:

1. The non-complying coach will not be allowed to enter a team in any IEA activities, shows or events.
2. No rider coached by that non-complying coach will be permitted to ride in any IEA activities, shows or events.
3. No points will be awarded to a team or rider with which the non-complying coach is affiliated for any IEA activities, shows or events.

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If non-compliance is untimely discovered, at the discretion of the IEA executive committee, the coach's good standing may be revoked retroactively and all points accumulated for riders and teams may be voided.

G2303.1.7 At least one IEA Member Coach must attend and be available to assist the rider(s) on their team roster in any IEA mounted competition in which those rider(s) participate.

G2303.1.8 If an IEA Member Coach is not able to attend to all anticipated coach's duties for riders on their team roster at the activity, show or event, then an alternate IEA Member Coach (proxy coach) must attend in their place.

A proxy coach is defined as an IEA Member Coach in good standing listed on another active team roster. The proxy coach is required to fulfill the same duties and responsibilities of the riders' IEA Member Coach.

The IEA Member Coach needing to use a proxy coach must notify the Event Host Coordinator of this substitution prior to the start of competition. **The proxy coach must sign and date a PROXY COACH FORM (available on the IEA website) and give it to the event host prior to the start of competition.** A copy of the PROXY COACH FORM must be included with the show paperwork submitted to the Membership Office after the show by the show secretary.

G2303.1.9 Coaches are not expected to switch teams during the competition year. Under extenuating circumstances a petition may be filed with the IEA national steward who will send it to the zone administrator and zone ethics committee for a team change review.

G2303.1.10 Coaches are responsible for assigning their riders to the appropriate division and classes within each discipline according to Rule G3000 by matching the rider's skill level to an IEA class description and eligibility criteria. If a rider does not meet or exceeds eligibility criteria for the desired class placement, the coach MUST petition the IEA director of membership or national steward for alternate placement PRIOR to the rider competing (see Rule G3205.1).

G2303.1.11 Coaches must maintain team rosters and proof of professional liability insurance coverage for not less than three (3) years, and produce them upon request by IEA.

G2303.2 Adult Community Membership: Adult Community membership is open to individuals who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older and are not participating in activities, shows or events as a coach, but who desire to be members of the IEA with voting privileges and the right to hold office.

G2303.2.1 A prospective Adult Community Member must submit the appropriate application with supporting documents, and pay annual membership fees to the IEA.

G2303.2.2 To remain an Adult Community Member in good standing, the member must:

1. adhere to the **mission and goals** Objectives of IEA;
2. annually read all IEA Rules and Regulations (and any amendments thereto);

3. act professionally and respectfully at all IEA recognized activities, shows, and events;
4. maintain current SafeSport certification;
5. and follow all rules and regulations of the IEA.

If uncertain or confused about any rules, questions must be directed to the IEA Membership Office prior to participation.

G2303.2.3 Subdivisions of Adult Community Membership

- **Adult Contributing Members (ACM)** - members who may be designated by a team coach to communicate on behalf of the coach, but rider placement and team governance are ultimately the coach's responsibility
- **Show Officials** - members who are serving in IEA shows as a judge, steward, or show secretary
- **Adult Pilot Program Rider Members** - See Adult Pilot Program Addendum

G2304 Youth Membership Categories

G2304.1 Rider Membership

G2304.1.1 Any full-time student who is at least nine (9) years of age at the time of registration and enrolled in grades four (4) through twelve (12) during the application year is eligible to be a youth rider member provided they are less than twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of registration. Youth rider members who are 18 years or older must be eligible for amateur status under the policies of their discipline's governing body at the time of IEA registration. Those youth rider members may complete the entire IEA season even if their amateur status changes during the current competition season.

Future riders are those students in grades four (4) through eight (8), and Varsity and Junior Varsity (Upper School) riders are those students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12).

Riders who are homeschooled must be placed based on the school grade criteria of the applicable homeschooling body overseeing their program. If there are any questions regarding proper grade classification of a homeschooled rider, a petition must be submitted to the zone ethics committee for determination PRIOR to the rider's first competition. Riders must be at least nine (9) years of age to register for membership.

Any change to the student's grade level in the application year must be reported to the IEA Membership Office.

G2304.1.2 To remain a rider member in good standing, the member must:

1. adhere to the mission and goals Objectives of IEA;
2. remain familiar with all IEA Rules and Regulations (and any amendments thereto);
3. act respectfully at all IEA recognized activities, shows or events; and

4. follow all rules and regulations of the IEA.

G2304.1.3 In order to participate in IEA shows, a current IEA Member Coach in good standing must coach the rider.

G2304.1.4 A rider having successfully completed a secondary school program mid-academic year is eligible to ride in upper school classes in regular point shows, and if otherwise qualified, may compete at that year's postseason finals shows. A rider may not compete concurrently on an IEA team and a collegiate equestrian team.

G2304.1.5 Riders must apply and pay for membership online. Riders will not be eligible to compete until their membership form with required parent/guardian signatures has been received and processed by the Membership Office, and the rider marked as eligible on the Team Roster. The rider application for membership must include payment for selected disciplines.

G2304.1.6 A rider may apply to join an existing team at any time during the regular season. A rider applying to join an existing team who begins online membership after the October 1st deadline will be charged a late membership fee.

G2304.1.7 **Prior to applying for membership, a rider must review class descriptions, eligibility criteria, and outside show experience with their coach.** It is the responsibility of the Coach Member to accurately assess the rider's ability, assign the rider to the team roster by designating the proper class(es) according to IEA class descriptions and experience criteria (see rules sections G2000 and G3000), and enter the rider accordingly into competitions. **If a rider does not meet or exceeds eligibility criteria for the desired class placement, the coach MUST petition the IEA director of membership or national steward for alternate placement PRIOR to the rider competing (see Rule G3205.1).**

G2304.1.8 All complete rider applications must be timely submitted to IEA, as outlined in Rule G2200. An official IEA membership number will be issued to each member annually and must be available at all IEA competitions, shows, or events, and upon request by IEA.

G2304.1.9 A rider member may only enter an IEA activity, show or event once a membership number has been assigned and membership status is noted as "Eligible" for the current show season by the IEA Membership Office. **Riders who become eligible after the closing date of an activity, show or event may not enter or compete in that event.**

G2304.1.10 An individual may switch teams by filing an IEA Team Change Request Form with the IEA director of membership. Once a team change request has been submitted then the following stipulations apply:

1. A rider will be eligible to compete for their new team once their IEA Team Change Request Form has been fully processed and the rider is deemed eligible as an addition on the new team's roster. Standard membership timelines will apply.
2. A rider may only be used as a point rider for the new team if they have not yet competed during that competition year. If a rider has competed that season, they are

not eligible to be designated as a point rider for the new team during that competition season.

3. Riders will carry to the new team any individual points earned and the number of shows in which they competed with their prior team.

G2304.1.11 Individuals may be affiliated with only one IEA team per discipline. When competing in more than one discipline, individuals may join a different Hunt Seat and/or Western and/or Dressage team.

G2304.2 Junior Education Membership

G2304.2.1 Junior Education membership is open to individuals at least nine (9) years of age, and less than twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of registration, who are not participating in competitions as riders, but who desire to be members of the IEA. Junior Education members do not have voting privileges, they do not have the right to hold office, and are not eligible to compete at IEA recognized mounted activities, shows or events.

G2304.2.2 Junior Education members ARE eligible for unmounted activities and events, sportsmanship awards, and other potential member benefits.

G2304.2.3 A prospective Junior Education member must submit the appropriate application, a signed waiver of liability and pay annual membership fees to the IEA.

G2304.2.4 To remain a Junior Education member in good standing, the member must:

1. adhere to the mission and goals Objectives of IEA;
2. annually read all IEA Rules and Regulations (and any amendments thereto);
3. act respectfully at all IEA recognized activities, shows, and events;
4. maintain current SafeSport certification (if over eighteen (18) years of age);
5. and follow all rules and regulations of the IEA.

If uncertain or confused about any rules, questions must be directed to the IEA Membership Office prior to participation.

G2400 Rider Accommodations

G2401 IEA aims to include riders who require reasonable accommodation to compete in the draw-based format. A rider in need of accommodation is defined as one who cannot compete at the appropriate level of competition without special equipment or other assistance during the competition. Special equipment is any substitution of tack or addition of personal medical equipment. Individuals eligible for membership in IEA who are requesting accommodation should petition for consideration following the steps outlined below.

G2402 Rider accommodation requests will be processed as quickly as possible but may take longer than ten (10) days to ensure appropriate review and consideration. The rider should not compete with the requested accommodation until they receive approval from the Zone Ethics Committee or National Steward and steps for implementation at IEA competitions. ~~In order for an accommodation request to be considered, the following should be submitted as immediately as possible, and must be received no fewer than **ten (10) business days** prior to the rider's first competition requesting said accommodation:~~

The following should be submitted as immediately as possible:

1. An official IEA Rider Accommodation Request Form;
2. A written statement from the rider's coach evaluating the rider's skill level and any limitation to compete in a draw-based format;
3. A written statement from the rider's medical provider detailing the need for accommodation; and
4. A written statement from the rider (if over eighteen [18] years of age), or the rider's parent/legal guardian.

G2402.1 Additional information including, but not limited to, a video or in-person observation of the individual riding may be requested.

G2403 The national steward and/or zone ethics committee will determine whether the person requesting accommodation(s) can fairly and equitably compete in the class level for which the person is otherwise eligible within the rules with special equipment or other assistance. If the national steward and/or zone ethics committee determines that the rider cannot be granted the requested accommodation, then the person requesting accommodation will have the right to an appeal by the executive committee by having their coach request an appeal in writing to the national steward within fourteen (14) business days of the receipt of the decision. The executive committee's decision is final and the prospective rider and parent/legal guardians are bound by that determination.

G2404 Once the rider is determined to be eligible to compete with accommodation(s), the coach must include a copy of the final ruling granting accommodation to the EHC when submitting all show entries. A copy of the final ruling also must be presented to the show steward prior to the start of competition on the day of the show. Riders cannot compete using their requested accommodation without submitting a copy of this final ruling to both the EHC and show steward.

G2405 The EHC is responsible for working with horse providers to facilitate having horses in the draw pool who are appropriate for the rider with the granted accommodation.

If the EHC determines that none of the providers' horses can be ridden with the granted accommodation, then the EHC must timely notify the zone administrator and the rider's coach. The EHC must refund that rider's entry fees in full.

If the coach feels a rider has drawn a horse that the rider is not capable of safely riding, they should reference Rule G4406.3.

G2500 Membership Rights and Obligations

G2501 Membership Rights

A member in good standing has a right to participate in IEA recognized, sponsored or promoted competitions, activities, shows and events, and receive other benefits of membership as determined by IEA.

G2502 Membership Obligations

Each member of IEA must abide by the Rules and Regulations of IEA (and any amendments thereto) and any all standing rules, policies and procedures set forth by IEA. Members must act professionally and respectfully at all IEA activities, shows and events.

G2600 Membership Suspension and Expulsion

G2601 Any member may be suspended or expelled from active participation in IEA for just cause as determined by the prevailing standards and rules of the IEA, which may, but need not, incorporate the standards and rules of other recognized equestrian associations, including but not limited to, the USEF, USHJA, USDF, AQHA, NRHA, IHSA, IDA and the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

G2601.1 Expulsion of a member can also be determined by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, excluding the offending member. See Rules G2103, G9500, and G9600.

G2601.2 Written notice shall be given to the member in question at least ~~ten (10) days~~ **forty-eight (48) hours** in advance of such meeting, stating the charges and inviting the member to attend and be heard at such meeting. Should the member desire to appear and be heard at such meeting, they shall indicate such desire in writing to the IEA director of membership, at least **twenty-four (24)** ~~forty-eight (48)~~ hours in advance of the meeting date.

G2601.3 The Board of Directors shall determine the suspension and/or sanctions, if appropriate.

G2602 The falsification of any membership, show, eligibility, insurance information, application, waiver of liability, placement of any other document or form required by IEA, and Event Host Coordinator or a host facility, may be cause for immediate expulsion of the rider, coach, and/or Team from IEA, the IEA recognized event, and/or any other penalty assigned by the zone ethics committee, the IEA national steward or the IEA executive committee.

G2603 Membership rights will be automatically suspended from the date that IEA is notified of non-payment of entry fees or that a member's entry check has not cleared their account until such date as the member makes payment to IEA by cash, verified check or money order as substitute payment and pays IEA \$25.00 as a returned check fee.

G2700 Board of Directors and Executive Committee

G2701 Board of Directors

The board of directors will consist of as few as nine (9), and as many as thirteen (13), members (founding board members, board officers and at-large members) as indicated in the By-Laws.

G2702 Executive Committee

The IEA executive committee will consist of the president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, plus three (3) more current board members selected annually by the president-elect to serve one (1) year terms aligning with the organization's fiscal year. Ad-hoc (non-voting) members of the executive committee shall be the executive director, director of membership, and national steward.

G2703 At-Large Members

There can be up to five (5) At-Large board members serving two (2) year terms with elections happening in odd-numbered years (2025, 2027, etc.) If an at-large position must be filled in an even-numbered year, it will be a one (1) year appointment only, to be renewed or re-seated in the following year. At-large members will be nominated by the IEA nominating committee and appointed by a majority vote of the board and committee chairs. At-large board members must be IEA adult members but need not necessarily have two (2) years of membership prior to nomination.

The immediate past president can be offered an at-large position on the board of directors. Upon the conclusion of the president's term, the outgoing president ("immediate past president") shall be eligible to return to the board of directors for one (1) additional year as an at-large member. Because the president's term concludes in an even-numbered year, this appointment shall be treated as a one-year, even-year appointment, eligible for renewal or re-seating in the following odd-numbered year in accordance with the standard at-large election process.

G2800 Zone Organization and Governance

G2801 Zones

G2801.1 IEA membership and competitions are divided into zones.

G2801.2 To be added as a new active hunt seat zone with representation at national finals, the board of directors must approve the new zone based on sustainability and depth of membership. Teams located in an inactive area will be placed in an active zone by the membership office.

To be considered an active dressage zone with representation at national finals, see the annual zone guidelines on the IEA website.

To be considered an active western region with representation at national finals, see the annual zone guidelines on the IEA website.

~~To be considered an active zone there must be a minimum of three (3) eligible teams of the same age group (future or upper school) that compete in a minimum of two (2) competitions held within the zone during the regular competition season. Membership from a zone with fewer than three (3) active teams as of November 1st will be assigned by the Board of Directors to another zone for the remainder of the competition year.~~

G2801.3 Refer to the IEA website for zone maps. The following is a list of the Hunt Seat zones and the states which comprise each zone:

Zone 1: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island

Zone 2: New York

Zone 3: Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

Zone 4: Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi

Zone 5: Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan

Zone 6: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska

Zone 7: Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana

Zone 8: Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico

Zone 9: Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska

Zone 10: California, Nevada, Hawaii

Zone 11: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

G2801.4 Western is a single zone with multiple regions as listed on the IEA website.

G2801.5 Dressage is multiple zones with regions as listed on the IEA website.

G2802 Zone Administrators

G2802.1 A zone consists of one or more regions.

G2802.2 The position of zone administrator is hired and supervised by the executive director and zone captain.

G2802.3 Each zone has one seat on the zone advisory committee. The zone administrator represents all teams in their respective zone on the zone advisory committee.

G2802.4 The zone administrator is responsible for organizing and supervising their zone's operations, including overseeing region finals and managing zone finals.

G2803 Zone Guideline and Region Assignments - General Rules for Dividing a Zone into Regions

G2803.1 If the zone administrator determines that there are too many teams or rider members in a zone (or region) to allow equitable competition, the zone administrator will submit a Zone Guideline and Region Assignments proposal to the zone administrator captain who will forward it to a review committee of the national steward, executive director, director of membership, and zone administrator captain. The proposal shall detail how the zone will be divided into regions taking into consideration such factors as geographic proximity, number of riders, facility/horse resources, etc.

The number of individual participants in every class and number of teams advancing to zone finals will be twelve (12) unless otherwise petitioned and approved.

The initial proposal must be submitted in writing to the zone administrator captain no later than January 15th. All Zone Guideline and Region Assignments are to be approved and published by

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May 15th. Any amendments after May 15th must be submitted as a written petition to the director of membership who will forward it to the review committee for approval.

Once a zone reaches fifteen (15) teams, a mandatory review to split into regions is required the following year. (Rule G2803.5)

G2803.2 An active region must have at least three (3) teams of the same type (future/upper) and discipline (hunt seat/western/dressage).

G2803.3 Teams should be assigned to a region based on geographic proximity, number of riders, facility/horse resources, etc. Returning teams will be assigned to a region within the Zone Guideline and Region Assignments each year. New teams will be assigned to a region at the discretion of the zone administrator.

G2803.4 Future teams that are affiliated with an upper school team of the same discipline will be assigned to the same region as their upper school team.

G2803.5 Larger regions ideally have 8-12 teams initially assigned. A region that has more than fifteen (15) teams by December 1st of the competition year will be reviewed for splitting options for the following competition year.

G2803.6 A region with fewer than three (3) teams registered by October 1st will have its team(s) reassigned to active regions.

G2803.7 Show entries must be limited to teams within the region during a Region Priority entry period. If additional spots are anticipated, then entries can be opened to teams outside the region in a General/Out of Region entry period. The Region Priority entry period and General/Out of Region entry period time frames must be stated in the prize list along with the closing date for both. **The closing date for all regular season shows will be no fewer than ten (10) calendar days prior to the show date.**

G2803.8 Host / co-host requirements must be fulfilled within a team's own designated region.

G2803.9 Zone Guideline and Region Assignments ideally include dates for post-season competitions. If those dates are not included in the Zone Requirements and Split Guidelines, they must be submitted to the membership office by September 15th with the goal of posting by October 1st.

G2803.10 Any fundraising ideas or sponsorship opportunities should be included in the Zone Guideline and Region Assignments or presented by the zone administrator to the executive director for approval.

Note: The IEA does not govern individual team fundraising efforts.

G2804 Region Presidents

G2804.1 Election of Region Presidents

Region presidents are elected every two years or any time a new region is added. A special election will be held if the current regional president position is vacated and an interim region president is needed.

At a meeting of each active region, or by some other fair and reasonable method, the qualified adult IEA members in the region will nominate members or self nominate for the position of region president. To be eligible for the position of region president, the nominee must be an active adult IEA member in good standing. Nominations for region president must be submitted to the zone administrator no later than April 1st each year. The zone administrator and zone ethics committee will review the nominations and put together a slate of approved nominees. All adult IEA members of each zone will vote to approve or disapprove the slate presented by their zone administrator and their zone ethics committee no later than May 1st. If the majority votes to disapprove, then the nomination process will be reopened.

The IEA member must endorse the ballot, and the ballot must be returned to and received by the zone administrator by the deadline date set by IEA.

There will be one vote per IEA adult member.

A region president may be removed from office by recommendation of the zone administrator and a majority vote of the zone ethics committee.

G2804.2 Responsibilities of region president:

- Hold a region coaches' meeting in person or via conference call prior to the start of the competition season and throughout the season as needed
- Educate and orient new IEA coaches and teams
- Facilitate hosting and co-hosting opportunities for new and returning teams within the region
- Assist the zone administrator to ensure all teams fulfill their show hosting obligation(s)
- Coordinate region show calendars for regular season competition
- Oversee new shows or assign a designee to oversee new shows
- Disseminate general communications and promotions of IEA information and events within the region
- Collaborate with the zone administrator on the organization and operation of activities within the region
- Organize and run region finals
- Track and manage region finances

G2900 Presenting Matters to IEA and Indemnification

G2901 IEA members who have general concerns, compliments or suggestions for the IEA should first present the matter to their coach to advance to the membership office or present the matter directly to the membership office if it relates to the coach member. The membership office will forward the matter to the appropriate individuals/channels.

Per G9400, requests for exceptions to the rules should be submitted using the IEA's Official Petition Form and rule violations should be submitted using the IEA's Official Protest Form. Appeals to formal judgments by a zone ethics committee and/or national steward must be submitted using the IEA's Official Appeal Form. ~~Exceptions to the rules or rule violations must be presented as petitions or protests per Rule G9400.~~

Only coach members may file formal petitions, protests, or appeals on behalf of their teams or individual riders. Region presidents, zone administrators, and show officials may file formal petitions, protests, or appeals relating to show and/or individual rule exceptions or violations.

Any matter that concerns horse/rider safety or coach/rider ethics at a competition must be presented immediately to the show steward, whose determination and decision will govern at that time. ~~during the show.~~

G2902 By making application to, becoming a member of IEA, or competing in any IEA sanctioned activities shows or events, all IEA members, and the parents, next friend and legal guardians of the rider members, agree not to sue, not bring any claim against, and to indemnify and hold harmless IEA, its officers, directors, members, national steward, zone administrators, employees, show officials, judges, stewards, volunteers, horse providers, partner associations, contracted facilities, agents, representatives and assigns against all threatened, pending or completed action, suit or preceding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Action") arising by reason of or from injury, death, or damages of any kind that occur at, traveling to, around, or near, or training and preparing for, any IEA approved or sanctioned competitions, show or event. Litigation expenses, attorney fees and costs incurred in defending an Action may be paid by the IEA in advance, however, the responsible Team, Coach, parents, legal guardians and members shall reimburse IEA for said expenses, fees and costs.

G2903 All IEA members acknowledge and agree, as condition to membership in IEA, that if litigation is initiated or filed by IEA against a member, or is initiated or filed by a member (or the parents, next friend or legal guardian of a member) against IEA, its officers, directors, members, zone administrators, agents or representatives, the member waives all defenses and claims relating to jurisdiction and venue, and consents to such litigation being filed in, or removed to, an appropriate state or federal court located in Columbus, Ohio.

G2904 *IEA does not take responsibility for, endorse, or make any representations regarding the competency, education, training, ability or background of any member, including coaches.*

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Furthermore, IEA cannot and does not evaluate or vouch for the background or quality of any coach, horse, riding facility, equipment, tack or stables. **Riding horses and being around such animals is an unpredictable, inherently risky, and intrinsically dangerous activity. Therefore, all members and parents/guardians should, and must, make their own evaluation and decision of the associated risks and dangers before becoming a member, or granting permission for a minor to become a member, of IEA and competing at IEA shows, competitions, and events.**

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G3100 General - All Disciplines

There shall be three disciplines: Hunt Seat, Western, and Dressage. **Except where special rules only apply to a particular discipline, all rules listed in IEA Rules & Regulations and subsequent addendums apply to all riders and coaches in all disciplines.**

G3101 Definitions:

G3101.1 Section 1 Competitions - Competitions that are sanctioned by nationally recognized associations or their affiliates. Examples include but are not limited to:

- United States Equestrian Federation (USEF)
- International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI)
- United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA)
- American Grand Prix Association (AGA)
- United States Pony Club (USPC)
- United States Eventing Association (USEA)
- United States Dressage Federation (USDF)
- National Reining Horse Association (NRHA)
- American Ranch Horse Association (ARHA)
- National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA)
- American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA)
- American Paint Horse Association (APHA)
- American Buckskin Registry Association (ABRA)
- Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC)
- Arabian Horse Association (AHA)
- International Buckskin Horse Association (IBHA)
- Palomino Horse Breeders Association (PHBA)
- Pinto Horse Association of America (PtHA)
- Pony of the Americas Club (POAC)

G3101.2 Section 2 Competitions - Competitions that maintain verifiable records on a local or regional level.

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G3101.3 Section 3 Competitions - Competitions that are unrecognized with unverifiable records. Examples could include but are not limited to in-house farm shows, camp shows, and county fairs.

G3101.4 Instruction - Any number of lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week of instruction.

G3101.5 Performance Classes - IEA classes where riders compete individually in the competition ring, i.e. Hunt Seat Over Fences, Reining, Ranch Riding, and Dressage Test.

G3101.6 Group Classes (Rail Classes) - IEA classes where riders compete in a group in the competition ring, i.e. Hunt Seat Flat, Horsemanship, and Dressage Seat Equitation.

G3200 Rider Classification and Class Eligibility

G3201 Riders shall be classified in accordance with guidelines established by the IEA Rules.

G3201.1 The team coach will be responsible for assigning the rider to the appropriate division and class within each discipline, by matching the rider's skill level and experience to an IEA class description and eligibility criteria. **If a rider does not meet or exceeds eligibility criteria for the desired class placement, the coach MUST petition the IEA director of membership or national steward for alternate placement PRIOR to the rider competing (see Rule G3205.1).**

G3201.2 The rider's total riding experience, not just riding experience with IEA shows, must be considered for class designations as per Rule G3000.

G3201.3 If a rider has progressed sufficiently in skills, the coach may voluntarily move them to a higher class. Prior to submitting an entry form to compete at the higher level, the coach must contact the Membership Office in writing to officially change the rider's class level on the team roster.

G3201.4 These class descriptions are designed to aid in initially placing new members, and should be used to support, but not override mandatory class advancement.

G3201.5 In addition to following mandatory advancement rules, riders must be placed appropriately ~~re-evaluated~~ each year according to class descriptions and eligibility criteria prior to submitting their membership application.

G3201.6 Competing in two different divisions/class levels is permitted only when a rider points-out on the flat (hunt seat) or DSE (dressage). Performance class placements (hunt seat over fences or dressage test) may never be higher than the rider's flat or DSE class placement.

Western riders may compete in different divisions/class levels for horsemanship and reining/ranch riding but those divisions/levels must only be one step above or below the other when initially placed **and** when advancing from year to year. (e.g. a rider competing in varsity

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intermediate reining could compete in varsity open, varsity intermediate horsemanship, or JV novice horsemanship but could not compete in JV beginner W/J/L or a varsity open horsemanship rider could compete in varsity open or varsity intermediate reining but could not compete in JV novice ranch riding.)

G3201.7 For all riders, any non-IEA experience occurring after the class determination eligibility date of the first Monday of June does not impact rider class placement and/or advancement for the upcoming competition season.

G3201.8 Any rider granted an exception to class eligibility criteria or advancement rules through petition may **not** be designated as a team point rider during regular or post-season competition in that class.

G3202 **Initial Class Placement and Advancement** - Refer to H3202, D3202, or W3202 for Specific Rules Within Each Discipline

G3203 Once a rider has competed in a division/class, the rider may not voluntarily move to a lower level division/class unless directed to do so by the IEA national steward.

G3203.1 No rider who has competed successfully in at least two IEA sanctioned shows in a specific division/class will be permitted to ride in a lower level division/class, unless they provide proof of diminished riding ability.

G3203.2 Any rider moved to a lower level division/class through petition may not be designated as a point rider during regular or post-season competition in that division/class.

G3204 **Rider Advancement** - Under the following conditions, a rider will be required to advance to the next higher division/class in order to compete in an IEA sanctioned competition and have those points count. IEA will track separately the points accumulated by a rider in flat and fences, or horsemanship and reining/ranch riding, or DSE and test classes as applicable.

G3204.1 **Riders may not compete in the same division for more than three (3) competition years.**

G3204.1.1 If a coach believes that a rider is not ready to advance after three years in the same division/class, the coach can file a petition with the IEA director of membership or national steward requesting an additional year for the rider, if all of the following criteria apply:

1. Rider has not pointed out per Rule G3204.2;
2. Rider has not qualified nor competed in a region, zone or national final (individual or team class) at that level;
3. Beginner walk/trot or walk/jog riders (even those who pointed-out with 29 or more points or qualified and/or competed at region or zone finals) may remain in walk/trot or walk/jog as long as they have not qualified nor competed at national finals

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as an individual and still meet class eligibility criteria for Class 8: JV Beginner or Class 14: Future Beginner;

4. Rider is otherwise eligible per rules H3300, W3300, and D3300.

G3204.1.2 Petitions not meeting the criteria above will be advanced to the zone ethics committee for review. Valid reasons to petition could include setback due to accident or illness.

G3204.1.3 Any rider granted an additional ~~third~~ year in any class through petition may not be designated as a point rider during regular or post-season competition in that class.

G3204.2 If a rider accumulates **twenty-nine (29) points** or more in a class in regular season competitions in any single competition year, that rider points out and must, during the next competition year, move up at least one division in order to be eligible to ride in any IEA show.

G3204.3 Any rider who has qualified or competed as an individual rider in a given class in their division for the previous season's National Finals must advance to the next class level the following season. This applies regardless of the relationship to dates for membership application, national finals, and/or universal class determination/eligibility for non-IEA experience. Riders selected to compete in team classes at National Finals who do not meet any of the other advancement criteria are not required to advance to the next division the following season.

G3204.4 No rider points will be carried over from one competition year to the next. Along with following mandatory advancement rules defined in Rule Section G3200, riders must also be re-evaluated each year and advance according to class descriptions and eligibility criteria.

G3204.5 Riders who advance in over fences or dressage test classes through voluntary advancement, three-year participation, pointing-out, or qualifying for Nationals must also advance on the flat or dressage seat equitation. *(e.g. - a rider may compete in Varsity Open Flat and Varsity Intermediate Over Fences but may not compete in Varsity Open Over Fences and Varsity Intermediate Flat // a rider may compete in Varsity Open Dressage Seat Equitation and Varsity Intermediate Dressage Test but may not compete in Varsity Open Dressage Test and Varsity Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation)*

Western riders who advance through voluntary advancement, three-year participation, pointing out, or qualifying for Nationals must pay particular attention to G3201.6.

G3204.6 Eighth (8th) grade (future) riders moving to upper school competition (varsity/junior varsity) must be assigned to the appropriate class level(s) per IEA class descriptions and class eligibility criteria, including the following: ~~re-evaluated as "initial placements" and assigned to the appropriate class(es).~~

- **Experience:** If a rising ninth (9th) grade rider's experience does not exceed the class description and eligibility criteria, dropping to a lower division is permitted but riders may only be placed **one level below** their future rider class placement. *Experience is discipline*

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specific, please refer to the following sections: Hunt Seat- H3301 and H3302; Dressage - D3300, Western - W3301.

- **Multi-Year Futures Restriction:** Rising ninth (9th) grade riders who competed at the same Futures level for two (2) or more years:
 - Must **not** drop to a lower-level class, but
 - may be placed laterally (if otherwise qualified based on outside experience), or
 - may voluntarily advance to a higher-level class.
- **Points Threshold Restriction:** Future riders who earned twenty-nine (29) points or more during their eighth (8th) grade year:
 - Must **not** drop to a lower-level class, but
 - may be placed laterally (if otherwise qualified based on outside experience), or
 - may voluntarily advance to a higher-level class.
- **National Finals Restriction:** Riders who placed first (1st) through sixth (6th) in any individual and/or team class (performance and/or group rail classes) at any previous IEA National Finals at their highest middle school level:
 - Must **not** drop to a lower-level class, but
 - May be placed laterally (if otherwise qualified based on outside experience), or
 - May voluntarily advance to a higher-level class.

For returning hunt seat and dressage riders, ninth (9th) grade placement in performance class and group class may be split placements based on the criteria above. If the rider's placement is split, the rider's performance class (over fences or test) may never be higher than the rider's group class (flat or DSE) placement.

For western riders, see Rule G3201.6. IEA experience at the canter or lope as a Future rider is not counted for western class placement.

- ~~If a rising ninth (9th) grade rider's experience meets the class description and eligibility criteria, dropping to a lower division is permitted but riders may only be placed one level below their future rider class placement.~~
- ~~First (1st) through sixth (6th) place finishers in individual and/or team classes (both performance and/or group classes) from any previous season's national finals may not drop to a lower level class but may be placed laterally (if otherwise qualified based on outside experience) or voluntarily advance to a higher level class when moving to upper school (varsity/junior varsity).~~
- ~~Future riders **who point out with twenty-nine (29) points or more** during their eighth (8th) grade year may not drop to a lower level class but may be placed laterally (if otherwise qualified based on outside experience) or voluntarily advance to a higher level class.~~
- ~~Rising ninth grade riders who have competed at the same futures level for **two** or more years, may not drop to a lower level class but may be placed laterally (if otherwise qualified based on outside experience) or voluntarily advance to a higher level class.~~

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G3204.7 Individual and Team points will be posted on the IEA website. **Regular season points become final after they have been posted for twenty-one (21) calendar days barring a ruling by the ZEC or national steward.** Coaches are responsible for verifying points and must immediately notify the IEA membership office of any discrepancies. Post-season points become final forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of results in the national office barring a ruling by the national steward or executive committee.

G3204.8 Once upper school riders reach the varsity open level, they will remain in this division until aging out or graduating from high school. Once futures riders reach the future intermediate level, they will remain in this division through eighth (8th) grade and then be re-evaluated for placement in ninth (9th) grade.

G3205 Rider Placement Review

G3205.1 If a coach is concerned or uncertain about their own riders' classification, a petition for review should be sent to the IEA national steward per Rule G9400. **This petition should be received by the IEA national steward prior to the rider competing or immediately after the rider's first competition.**

G3205.2 If a coach questions a rider's ability to compete safely, they should communicate that concern to the show steward. The show steward will follow Rule G3206. When concerned about their own rider's ability to compete safely on a specific horse, a coach may also follow the steps outlined in Rule G4406.3.

G3205.3 If a coach would like to protest a rider's classification level, they must follow Rule G9400.

G3205.4 **The IEA Membership Office and/or National Steward reserve the right to review a rider's classification level at any time.**

G3206 If a show steward is concerned about a rider's classification, a written recommendation must be noted in the Show Steward Report and a copy of that report will be sent to the IEA director of membership and zone administrator within forty-eight (48) hours of the competition.

The show steward's recommendation will trigger written notification from the membership office to the coach as well as the rider's parent or guardian informing them that their rider's placement has been called into question. Included in the letter will be steps for the coach to follow to address the concern and adjust rider placement if necessary. See Rule G6702.

Multiple notifications to the coach and parent questioning a rider's class placement without adjustment may result in the rider being deemed ineligible to compete until a review by the zone ethics committee is conducted.

G3207 **Class Descriptions - Refer to rule sections: H3300, W3300, and D3300**

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G4100 Competitions and Shows - Applicability of IEA Rules

G4101 IEA rules, regulations, and standards govern all IEA recognized shows for all classes. These rules, regulations, and standards may be changed by the Board of Directors from time to time as required to ensure, to the highest degree possible, the safety of horse and rider and to maintain the quality of competition. IEA shows shall be classified as regular season or post-season (region, zone or national finals). Except where specifically stated otherwise, the guidelines for regular season and post-season shows will be the same.

G4102 In order to submit an entry to an IEA recognized show and receive IEA points from that event or competition, the rider and team must be eligible IEA members with assigned IEA membership numbers.

G4103 The provisions of these rules shall apply to the following: coaches, riders, adult community members, junior education members, member teams, show officials, show staff, event host coordinators, show hosts, show co-hosts, show facilities, volunteers, and any family members or designated representatives of the above. ~~show official, show employee, Event Host Coordinator (EHC), show host and co-host, show facility and any family member or designated representative of the above.~~

IEA members, as well as the persons listed above, may not adopt rules that circumvent or abridge established IEA rules. An IEA member may be held responsible, and subject to penalties, for rule violations, unsafe actions, or unsportsmanlike conduct committed by their family members or designated representatives.

G4104 The zone administrator approves the date of each competition in writing and in advance. Competitions may commence no earlier than August 1st, and no later than fifteen (15) business days before the first post-season competition.

G4104.1 Regular season shows are expected to occur on weekends or federal holidays.

G4105 In zones that ARE split into regions, the EHC must guarantee at least one entry per class to every team within their region entering before the priority entry closing date. (See Rules G5301-G5302)

In zones that are NOT split into regions, the EHC must be prepared to accommodate at least twelve (12) riders in each class offered.

G4105.1 Once a team has fulfilled its hosting obligation to the region per Rule G4105, the coach may consult with the zone administrator to approve additional shows limiting entries in any fair and equitable manner. The zone administrator may also grant additional and priority entries to riders from the host team. The total number of rides from the host team may not exceed 50% of the total number of rides entered in the show.

G4106 The show format, division levels, and classes must comply with IEA Rules and Regulations. **Only classes listed in Rules H3300, W3300, and D3300 are covered by IEA Rules and Regulations and require**

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event insurance. IEA is not responsible and will not accept liability for any classes, mounted activities, or additional special events not listed in the IEA Rules and Regulations (e.g. mounted games, mounted flag bearers, etc.).

G4107 The judge's and show steward's qualifications must comply with IEA Rules and Regulations.

G4108 All coaches must be IEA Coach Members in good standing.

G4109 A regular season show cannot be double judged for separate show points, and each entry fee must correspond with a separately judged ride.

G4110 Hunt seat and dressage riders may not compete in more than five (5) regular season point shows per class per year. Western riders may not show in more than six (6) regular season point shows per class per year.

G4111 The last regular season competition will be held at least fifteen (15) business days before post-season competition begins in that region.

No individuals or teams may compete in an IEA regular season show during the fifteen (15) business days preceding their first post-season competition.

G4200 Event Host Coordinator (EHC) Requirements and Responsibilities

G4201 A regular season show is a show held by an Event Host Coordinator (EHC) in compliance with these Rules. Each IEA member team must host or co-host IEA regular point show(s) in accordance with Rule G2302.

G4202 Any IEA team in good standing, college or facility with approval of IEA, may make an application to be an Event Host Coordinator ("EHC") or Event Host Facility ("EHF") and run an IEA regular season show.

G4203 If a college or other facility will be the EHF, one IEA team must be designated the host team and responsible pursuant to Rule G4200.

G4204 **One team must be defined as the primary host (EHC) with up to two co-host teams assisting.** Co-hosting is defined as equitable division of cost, reward, labor, and services among not more than three teams (host team and up to two co-host teams), as determined by the EHC.

G4205 The coach of the host team is the primary decision maker and ultimately responsible for running a safe and quality competition that complies with all IEA Rules and Regulations.

G4206 The EHC (and EHF if applicable) must comply with the IEA Rules and Regulations and all show hosting policies.

G4207 The EHC must apply to host an IEA recognized show using the current IEA show hosting application.

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- G4208** Prior to submitting the show hosting application, the show date, and proposed maximum number of rides must be approved by the zone administrator. For all regular season shows the IEA show hosting applications must be received by the IEA membership office not less than sixty (60) calendar days before the date of the proposed show. Thereafter, the membership office will verify the date has been approved by the zone administrator and process the application. The EHC must receive notification from IEA that the show has been approved before promoting the show.
- G4209** Along with the show hosting application, the EHC must submit to the IEA membership office an application for insurance from Equisure for the specific show date(s), including all cohosts, and in the amounts indicated in the IEA master policy. The Certificate of Insurance (COI) must specifically name the "Interscholastic Equestrian Association, Inc., its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, and representatives" as additional named insureds on the insurance policy. A show hosting application will not be approved by IEA until the application for insurance is submitted along with payment. Please note any changes in coverage, including but not limited to facility, co-hosts, and show dates, must be communicated in writing to Equisure and the IEA no later than the last business day prior to the competition.
- G4210** A competition day cannot exceed the defined number of rides allowed per day per discipline without prior approval of the zone administrator. The intended size of the show(s) must be included in the show hosting application(s) and must comply with all local and state guidelines. Additional rides must be approved by the zone administrator no later than the closing date of the show(s).
- For the Hunt Seat discipline: A competition day cannot exceed 200 rides
 - For the Dressage discipline: A competition day cannot exceed 125 rides
 - For the Western discipline: A competition day cannot exceed 200 rides
- G4211** The EHC may limit entries to any number of riders and teams so long as this limit complies with all other IEA rules, which shall be binding on participating teams and riders.
- G4212** For all teams other than a co-host, the EHC may not make regular season show entries contingent upon those entering team(s) or riders supplying or leasing horses for the event, unless the majority of coaches within the region agree to abide by another model that is submitted in writing before August 1st then jointly approved by the zone administrator and national steward.
- G4213** In order to qualify as an IEA recognized show in which points are awarded, the show must be timely announced and opened to all IEA teams in the host's region. This requires at a minimum a mail or email announcement to all IEA coaches within the host's region.
- G4214** If the EHC coach does not serve as show manager, the designated show manager must be an adult contributing or show officials member of the IEA and abide by all IEA rules and regulations.
- G4215** The EHC and show secretary must use the IEA online system when verifying entries, producing show programs, and submitting results.
- G4216** If the EHC coach does not serve as show secretary, the designated show secretary must be an adult contributing or show officials member of the IEA and abide by all IEA rules and regulations.

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G4217 The EHC (or EHF if applicable) must provide suitable facilities, horses, tack, and equipment for all entries.

G4217.1 Care and control of horses shall be the sole prerogative of owners and/or providers of the horses.

G4217.2 In situations when show stewards and judges provide horses for competitions at which they officiate, one must defer to the other for re-ride decisions relating to horses they have provided. When an IEA show is held at a college/university facility and a member from the college/university staff serves as the show steward they are not considered the horse provider and do not have to defer to the judge in making horse related decisions.

G4217.3 Small and medium ponies may only be used in future (middle school) classes. Horse descriptions must note horse providers' allowances for height and weight.

G4217.4 Stallions are not permitted in IEA shows.

G4217.5 **Acceptable use of horses in IEA shows is no more than 5-8 rides** (including scheduled and alternate rides) in any one day of competition.

A horse may be used up to ten (10) rides in one day of competition if four (4) or more of those rides are beginner level walk/trot or walk/jog rides.

Each horse's specific ride count should be based upon characteristics of the horse, facility, courses, patterns, tests, and judging.

G4217.6 Prior to the first schooling session before competition begins, the EHC must provide the show steward with copies of the show program, horse description list, and horse utilization grid noting the appropriate number of horses and designated alternates assigned to each class. ~~A copy of the horse grid noting each class, assigned horses, and designated alternates, must be given to the show steward at the start of the day along with a show program and horse description list.~~

G4218 The EHC must finalize and report any changes to show management (manager or secretary), show hosts, show date, show venue, and/or show officials or show venue must be finalized and reported to the zone administrator, IEA membership office, and participating teams immediately. For changes to show venue or show officials also see Rules G4219, G6208, and G6503.

G4219 When use of a substitute venue is required, the EHC must inform the zone administrator, IEA membership office, Equisure Insurance Company, and participating teams of the change providing as much notice as possible.

G4220 The EHC must provide the following information to all coaches and riders before the start of the show: ~~The following information must be provided to all coaches and riders before the start of the show:~~

G4220.1 Horse list including descriptions of horses and equipment required. Changes to the horse list that occur throughout the day must be approved by the show steward with permission from the

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horse provider. **Changes to the horse list must be written and posted on a designated Change Board for public view.**

G4220.2 Class list indicating which riders are in which classes and sections.

G4221 The team point chart must be posted for public view and updated after each division is completed.

G4222 For additional requirements for each discipline refer to H4220 and D4220.

G4300 Minimum Entry Requirements for Regular Season Shows and Classes; Split Classes

G4301 In order for show to count for points, a host must offer either (a) all future classes and/or (b) all varsity/junior varsity classes as provided in these rules.

G4302 In cases of inclement weather, the minimum requirement for entries set forth in Rules G4303 and G4304 must be met for points to count.

G4303 A minimum of three (3) IEA teams of the same type (3 upper school or 3 future) must compete in a regular season IEA show for any points to count towards qualifying for region, zone and national finals.

G4304 There must be a minimum of three (3) riders in a class at a regular season show for that class to count for points.

G4304.1 If there are fewer than three (3) riders in a class, those riders must be placed in another class of the same level (e.g. If there is only one (1) future intermediate rider that rider would compete in the varsity intermediate classes). When classes of the **same level** are combined, standings and points are not adjusted.

G4304.2 If there are fewer than three (3) open riders in a class, those riders must compete in the intermediate classes, but points will be adjusted as follows:

- Open rider(s) will keep any points earned;
- Points will be adjusted as needed for intermediate riders by taking out the open rider(s) then sliding up the intermediate placements. (e.g. An open rider competes with an intermediate flat class and places 5th. The open rider receives 2 points for the 5th finish and the intermediate rider who placed 6th is counted as placing 5th earning 2 points and the intermediate rider who was 7th moves to 6th earning 1 point);
- Only points are adjusted;
- Any ribbons or awards won in combined classes remain the same.

G4304.3 When open and intermediate levels combine for performance classes:

- Hunt seat open riders must ride the intermediate course at the open fence height;
- Dressage open riders must ride the intermediate dressage test;
- Western open riders must run the intermediate reining pattern.

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G4304.4 A class with fewer than three (3) riders can run at the discretion of the EHC but no individual or team points will be counted. The class will not count towards the rider's total number of shows in that class allowed in an IEA season. For postseason shows see rules G8206 & G8207. **The EHC must notify coach members prior to the day of competition when a class does not meet the minimum entry number required for points to be counted.**

G4305 Split Classes

G4305.1 In regular season shows, group classes (hunt seat flat, dressage seat equitation, and western horsemanship classes) **must** be split at twelve (12) riders.

G4305.2 Performance classes (hunt seat over fences, dressage test, ranch riding and reining classes) **may** be split at twelve (12) riders.

G4305.3 The EHC will award ribbons and issue points separately for each of the split classes.

G4305.4 A class may not be split for points unless there are twelve (12) or more riders in the class. The number of riders in the class will be determined by the actual number attending and participating in the class in question, not by the number of entries.

The assignment of riders to each split class shall be equitable; no one section can have fewer than six (6) riders in it for points and awards to be given.

Classes may run in heats of any size to accommodate appropriate horse use but must be pinned as one class.

When a scratch occurs after the draw in a group of twelve (12) that is split in two sections of six (6), the group may be recombined to compete as one class of eleven (11) and redrawn (if horse assignments warrant) under the guidance and direction of the show steward or remain split to run as two heats of five (5) and six (6) but must be pinned together as one class of eleven (11).

G4305.5 During region, zone, and national finals hunt seat flat, dressage seat equitation, and western horsemanship classes are permitted to run with twelve (12) riders. Classes may be split to canter at the show manager's or judge's discretion.

G4400 Show Routine

G4401 Arena Requirements - Refer to H4401 and D4401 for discipline-specific rules.

G4402 Schooling Procedures

G4402.1 Schooling times must be set so that riders and coaches have the opportunity to observe. Horses must wear name tags or identifying numbers while schooling and competing so they are easily identified.

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G4402.2 All horses must be schooled during the posted time on the day of competition.

G4402.3 Additional schooling may occur as needed.

(Refer to H4402, W4402, and D4402 for additional discipline-specific rules.)

G4403 Adult Members and Non-Members Schooling Horses at Regular Season and Post-Season Shows

G4403.1 Any individual who is less than eighteen (18) years of age and not an IEA youth rider member, MAY NOT school horses, even if they are the owner and/or provider of a horse being used in competition.

G4403.2 All adult schooling riders must be either an active IEA adult member with a current Waiver of Liability recorded with the Membership Office or a non-member eighteen (18) years of age or older who signs the IEA non-competitor Schooling Waiver of Liability form at each show prior to schooling.

G4403.3 EHC's must secure and submit IEA Waivers of Liability for all adult schooling riders who are not current IEA members.

G4404 Youth Rider Members Schooling Horses at Regular Season Shows

G4404.1 No IEA youth rider member may school a horse above their IEA level of riding.

G4404.2 Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate riders who are competing are prohibited from schooling horses during any of the schooling times listed in the prize list or on the day of competition until they have finished showing in that competition.

G4404.3 Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate riders who are not competing are permitted to school horses during any of the schooling times listed in the prize list or on the day of competition but only at the division level in which they are eligible to compete or in a lower division level (e.g. novice riders may not jump higher than 18"; flat only riders may not jump; beginner and novice horsemanship riders may not school reiners).

G4404.4 Open riders who are competing and are registered for Varsity Open Flat AND Varsity Open over Fences (hunt seat), or Varsity Open Dressage Seat Equitation AND Varsity Open Dressage Test (dressage), or Varsity Open Horsemanship AND Varsity Open Reining (western) are permitted to school horses at any level **at regular season shows** during posted schooling times including the day of competition, **BUT only on those horses provided by their team.**

G4404.5 Open riders who are split placements (open and intermediate) are prohibited from schooling horses during any of the schooling times listed in the prize list or on the day of competition until they have finished showing in that competition.

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G4404.6 Open riders who are not competing or have completely finished showing for the day are permitted to school horses provided by any team or individual during posted schooling times.

G4404.7 Open riders are permitted to compete on a horse that they schooled if randomly pulled in the draw.

G4404.8 When one show is spread over multiple days, riders may only school on the first set-up day (i.e. school set-up day Friday for the show held over Saturday-Sunday).

G4404.9 When two shows (AM & PM) are held on one day at the same venue, riders may only school on the first set-up day (i.e. school set-up day Friday for the shows held Saturday AM and Saturday PM).

G4404.10 When two shows are held on consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday) at the same venue, schooling rules for a one-day, regular season show apply to each day of competition.

G4405 Youth Rider Members Schooling Horses at Post-Season Shows (Region, Zone, and National Finals)

G4405.1 During post-season shows (Region, Zone or National Finals) **competing riders of all levels (including Open) are prohibited from schooling or riding any horse on the show grounds** beginning at 12:01am on the day of competition and/or the first published schooling time through the end of the competition **unless they have completely finished showing.** ~~no riders of any level, including Open riders, who are competing may school or ride any horse on the show grounds~~

Any exceptions to the rule must be pre-approved by the National steward and be specifically detailed in the prize list.

G4405.2 During post-season shows (Region, Zone or National Finals), no IEA youth rider member (competing or not competing in the competition) may school a horse above their IEA level of riding.

G4406 Drawing for Horses

G4406.1 Drawings will be by lot. The draw must take place the day of competition and be supervised by the Show Steward or Show Steward's designee. If a live draw (riders present) is used, an announcement of the draw must precede it by at least ten (10) minutes. The draw will only be posted after point rider forms have been turned in and the schooling of relevant horses is complete.

G4406.2 Riders are expected to compete in the appropriate class on the horse which was drawn.

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G4406.3 If a coach feels that a rider has drawn a horse that the rider is not capable of safely riding, the show steward will determine whether or not the rider can be moved to the designated alternate. **If the steward decides not to grant the request, the coach has the right to withdraw the rider from the competition. That rider's entry fee will be returned by the event host less a \$15 processing fee and that class will not count towards the class count limits for that rider.**

G4407 **Rider Warm-up** For hunt seat rider warm-up see Rule H4407; for dressage rider warm-up see Rule D4407; western has no rider warm-up option.

G4408 **Class Routine (refer to D4408 for discipline-specific rules)**

G4408.1 In order for points earned at an IEA regular season show to count, the show must comply with Rules G4000-G5000. All classes offered for which rules are provided herein and points are awarded must be conducted in accordance with these rules.

G4408.2 A class in operation at the time of the stopping of a show for any reason shall cease and no placements shall be made. In the event that a class in which horses compete individually is stopped while in progress, due to storm, incident, or other emergency, the following procedure shall govern:

1. If the class is continued at the same session of the show, it shall proceed from the point at which it was stopped;
2. If the class is continued at a succeeding session of the show, it shall be held over in its entirety and no scores credited in the first session shall count.

G4408.3 If the class in which horses compete together is stopped while in progress due to storm, incident, re-ride or other emergency, the class (or test), when recommenced, shall at the judge's discretion, restart from the beginning, or from the point when it was stopped. If a show is stopped while in progress and is unable to recommence, then any points earned for a completed class will be awarded to the individual rider's point totals, but no team points will be awarded at that show.

G4409 **Falls, Refusals and Eliminations (refer to H4409, D4407, and W7300 for discipline-specific rules)**

G4409.1 A rider is considered to have fallen when the rider is separated from the horse that has not fallen in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.

G4409.2 Falls during the judged portion of competition will result in elimination unless it is undeniably clear that the rider fell from the horse through no fault of said rider and due instead to the unanticipated actions of the horse.

G4409.3 Re-rides after falls are rare exceptions and may only be granted by the show steward(s) with clearance from on-site medical personnel listed in the show program. **The decision of official show medical personnel named in the show program as to whether or not a rider is fit for continuing competition is final.**

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G4409.4 Concussion/Injury Awareness

G4409.4.1 Safety of our participants is of the utmost importance. Therefore, if a participant in an IEA show exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury while schooling or competing, the individual must be removed from the schooling session or competition.

G4409.4.2 Coaches are expected to be knowledgeable and follow their local and state laws pertaining to head injuries and return-to-play guidelines for youth athletes.

G4409.4.3 All falls and any incidents must be documented in the show steward report. Any incident resulting in evaluation by official show medical personnel must be documented in the IEA Incident Report submitted by the show manager. **The decision of official show medical personnel named in the show program as to whether or not a rider is fit for continuing competition is final.**

G4409.5 If elimination occurs during a ride-off or a rider does not return for the ride-off, the rider shall be placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off.

G4409.6 Riders who receive outside assistance, not otherwise permitted in accordance with Rule G2400, will be penalized at the judge's discretion.

G4410 Re-rides

G4410.1 When through no fault of the rider, a horse performs so poorly that it is impossible to fairly judge the rider's ability, a re-ride may be granted.

G4410.2 The coach must request a re-ride before the lineup in group classes (hunt seat flat, western horsemanship, or dressage seat equitation) or before the last horse leaves the ring in a performance class (hunt seat over fences, western reining / ranch riding, or dressage test).

G4410.3 Only the coach of the rider involved or the judge may request a re-ride.

G4410.4 Only the show steward can grant or deny a re-ride request, although they may confer with show management and the judge.

G4410.5 If a re-ride is granted in a performance class as defined in Rule G3101.5, it shall be judged as if the first ride never occurred.

G4410.6 If a re-ride is granted in a class in which riders compete together (hunt seat flat, western horsemanship, or dressage seat equitation), it will be the judge's discretion whether to restart the class from the beginning or resume the class from the point when it was stopped.

In lieu of a re-ride, a judge may ask a rider to switch onto another horse in the class to individually perform a specific class requirement(s).

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G4410.7 If it is determined by the show steward that a rider fell from the horse through no fault of the rider and due instead to the unexpected and unanticipated actions of the horse being ridden, the rider shall be granted a re-ride. **The decision of official show medical personnel named in the show program as to whether or not a rider is fit for continuing competition is final.**

G4411 Tack and Aids

G4411.1 It is the coach's and the rider's responsibility to check the tack before mounting; any tack concerns must be communicated to the horse provider or show steward for adjustment.

G4411.2 Coaches and riders may adjust stirrup length. No other adjustments to tack or equipment can be made without first gaining approval of the show steward.

Riders using air canister vests are responsible for tethering/anchoring the vest in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Tethering/anchoring to a stirrup leather is not considered a tack adjustment but coaches and riders should notify the show steward or stewards designee prior to tethering/anchoring. See also G4412.5.

~~**G4411.3** It is the coach's and the rider's responsibility to check the tack before mounting; any tack concerns must be communicated to the horse provider or show steward for adjustment. (above)~~

G4411.3 Substitution of tack or aids is not permitted unless approved by the show steward with permission from the horse provider and written and posted publicly by the show steward or show steward's designee. Riders are not permitted to use substitute equipment (e.g. spurs, saddles, stirrups, bounce pads) without first gaining approval from the show steward.

G4411.4 For long-term or short-term rider accommodations requiring special equipment or substitution of tack, follow rule G2400.

G4411.5 The need for crops and spurs may change throughout the day. Coaches should ask the show steward whenever there is a question as to what is listed in the horse description.

G4411.6 Conventional tack appropriate for the show ring is expected. Training equipment (e.g. draw reins, training forks, tie downs) may not be used in the competition ring.

G4411.7 Crops, whips and bats are not to be used outside the schooling ring and show ring.

G4411.8 One or two disciplinary applications (typically used behind the girth or cinch unless otherwise designated) in the event of disobedience are sufficient. Use of the crop or spur should not be penalized when it is appropriate to the situation and/or mount.

G4411.9 Stewards and/or judges may rule that a rider be penalized or disqualified for improper use of crops, whips, bats, or spurs.

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G4411.10 A list of aids appropriate to each horse must be included on the horse description list distributed to coaches and posted.

G4411.10.1 Changes to the horse description list must be recorded ringside on a change board. ~~written and posted in a public location.~~

G4411.10.1 Riders are responsible for checking the horse description list and change board ~~any posted changes~~ prior to mounting.

G4411.10.2 Riders who use anything other than the approved aids identified in the horse description list or ~~change board may posted changes~~ will be eliminated.

G4411.10.3 Additional methods of communication are optional (text messages and announcements) but are secondary to the change board.

(Refer to H4411, W4411, and D4411 for discipline-specific rules.)

G4412 Dress and Headgear - Proper Show Attire

G4412.1 It is the tradition of the show ring that riders are properly attired for the class in question. Show management may, at its discretion, bar any individual from entering the ring if not properly attired to compete.

G4412.2 Riders in all disciplines are expected to compete displaying the number assigned by show management. Should a rider compete without a number or with the wrong number, they will not be eliminated as long as they can be correctly identified.

G4412.3 **Safety riding helmets are encouraged in all divisions at every level.** At all times while mounted, riders in all hunt seat classes, all dressage classes, all beginner level western classes, and all western riders in grades 4-5 must wear a harnessed and fully fastened protective ASTM/ SEI approved safety helmet for equestrian use. In all cases in which safety riding helmets are required, a rider whose safety helmet becomes lost or unfastened while in the show ring will be disqualified and immediately excused from the ring. Helmet and chin straps must be fitted properly according to manufacturer's instructions.

G4412.4 Many states have adopted their own statutes pertaining to safety riding helmets. All coaches, rider members, and participants (hunt seat, western, and dressage) are expected to comply with their resident state and local regulations as well as regulations where they compete with regard to safety riding helmets and equipment. ~~Coaches are expected to be knowledgeable about and follow all local / state guidelines and laws pertaining to safety riding helmets. All participants are expected to comply with the rules of their state as well as any state in which they compete. All riders (hunt seat, dressage and western) under eighteen (18) years of age who compete in the state of New York must wear a riding helmet that complies with current safety standards.~~

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G4412.5 The use of additional personal safety equipment and gear marketed for equestrian sports including air vests and safety vests with air canisters is the personal choice of each participant and their parent/guardian. It is the responsibility of the rider and their coach to ensure proper use of personal safety equipment and gear in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. IEA does not assume responsibility for the function or malfunction of such safety equipment and that in certain instances safety equipment and the use thereof may present a risk of harm to the participant, the animals, and other riders. The possible malfunction of safety equipment, one's own equipment or another rider's equipment, constitutes an inherent risk of the sport and as such is included within the waiver of liability agreed to when becoming an IEA member.

G4412.6 Position aids and electronic communication devices (e.g. earbuds) are not allowed unless approved by petition per Rule G2400 (long-term and short-term rider accommodations). Position aids include but are not limited to spray tight, stick tight, shoulders back, wrist guards, **weights and/or magnets**. Boots and breeches manufactured with silicone inserts or overlays are acceptable.

G4412.7 Team identifying logos or names may not be worn while competing. Promotional logos for businesses, corporations, or associations other than IEA may not be worn while competing.

G4412.8 In cases of extreme inclement weather (hot/cold temperatures or precipitation), the steward in consultation with the judge may waive show jackets or allow riders to compete wearing appropriate protective outerwear without any team identifying logos.

(Refer to H4412, W4412, and D4412 for discipline-specific rules.)

G4500 Awards - Ribbons and Trophies

G4501 The color of ribbons at all shows shall be:

Champion — blue, red, yellow	Third place — yellow
Reserve — red, yellow, white	Fourth place — white
First Place — blue	Fifth place — pink
Second Place — red	Sixth place — green

G4502 A minimum of six ribbons shall be awarded in each class during regular season shows.

G4503 The EHC or EHF, including at zone finals, shall furnish all ribbons and trophies, except for any perpetual trophies provided by IEA.

G4504 Sportsmanship Award: The EHC will present a sportsmanship award to a youth member chosen by the show steward. The show steward will select from nominations received throughout the day from any show official or IEA member. The award should be given to the youth member (rider or junior education member) who, during the course of the show and competition, best demonstrated the true meaning of sportsmanship as defined in Rule G1501. The recipient may be a competitor or non-competitor.

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G4505 Horse of the Show Award: The EHC will present the Horse of the Show award to the horse selected by the judge and/or show steward. The award should be given to the horse, regardless of points earned during the course of competition, who best demonstrated fair and generous treatment toward its riders.

G4506 Leading Rider Award: The EHC will present a leading rider award to a varsity open rider per H3303, D3303, or W3303.

G4507 Champion and reserve ribbons must be awarded to the first and second place teams.

G4508 Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the EHC.

G4600 Tie-Breaker Rules - Refer to H4600, W4600, and D4600 for discipline-specific rules.

G4700 Personal Conduct of Exhibitors, Coaches, and Show Personnel

It is expected that any and all participants and attendees including, but not limited to, exhibitors, spectators, coaches, employees, and IEA board members will behave in a manner that reflects the dignity of the sport. Ill-mannered conduct will not be tolerated. Show management may expel from the grounds any person whose behavior is deemed dishonest, unethical, unsportsmanlike, or detrimental to the safety, health or well-being of any horse, person, or the IEA. Any unbecoming conduct or communication related in any way to IEA is subject to review by the zone ethics committee or executive committee. Appropriate penalties as outlined in Rule G9503 may be assigned.

G4701 Alcohol and Illegal Substances

The use of alcohol and recreational drugs as well as the use or possession of any illegal substance while attending an IEA competition or event is strictly forbidden. Anyone (including but not limited to riders, coaches, contributing members, show staff, officials, spectators, and parents) suspected of being under the influence of the substances will be required to leave the competition. Penalties outlined in Rule G9503 could be assigned after a review by the zone ethics committee.

For adult-only special events and fundraisers, exceptions to the published alcohol policy may be approved by the IEA executive committee.

G4800 Cruelty - Soundness / Ride-ability / NSAIDS

Equestrian sport is made possible by the animals that serve the rider. This is a sport of grace and elegance where the rider and animal work as a team. There is neither grace nor elegance in an abusive spectacle. IEA holds animal welfare in the highest regard and insists upon good horsemanship. **Horses used in IEA competitions must be in good body condition and capable to readily perform.**

Administration of drugs and medications shall be limited to therapeutic use only, and should be used for the well-being of the horse. The administration of drugs and/or medications that affect the horse's central nervous system is prohibited in IEA competition.

Cruel or abusive behavior of any type toward the horses will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility, therefore, of all parties involved to be aware of the conduct of participants and the condition of the horses; and, if a violation is observed, a report must be made immediately to the steward(s).

RULE G4000: REGULAR SEASON COMPETITIONS - REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The IEA reserves the right to schedule a veterinarian or veterinary technician and credentialed agent to conduct drug testing of any random or selected horse(s) that are listed to participate at an IEA competition. Drug testing may be conducted at any time beginning twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of a scheduled IEA competition, during the competition, or up to twenty-four (24) hours following the conclusion of the competition or event.

Any individual found in violation of Rule G4800 will be subject to penalties outlined in Rule G9503.

RULE G5000: PRIZE LIST, ENTRY BLANK, ENTRY FEES AND PROGRAM

G5100 Prize List

For all IEA recognized competitions, an electronic copy of the prize list must be submitted to the Membership Office for approval no fewer than forty-five (45) calendar days before the show. Once approved, the prize list must then be distributed to all teams within the region one (1) week prior to the opening date. The prize list shall contain:

1. All host and co-host information as it pertains to the formation of the EHC
2. The name of the judge(s) with credentials, steward(s) with credentials and emergency personnel
3. Name of show manager; address and phone number for the show manager and/or secretary
4. The date and location of show
5. Time of registration and start of the show
6. Opening and closing date of entries - Note: The closing date for all regular season shows will be no fewer than ten (10) calendar days prior to the show date.
7. Information about food and entertainment
8. Amount of entry fees
9. Disclosure statement
10. Directions and convenient lodging (if needed)

G5200 Entry Blank

G5201 The entry blank must contain spaces for the riders' names, class numbers, and the name of the team.

G5202 A team coach must submit the entries. In the event of failure to do so, the first entrance into the ring of an exhibitor of that team shall constitute acceptance of the Rules and Regulations of IEA, in particular the entry statement and waiver of liability as stated in Rule G5203, by the coach, team, riders, and riders' parents/guardians, and ipso facto render them subject to said rules.

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G5203 Each entry blank must contain the following statement to be signed by the coach making entry:

In exchange for entrance to and participation in the show, this entry constitutes an agreement and affirmation that the team making it, and each of its riders, coaches, trainers, and representatives shall accept and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the IEA and of the Show, and that each rider, coach and Team: (1) is a member of good standing of IEA, (2) is eligible as entered, and (3) will accept as final all rulings of IEA and the show steward (or committee) with respect to their conduct. Also, through participation each rider, rider's parents/legal guardians, coach trainer, and participant acknowledges THAT HORSES ARE INTRINSICALLY DANGEROUS AND UNPREDICTABLE AND CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH, thus each agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless IEA, its officers, directors, members, employees, executive director, national steward, agents and representatives, the Event Host Coordinator, the host team and facility, the show stewards, stewards committee members, the show judges, the show secretary, all show organizers, staff and officials, all medical personnel, and all persons, stables, and others providing facilities, horses or equipment for the Show, other riders, coaches, teams and team sponsoring institutions, from any claim, action or suit, for injury, property damage or death sustained by the individual, rider, entity, coach, trainer, or participant while traveling to, from and around the show, while staying in the city for the show, during participation in the show and while at the show. This entry constitutes an acceptance of the hired officials at this event.

G5300 Entries

G5301 The EHC must first open entries to members of their own region (if the zone is divided) or zone (if not divided), and offer a reasonable amount of time for a deadline for a region priority entry period.

G5302 After the initial deadline date and with pre-approval from the zone administrator, entries may be opened to members from other regions and zones for a general/out of region entry period. (see Rule G2803.7)

G5303 Entries received before the published opening date will be counted as having been received ON the designated opening date for in region or out of region teams.

G5304 In the case of discrepancy between information in the program and that of the entry blank, the entry blank shall take precedence.

G5305 Scratches prior to closing date that have not been accepted by the EHC, will not be processed and/or charged to the rider. The EHC is not obligated to refund scratches after the closing date. If the EHC decides to refund a scratch after the entry has been accepted and after the closing date, the entry can be refunded less a \$15 processing fee.

G5306 The acceptance of substitutions is entirely at the discretion of the EHC.

G5307 **Riders or teams who become eligible after the closing date of a competition may not enter nor compete in that event, even as a substitute.**

G5308 If a show is canceled, entries will be refunded. If a show is rescheduled, original entries will have priority. Entry fees will be refunded for teams or individuals who cannot attend the rescheduled date.

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- G5309** Whenever entry money is collected, IEA must receive a \$10.00 \$6 per entry/per class fee.
- G5310** Any violation of financial obligations will result in the member being restricted from future shows until such fees are paid.
- G5311** Show management must require participating teams to submit entry fee payments, ~~signed entry blanks, and team rosters~~ before the entry closing date noted in the prize list.
- G5312** All entries received by the closing date must be acknowledged by the show secretary, including a schedule indicating the classes for each entry. An estimated schedule noting schooling sessions, course walk(s), coaches' meeting, and correct order of classes including the number of sections for each level must be communicated at least 24 hours before the start of competition.
- G5313** The EHC may limit the number of entries so long as it is done in a fair and equitable manner, and does not require entrants to supply horses for the event. (see Rules G4105 and G4212)

G5400 Show and Entry Fees

- G5401** Entry fees for shows are separate and apart from annual IEA membership dues.
- G5402** \$10 \$6 from each individual rider's entry fee for each class shall be paid to IEA within seven (7) calendar days of the show, of which IEA will send \$3 \$2 to the zone administrator for zone and region use.
- G5403** Entry fees for regular and post-season shows shall be:
- \$65 \$55 for flat and over fences classes at hunt seat regular season shows
 - \$80 \$70 for flat and over fences classes at hunt seat region and zone finals
 - \$100 \$70 for flat and over fences classes at hunt seat national finals
 - \$65 \$55 for horsemanship and reining classes at western regular season shows
 - \$80 \$70 for horsemanship and reining classes at western region finals
 - \$100 \$70 for horsemanship and reining classes at western national finals
 - \$65 \$55 for DSE and \$70 \$60 for test classes at dressage regular season shows
 - \$80 \$70 for DSE and for test classes at dressage region and zone finals
 - \$100 \$70 for DSE and for test classes at dressage national finals
- G5404** No additional fee will be charged to the coach or team.
- G5405** Event entries will be made through the IEA online system. Entry fee payment must be submitted before the closing date/entry payment due date. Any team or individual that might have been allowed to compete and still has unpaid entries by the end of the competition shall forfeit all points earned and be assessed late fees, and if necessary, collection fees over and above owed entry fees.
- G5406** Entry fees are non-refundable once the closing date/entry payment due date designated in the prize list has passed. Substitutions of riders may be made until the day of the competition, at the discretion of

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the EHC. A \$15 processing fee per entry may be charged to any team making changes to their entries after the closing date. Verification of the eligibility of any substitute rider must be provided. **Per Rule G5307, teams or riders who become eligible after the closing date of a competition may not enter nor compete in that event, even as a substitute.**

G5407 All entry forms and fees for region finals are due on or before the closing date as stated in the prize list. Late entries will only be accepted if enough horses have been secured to accommodate the additional rides and a late processing fee of ~~\$15~~ \$10 per class is paid.

G5408 Entry forms and payment for zone and national finals must be received on or before the closing date as stated in the prize list. After the closing date, if a late entry is accepted it will be charged a \$15 processing fee and any unclaimed spots are forfeited and will be offered to the next individual or team in the standings.

G5500 Programs

Show programs are required and should be distributed to each coach on or before the day of the show. Programs must contain the classes listed in order including any splits, the tentative time schedule of classes, and the names of show officials and medical personnel.

An official copy of the show program must be sent to the Membership Office with complete results.

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The term "show staff" shall include and refer to all persons directly engaged by the show as show manager, show secretary, and qualified medical personnel.

The term "show official" shall include and refer to all persons directly engaged by the show as judge(s) and show steward(s).

G6100 Show Manager, Secretary, Show Supervisor, and Scribe

G6101 The show manager must be either the EHC coach or a current contributing member. The show manager must be present during competition, and is responsible for the operation of the show including, but not limited to:

1. Ensuring the EHC has filed a show application, event insurance application, and secured an approved competition date.
2. Hiring judge(s) (who are recognized in the disciplines to which assigned), show stewards, and staff/officials necessary for the operation of the show.
3. Appointing and identifying in the program the show secretary and show steward who must be present throughout the show.
4. Ensure the show prize list is submitted through AccessIEA.

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5. Ensuring the official authorized **medical personnel is hired and present for all posted schooling times and for the duration of competition.** During post-season competition, authorized medical personnel must be present for any mounted activities including all schooling days and competition.
6. Qualified medical personnel is a currently certified or licensed EMT or paramedic, Certified First Responder, or a physician or nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession under applicable law where the competition is held.

A physician or nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care is a physician or nurse who is currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support, Basic Trauma Life Support, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, or who has First Responder or comparable certification.

It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or paramedics be used to fill this position.

Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice. The medical personnel who will be on the grounds during the competition must be listed in the prize list.
7. Constructing and/or approving a horse use grid to ensure horses are scheduled and used an acceptable number of times per Rule G4217.5.
8. Ensure schooling riders follow rules outlined in Rules G4402- G4405.
9. Ensure schooling rider waivers are available, signed where applicable, and returned to the membership office following the competition.
10. Completing and submitting an IEA Incident Report should any incidents or injuries occur that are associated with the competition.
11. Ensuring the show secretary has completed assigned tasks including submitting all required paperwork and fees to the Membership Office.

G6102 The show secretary must be a current member of the IEA and present during competition. The show secretary is responsible for:

1. Processing the entries. ~~Distributing the prize list.~~
2. Overseeing and managing substitutions and scratches, including subsequent database adjustments and corrections to the official show program.
3. Ensuring that no entry shall compete until the designated team coach has signed the entry blank.
4. Furnishing the judge(s) scorecards, class descriptions, and appropriate tests for each class.
5. Providing the judge with the appropriate discipline-specific IEA Judge Guidelines noting the differences between IEA rules and those of IHSA, IDA, and each discipline's respective associations' standard judging requirements.

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6. Maintaining at least one (1) copy of the official program that contains all changes, corrections, scores, scratches, substitutions, horse assignments, changes or alternates to the original draw, and official results for submission to the IEA Membership Office.
7. Verifying class sheets and judges cards to ensure accurate announcement, distribution, and recording of results.
8. Acting as designated point keeper: tracking individual and team points during the horse show, maintaining the publicly posted team point chart and updating the chart after each division is completed.
9. Reporting to show stewards any act on the part of any person deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the IEA.
10. Verifying that the correct fees have been collected and remitted to IEA in a timely manner. IEA may suspend the host team and co-host(s) until the show fees are paid.
11. Entering class results into the IEA database within 24 hours of the conclusion of competition.
12. Submitting upon conclusion of competition: an official program, copies of entry forms, judge's cards, point rider forms, team competition results, horse use grid, schooling rider waivers (if applicable), proxy coach form(s), and show fees (\$10.00 ~~\$6.00~~ per entry per class payable online to IEA). These must be scanned and uploaded in AccessIEA within forty-eight (48) hours after conclusion submitted to the IEA Membership Office within seven (7) calendar days after the close of the show for national tracking.
13. Reporting in writing to IEA within seven (7) calendar days of the close of the show the name of any exhibitor whose entry fees were returned by the bank.

G6103 A show supervisor must be an adult IEA member for three (3) or more years and must have served as EHC or show steward at a minimum of three (3) IEA shows.

A show supervisor will provide guidance for the show host concerning the set-up of the show, required paperwork, development of the prize list, creation of the horse use grid, efficient use of the chosen facility, and any other communication required among entered coaches.

The show supervisor may be assigned by authority of the zone ethics committee, zone administrator, membership office, or national steward as needed to oversee the organization and operation of an IEA competition. Any of the following may precipitate the assignment of a show supervisor:

1. First-time hosting a competition per rule G2302.10;
2. Protest/hearing leading to a penalty assignment per rule G9503;
3. Show steward report recommending the need for assistance or greater supervision during the next hosting/co-hosting competition; or
4. Show evaluations, complaints, or feedback suggesting support or supervision is needed.

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G6104 Discipline-specific show staff - see Rule D6104 for rules regarding dressage scribes.

G6200 Judges Qualifications

G6201 To officiate at a regular season IEA show, a judge must be licensed in the discipline they are to judge as follows:

G6201.1 Hunt Seat: USEF recorded "r" or registered "R" in Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation

G6201.2 Western: NRHA, AQHA (including level 1), NSBA, APHA, or AHA

G6201.3 Dressage: USEF recorded "r" or registered "R" or senior "S" in Dressage, or USDF "L"

G6202 A judge not qualified as stated in Rule G6201 is permitted to be used only if they are on the provisional officials list established by the zone administrator **prior to every competition season.**

G6203 A person may judge only one show managed by any particular EHC within the same competition season.

G6204 A licensed judge is permitted to judge up to three (3) IEA regular season shows during a competition season within each region, or within a zone if not split into regions. An unlicensed judge from the provisional officials list is restricted to judge only two (2) regular season shows during a competition year within each region, or within a zone if not split into regions.

G6205 A judge may not officiate if they have had a professional relationship **and/or conflict of interest** as defined by the national governing body (NGB), AQHA or NRHA rules, including clinics with any exhibitor or Member Team, within **sixty (60) calendar days** prior to the show.

G6206 No IEA individual member may show before a judge with whom they have had a professional relationship as defined by the national governing body (NGB), AQHA or NRHA rules, including clinics, within **sixty (60) calendar days** prior to the show.

G6207 An IEA coach may not judge any IEA competition in the region to which their team is assigned.

G6208 Judges are to be listed in the prize list when submitted to the IEA Membership Office for approval. When use of a substitute judge (licensed or from the provisional officials list) is required, the EHC must make every effort to inform the zone administrator, IEA membership office, and participating teams of the change prior to the competition day.

G6209 Judges for region, zone, and national finals must be licensed judges in the discipline in which they are to adjudicate. Post-season judges must be:

Hunt Seat: USEF recorded "r" or registered "R" in Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation

Western: NRHA and/or AQHA (excluding level 1)

Dressage: USEF recorded "r" or registered "R" or senior "S" in Dressage, or USDF "L"

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G6210 Once a judge is hired for a region final, they may not judge an IEA regular season show in that region within sixty (60) calendar days of the region final.

Once a judge is hired for a zone final, they may not judge any IEA show in zone within sixty (60) calendar days of the zone final.

Once a judge is hired for national finals, they may not judge any IEA competition within sixty (60) calendar days of that national final.

G6211 Provisional Officials List - Judges

G6211.1 A provisional officials list of non-licensed judges may be established each year within each zone. Non-licensed judges named and listed on the provisional officials list must become IEA members prior to officiating a competition.

G6211.2 The provisional officials list will be approved annually by the majority vote of the region presidents in each zone. This confirmed list will be communicated to the region presidents by July 15th of each year as well as being posted in the membership office.

G6211.3 Once on the provisional officials list for a competition season, a judge may be used throughout that regular season without soliciting additional written approval.

G6211.4 Only in extraordinary circumstances should a judge be added to the provisional officials list during the competition season. This request must be presented as a petition along with a Provisional Official Application and \$50 fee.

G6300 Responsibilities of a Judge

G6301 Good judging depends upon a correct observance of the fine points and the selection of the best rider under the conditions of the class. A judge serves three interests: their own conscience, exhibitors and spectators. They should make clear to the audience that the best rider wins. The attention of the judges is directed to the difference in requirements between traditional equitation classes and IEA draw-based equitation classes. A judge is obligated to adjudicate each class in conformity with the rules and specifications of that class as they appear in this IEA Rulebook. They are expected to be proficient in their discipline and to possess a working knowledge of the IEA Rules and Regulations.

G6302 The decision of each judge constitutes solely their individual preference and is not considered a verdict by IEA.

G6303 No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless they first obtain permission from the steward, who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place. In order to inspect a judge's card, an exhibitor must first obtain show management's permission and be accompanied by their coach and the show steward. Questions regarding the judge's decision must be addressed to the show steward within thirty (30) minutes of the end of competition.

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G6304 A judge must order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors.

G6305 A judge may request a re-ride if they feel the horse's performance prevents accurate assessment. It is the show steward's responsibility to determine if the re-ride is granted or denied.

G6400 Non-Protestable Decisions

The following decisions when determined by the judge are not violations of IEA rules and cannot be protested:

1. The soundness of a horse; and
2. The judge's decision, representing their individual preference.

The laws of the State of Ohio shall govern the construction or application of the IEA Rules. If the rules of the IEA do not apply to a given situation, then see Rule G1700 Rules Interpretation and Application.

G6500 Show Steward Qualifications

G6501 An IEA Show Steward must be at minimum twenty-one (21) years of age, an IEA member in good standing (coach or steward member), and must have read and fully understand the Rules and Regulations of IEA (and the supporting organizations in accordance with Rule G1700), and hold any one of the following qualifications:

1. USEF C1 or C2 "R" or "r" steward; USEF dressage technical delegate, or USEF eventing technical delegate for dressage discipline;
2. Current IEA board member, zone administrator or employee;
3. Former board member, zone administrator, or employee who departed in good standing within the past three (3) years;
4. IEA member coach, in good standing for at least three (3) competition seasons, whose team is not, and members of the coach's team are not, otherwise participating in the competition;
5. IHSA member coach or IHSA board member for at least three (3) years, in good standing, who is not otherwise participating in the competition;
6. IDA member coach or IDA board member for at least three (3) years, in good standing, who is not otherwise participating in the competition for dressage discipline;
7. Former IEA or IHSA coach member who held that position for at least three (3) years and departed in good standing within the past three (3) years; or
8. ~~Previous IEA show official member who has consistently maintained yearly IEA membership.~~

G6502 A show steward may not officiate if they have had a professional relationship and/or conflict of interest as defined by the national governing body (NGB), AQHA or NRHA rules, including clinics with any exhibitor or team entered in that competition, within **sixty (60) calendar days** prior to the show.

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G6502.1 The show steward may not be affiliated with the EHC or host facility examples include, but are not limited to, business partner or family member of the EHC, or boarder, client, or instructor at host facility).

G6502.2 When an IEA show is held at a college/university facility, a member from the college/university staff may serve as the show steward as long as they meet qualifications to be an IEA steward and there is no IEA team connected to that college/university facility.

G6503 Show stewards are to be listed in the prize list when submitted to the IEA membership office for approval. When use of a substitute show steward (qualified or from the provisional officials list) is required, the EHC must make every effort to inform the zone administrator, IEA membership office, and participating teams of the change prior to the competition day.

G6504 A show steward not meeting qualification criteria outlined in Rule G6501 may be used only in cases of extreme circumstances with prior written consent from the zone administrator or by approved petition to the zone ethics committee for a single event.

G6505 Provisional Officials List - Steward

G6505.1 A provisional officials list of show stewards not meeting criteria 1-6 in Rule G6501 may be established each year within each zone.

G6505.2 The provisional officials list will be approved annually by the majority vote of the region presidents in each zone. This confirmed list will be communicated to the region presidents by July 15th of each year as well as being posted in the membership office.

G6505.3 Once on the provisional officials list for that competition season, the show steward may be used throughout that competition season without soliciting additional written approval.

G6505.4 Only in extraordinary circumstances should a show steward be added to the provisional officials list after the start of the competition season. This request must be presented as a petition along with a Provisional Official Application and \$50 fee.

G6600 Number of Show Stewards

G6601 A regular season show must have at least one (1) qualified show steward as defined in Rule G6501.

G6602 National Finals shall have at least two (2) qualified show stewards. The national steward or associate national steward should be present at national finals.

G6700 Duties of a Show Steward

G6701 Show stewards serve to interpret the IEA Rules and Regulations. They are expected to observe the competition ring from a location that is easily accessible to coaches by proximity or radio. On the day of competition the show steward is ineligible to serve in any other capacity including, but not limited to

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show manager, show secretary, judge, or emergency medical personnel. An "IEA Show Steward's Guide" is available on the IEA website.

A show steward's duties include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Protect the interests of exhibitors, judges and show management.
2. Stop a class in the event a horse or rider should be considered unsafe. The steward may remove from the ring any rider not having sufficient control of their mount and then determine next steps.
3. Investigate and act upon any alleged rule violations without waiting for a protest.
4. Report to the show management any misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest.
5. Check the grid to ensure horses are scheduled and used an acceptable number of times per Rule G4217.5.
6. Inspect courses and warm-up jumps after they have been set to ensure jump criteria outlined in rule section H4401 is followed with particular attention to use of ground lines, top rails, and break-away cups on oxers.
7. Ensure the warm-up patterns and courses for over fences classes are posted **and opportunity to walk the course provided.**
8. Visually inspect the arena to ensure cones are properly placed for reining, ranch riding, and horsemanship patterns.
9. Visually inspect the arena to ensure the dressage square and letters are properly placed for dressage test classes.
10. Confirm the medical personnel is present on the show grounds before warm-up of horses begins and for the entire duration of the competition.
11. Supervise the schooling of horses to ensure they are suitable and level appropriate.
12. Verify the show has determined a method for selecting the sportsmanship award winner. (See Rules G1501 and G4504).
13. Supervise or appoint a designee for the drawing of horses.
14. Determine the suitability of rider horse (too tall or too small), rider to class, and horse to class level.
15. Approve changes to horse descriptions or designated aids as needed and ensure changes are **recorded on a ringside change board.** ~~written and posted.~~
16. Grant or deny re-ride requests. If an issue arises relating to a horse provided by a show steward, the deciding vote on that issue will be cast by other show stewards or the judge.
17. Determine under extenuating circumstances if a class should be re-drawn or, in consultation with the judge, re-run per Rules G4408.2 and G4408.3.
18. Verify proper tie breaking procedures defined in Rule G4600 are used whenever a tie occurs.
19. Report to the show management, zone administrator, membership office, and/or national steward any violation(s) of the rules.

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20. Fill out and return to the IEA membership office and zone administrator within forty-eight (48) hours of the show an official IEA Show Steward Report.

G6702 Questioning a Rider's Class Designation by a Show Steward Classification of Riders by Show Steward

When rider classification is called into question during a competition by an event host, coach, show steward, or judge, the show steward will note this concern as well as a recommendation for appropriate placement in the Show Steward Report. A copy of that report will be sent to the director of membership and zone administrator within forty-eight (48) hours of the competition.

This will trigger written notification to the coach as well as the rider's parent/guardian informing them that the rider's placement has been called into question. Included in the letter will be steps for the coach to follow to address the concern and adjust rider placement if necessary. Multiple notifications to the coach and parent questioning a rider's class placement without adjustment may result in the rider being deemed ineligible to compete until a review by the zone ethics committee is conducted.

RULE G7000: JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

In all IEA classes, good horsemanship and equitation are paramount. Judges are to reward the best riders, not the best mounts.

G7100 General Guidelines

G7101 In IEA classes, only the rider is being judged; therefore no penalty should be assessed because of the horse's conformation, color or way of going. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, ability to control and show the horse. Results as shown by performance of the horse are NOT necessarily to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining them. A rider must be prepared to perform the tests appropriate for the class in which the rider is participating.

G7102 Rule G4409 shall govern falls, refusals and eliminations. Any rider not having their mount under sufficient control shall be removed from the ring by the show steward and shall be disqualified or remounted at the show steward's discretion.

G7103 Riders must remain on the same mount throughout all phases of a class until the judge requests a change. No attendant shall be allowed in the ring except at the request of the judge or steward.

G7104 If additional tests are desired and appropriate, the judge's instructions to riders shall be publicly announced. It is suggested that the judge go over these instructions with the announcer to assure mutual understanding of the wording. Judges shall not confer with riders individually during the line up.

G7200 Judging Requirements and Guidelines - Refer to H7000, W7200, and D7200 for discipline-specific rules.

RULE G8000: POINTS, SCORING AND POST-SEASON QUALIFICATION

G8100 General Point Requirements and Scoring

G8101 The points will be counted and awarded as follows:

First place — 7 points	Fourth place — 3 points
Second place — 5 points	Fifth place — 2 points
Third place — 4 points	Sixth place — 1 point

G8102 Individual points and class assignments will follow riders who transfer to other teams.

G8103 No matter how many individual team members are present at a given competition, individual and team points are earned.

G8104 If a rider competes in a class for which they are ineligible, that rider will be eliminated by the director of membership, national steward, zone ethics committee, or executive committee.

Points from regular season shows may be redistributed according to a ruling by the zone ethics committee (ZEC), national steward, or executive committee. Placings in post-season shows may be adjusted according to the ruling by the ZEC, national steward, or executive committee. Team points for regular and post-season shows may be redistributed per Rule G8106.8.

G8105 Official Posting of Results

G8105.1 In order to have individual and team results of the competition officially posted to count towards national standings, written results from the show must be received by the membership office within seven (7) calendar days after the final day of the competition. All funds must be paid in United States currency.

G8105.2 Copies of the results shall be sent to the zone administrator.

G8105.3 The official point records, maintained at IEA Membership Office, shall determine the class advancement of riders and their eligibility for the national finals.

G8105.4 The coach of each member team should maintain a personal and complete record of each rider's individual points for the sake of determining rider advancement.

G8106 High Point Teams for Regular Season Shows

G8106.1 Each team will designate one rider per class to compete for points toward the team championship.

G8106.2 Point riders may be selected in hunt seat, dressage, and western upper school classes 1-7, and future classes 9-13. Only one rider per team may be selected in each class regardless of the number of sections.

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- G8106.3** Point riders must be registered with the show secretary before the first draw. Teams who fail to register point riders prior to the first draw shall have the first eligible riders listed on their entry designated by the show as point riders.
- G8106.4** After the draw has occurred, point riders may only be substituted in extraordinary circumstances, such as injury during the show. The show steward must approve this substitution, and the class must be re-drawn. Once a class has started no point rider substitution(s) may be made under any circumstance.
- G8106.5** At each regular season show, the total points as awarded to each team's designated point riders will determine the team placings. A minimum of one point must be earned by a designated team point rider for a team to be eligible for overall team rankings and points.
- G8106.6** Team rankings at each regular season show will be awarded as follows:
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| Champion — 7 points | Fourth place — 3 points |
| Reserve Champion — 5 points | Fifth place — 2 points |
| Third place — 4 points | Sixth place — 1 point |
- G8106.7** Refer to Rules H4600, W4600, or D4600 in the event of a tie for the team championship of a regular show.
- G8106.8** If an ineligible rider is used as a team point rider, the team will lose that score and one more score will be dropped, regardless of the size of the team. This penalty applies for each class in which the rider was used. The score to be dropped will be the lowest score greater than zero.

G8200 Post-Season Qualification - refer to Rules H8200, W8200, and D8200 for discipline specific rules.

Teams and riders accumulate points towards post-season qualification by competing in IEA recognized regular season shows.

- G8201** Riders must compete in a minimum of two (2) regular season point shows in their assigned class(es) if they are to be designated as a team point rider in said class(es) in post-season competitions.
- G8202** After the closing date for a post-season show, substitutions in team classes are allowed but must be submitted in writing along with a ~~\$15~~ \$10 change fee per Rule G5406. Substitution requests must be received prior to the start of the draw for the first class of the first day of competition. Once the draw for the first class has begun, changes are not guaranteed and will be made on a case by case basis. Substitution requests must be directed to the show steward. If approved, the show steward may require the class to be redrawn. Once a class has started no substitution may be made under any circumstances.
- G8203** Riders will qualify separately for each class within their division.

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G8204 When a rider receives a score of "0" in a reining class, or no score in an over fences class, or no score in a dressage test class during region or zone finals, they will not be eligible to advance. Any previously allotted spots will not be reassigned.

G8205 In cases when riders are given a bye to the next level of post-season competition, region and zone finals may offer scrimmage classes for those riders, but it must be clearly noted in the prize list and show program. If a rider receives a score of "0" or no score in a scrimmage class, they may still advance to the level for which they had already qualified.

G8206 A region final class for individual qualifiers with fewer than three (3) riders must run, if required to determine advancement to zone finals.

G8207 A region final class for team qualifiers with fewer than three (3) riders must run with full points awarded toward overall team totals.

G8300 Region Finals - refer to Rules H8300 and W8300 for discipline specific rules.

G8301 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 from 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 team or outside sources willing to bring additional horses.

G8400 Zone Finals - refer to Rules H8400 and D8400 for discipline specific rules.

G8401 Zone 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 zone final in some way; including but not limited to providing a facility, schooling riders, show staff, volunteers and horses.

The greatest need from the community effort is providing suitable horses. Teams and individuals participating in zone finals have three options to meet the community effort:

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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 team or outside sources willing to bring additional horses.

G8402 Substitutions in Individual Classes

- G8402.1** Riders placing in qualifying spots to participate in individual classes at zone finals must declare their intention to accept or decline participation at zone finals in writing before the conclusion of region finals.
- G8402.2** Qualifying spots for zone finals become final forty-eight (48) hours after the end of region finals competition.
- G8402.3** If a spot becomes available, the next in line will be notified by the zone administrator after the forty-eight (48) hour period expires.

G8403 Substitutions in Team Classes

- G8403.1** Teams placing in qualifying spots to participate in team classes at zone finals must declare their intention to accept or decline participation at zone finals in writing before the conclusion of region finals.
- G8403.2** Qualifying spots for zone finals become final forty-eight (48) hours after the end of region finals competition.
- G8403.3** If a spot becomes available, the next in line will be notified by the zone administrator after the forty-eight (48) hour period expires.

G8500 National Finals

G8501 General

- G8501.1** A national finals competition will be conducted annually to determine team and individual national titles. The date(s) and location(s) for national finals are designated by IEA. The qualifying criteria for national finals are outlined in the IEA Rules and Regulations.
- G8501.2** There will be a separate entry fee for the national finals.
- G8501.3** 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.
- G8501.4** As the location of national finals rotates throughout the different zones, teams from the hosting zone are expected to support in the operation of the show in some way; including but not limited to providing a facility, schooling riders, show staff, volunteers, and horses.

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G8502 Team Qualifications and Eligibility for IEA National Finals

G8502.1 The team national championship will be awarded to the qualifying team that accumulates the most team points at the national finals competition.

G8502.2 Substitutions in Team Competition

G8502.2.1 Teams placing in qualifying spots to participate in the team competition at national finals must declare their intention to accept or decline participation at national finals in writing with a coach member signature at the conclusion of zone finals.

G8502.2.2 Qualifying spots for national finals become final forty-eight (48) hours after the end of the qualifying competition.

G8502.2.3 If a spot becomes available, the next in line will be notified by the membership office after the forty-eight (48) hour period expires.

G8502.3 After the closing date for national finals, substitutions in team classes are allowed but must be submitted in writing along with a ~~\$15~~ \$10 change fee per Rule G5406. Substitution requests must be received prior to the start of the draw for the first class on the first day of competition. Once the draw for the first class has begun, changes are not guaranteed and may be made on a case by case basis. Substitution requests must be directed to the national steward. If approved, the national steward may require the class to be redrawn. Once a class has started no substitution can be made under any circumstance.

G8503 Rider Qualifications and Eligibility for IEA National Finals

G8503.1 Riders may compete in only one level per class per year at national finals.

G8503.2 Substitutions in Individual Classes

G8503.2.1 Riders placing in qualifying spots to participate in individual classes at national finals must declare their intention to accept or decline participation at national finals in writing before the conclusion of zone finals.

G8503.2.2 Qualifying spots for national finals become final forty-eight (48) hours after the end of the qualifying competition.

G8503.2.3 If a spot becomes available, the next in line will be notified by the membership office after the forty-eight (48) hour period expires.

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G9100 National Steward

- G9101** Upon approval of the board of directors, the executive director may hire a national steward. The national steward must be over twenty-one (21) years of age.
- G9102** The national steward serves on the national rules committee (NRC) and is responsible for the interpretation of all rules, regulations and standards as set forth by the board of directors.
- G9103** The president or president-elect will serve as associate national steward and will have jurisdiction in any matters where there may be a conflict of interest for the national steward.
- G9104** All decisions made by the national steward and associate national steward are final except through the appeal procedure outlines in Rule G9400 and G9407.
- G9105** All rulings by the national steward will be submitted in writing to the executive director with copies forwarded to relevant parties.

G9200 National Rules Committee

- G9201** The president appoints members of the national rules committee (NRC). The NRC shall be composed of a minimum of ten (10) members to serve one year terms starting July 1st. The composition shall be three (3) hunt seat representatives, three (3) western representatives, three (3) dressage representatives, the national steward, and the president or the president's designee. The president or president's designee and/or national steward (when designated by the board president) shall be the committee chair.
- G9202** The NRC is responsible for suggesting changes to the IEA Rules and Regulations, and associated standards. The NRC will review proposals for rule changes. The chair of the NRC will present recommended changes to the board of directors who will make the final decision.
- G9203** IEA zones and regions may not adopt rules that circumvent or abridge established IEA rules.
- G9204** Non-Protestable Decisions (see Rule G6400)

G9300 Zone Ethics Committee (ZEC)

G9301 Composition and Election

- G9301.1** Each zone will convene a zone ethics committee (ZEC) to adjudicate on matters within their zone. The committee shall consist of:
1. The zone administrator as chair, to vote only in cases of ties
 2. Five (5) designated adult member representatives plus at least one alternate in good standing as defined in Rule G2303 Adult Membership Categories

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3. No team may have more than one representative including alternates on the ZEC
4. Any member involved in an alleged violation must be excused and replaced by the alternate for that review
5. The national steward and associate national steward shall act as resources to the ZEC aiding in the consistent application of all rules and regulations. They may serve as ad hoc members to any ZEC meeting and be consulted at any point of the review process

G9301.2 Members of the ZEC shall serve for a term of two (2) years unless they resign or are replaced by the zone administrator.

G9301.3 The zone administrator will request nominations for appointments to the zone ethics committee by December 15th. The committee will be appointed by June 15th for the coming show season.

G9400 Judicial Procedure - Petitions, Protests, and Appeals

G9401 Formal petitions, protests, and appeals **must be written and submitted by a coach member, region president, zone administrator, show official, IEA staff, or IEA board member** and submitted through the membership office or national steward on the appropriate form. **Only coach members can submit petitions, protests, and appeals on behalf of their team and individual members (youth and adult). Contributing members, adult members, and parents may not submit petitions, protests, or appeals.** The national steward will address or forward the petition, protest, or appeal through the appropriate channels.

G9402 Formal Petition - A petition is a request for an **exception to a rule** or a **review of a decision** made by a show steward, show manager, or the membership office. The petition must be in writing and addressed to the membership office or national steward within ten (10) **business** ~~calendar~~ days of the incident or show.

G9403 Formal Protest - A protest alleges a rule or ethical violation at an IEA event, or circumstance in direct connection to an IEA event. The protest must be in writing and addressed to the membership office or national steward within ten (10) business days of discovery and must state the full name of the accuser and accused and contain a thorough statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation with specific rules cited. Precise details regarding a violation of the Rules are necessary.

G9404 Jurisdiction

G9404.1 The national steward will address or forward the petition, protest, or appeal through the appropriate channels. These channels may include the zone ethics committee or executive committee.

G9404.1.1 The ZEC or executive committee will rule on such violations and enforce penalties as listed in Rules G9500 and G9600.

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G9404.1.2 For the sake of organizational consistency, a ZEC's recommendation will be sent to the national steward to affirm, modify, or deny.

G9404.1.3 The final ruling will be communicated in writing to all related parties.

G9404.2 If all or any portion of a dispute cannot be resolved promptly, the accused may continue with the understanding that any points and/or prizes may be forfeited at a later time. Additional penalties may be assigned if necessary.

G9404.3 Excessive filing of petitions or protests by any individual member may result in fees for increased document processing.

G9404.4 Protests challenging a rider's class placement presented after that rider's first postseason competition will be charged a \$50 processing fee.

G9404.5 The IEA Membership Office and/or National Steward reserve the right to review a rider's classification level at any time.

G9404.6 Issues reviewed and ruled on by the Executive Committee are final and not eligible for appeal.

G9405 Hearings

1. Following receipt of a formal protest, the accused will be notified of the charges.
2. The accuser and accused will be notified of the date of the hearing.
3. To conduct the hearing at least four (4) members of the ZEC or a quorum of the executive committee, whichever is adjudicating, must be present.
4. After providing an opportunity for the accuser and accused to be heard, either verbally or in writing, the ZEC or executive committee will, in closed session within seven (7) business days of the hearing, determine if a violation has occurred, and if so, what penalty, if any, should be imposed.
5. To reach a verdict or impose a penalty, at least four (4) members of the ZEC or a majority of the executive committee present must concur on the verdict and penalty.

G9406 Notification of Verdict and Penalty

The verdict and penalty, if any, will be set forth in writing by the chair of the ZEC or executive committee within seven (7) business days of the determination, and sent by email to the accuser and the accused. The director of membership and national steward will be copied on the final email response.

G9407 Appeal of ZEC or National Steward Ruling

G9407.1 If the accuser or accused is not satisfied with the decision of the ZEC and/or national steward, they may bring an appeal to the IEA executive committee. Appeals may only be filed and submitted by an IEA coach, region president, zone administrator, or show official. Coaches must

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file appeals for their teams and on behalf of individual riders. Contributing members and parents may not submit appeals.

G9407.2 The appeal must be made in writing on the appropriate form within fourteen (14) business days of the verdict's receipt and accompanied by a \$250.00 bond to be returned only if the appeal is sustained. In time sensitive matters, an earlier deadline may be required. It shall be sent to the membership office, who will forward it to the president and the executive committee with a copy to be sent to the chair of the ZEC and the national steward.

G9407.3 The executive committee will respond within fourteen (14) business days of the appeal's receipt. The committee may affirm, reverse, or modify the verdict of the ZEC and national steward. Its opinion shall be set forth in writing by the national secretary and sent to the accuser, the accused, the chair of the ZEC, the board of directors, and the accused member's team coach or other appropriate team authority. The ruling of the executive committee is final.

G9408 Non-cooperation

In the event that a member fails to cooperate with the judicial process or ruling, their membership may be suspended.

G9500 Violations and Penalties

G9501 The provisions of these rules shall apply to the following: coaches, riders, adult community members, junior education members, member teams, show officials, show staff, EHCs, show hosts, show co-hosts, show facilities, volunteers, and any family members or designated representatives of the above. Violations of these rules or actions deemed prejudicial to the best interest of IEA by a member of the family of a person described in the previous sentence may be deemed to have been committed by such person and subject to penalties.

G9502 Individual Violations - An individual violation is any of the following acts:

1. Violation of any IEA rule or regulation;
2. Penalization by a court of law, governing body, Humane Society, or animal control, or court of law for any violation of abuse or neglect;
3. Acting, inciting, or permitting another person to act in a manner contrary to the IEA Rules and Regulations or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interest of IEA.
4. Any act committed or remark made in connection with a show considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the judging; approaching a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the show steward; inspection of a judge's card without show steward's permission;
5. Failure of a judge or steward to perform their duties at a show in accordance with the rules;
6. Filing of an inaccurate membership application;
7. Failure of a coach to sign the entry blank of a show in which their team competes;

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8. Physical assault upon a person and/or cruelty to a horse;
9. Failure to obey any penalty imposed by IEA;
10. Being suspended or banned by SafeSport prohibits an individual from IEA membership and makes them ineligible to participate in IEA sanctioned activities or attend any IEA competition for the duration of the suspension. IEA reserves the right for any reason to deny, revoke, or suspend membership of any individual. (See Rules G2103);
11. Being suspended or banned by another equine organization including, but not limited to, USEF, USDF, AQHA, NRHA prohibits that individual from IEA membership and makes them ineligible to participate in IEA sanctioned activities or attending any IEA competitions for the duration of the suspension. IEA reserves the right for any reason to deny, revoke, or suspend membership of any individual. (See Rule G2103).

G9503 Individual Penalties - If found guilty of any of the above violations, penalties for an individual shall be limited to the following options:

1. Probation: the individual's name will be listed in the official record of penalties. If found guilty of a further violation, the individual shall be subject to a heavier penalty than for a first offense;
2. Suspension of membership: a suspended person or institution is forbidden for the time specified in the sentence to hold or exercise a position, committee or office in IEA or in any show, and is excluded from all show grounds during shows, as an exhibitor, participant, or spectator;
3. Expulsion from membership in IEA;
4. Forfeiture of trophies, ribbons, and points won in connection with the offense;
5. Deemed ineligible to serve as a show official (event host, show steward, secretary, or judge);
~~Suspension from office as show official;~~
6. Fine
7. Censure
8. Removal from position, committee, or office.

G9504 Communication of Individual Violations and Penalties

All individual violations and penalties will be communicated to the necessary parties via the primary member email contact on file. The membership office will update the database to reflect individual and/or team eligibility.

G9505 Show Violations and Penalties - An EHC, host, co-host or host facility may be subject to penalty for violations of the rules and regulations in the conduct of its show.

G9506 Show violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

G9506.1 Failure to:

1. Conduct a show in accordance with IEA Rules and Regulations;
2. Use standard specifications for classes;

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3. Print the most current IEA indemnification statement and deadlines on each entry blank;
4. Secure signature(s) of the designated coach(es) on each entry blank;
5. Secure signatures of schooling riders as needed per Rule G4403.2 on the proper waiver form;
6. Provide qualified medical personnel on the grounds for all mounted activities as defined in Rule G6101;
7. Timely pay its indebtedness to the IEA;
8. Pay other indebtedness within thirty (30) calendar days;
9. Submit an official show program and results, copies of entry forms, judge's cards, point rider forms, team competition results, incident report (if applicable), schooling rider waivers (if applicable), and show fees to the IEA membership office within seven (7) calendar days of the close of the show;
10. Report the disqualification of a person at the show;
11. Present appropriate jump courses, dressage tests, and/or western patterns;
12. Honor written contracts with judges, stewards, or other show officials and employees;
13. Conduct a competition day within a twelve (12) hour period from start of schooling to conclusion of the last class;
14. Provide an appropriate number of horses and alternates in the draw as recommended in the Show Hosting Guidelines for the accepted number of entries;
15. Secure IEA mandated event insurance through Equisure;
16. Use the IEA database to verify entries and report show results.

G9506.2 The use of a non-qualified judge;

G9506.3 The use of a non-qualified steward;

G9506.4 The listing of a judge or steward in the prize list before the invitation to serve has been accepted.

G9506.5 Permitting persons or teams not in good standing to participate in any manner;

G9506.6 Permitting acts that are improper, intemperate, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or contrary to the Rules and Regulations of IEA.

G9507 An EHC, host, and/or co-host guilty of a violation shall be subject to penalty of one or more of the following:

G9507.1 Fine and/or suspension may be levied proportionate to the violation;

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G9507.2 If found guilty of a further violation, the EHC, host, and/or co-host(s) shall be liable to a heavier penalty than for a first offense, including suspension for any period from the list of approved shows including national finals and/or expulsion from membership in IEA.

G9507.3 A show supervisor may be assigned (expenses to be covered by EHC, host, and/or co-hosts) by the zone administrator for future competition.

G9507.4 Additional penalties as listed in Rule G9503 may also be applied if applicable.

G9508 Communication of Show Violations and Penalties

All show violations and penalties will be communicated to the necessary parties via the primary member email contact on file. The membership office will update the database to reflect individual and/or team eligibility.

G9600 Reciprocity

Upon receipt of appropriate notice that disciplinary action has been taken by a Humane Society or court of law against an individual for an act which may be a violation of these IEA Rules and Regulations, a judicial review may be conducted by IEA with appropriate penalties assigned as necessary.

Suspensions or penalties levied by the US Center for SafeSport will be enforced without further proceedings.

IEA SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) recognizes the importance of the internet in shaping public thinking about our organization and our current and future events and potential services. We also recognize the importance of our members, families, coaches, trainers, sponsors, volunteers, employees, vendors, contributors and friends joining together to have communication about the IEA, its events, activities and subjects related to equestrian sport. The IEA is committed to supporting honest, transparent and knowledgeable dialogue on the internet through social media in a manner that is befitting the organization and promotes good sportsmanship.

The official IEA presence on Social Media

For the purposes of this policy, social media means any tool for online publication and commentary, including, but not limited to notices, results, blogs, wikis and other informational postings, the IEA, and members communicate from multiple social media sites. Included among these sites are: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Tumblr, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Snapchat, Flickr, TikTok, in addition to others.

The IEA encourages members, families, coaches, trainers, sponsors, volunteers, employees, vendors, contributors and friends to create communication among all groups through social media. However, neither grievances nor non-approved advertisements are permitted to be posted on any IEA site.

It is important to note: all IEA social media sites are monitored multiple times each day during the calendar year. Any information found on an IEA managed site that is considered to be inappropriate will be deleted. This includes, but is not limited to, information discovered through posting, commenting, sharing, tagging, @reply or the use of any IEA-specific hash-tag (#rideIEA, #IEADressage, #RideIEAWestern, #IEA, #InterscholasticEquestrianAssociation, #IEAFinals, etc.) The person who originates cyber bullying and/or an improper post will be subject to any of the penalties listed in Rule G9502 and may be blocked from all IEA social media sites. Offenses may also result in cancellation of the person's membership and participation in the IEA.

Additionally, as a reminder, the Interscholastic Equestrian Association AND IEA are registered trademarks and, as such, are protected from what could be libelous comments on any or all non-IEA social media sites.

Simple Guide to Postings:

Think of newscast, your mother and your boss

Don't post anything online - including demonstrative and colloquial language - that you wouldn't be comfortable seeing quoted on a newscast, being asked about by your mother or having to justify to your boss. Be certain photos are appropriate and of good quality resolution.

Be safe.

There are predators online just like in the real world. Don't publicly post anything you wouldn't tell a stranger on the street. Compliments and ideas belong in a public forum; your name, passwords, or contact and personal information do not.

Comment in correct tone:

The IEA, like any organization, strives to improve its operations so competitions remain among the best in equestrian sport. No matter the subject, every post should demonstrate proper intent and be written with good sportsmanship in mind. All comments should be crafted with appropriate tone and prose.

Please note: social media is not the forum for filing complaints or criticisms about IEA staff, rules, officials, or events.

Serious concerns and recommendations for rule or policy changes should be expressed through procedures outlined in Rule G9400 of the IEA Rulebook. The IEA management attempts to communicate through all methods in a transparent manner, and social media is no exception.

Confidentiality and Security:

Do not post confidential or proprietary information about the IEA or any individual or yourself on social media. Do not collect sensitive information—such as phone numbers, student ID numbers, social security numbers, payment information, etc.—via social media, as those are not secure channels.

Social Media Management:

The Director of Marketing and Communications and the Marketing Communications Coordinator, under the guidance of the executive director, are responsible for the security of passwords and upkeep of all social media accounts. As appropriate, other IEA staff and volunteers will be granted access to some platforms to post content.

Rule Infractions and Penalties To Be Applied by the IEA Membership Office

Applicable Rules	Typical Infraction	Standard Penalty
<u>G2304.1.9,</u> <u>G4102</u>	Ineligible rider competes in an IEA show	Rider: Loses any points earned plus that show; If Rider is used as a point rider Rule G8106.8 applies; Show Host: Fined \$100 for not using database plus all entries collected for those ineligible riders; Coach: Fined \$100 per entry form
<u>G3000</u>	Rider competes in class they are ineligible	Rider: Loses any points earned; the show does count toward the maximum number of shows per season cap
<u>G8106.8</u>	Team uses a point rider in class they are ineligible	Team: Loses point rider points plus 1 additional score (lowest score greater than 0) for each class in which an ineligible rider was used as a point rider
<u>G4209</u>	Show host doesn't submit Equisure show coverage application after warning. Membership office has coverage bound on the show hosts' behalf	Host: Fined \$100, plus cost of insurance
<u>G4215</u>	Show host doesn't use IEA database for show entries	Host: Fined \$100
<u>G4215,</u> <u>G6102</u>	Show host doesn't submit online show results in the required timeline	Host: Fined \$100
<u>G6102</u>	Show host doesn't send in show paperwork in required timeline	Host: Fined \$100
<u>G4305.4</u>	Show host runs a class split with fewer than 6 riders	Host: Fined \$100
<u>G4304.1,</u> <u>G4304.2</u>	Show host does not properly combine class with fewer than 3 riders	Host: Fined \$100
<u>G2603</u>	NSF/ returned checks / stop payment for a charge	\$25 fee (fine) + certified ck / \$ order + deactivated until replacement payment received
<u>G2603</u>	Unpaid indebtedness to IEA after timeline warning	Member is deactivated until payment received
<u>G1801</u>	Unauthorized use of name/logo/ distribution lists	Fine \$100
<u>G4208</u>	Event host submits show hosting application less than sixty (60) calendar days before the date of the proposed show.	Host: Fined \$100

Additional penalties may be applied per rule G9500 for other infractions not listed above or for repeat offenses. Any fines or penalties must be paid and/or met before members are allowed to continue competing.