



## ZONE 3 GUIDELINES AND REGION ASSIGNMENTS 2024-2025

### Region Information:

- Hunt Seat will be split into 10 regions with 7-13 teams originally assigned to each Region.
- Regular Season Start Date: August 1, 2024
- The final weekend for regular season shows will be January 19, 2025
- All regular season shows should be coordinated by the Region President and must be approved by Zone Administrator.
- Show hosts will attempt to diversify the judging by making their best effort to only use a judge only 1 time for each show in the region.

### Post Season Format

- There will be no more than 14 riders per individual class and no more than 14 teams at Zone Finals.
- Each region is guaranteed 1 spot in both individual and team competition.
- The remaining spots will be allotted based on rider population in each region as of December 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

### Post Season Dates

- Region Finals are to be scheduled by Regional Presidents by 9/15/2024. All Zone 3 Teams should ideally plan their show schedule to conclude horse showing twenty-one (21) business days before the date established for the IEA Region Finals
- All Region Finals will ideally commence on a date no later than fifteen (15) business days before the date established for the IEA Zone 3 Finals
- Zone 3 Finals, March 2025 Location TBD.
- IEA Nationals, April 24-27, 2025 at National Equestrian Center, St. Louis, MO

### Fundraising Information

- Each region will be responsible for fundraising & support of their own Regional Finals. All Regional Finals shows are expected to cover their own costs and break even financially - profits will be rolled into the Zone Finals budget. Approved fundraisers at regular or region shows may be basket raffles, program ads, VIP table sales, t-shirts, and cash donations. Regional Finals must be considered a community effort. All teams and individual riders who qualify to compete are expected to participate in the organization and/or running of the Regional Final in some way; including but not limited to providing a facility, schooling riders, show staff, volunteers, and horses.
- Zone Finals will sell ads for the show program, silent auction gift basket donations, and solicit sponsors as a fundraiser for the show. We will also seek prizes and/or cash donations to offset the cost of the show. Zone Finals must be considered a community effort. All teams and individual riders who qualify to compete are expected to participate in the organization or running of the Zone Final in some way, including but not limited to providing a facility, schooling riders, show staff, volunteers, and horses.
- Any additional fundraising ideas developed in each Region must be approved by the Zone Administrator prior to implementation.
- 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 (G8301 & G8401):
  1. Contribute appropriate horses to the event to cover the rides at each level for their qualified competitors (team and Individual). Suggested contribution equates to one (1) horse to cover approximately five (5) rides.
  2. Partner with another team that has excess horses to cover the rides for their qualified competitors. Terms to be negotiated between the two parties.
  3. Pay a lease fee that will go to the teams or outside sources willing to bring additional horses.

### Zone Finals:

- Each region is responsible for securing two (2) \$300 Class Sponsors or two (2) \$150 Horse Sponsorships for Zone Finals.