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Adult Pilot Program Addendum

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RULE 1000: GENERAL

- A. The Adult Pilot Program will be a subsidiary of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association.
- B. This addendum shall provide rules and guidelines to accompany the current IEA Rules and Regulations in relation to the Adult Equestrian Association Pilot Program. Any reference in this addendum relating to a Rule will be referring to the 2024-2025 IEA Rules and Regulations.
- C. Rules and Guidelines for the Adult Pilot Program shall be governed by the 2024-2025 IEA Rules and Regulations with the exception of the guidelines listed in this addendum.
- D. Rules Interpretation and Application – Refer to Rule G1700.

RULE 2000: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any person 21 years of age or older, and who is considered an amateur under the policies of their disciplines' governing body, may participate in the Adult Pilot Program. Hunt seat and dressage will follow the amateur rules of USEF; western will follow the amateur rules of AQHA.
- B. Participants must be an Adult Member of the IEA and be associated with a registered returning IEA team prior to participating in Adult Pilot Program competitions.
- C. Participants may not compete in any IEA / Adult Pilot Program show in which they are also the judge, steward, **medical personnel**, or manager of the show in which they intend to compete.

Rule 3000: DISCIPLINES, CLASSES AND TESTS: RIDER PLACEMENT AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. Participation in the 2024-2025 Adult Pilot Program will not affect rider placements in Adult Pilot Program classes in future seasons.
- B. Riders should enter a class based on their own discretion, as well as the discretion of their coach. A rider may move up or down in class levels within the 2024-2025 season, pending their experience supports their eligibility. **Note: No cross entry permitted within the same show for riders in Class 3.**

C. Hunt Seat Discipline: Classes

AH1. Class 1. Equitation Over Fences - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction over fences. This class will have two options to choose from for the height of the fences: 18" cross-rails or 2' verticals. Riders and coaches should choose the height of the fence based on the skills of the rider. The class will be judged together as one class at two fence heights over the same course/track unless it is split in accordance with Rule 4000.K in the Adult Pilot Program Addendum. Riders are expected to be proficient in Hunt Seat Rider Tests 1 through 10 (see Rule H3304). Riders may also participate in Class 2 - Equitation on the Flat Walk/Trot/Canter.

AH2. Class 2. Equitation on the Flat Walk/Trot/Canter – Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction and whose coach feels they are capable of cantering on an unfamiliar horse. Riders are expected to be proficient in Hunt Seat Rider Tests 1 through 7 (see Rule H3304). Riders in this class may also participate in Class 1 - Equitation Over Fences, if otherwise eligible.

AH3. Class 3. Equitation on the Flat Walk/Trot - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least six months of continuous professional instruction and whose coach feels they are capable of cantering on an unfamiliar horse but are not yet ready to compete at the canter. Riders are expected to be proficient in Hunt Seat Rider Tests 1 through 5 (see Rule H3304). Riders may not cross enter in Class 1 or 2 at the same show.

D. Western Discipline: Classes

AW1. Class 1. Ranch Riding – Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction performing ranch patterns. The pattern for this class must be chosen from the patterns offered in the IEA Western Addendum. Riders are expected to be proficient in Western Horsemanship Tests 1 through 10 (see Rule W3304). Riders in this class may also participate in Class 2 - Horsemanship Walk/Jog/Lope.

AW2. Class 2. Horsemanship Walk/Jog/Lope - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction and whose coach feels they are capable of loping on an unfamiliar horse. Riders are expected to be proficient in Western Horsemanship Tests 1 through 7 (see Rule W3304). Riders may also participate in Class 1 - Ranch Riding, if otherwise eligible.

AW3. Class 3. Horsemanship Walk/Jog - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least six months of continuous professional instruction and whose coach feels they are capable of loping on an unfamiliar horse but are not yet ready to compete at the lope. Riders may not cross enter in Class 1 or 2 at the same show. Riders are expected to be proficient in Western Horsemanship Tests 1 through 5 (see Rule W3304).

E. Dressage Discipline: Classes

AD1. Class 1. Dressage Test - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction performing dressage tests. This class shall have two test options to choose from: the IEA Intermediate Dressage Test or the IEA Novice Dressage Test. Coaches shall choose the test based on the skills of the rider. Regardless of test level performed, the tests will be ranked together based on highest test score(s), unless the class is split in accordance with Rule 4000.J in the Adult Pilot Program Addendum. Riders are expected to be proficient in Dressage Rider Tests for DSE classes 1 through 7 (see Rule D3304). Riders may also participate in Class 2 - Dressage Seat Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter.

AD2. Class 2. Dressage Seat Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least one year of continuous professional instruction and whose coach feels they are capable of cantering on an unfamiliar horse. Riders are expected to be proficient in Dressage Rider Tests for DSE classes 1 through 7 (see Rule D3304). Riders may also participate in Class 1 - Dressage Test, if otherwise eligible.

AD3. Class 3. Dressage Seat Equitation Walk/Trot - Open to all eligible adult members who have had at least six months of continuous professional instruction and whose coach feels they are capable of cantering on an unfamiliar horse but are not yet ready to compete at the canter. Riders are expected to be proficient in Dressage Rider Tests for DSE classes 1 through 5 (see Rule D3304). Riders may not cross enter in Class 1 or 2 at the same show.

RULE 4000: COMPETITIONS

- A. Adult Pilot Program classes can be offered as additional classes at any regular season IEA competition.
- B. Adult Pilot Program classes may be held as a stand-alone, or partial-day, competition as long as all guidelines set for a regular season IEA competition are followed. This includes submitting a show application and insurance to the IEA Membership Office and obtaining qualified officials. See Rules G4000 and G5000 for complete details.
- C. No additional insurance is required if Adult Pilot–Program classes are being held during an IEA regular season competition. If Adult Pilot Program classes will be held on a separate day, a one day show policy must be submitted to the Membership Office.
- D. Show hosts must be following the hosting obligations of Rule G4105 for youth members, in addition to offering the Adult Pilot Program classes at their regular season competition.
- E. Spurs are not permitted in Walk/Trot for the hunt seat and dressage disciplines.
- F. Adult Pilot Program participants are limited to the same number of shows as youth members in their respective disciplines. (Hunt Seat & Dressage: 5 / Western: 6.) Refer to rule G4110.
- G. Adult classes must meet minimum class requirements as outlined in G4304 in order to count for points. If there are fewer than 3 riders in a class, the class can still be run for show awards, but it will not count for points and will not count against the riders' maximum number of shows.
- H. Adult Pilot Program riders are eligible to school horses on the same day as the Adult Pilot Program classes in which they intend to compete as long as the horses they are school are at or below the Adult member's equivalent ability level based on outside (non-IEA / Adult Pilot Program experience), and/or based on Adult Pilot Program class descriptions and intended horse usage.
- I. Split Classes
1. In regular season shows class splits must follow rules G4305.1 & G4305.2
 2. Hunt Seat Class 1 - Equitation over Fences - shall have two options to choose from for the height of the fences: 18" cross-rails and 2 verticals. Participants in this class will be scored together for ribbons, regardless of height chosen.
 3. Western Class 1 - Ranch Riding - EHC shall choose one pattern from the current IEA Western Addendum to be used in the class. Pattern may be Walk/Jog or Walk/Jog/Lope.
 4. Dressage Class 1 - Dressage Test - shall have two test options to choose from: the IEA Intermediate Dressage Test and the IEA Novice Dressage Test. Participants in this class will be scored together for ribbons, regardless of test chosen

RULE 5000: PRIZE LIST, ENTRY BLANK, ENTRY FEES AND PROGRAM

- A. Adult Pilot Program classes must be included in the time schedule for any regular competition that intends to offer the classes.
- B. The Adult Pilot Program Entry Form must be included in the prize list if classes will be offered by the show host.
- C. Adult Pilot Program classes will be considered in the total ride count allowed for the show host and for horse usage. Show hosts must be following Rule G4105 prior to offering Adult Pilot Program options. Show hosts should prioritize IEA youth competitors over Adult Pilot Program if entries will need to be limited due to scheduling or horse availability.
- D. Entry fees for regular and post season should coincide with the shows offering them according to G5403.
- E. \$6.00 from each Adult Pilot Program rider's entry fee for each class will be collected by the show host and paid to IEA within fourteen (14) days of the competition.

RULE 8000: POINTS SCORING AND POST SEASON QUALIFICATION

- A. Participants in Adult Pilot Program classes will accrue points each season. See Rule G8101.
- B. Results for Adult Pilot Program classes will be posted on the IEA website.
- C. The rider with the highest total points from each class within each active Hunt Seat and Dressage Zone, and each active Western Region, will be invited to show at their respective 2025 National Finals. Unused slots allocated to inactive Zones or Regions will not be reallocated. Riders will be ranked based on the following criteria:
 1. Total Points earned in the 2024-2025 season. Each class will be calculated and invited individually based on a deadline date that is 60 days prior to the related discipline's national finals.
 2. Ties will be decided using all regular season placings in the designated class and ranking them again by the total number of first (1st) place finishes, then by total number of second (2nd) place finishes, then by total of third (3rd) place finishes, then by total number of fourth (4th) place finishes, then total number of fifth (5th) place finishes, and then total number of sixth (6th) place finishes.
 3. If a tie still exists then riders will be invited to ride off at their respective Zone finals for Hunt Seat and Dressage, or Regional Finals for Western.