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**RIDER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**For 2009-2010**

Send to: IEA Membership Secretary  
315 Chestnut St, Ashland MA 01721

[Please print legibly or type the information.]

RIDER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF TEAM/CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

RIDER'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT ADDRESS (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL GRADE [6 - 12] \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ (REQUIRED)

RIDER EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Hunt Seat Only (45\$)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Western Only (45\$)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hunt Seat and Western (75\$)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach's assignment of IEA class:**

[Please use the assigned IEA class number found in the IEA Rules, as determined by Rule 3.]

Hunt Seat: Over Fences \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter seat flat \_\_\_\_\_

Western: Reining \_\_\_\_\_ Horsemanship \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned IEA Coach certifies that he/she adequately observed the rider, has verified the IEA Class assignments are accurate, and certifies that the signatures appearing below and on the Waiver form are those of the rider and rider's parent/legal guardian (by review of a driver's license or other appropriate picture identification).

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Coach's signature]

The undersigned rider, and parent/legal guardian of a rider under the age of 18, certify that they thoroughly read and understand the **IEA INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM**, acknowledge that they have health and hospital insurance covering the rider, promise that they will maintain that insurance at all times while the rider is a member of IEA, that they have read and understand the IEA Rules & Regulations, and that they affirm that all submitted rider information and class assignments are correct and true.

\*\*\*\*\* **Please remit appropriate dues as listed above with this application form.** \*\*\*\*\*

This document was signed and witnessed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

[Note: A parent/guardian cannot sign as the witness for the rider. The spouse of the parent/guardian cannot be the witness for parent/guardian. The Team Coach can sign as witness for both.]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness for Rider

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rider's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness for Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian of Rider



## Inherently Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement and Waiver of Liability Form

For purposes of this Waiver, the "IEA Group" is defined as the Interscholastic Equestrian Association, Inc. ["IEA"], IEA Marketing Inc., the stables, owners, persons or other entities providing facilities, horses or equipment for any IEA affiliated, sanctioned or sponsored show or event, the IEA Host Team, IEA Host Sponsor, the Event Host Coordinator, the facility, location and owner, manager, operator and lessee of the facility where any IEA affiliated, sanctioned or sponsored show or event is held, IEA Members, IEA Coaches, IEA Teams, all educational institutions sponsoring or lending its name to an IEA Team or IEA event, all other competitors, participants, spectators, exhibitors and riders in or at an IEA event or show, all other persons directly or indirectly associated with IEA, and the respective executors, administrators, agents, officers, directors, staff, employees, trustees, members, shareholders, owners, representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of each of the above named persons and entities. The "undersigned persons" are defined as the parents and guardian of the rider, the rider, coaches, contributing members, and all other IEA Members, and their respective executors, administrators, attorneys, agents, representatives, heirs, and assigns.

The undersigned persons fully and unconditionally agree to hold the IEA Group harmless from any **injury, harm or even death** resulting from all **inherent risks and intrinsic dangers** of horseback riding or being around horses in general. The undersigned persons further attest and swear that they were carefully and explicitly educated on the **unpredictable behavior of horses and dangerous nature** of horseback riding and being in close contact with horses in general.

The undersigned persons attest and swear that they are fully aware that there exists valid and enforceable equine activity limiting liability statutes in most states where IEA competes ["Laws"]. These Laws limit the liability for those who provide access to horses and horse related activities. Each of those Laws is incorporated herein by reference. In the event that no such Laws exist, the undersigned person(s) have been informed of a legal doctrine known as "assumption of the risk", which means that a person involved or participating in a dangerous activity (and his/her parent or guardian) fully agree to take full responsibility for any injury, harm, or even death resulting from a danger or risk that is normal, reasonably anticipated, natural, built-in, intrinsic to or inherent to the chosen equine activity. The undersigned persons agree and knowingly assume all risks associated with IEA events, shows, training, travel, and related activities ["IEA Events"].

The undersigned person(s) fully and completely understand and comprehend that were it not for their full agreement to hold the IEA Group harmless for injuries, harm, or even death resulting from the inherent risks and intrinsic dangers associated with the IEA Events, the IEA Group would not provide these services, shows and events and IEA would not sanction or sponsor competitions.

The undersigned persons fully and unconditionally agree to assume the ***inherent risks and intrinsic dangers*** associated with the IEA Events, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1) **The propensity of a horse to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them (the powerful and potentially dangerous and destructive ways in which these large animals can behave include, but are not limited to, bucking, shying, kicking, running, biting, stumbling, rearing, falling and stepping on any person on or near the horse),**
- 2) **The unpredictability of the animal's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals,**
- 3) **The unpredictable or erratic actions by other horses or persons relating to equine behavior,**
- 4) **Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions,**
- 5) **Collisions with other animals, objects, or persons,**
- 6) **The potential for the rider participants and others at IEA Events to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the rider or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her riding ability, and**
- 7) **Other unforeseeable or unpreventable accidents or events associated with or a result of horseback riding or being around horses in general.**

**Important:** The undersigned persons fully attest and swear that they were educated about the legal concept of negligence (normal carelessness). **The undersigned persons fully agree and consent to waive all claims, actions, causes of actions, and liability for all damages and injuries of any kind, whether having occurred or in the future, stemming from any ordinary act of negligence (including failure to warn) on the part of the IEA Group.** By making application for membership to IEA, each member, parent and legal guardian certifies he/she has thoroughly read the IEA Rules and Regulations, authorizes IEA to distribute the member's name, address, email address, and other available demographics to IEA sponsors, advertisers and other equestrian related companies, activities, programs, and organizations, and authorizes IEA, its sponsors and publicists to use for promotional purposes all photographs taken at any IEA show or event.

**Under Colorado Law**, an equine professional is not liable for injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.

**Under Georgia law**, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of the equine activities, pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

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**"WARNING: Under Florida law**, an equine sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities."

**"WARNING: Under Indiana law**, an equine professional is not liable for injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities."

**"WARNING: Under Kentucky law**, a farm activity sponsor, farm animal professional or other person does not have the duty to eliminate all risks of injury of participation in farm animal activities. There are inherent risks of injury that you voluntarily accept if you participate in farm animal activities."

**WARNING Under Maine law**, an equine professional has limited liability for an injury or death resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

**Warning: Under Massachusetts Law**, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 2D of chapter 128 of the General Laws.

**"WARNING: Under the Michigan equine activity liability act**, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activities resulting from an inherent risks of the equine activity."

**WARNING: Under Missouri law**, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

**WARNING: Under North Carolina law**, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.

**WARNING: Pursuant to the Oklahoma Livestock Activities Liability Limitation Act**, livestock activity sponsors and participants and livestock professionals acting in good faith and pursuant to the standards of the livestock industry shall not be liable for injuries to any person engaged in livestock activities when such injuries result from the inherent risks of livestock activities.

**WARNING: Under Rhode Island Law**, an equine professional, unless he or she can be shown to have failed to be in the exercise of due care, is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to this chapter.

**WARNING: Under South Carolina law**, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of equine activity pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 9 of Title 47, Code of the Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

The undersigned persons specifically represent that he/she; a) is the proper and authorized person to sign this form; b) understands and acknowledges that he/she is fully responsible for all damages, injuries, death or claims arising from the inherent risks of horseback riding, horse related riding competitions, being around horses in general or the ordinary negligence of the IEA Group; c) agrees to indemnify (stand in the shoes of), pay and hold harmless the IEA Group from all awards, judgments, costs expenses and attorney fees associated with or arising from any claims or litigation that may arise from or are related to the rider's participation in any IEA Events or activity; and d) unconditionally promises not to sue or maintain any legal action against, or attempt to make any recovery from, the IEA Group in any civil litigation, mediation, arbitration or alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

The undersigned persons acknowledge that in return for the signing of this acknowledgment/waiver, they receive the aesthetic pleasure, exercise, education and enjoyment that horseback riding and being around horses in general has to offer, and will be permitted to participate in IEA sanctioned or sponsored events.

**Please Carefully Read The IEA Rules And This Form Before Signing.**  
**By Signing This Form You Are Giving Up Certain Important Legal Rights And Claims.**

[Note: A parent/guardian cannot sign as the witness for the rider. The spouse of the parent/guardian cannot be the witness for the parent/guardian. The IEA Coach can sign as the witness for both. The IEA Coach must verify that both the rider and parent/legal guardian signed this form – failure to verify may result in revocation of coach's IEA membership.]

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_   
Applying Rider/Coach/Other Member Printed Name

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Witness for Applying Rider/Coach/Other Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applying Rider/Coach/Other Member Signature

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian's Printed Name (if Applying Rider is under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness for Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature (if Applying Rider is under 18)