



Faith Hill Farm IEA Team
2017-2018
Zone 1, Region 5



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General Information:

- * Riders in grades 6-8 are eligible for Middle School Teams while riders in grade 9-12 compete at the High School level (Upper School).
- * Equitation on the flat and Equitation over fences (jumping) classes are offered in four ability levels: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Open. Any combination of ability levels on a team is permissible but it is advantageous to have at least one rider in every class to be competitive as a team.
- * Points are tracked for individual rider accomplishments and for overall team accomplishments. Individuals and teams earn points to qualify for regional, zone and national finals. A rider qualifies for regionals with a total of 18 points in a specific class (equitation or jumping). When a rider earns 21 points in a specific class they automatically move up one level in that class the following year.
- * Teams take turns hosting horse shows throughout the season. New teams are not required to host any shows. Second year teams are required to co-host at least one show. Teams in their third year or additional years must host a show or co-host two shows per year. Faith Hill Farm intends to co-host two shows as in prior years.
- * Students ride horses that are furnished by the host barn and chosen by random draw. The use of personal tack is not allowed and limited schooling is permitted. This equalizes competition variables and tests the horsemanship of the contestants.
- * The competition season starts September 1st and ends at the National Finals in late spring / early summer.



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IEA Class Offerings/Prize List offered at each show:
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 competition, 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 competition, recognized or unrecognized, at 3' (0.90 meters) or below in any discipline. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 3' (0.90 meters) at any competition recognized by organizations listed in Rule 3101.1 or their affiliates (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 competition, recognized or unrecognized, at 2'6" or below in any discipline. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 2'6" at any competition recognized by organizations listed in Rule 3101.1 or their affiliates (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': 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: 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.



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Hunt Seat Flat Classes

Riders without jumping experience should be assessed according to their ability to perform flatwork tests, as listed in Rule 3304.

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 - 16.

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 - 13. 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 - 10. 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 (optional offering and does not count for points) Open only to those riders who are riding in Class 9-W/T/C

CLASS 10. Future Intermediate Equitation on the flat: Open to riders in grades 6-8 who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 13. 1 through 9.

CLASS 11. Future Novice Equitation on the flat – Open to riders in grades 6-8 who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 10. 1 through 8.

CLASS 12. Future Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot/Canter – Open to riders in grades 6-8 who meet the eligibility requirements of Class 9. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 7.

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



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Costs

- * \$65 FHF Team Dues fee payable to Faith Hill Farm. Said fees will be used to pay for upper and middle school team registration; coaches' registration; and costs associated with co-hosting 2 shows. Please note that the registration fee to be collected is in lieu of fundraising throughout the year. Directions on how to register with Faith Hill Farm are on the following page.
- * \$55 IEA Origination Registration fee payable directly to IEA. Directions on how to register with IEA are on the following page.
- * Class fees of \$40 per class for each show. Riders must compete in a minimum of three shows but not more than five shows. Given the short time frame in which we must submit and pay for entries, we are asking riders to prepay five shows to facilitate the processing of said entries. Total of \$200 if you intend to compete in one class per show or \$400 if you intend to compete in two classes per show. If you are unsure of the number of classes you will participate in, please speak with Pam or Katie. If prepayment of five classes presents a financial burden please speak with Pam directly. Finally, check should be made payable to Faith Hill Farm.
- * Coaching fee payable to Faith Hill Farm of \$50 for one class or \$90 for two classes. Said fee is due and payable on the day of the show.



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How to Register

- * To register with Faith Hill Farm, please complete the attached Code of Conduct form and submit to Faith Hill Farm with the \$65 registration fee.
- * To register with IEA please go directly to <http://www.rideiea.org/forms/membership.html> to fill out the form and pay the fee online. **NOTE:** Once you have completed the online form and paid online, you will be prompted to print the PDF form. Please print this form, sign and bring form to Faith Hill Farm (ASAP) as it requires several signatures including Pam Maloof. All completed membership forms will be sent directly to the IEA Membership Office by Faith Hill Farm. If you have questions regarding what level to register for, please speak with Pam directly.
- *The sooner all registrations are complete, the sooner we can begin to register for (warm weather, fall) shows.

Signing up for Shows

- * Given the number of members on the team and given the short time frame to sign up, the intention is to notify all team members in early September of the shows that Faith Hill Farm will compete in. We will need a prompt response to which shows Team Members are committed to riding in so that we may plan our show season accordingly. Once you are entered into a show, the host barn will not refund entry fees for any reason. This should eliminate last minute sign ups and/or last minute scratches from shows.



Faith Hill Farm IEA Team Code of Conduct

1. Team members and parents will come to all shows and lessons with a positive attitude. This means working hard, staying focused, supporting and respecting each other, and listening closely to coaches. Good sportsmanship is extremely important to the success of our team!
2. Team members will help each other with the goal of making our team strong and enthusiastic. All Team Members are expected to cheer on their teammates and play close attention to all classes. This may also mean helping with hair/hairnets, show clothes, getting stirrups adjusted, or just providing an encouraging word. At Faith Hill Farm and IEA horse shows, there is zero tolerance for team members who act or speak poorly towards fellow Team Members, members of other teams/coaches or host barn horses.
3. Team members are required to show in 3 IEA horse shows. The IEA maximum is 5 shows. All team members should plan on showing at our 2 co-host shows in addition to volunteering for the day at the co-host shows. This will ensure fun, successful and seamless co-host shows!
4. Team members and parents will be respectful of the barns we visit and their horses. If you don't have anything nice to say, please, do not say anything at all. Barn hosts and horses work hard to produce IEA horse shows. Appreciate that every horse has something they can teach you. Please treat host barn horses as you would treat our very special Faith Hill Farm horses!
5. Team members will participate one or more weekly FHF riding lesson. Team members will be ready on time to tack up before their weekly lessons. IEA team members will put forth an extra effort to keep the barn clean, with all equipment put away and the aisles swept both before and after lessons. This may mean assisting another team member with tacking up or untacking.
6. Team members will arrive on time to all horse shows. Team members and parents are asked to keep our seating area clean and quiet during the show to be respectful of the other riders in the ring and of the host barn. Team members are not to be on their phones during the show. There is much to learn by watching other classes/riders currently in the area. Team members will remain at the competition until the **last Faith Hill Farm rider has ridden**, unless given permission by your coach. It is important we support our team members for their class!
7. Team members and parents are expected to help with all team functions, including show hosting and finals responsibilities. Last minute changes and cancellations are hard on the volunteer organizers/coaches and on our own team members who have to pick up the slack. Please reserve these for true emergencies.
8. Team members and parents should feel free to take lots of pictures and share them via email with coaches!!
9. Team members and parents should familiarize themselves with the IEA Rule Book: <http://www.rideiea.org/rules/rules-17-18/2017-2018-IEA-Rules-w.-MARKED-CHANGES.pdf>

Be a proud member of our team and exceed these expectations! Violation of the Faith Hill Farm IEA Team Code of Conduct may result in revocation of showing privileges, or expulsion from the team, at the sole discretion of the coaches.



**Faith Hill Farm IEA Team
Code of Conduct**

Team Member:

I, _____, Faith Hill Farm IEA Team Member, have read and fully understand the Faith Hill Farm IEA Team Code of Conduct. I will conduct myself in a positive, helpful, and respectful manner toward my teammates, coaches, competitors, show managements, host barns, and all horses I encounter. I understand that violation of this code of conduct may result in being unable to show or being removed from the Faith Hill Farm IEA Team.

Rider, Print Name

Rider, Signature

Date

Team Member Parent:

I, _____, Faith Hill Farm IEA Team Parent, have read and fully understand the Faith Hill Farm Team Code of Conduct. I will conduct myself in a positive, helpful, and respectful manner toward my child's teammates, coaches, competitors, show managements, host barns, and all horses I encounter. I understand that violation of this code of conduct by myself or my child may result in my child being unable to show or being removed from the Faith Hill Farm IEA Team.

Parent, Print Name

Parent, Signature

Date