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ZONE 2 GUIDELINES AND REGION ASSIGNMENTS 2026 - 2027

REGION ASSIGNMENTS (HUNT SEAT):

- Hunt Seat Zone 2 will split into 9 regions with 6-13 middle school and upper school teams originally assigned.
- Team memberships will not be processed without prior Zone 2 Administrator approval of show hosting/co-hosting fulfillments for the season.
- In an effort to provide viable show hosting and competition for the region community, all returning teams are requested to complete their membership applications by August 1, 2026.
 - Each show host will be approved for one (1) show date through August 1st 2026 or until all show hosts have submitted their dates, whichever comes first.
 - After this period, a show host may have 2nd and 3rd dates approved. This is to promote fairness for all teams to be able to reasonably fulfill their show hosting obligations.
- Co-Hosts must be included in show date submissions for team applications to be processed in the membership office.
 - Teams wishing to co-host must timely email the Zone 2 Administrator for approval with show dates listed and show hosts copied.
 - Co-hosts will be required to adhere to the same timeline requirement as hosting teams by committing to their dates no later than 60 days before the show per Rule 2302.4.
 - For even distribution of support, one (1) co-host per show is preferred. Two (2) co-hosts maximum will be allowed only if each host has already been fairly offered the support of a cohost.
- There will be three (3) regular season shows maximum per facility or show host to ensure fairness. A fourth show date may only be approved after a written request outlining demonstrated need in the region sent to the zone administrator via email from the show host.
- In an effort to ensure that all Z2 show hosts garner the attendance needed to run their show, no double weekend shows in a region will be approved UNLESS it is the same show host for both days or special approval is granted by the zone administrator.

SHOW HOSTING

Teams must meet the hosting / co-hosting obligations as required in rule section G2303 and defined in rule section G4200.

POSTSEASON FORMAT:

- There will be no more than 12 riders per individual class and no more than 12 teams at Zone Finals.
- Each region is guaranteed 1 spot in both individual classes and the team competition.
- The remaining spots will be allotted based on rider population in each region as of December 1st each year.

POSTSEASON:

- All entries and payment for Zone Finals must be submitted online or to the team's Region Chair by the conclusion of their respective regional finals.
- All entries and payment for National Finals must be submitted online or to the Zone Finals Secretary by the conclusion of Zone 2 Finals.
- The dates for Hunt Seat Regional Finals in Zone 2 may range from January 16, 2027. thru February 21, 2027. February 28, 2027 will be the last possible snow date.

POST SEASON COMMUNITY EFFORT & ZONE FUNDRAISING PROPOSAL:

REGIONAL FINALS

- Each region will be responsible for fundraising & support of their own regional finals. All Regional Finals shows are expected to cover their own costs and break even financially – any profits will be rolled into the Zone Finals budget. Approved fundraisers at regular or region shows may be basket raffles, VIP table sales, t-shirts, and donations.
- Region Presidents are responsible for submitting their Regional Finals budgets, post season officials and fundraising proposals by December 1, 2026.
- Region Presidents are responsible for collecting and submitting fully executed Independent Contractor Agreements and W9s for all independent contractors and vendors for their competition by December 15, 2026.
- Region Final Dates: Posted on the IEA Website by 10/1/26.
- Make up dates for post season shows will be listed on the Show Calendar
- *G8301 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. 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 teams or outside sources willing to bring additional horses.

ZONE FINALS

- Qualifying teams will contribute a basket for the raffle with a minimum value of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- Merchandise Fundraiser– Each region will be given a set amount of Zone 2 items (ex. Scarf, cap, winter hat) to sell throughout the season. The profits will go towards Zone 2 Finals.
- All teams and regions will be assigned tasks to assist and participate in the running of the Zone 2 Finals weekend.
- Each region is responsible for securing two (2) Prize Sponsors or one (1) Ribbon Sponsor.
- All earned money goes into the Zone account for annual expenses, scholarships, emergency funds and the following season's post season.
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Zone finals Date: March 19-21, 2027 (tentative)

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TEAM REGION ASSIGNMENTS

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