

IEA 411

What is the IEA?

IEA is the Interscholastic Equestrian Association. Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12) riders attend shows at host barns. There is no need to lease or own a horse. Horses are assigned by random draw. Riders then compete over fences and/or walk-trot-canter with little or no practice. Participants compete as individuals and as part of the team to qualify for the post season – Regionals, then Zones then Nationals.

How do riders/teams qualify for the post season?

Each ribbon earned is assigned a point value.

1st = 7 pts 2nd = 5 pts. 3rd = 4 pts. 4th = 3 pts. 5th = 2 pts. 6th = 1 pt.

Riders need to earn 15 points, teams 20 points to advance to Regionals. From there the top 2 riders and teams go on to Zones. From Zones, the top 3-4 riders/teams go to Nationals. The minimum number of shows a rider can go to in order to qualify is 3, assuming they place well. IEA limits the maximum number of shows to 5.

What level do I ride at?

IEA riders typically show at 1 or 2 levels below what they regularly do at home. Attached is the class description list. If you have never shown in rated hunter/jumper shows or IEA shows, you will probably start off in Beginner WTC. This gives riders the best chance to advance to the post season.

When/where are shows?

The regular season runs from Sept. 1 – Feb. 7. We tend to stay in this area, 1 hr. away maximum. The IEA website updates the show schedule as shows are approved. Below is a partial list of shows that we might attend:

Sun. Oct 4 – Fox Crossing, Morris, CT

Sun. Nov. 8 – Folly, Simsbury, CT

Sat. Nov. 14 – HOME SHOW – ATTENDANCE MANDATORY

Sun. Dec. 6 - HOME SHOW – ATTENDANCE MANDATORY

Sun. Jan. 11 – Folly, Simsbury, CT

Sun. Jan. 17 – Terry Allen Farm, Terryville, CT

REGIONALS – SAT. FEB 27 – LOCATION TBA

ZONES – FRI. AND SAT. MARCH 25-26. (This is Good Friday. I'm not sure when Passover falls this year.) at MT. HOLYOKE COLLEGE

NATIONALS – APRIL 21-24 – KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

Other shows will be added to the schedule as we find out about them. We will not go to all of these shows. We will go to shows that we can field a full team for – at least 1 rider per class- to increase our chances of team qualifying for Regionals.

What is required? Fees?

Full show attire – bridle/jods, boots, black helmet, gloves, short show crop – is a must. All riders are required members of IEA. See details below. Riders must take regular weekly lessons plus one extra “IEA Team” lesson per month. We offer multiple IEA lessons at different times. Sign up will be in the office. Entries are typically are \$40 for regular shows. Training fee for shows are \$75. These fees are collected a few weeks before the show.

This is a team sport and as such, participants are expected to support their teammates. Riders are required to stay at the shows all day until the last rider is finished. Parents are not required to stay. Team members are also required to help ALL DAY FOR EACH OF OUR 2 HOME SHOWS regardless

if you show in 1, 2 or 5 IEA shows. In fairness to all, we cannot make exceptions. If you cannot commit to the home shows, then the team may not be for you.

In the past, IEA has asked each team and individual to do some sort of fundraising. It has been having Regional qualifiers (individual and teams) sell ads for the Regional program or sponsor a class. IEA is trying to get away from that but I don't think they are there yet. We have done bake sales at our home shows to cover the team requirements. Individuals need to have in the back of their mind that they *may* have to do something come Regional time. Normally they ask for the equivalent of a business card sized ad - \$25- per class.

How do I register with IEA?

Go to the IEA web site – rideiea.org. Click on “membership” then “Rider” NOT “team.” It is pretty straightforward to fill out. The team name is Avon Valley Show Stables. If Becca hasn't told you which class numbers to sign up for, leave that area blank. We can fill it out later. Pay, print, have parent and rider sign. Then bring to the barn for Becca to sign and mail out. You could fax it to 860-674-1150

SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT TAKES THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE A LONG TIME TO PROCESS FORMS. ALL FORMS NEED TO BE PROCESSED AT LEAST 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE FIRST SHOW WE WANT TO ATTEND.

Description of IEA classes – taken right from the rule book. Varsity or Junior Varsity (JV) denotes High (Upper) School. Future denotes Middle School.

Hunt Seat Over Fences Classes

CLASS 1. Varsity Open Equitation o/f 2'6": Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 3'-3'6" on their usual mounts at home. Riders may have shown in any horse show, recognized or unrecognized, at 3'3" or above. Coaches should be confident these riders could safely perform over a 2'6" Hunter or equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Varsity Open Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Varsity Open Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Varsity Open Flat classes during the regular season.

CLASS 2. Varsity Intermediate Equitation o/f 2': Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 2'6"-3' on their usual mounts at home. Intermediate Riders may have shown in any horse show, recognized or unrecognized, at 3' or below. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 3' (hunter, jumper, equitation, cross-country) must be placed in Varsity Open O/F. Coaches should be confident these riders would be able to safely perform over 2' Hunter or equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Varsity Intermediate Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Varsity Intermediate or Varsity Open Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Varsity Intermediate or Varsity Open Flat classes during the regular season.

CLASS 3. Junior Varsity Novice Equitation o/f x-rails: Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 2'-2'6" on their usual mounts at home. Junior Varsity Novice Riders may have shown in any horse show, recognized or unrecognized, at 2'6" or below. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 2'6" (hunter, jumper, equitation, cross-country) must be placed in the next higher appropriate level. Riders should have a minimum of one-year of professional instruction over fences. Coaches should be confident these riders would be able to safely perform over a x-rails Hunter or equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Junior Varsity Novice Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Junior Varsity Novice or Varsity Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Junior Varsity Novice or Varsity Intermediate Flat

classes during the regular season.

CLASS 4. Future Intermediate Equitation o/f 2': Restricted to middle school riders Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Class 1 or 2. Riders participating in Future Intermediate Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Future Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

CLASS 5. Future Novice o/f x-rails: Restricted to middle school riders Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Class 3. Riders participating in Future Novice Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Novice or Future Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Future Novice or Future Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season. 3302 Hunt Seat Flat Classes Riders without jumping experience should be assessed according to their ability to perform flatwork tests, as listed in Rule 3305.

Flat classes:

CLASS 6. Varsity Open Equitation on the flat: Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 through 13.

CLASS 7. Varsity Intermediate Equitation on the flat: Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 through 9.

CLASS 8. Junior Varsity Novice Equitation on the flat: Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 through 8.

CLASS 9. Junior Varsity Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot/Canter: Open to riders in grades 9-12 who are not eligible for Novice level jumping classes, but should be experienced enough to canter on an unfamiliar animal in a group. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 through 7. A Beginner rider may not have shown over fences larger than 2' in any horse show. To be eligible for Class 9, a rider must have had at least one year continuous professional instruction, must demonstrate proficiency at the trot and canter, and be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses. A Walk/Trot class is an optional offering and is open only to those riders competing in the Walk/Trot/Canter class. Entry fees will be collected but no individual or team points will be awarded. The intent is not to accommodate lower level riders. Competitors in W/T must meet eligibility requirements of Hunt Seat Class 9 and must compete in the W/T/C class.

CLASS 9. Walk/Trot/Canter CLASS 9x. Walk/Trot

CLASS 10. Future Intermediate Equitation on the flat: Restricted to riders in grades 6-8 who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 through 9.

CLASS 11. Future Novice Equitation on the flat – Restricted to middle school riders Open to riders in grades 6-8 who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 through 8.

CLASS 12. Future Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot/Canter – Restricted to middle school riders Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the eligibility requirements of Class 9.

CLASS 12. Walk/Trot/Canter

CLASS 12x. Walk/Trot (optional offering and does not count for points) Open only to those riders who are riding in Class 12 - W/T/C