



2023-2024
INFORMATIONAL PACKET

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MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

Team Participation

- The Equestrian Club/Team is almost entirely student-operated, so each member plays an important role to keep it running smoothly.
- All members must sign and adhere to the team member contract.
- Failure to uphold the attendance policy and member contract will result in not being able to compete.
- All disciplines and levels of riding experience are welcome! The only requirement for membership is that you be enrolled as an OU student.
 - Monthly Barn Contributions:
 - All members of the Equestrian Club/Team are required to contribute by working around the barn during a set day once a month. Monthly barn contributions help members foster a deeper connection to the team and the horses while developing rider's horsemanship and horse care skills.
 - Members can expect duties such as -- but not limited to -- feeding horses, watering horses, cleaning stalls, washing buckets, cleaning tack, sweeping, organizing around the barn, painting, etc.
 - Monthly barn contribution days are subject to end once all planned tasks are completed.
 - Failure to complete the required monthly barn contributions may result in fines or, in serious cases, probation/removal from the team.

Academic Standing

- In order to be eligible for competitions, team members should maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and be a full-time student (12 hours/semester).
- An exception to the full-time rule can be made per IHSA rules if a member is a senior in their last semester and needs less than 12 hours to graduate.

General Attendance Policy

- All members are required to attend team meetings, clinics, and other team-related functions.
- Members are permitted to have a total of 3 excused absences and 1 unexcused absence. Exceeding the excused absence limit or unexcused absence limit will result in not being able to compete at the next show on the calendar. If a member loses the opportunity to compete and has another absence offense, the member will not be able to ride.
- **Team Lessons:** For team practice/lessons, you must give notice of your absence to coach Sam and the secretary at least 24 hours beforehand. Failure to attend the minimum lesson requirement will result in not being able to compete at the next show on the calendar. If failed to make up missed lessons a refund will not be given. If a member loses the opportunity to compete and has another absence offense, the member will not be able to ride.
- **Team Meetings:** Team meetings will occur the first Sunday of every month. If you have a prior conflict with a team meeting, please inform the secretary at least 24 hours in advance. You will not be penalized if you have a valid reason to be absent; such as work or an emergency.
- **Team Events/Clinics:** If you have a prior conflict with a team event, please inform the secretary at least one week in

advance. You will not be penalized if you have a valid reason to be absent; such as work or an emergency.

➤ **Team Practice/Lessons**

- Non-competing team members are required to attend at least one lesson per week.
- Competing team members are required to attend at least two lessons per week.
- The practice schedule will be formed at the beginning of the semester once the team roster is finalized. Members will be able to choose which days/times work best for them.
- If a team member would like to change or add practice times, they must notify coach Sam so that she may alter the practice schedule.
- Members should arrive to lessons 30-45 minutes early in order to groom/tack up their assigned horse.

Barn Etiquette

- New riders must sign a release form prior to try-outs.
- Team members are required to wear appropriate riding attire for team practice/lessons, as outlined later in the packet.
- Along with grooming your horse before each ride, members are expected to make sure their horse is properly cleaned, cooled, and turned out after each ride as well.
- After each ride, members are expected to clean out their horse's stall and/or any mess they might have made in the barn aisle.
- After each ride, all tack/grooming supplies should be put away in its proper place. Tack and bits should be cleaned before putting them away.

Fundraisers

1. Each semester, the team will have various fundraisers in order to help finance everything we do. Thus, team members will be required to participate in fundraisers each semester.
2. The fundraising requirement for each member is \$150 per semester which is \$300 for the whole year.
3. Team members will have the opportunity to “buy out” of fundraisers if they choose not to participate. Members can choose to “buy out” the \$150 fundraising requirement at the beginning of each semester before any fundraising events occur. Failure to participate in fundraising events or “buy out” before the fundraising events occur will result in the member not being able to compete at the upcoming show on the calendar. Non-competing members risk losing the opportunity to ride until they fulfill the fundraising requirement.
4. The goal of the officers is to provide more benefits for members such as better merchandise, tack, clinics, new horse opportunities, and lower the overall cost of membership in the future for all members. The more money we raise, the likelier it is that we can make this a reality.

IHSA INFORMATION

General Information

- OUET competes within the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. At IHSA shows, team members compete in hunt-seat equitation classes on the flat and over fences.
- Similar to IEA, IHSA shows involve “catch riding.” Before each class, each team member will draw from a hat to determine which horse they ride. Riders are not allowed to warm-up themselves, though they are able to watch their horse school and learn important information about the horse before their class.
- Team members earn points according to how they place in a class. Thus, you are riding for individual points and possibly for team points.
- OU resides within Zone 7, Region 2 of IHSA. The region currently consists of OU, West Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, University of North Texas, Tarleton State University, Southern Nazarene University, Oklahoma Panhandle University, New Mexico State University and North Central Texas College.

Division Placement

- New members are required to fill out the IHSA placement form prior to competing. This form will determine what division you will compete in according to your show record and/or riding experience. Division placement is also determined by coach Sam and may be different from the placement form.
- Although each division consists of different riding levels, placings count for the same amount of points regardless of division. Thus, team members in the intro classes are just as important as the most advanced riders on the team.
- Team members can move up to higher divisions by “pointing out” of their current placement. This happens when a rider hits a total of 36 accumulated points in a class. Points carry over each year, unless you are in the open division, in which case your points reset at the beginning of each season.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Barn Safety

- All team members are required to have their own certified helmet and riding boots to use when riding.
- If you have a saddle of your own, you are highly encouraged to bring it and use it only if approved by Samantha Powell. If space permits, you are free to leave it in the tack room and specify that it is for your use only.
- Riding gloves are not required, though they are highly encouraged.
- As always, please clean your saddle, bridle, and bit after each ride.
- Riders may never show up to the barn physically or mentally impaired from alcohol or drugs. Coach Sam is able to drug test members upon arrival to the barn if she feels necessary.

TREASURY/FINANCE INFORMATION

Membership Fees

- 1st Year Membership dues: \$375/Semester
- 2nd-4th Year Membership Dues: \$250/Semester
- Lesson Fees: \$55/Lesson
 - Lesson fees are non refundable. In the event that you are unable to make it to a lesson, you have the ability to make up the lesson within one month. If you do not schedule a makeup lesson within one month from the absence, you will not be given a refund.
- IHSA Membership: \$45
- IHSA Show Fees: \$40/Class
- IHSA Show Coaching Fees: \$55
 - Coaching fees are paid per day per show by each rider to coach Samantha Powell.

Tryout Fees

- \$25
 - Paid to coach Samantha Powell.

Methods of Payment

- Lesson Dues:
 - Venmo: Samantha-Powell-48
 - PayPal: @paradigmfarm
 - Cash or Check

Semester Dues & Show Fees

- Venmo: @Oklahoma-Equestrian

Lessons:

- To compete with the team, members will be required to take lessons twice weekly at \$55 a lesson with coach Samantha Powell.
- Members who are not interested in showing are required to take lessons once a week at \$55 a lesson to be on the team.

Important Information

- Membership dues include hotel for the four regular shows and merchandise costs. If a rider qualifies for zones or nationals they must pay out of pocket in order to attend the competitions.
- The IHSA membership fee is a yearly fee that must be paid to compete.
- Depending on availability and evaluated experience, members have the option to work off their lesson dues by taking on a working student position at the barn.
- For the 2023-2024 season, team members may work out a payment plan for semesterly dues with officers.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Practice/Lessons

- Required:
 - Riding breeches
 - English riding boots (half-chaps/ tall boots are only required for competitions)
 - Certified, properly-fitted riding helmet (must be black for competitions)
- Optional:
 - Personal saddle
 - Riding gloves
- If you don't currently have any of these items, you must have them by the end of September. If your current finances prevent you from acquiring any of these items, please speak with the officer team because we have a collection of donated items that you may borrow.
- You may wear leggings with close-toed, heeled shoes (preferably boots) until these items are acquired.

Horse Shows

- Required (must have before first show):
 - Tan jodhpurs
 - Black tall boots
 - Pre-approved hunt-seat show jacket
 - White collared show shirt
 - Black helmet
 - Hairnet
 - Black riding gloves
 - Black belt

TEAM APPAREL

Apparel Package

- Upon joining the team, all members will receive OU Equestrian gear in the form of an apparel package!
- The cost of the apparel package is included in the 1st year membership dues.
- Team members should be conscious of their personal conduct when they are wearing team gear, as you are representing both the team and the university. Always act as though you are an ambassador for the team!
- Outside of the apparel package, the team will provide various other optional items for team members to purchase throughout the year.
- **The apparel package is subject to change depending on costs and the team budget.**
- Apparel Package Contents:
 - OUET Jacket
 - OUET Dri-Fit
 - OUET Hat
 - OUET Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 - OUET Decals
 - Team-owned garment bags will be rented out to each competing member and must be returned at the end of their duration on the team.
 - 2nd year returning members will receive a team backpack, 3rd year returning members will receive a saddle pad, and 4th year returning members will receive a custom belt buckle.

MEETINGS/IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 2023

- August 26th & 27th: Try-outs
 - Please bring your filled out Paradigm Farm liability release form and your IHSA placement form with you to try-outs! Please pay the tryout fee of \$25 to Samantha Powell.
- Officer elections: October
- Show Schedule *subject to change*:

October 20th-22nd	West Texas A&M University	WTAMU Horse Center Canyon, TX
November 3rd-5th	Tarleton State University	TSU Rodeo Arena Stephenville, TX
February 9th-11th	University of Oklahoma	TBD
March 1st-3rd	West Texas A&M University 2nd day REGIONALS	WTAMU Horse Center Canyon, TX

- Show fees will always be due the meeting before each show.
- Semester dues will always be due before the first show of the semester.
- Lesson fees will be due on the same day each month as determined by the coach.
- The officers will provide a semester and monthly calendar so that you are given ample awareness of each event. Dates are subject to change.

MEMBER CONTRACT

I, _____, have received and read the 2023-2024 Member Packet and OUET Constitution hereby understand and agree to the terms stated. I will adhere to the attendance and work ("Contribution hours") policy and comply with the consequences that follow if I break the stated rules. I understand that I will be financially responsible for the membership dues as well as the horse show entry fees, lesson fees, OUET apparel, and any other gear ordered. No refunds will be given.

Signature:

Member Signature

Date: _____

PARADIGM FARM AND/OR SAMANTHA POWELL

HORSE USE/LESSON AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY. PARADIGM FARM AND/OR SAMANTHA POWELL DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

Warning: Under Oklahoma law, an equine activity sponsor or professional shall not be liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities pursuant to 76 Okl. St. Ann. § 50.1 - 50.4 .

- A. **REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE.** By signing this agreement, I and the parent or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby agree to hire or borrow from Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell or Samantha Powell a horse, tack and equipment or to use Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell's and/or Samantha Powell's facility and/or take instruction for the purpose of horseback riding today and on all future dates.

RIDER NAME _____	Date of Birth (if under 21) _____
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Does this rider have ability to safely ride ☒ physical and/or mental health conditions, problems, and/or disabilities which may affect his/her a horse? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, describe here:

WRITE INITIALS BELOW AFTER READING EACH SECTION. RIDER AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST INITIAL.

- _____ B. **AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS.** This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered rider, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of Oklahoma. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term "horse" herein refers to all equine species. The term "horseback riding" herein refers to riding or otherwise handling of horses or ponies, whether from the ground or mounted. The term "rider" herein refers to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms "I", "me", "my" shall herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.
- _____ C. **ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION.** I understand that horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions.
- _____ D. **NATURE OF STABLE HORSES.** I understand that Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell chooses its lesson horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use as riding horses for beginning riders. Yet, no horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of up to six feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include but are not limited to: stopping suddenly; changing directions or speed at will; shifting its weight; bucking, rearing, kicking, biting, running from danger.
- _____ E. **RIDER RESPONSIBILITY.** I understand that upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety, and that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant.

- _____ F. **CONDITIONS OF NATURE.** I understand that Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell is NOT responsible for acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. Some examples are: thunder, lightning, rain, wind, water, wild and domestic animals, insects or reptiles which may walk, run or fly near or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature and natural and man-made changes in landscape.
- _____ G. **CARRY-ON OBJECTS AND SHARP NOISES.** I understand that riders must not carry items which may fall, blow away, flap in the wind, bounce, or make sharp noises, possibly scaring a horse, and also must not carry sharp or pointed objects in their pockets which could cause injury in a fall. Riders must not make sharp loud noises, such as screaming or yelling, which may scare a horse.
- _____ H. **ACCIDENT/MEDICAL INSURANCE.** I agree that should emergency medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for ALL such incurred expenses. My insurance company is _____ and my policy number is _____. I hereby authorize Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell to provide emergency medical care authorization or transportation for me or for my child.
- _____ I. **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.** I understand that Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell requires the use of a helmet for all students when riding at all times, and provides Equestrian Helmets for use by students who do not own a helmet. Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell's helmets may not be a perfect fit for each rider's head. While these helmets may reasonably be expected to prevent or reduce the severity of some of the wearer's head injuries in the event of a blow to the head, use of these helmets does not eliminate the possibility of head injury.
- _____ K. **LIABILITY RELEASE.** I agree that in consideration of Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell allowing my participation in this activity under the terms set forth herein, I the rider, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release and discharge Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell, its owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises and trails, affiliated organizations insurers, and others acting on its behalf (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "ASSOCIATES") of and from all claims demands, causes of action and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell's and/or its associates ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell's gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell and its associates as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage sustained by me and/or my minor child and/or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell, whether on or off the premises of Paradigm Farm and/or Samantha Powell.

All Riders and Parents or Legal Guardians must sign below after reading this entire document. Each parent must sign.

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I/We, the undersigned, have read and do understand the foregoing agreement, warnings, release and assumption of risk. I/we further attest that all facts relating to the applicant's physical condition, experience, and age are true and accurate.

SIGNATURE OF RIDER

Date

_____ for _____
SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN AND/OR SPOUSE #1 NAME OF RIDER (please print) DATE

_____ for _____

PRINT NAME(S) OF PARENT(S) AND/OR GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN AND/OR SPOUSE #2 NAME OF RIDER (please print) DATE

Address in full: _____

Home Phone: _____
Bus. Phone: _____
Pager: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Other Phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____
Name Relationship Phone #

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2020-2021 IHSA INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHEET

This form is NOT your official individual IHSA Membership Form, it is for placement purposes only. After you've filled in this worksheet, you must go to www.ihsainc.com and do the online Individual Membership Placement Form

College: _____	Expected Graduation Month/Year: _____
Rider Name: _____	Student ID Number: _____
Rider's Mailing Address at College: _____ (Street Address, Apt. #) _____ (City, State and Zip Code) Cell or other phone _____ (Area Code and Number)	Rider's Permanent Home Address: _____ (Street Address, Apt. #) _____ (City, State and Zip Code) Phone _____ (Area Code and Number)
E-Mail Address: _____	

IF YOU HAVE COMPETED IN "recognized shows" – for IHSA purposes that is USEF/USHJA, USEF/USDF and USEF/USEA for hunter seat; AQHA, APHA, NRCHA, NSBA, ARHA (excluding Novice/Level 1/Green classes and below), and NRHA(excluding NRHA Green Reiner Classes) for WESTERN. -- you must submit a printed copy of your competition/points record along with this form. See Rule 8101.A and 9101.A for details.

Student must summarize weeks and/or years of experience in each discipline and category:

	Riding	Lessons	Showing	USEF Showing	4H Showing	International Competition	AQHA Showing	Breed Showing	NRHA Showing	APHA Showing	USDF Showing	USEA Events
Hunter Seat Flat												
Hunter Seat Over Fences												
Western												
Jumpers												
Dressage												
Eventing												
Other (explain)												

Coach's assignment of IHSA Divisions:

(You MUST assign a division for BOTH disciplines, even if the student has no intention on competing in the other division)

NOTE: If either the coach or student believes that the form places the rider into a class unfairly, and that this rider should be placed into a division other than the one indicated by this form, please explain your circumstances in the appropriate place on the back page and suggest an appropriate level.

Hunter Seat Flat _____ Hunter Seat Fences _____ Western _____

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____

Rule I, 1308: The falsification of the membership or eligibility forms may be cause for immediate expulsion of the individual, coach, or college from the IHSA, or any other penalty assigned by the Regional Standards and Ethics Committee.

Please refer to the IHSA Rule Book for full descriptions of class requirements. This form indicates suggested placement, but the IHSA Rules always takes precedence in matters of placement.

NOTE: Because of the YES/NO format of this form, the questions in each section are NOT INTENDED to always match the class description of that same section. Rather, a "YES" answer in a section in many cases is affirmation of your being OVER-qualified for the class description of the next lower class.

The **FIRST** division in which you answer "yes" will indicate initial rider placement

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED FOR BOTH HUNTER SEAT AND WESTERN DIVISIONS, EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY COMPETING IN ONE DIVISION. Please refer to Rule VIII, 8100-8202 and Rule IX 9100-9202 of IHSA Rules for exact class qualifications. Note that there is no crossover rule – flat, fences, western are placed by this form independently of each other based on the rulebook. Limit fences riders must be originally placed at least in Limit flat level.

Notes: (from IHSA Rule Book Rule 8101 and 9101)

- Recognized competitions for Hunter Seat riders include any competition that is sanctioned by BOTH United States Equestrian Federation(USEF) and United States Hunter Jumper Association(USHJA); or by both USEF and the United States Eventing Association(USEA); or by both USEF and the United States Dressage Federation(USDF). Recognized competitions for Western riders include any competition that is sanctioned by the American Quarter Horse Association(AQHA); National Reining Horse Association(NRHA); American Paint Horse Association(APHA); National Reigned Cow Horse Association (NRCHA); National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA); American Ranch Horse Association (ARHA) only in classes in which National point records are kept, and excluding AQHA, APHA, NSBA, ARHA Novice/Level 1/Green classes and below AND NRHA Green Reiner classes.
- RE: "instruction": any number of mounted lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week of instruction.
- References to "hunter seat equitation classes" are any classes that are judged on hunter seat equitation specifically – NOT hunters or jumpers.
- For any association jumping class that is run within a height range, the maximum allowable height will be recognized for IHSA placement purposes
- References to "international competitions" are for riders who are entering the IHSA with only international experience will need to follow the corresponding fence heights and ribbons won from competitions that are recognized/sanctioned by that country's governing body.
- References to "academic year" for IHSA purposes means any two consecutive semesters.
- Open Flat and Fences Hunter Seat riders may not be placed lower than Level I Western Horsemanship.
- All class descriptions refer to the guidelines specified in Rule VIII 8100-8202 and Rule IX 9100-9202.
- Rule 1202B: Membership fees for both Hunter Seat and Combined memberships includes the fee to be an USHJA Collegiate member, a separate membership is not required.

Class 8 – Open Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Open riders over fences are those who have won more than 6 classes over fences 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions or placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals.

Have you won more than six blue ribbons in classes over fences 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions (refer to the above description of "recognized" competitions)?	YES	NO
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Have you placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals?	YES	NO
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Have you competed in an NCEA Competition?	YES	NO
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Class 7 – Open Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Open riders on the flat are those who have won more than 10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than 10 hunter seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions?	YES	NO
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Have you placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals?	YES	NO
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Have you competed in an NCEA Competition?	YES	NO
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Class 17 – Reining

Reining riders must be classified as Open Horsemanship riders and have had 6 months of professional reining instruction within the past year.

Are you eligible for Class 16 Open Horsemanship?	YES	NO
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Have you had at least 6 months professional reining instruction within the past year?	YES	NO
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Class 16 - Open Western Horsemanship

Open Riders for class 16 are those who have placed in the top 5 of an AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NSBA World/Congress Championship, Derby or NRHA affiliate finals in a scored Western pattern class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes. Open riders are those who have competed on an NCEA (National Collegiate Equestrian Association) team.

Have you ever finished in the Top Five in an AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NSBA World/Congress Championship, Derby, or NRHA Affiliate finals in a scored Western pattern class, excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, or novice/LI/green classes?

YES NO

Have you competed in an NCEA Competition?

YES NO

Class 6 – Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Intermediate riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences at 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than a total of 6 blue ribbons in classes over fences 3', 3'3", 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions?

YES NO

Class 5 – Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Intermediate riders on the flat are those who have won 6-10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than 5 hunter seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions?

YES NO

Did you answer "YES" to any question in the "Class 8" section above?

YES NO

Class 15- Level II Ranch Riding

Level II Ranch Riding riders are only eligible for Level II Ranch Riding if they are eligible in Level II Horsemanship or Open Horsemanship and are not eligible in Open Reining. Open Horsemanship riders are eligible for Level II Ranch Riding if they do not qualify for Open Reining.

Are you eligible for Class 14 – Level II Horsemanship?

YES NO

Are You eligible for Class 16 – Open Horsemanship?

YES NO

Class 14 - Level II Western Horsemanship

Level II riders are those who have won more than 5 blue Western Horsemanship ribbons in classes of five or more riders in recognized competition; or competed at a high school equestrian National Finals in the highest level of Horsemanship or Reining on a random draw; Level II riders have finished in the Year end Top three in state affiliate of AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA/NSBA/ARHA association or any non-gaited breed association in a scored Western pattern class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes; or finished as a finalist (top 15) in a AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA and NSBA World/Congress championship excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes.

Have you won more than 5 blue western horsemanship ribbons in recognized competitions in classes of five or more riders?

YES NO

Have you competed at a high school equestrian National Finals in the highest level of Horsemanship, Ranch Riding or Reining on a random draw?

YES NO

Have you finished in the Year end Top three in state affiliate of AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA/NSBA/ARHA association or any non-gaited breed association in a scored Western pattern class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes?

YES NO

Have you finished as a finalist (top 15) in a AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA and NSBA World/Congress championship excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes?

YES NO

NOTE: TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN IHSA LIMIT OVER FENCES DIVISION, YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS CONTINUOUS AND PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION OVER FENCES WITHIN THE PAST YEAR.

Have you had at least 6 months continuous professional instruction over fences within the past year? (Answer does not by itself place you into Limit.)	YES	NO
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Class 4 – Limit Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Limit riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences 3' or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you competed over fences higher than 3' in ANY competition, recognized or not?	YES	NO
Have you competed in a "recognized" USEF/USHJA, USEF/USEA and/or USEF/USDF competition?	YES	NO
Have you placed 1 st – 10 th in Open Fences in team or individual classes OR in the Varsity Open Championship at IEA Nationals?	YES	NO

Class 3 – Limit Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Limit riders on the flat are those who have won no more than 5 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you competed in a "recognized" USEF/USHJA and/or USEF/USEA competition?	YES	NO
Have you competed over fences higher than 3' in ANY competition, recognized or not?	YES	NO
Did you answer "YES" to any question in the "Class 6 or Class 4" sections above?	YES	NO

Class 13 – Level I Western Horsemanship

Level I riders for class 13 have competed in mounted classes in recognized competitions; have placed in the top 5 in State, Inter-State, or National 4H, or any high school equestrian association during Junior or Senior years, in Western Horsemanship or Reining. Level I riders may not have earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes, excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, novice/level 1 classes or non-roping classes.

Have you competed in mounted classes in a "recognized" AQHA, NRHA or APHA competition? (Excluding AQHA/APHA Novice/L1 Classes and NRHA Green Reiner classes)	YES	NO
Have you placed in the top 5 in State, Inter-State or National 4H or any high school equestrian Association during junior or senior years in Western Horsemanship or Reining?	YES	NO
Have you earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes, excluding Roping, games, halter, showmanship novice classes or non-roping classes?		
Did you answer "YES" to any question in Class 7 or 8 above?	YES	NO

Class 2B – Novice Hunter Seat Equitation

Novice riders are those who have not competed in any over fences higher than 3' in any competition, nor have these riders competed in recognized USEF and/or USEA competitions.

Have you competed over fences higher than 18" in ANY competition?	YES	NO
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Class 2A – Pre-Novice Hunter Seat Equitation

Pre-Novice riders are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to jump more than eighteen inches.

Have you had more than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline?	YES	NO
Have you ever competed in ANY mounted competition which required you to canter or lope?	YES	NO

Class 12B - Rookie B Western Horsemanship

Rookie B riders for class 12B are those who have competed in non-recognized competitions which required them to lope or canter excluding games or speed events.

Excluding games or speed events, have you competed in any mounted competition which required you to canter or lope?	YES	NO
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Class 12A- Rookie A Western Horsemanship

Rookie A riders are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction. Excluding games or speed events, Rookie A riders have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to lope or canter.

Have you had more than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

Excluding games or speed events, have you competed in a mounted competition that required you to lope or canter? YES NO

Class 1 – Introductory Hunter Seat Equitation

Introductory riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope. Riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the online individual membership form.

Have you had less than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

Class 11 -- Beginner Western Horsemanship

Beginner riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope.

Have you had less than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

NOTE: If you compete at a canter in one IHSA discipline you MAY NOT START in the walk-trot division in the other discipline. If a rider is Steward reclassified into 1 or 11 in one seat, they are automatically lowered in the other seat. (Rule 8102B)

TO DOCUMENT / REFERENCE PRIOR COMPETITION RECORDS:

LIST YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS IN ASSOCIATION RECORDS, AND list your ID# FOR each association in which you have actually competed (not just been a card holding member, but actually competed):

United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) _____
 United States Eventing Association (USEA) _____
 American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) _____
 National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) _____
 United States Dressage Federation (USDF) _____
 American Paint Horse Association (APHA) _____
 Other _____

NOTE: A STUDENT MUST BE A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE AT THE TIME OF ANY IHSA COMPETITION. PROPER DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT PRIOR TO THE FIRST COMPETITION OF EACH ACADEMIC TERM.

STUDENT: If you consider yourself a lower level rider than this form indicates, attach an explanation page.