

PARTICIPATION POLICY & REGULATIONS

1. FORMS & FEES

- A. *Team paperwork must be completed and returned to the coach by deadline dates, they include:*
- Rider Information form (due immediately after this meeting, I have no other way to contact you).
 - Physical form (dated after April 15th of current year)
 - Previous semesters report card, proof of 2.0 GPA
 - M.I.H.A. Medical Release form
 - M.I.H.A. Registration form (naked horse picture and signatures)
 - M.I.H.A. Disclaimer form (on the back of each horse registration form).
 - Copy of Current years negative Coggins Test (original must travel with horse at all times).
 - M.I.H.A. Rider Registration fee \$100.00 (make check out to HVEC)
 - \$100 in sponsorships to support team expenses and field (i.e. team and individual awards, uniform). **SPONSORSHIP FORM IS INCLUDED**, make more copies as needed.
 - HVEC 50/50 Raffle ticket money & stubs. Must sell 75 tickets. (Riders registering late will need to pay \$125. This can also be in the form of more sponsors).
 - Order team uniform, shirts/vest/horse blanket
 - Signed Athletic Code of Conduct form
 - Coach must be notified before first August practice if rider is not able to attend a meet/regional/state dates.
 - Possible Future Expenses:
 - Stall & camping reservations for 3rd meet, regional, state championship.
 - Extra Team Shirt, Vest, Hooded Sweatshirt.
 - Team pictures, individual pictures.

2. PARTICIPATION

- Attend all practices & clinics with your horse and remain on grounds until dismissed by coaches. Riders can only be excused by coach and only 3 excused absences before rider is pulled from slots.**
- Team member is responsible for transporting their own horse to and from all practices/clinics and meets.
- Rider and Horse are to be on the grounds, saddled and in the warm-up ring **BY 6:00 p.m. each practice.**
- Rider and Horse are to be on the grounds by 7:00 a.m. at meets/regional/state dates.
- Horses may leave the grounds only after checking with coach first and the horse is no longer needed. **The team member must stay at the meet/regional/state competition until the completion of the competition and clean up of the team camping/stalls/food tent area is complete & ALL awards are presented.**

2. SAFETY

- Educate riders and crowd on what to do in the event of a rider injury.
 - Rider should lie still and await evaluation by trained personnel before being allowed up. This can prevent severe injury.
 - Crowd should remain back from the rider to allow trained people and parents to attend the injured person. A nurse, doctor or EMT person should make the decision on whether or not to call for emergency assistance.
 - Prior to all meets/practices local EMT or ambulance service should be made aware of/or be placed on call regarding the events. One person, a coach or district chairperson, should be the designated 911 caller, so there is little confusion or panic.
 - An incident report and refusal of medical help waiver will be filled out and kept on record by the coach and the district in case there are any later repercussions.
- Please instruct team members on the following safety precautions:
 - When mounted, students must have a **SEI/ASTM helmet on and buckled** at all practices and meets (exceptions for Western, Trail and Saddleseat classes at meets).
 - When riding or leading a horse, students must wear **RIDING BOOTS WITH A HEEL** (this means Western, English or Saddleseat boots). **NO TENNIS SHOES or SANDELS**
 - Students will ride in designated areas only.
 - No cantering or trotting through parked vehicles or on cement/blacktop.
 - No riding double.
 - When riding, horses must be bridled. **No riding with only a halter.**
 - Only horses used for the team and registered riders are allowed to ride at practice/meets/regional/state competitions. All others must have coach's permission.
 - Be aware that all coaches will be enforcing these standards and a rider who violates safety procedures will be excused from practices/meets/regional/state competition. **THIS IS YOUR ONLY WARNING**

CRITERIA TO EARN AWARDS

A. *HURON VALLEY SCHOOL POLICY for ALL ATHLETIC PARTICIPANTS*

1. Student must have a 2.0 GPA the previous semester
2. Student must maintain a current 2.0 GPA through out the equestrian season.
3. Read and sign the Athletic Code of Conduct.

B. *VARSIITY LETTER*

1. ALL Forms and Fees in by deadline.
2. Attend all practices (excused absence by coach only)
3. Must compete in 3 out of the 3 regular season meets.
4. If a rider's team qualifies for regional and/or state finals, they must attend each day and compete in slotted classes. If a meet is held on two days, team members must be in attendance both days.
5. First year rider must earn 75 points. Meet points carry over from year to year.
 - a. Clinic 3 pts
 - b. Practices 2 pts
 - c. HVEC Meetings 5 pts
 - d. Work-bees 5 pts
 - e. Father's Day Show (Ride) 5 pts
 - f. Father's Day Show (Work) 5 pts
 - g. Speed Show (Ride) 5 pts
 - h. Speed Show (Work) 5 pts
 - i. Sponsorships Per \$50.00 ½ pt
 - j. Meets - as placed 1 – 8 pts. (regional/state 1-10 pts)
 - k. Meets – Honorable mention ½ pt
 - l. Meets – make a class split ½ pt
 - m. Attend other horse shows 1 pt per show
10 pts if attending 6 shows
 - If the A, B and/or C team wins the District title, that entire team will letter regardless of points earned.
 - All seniors that have ridden two or more years will receive a letter.
 - Show bills must be signed and dated by the show secretary with the classes rider entered.

C. *VARSIITY AWARD*

Current varsity member earning a combined total of 55 attendance/meet points, fulfill 5a thru 5m above.

D. *GOLD BAR*

1. ALL Forms and Fees in by deadline.
2. Attend all practices/excused absence by coach only.
3. Must ride or work in 3 out of the 3 regular season meets.

E. *GOLD STARS*

One star awarded for every 15 points earned by a rider at the meets.

F. *TEAM MANAGER*

1. The position can be held for one to four years, by multiple students.
2. All Forms and Fees in by deadline.
3. Attend all practices/excused absence by coach only.
4. Work at the Father's Day and Speed Shows.
5. Work all meets/Regional/State events.

G. *HORSE MASCOT PIN & USA FLAG*

Given to each first year rider to represent the team, school & country.

H. *REGIONAL and STATE STARS*

Given to team members who ride at the Regional / State Championship. One star is awarded for each judge the rider places under/makes the split in/honorable mention.

I. *HONORS AWARD*

Rider/Manager who start the season and maintain a 3.0 GPA or above through out the season.

J. *4 YEAR LETTER AWARD*

Rider/Manager who earned their letter all four years.

K. *TEAM APARELL*

First year rider will receive a team Vest and Shirt. All TEAM members will receive a Hooded Sweat Shirt after district meets.