



**The Interscholastic
Equestrian League, Inc.**

Rules, Policies & Procedures

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Interscholastic Equestrian League is a publicly supported non-profit corporation operating exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and to foster regional and national amateur equestrian sports competition. The primary goals and objectives of the League are: to support and develop athletes for regional and national competition in equestrian sports; to encourage a knowledge of horsemanship; to encourage teamwork in fair and friendly competition; to encourage the development of superior riding skills in young riders; and to take any and all actions that may be considered appropriate to accomplish the foregoing.

RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES OF THE INTERSCHOLASTIC EQUESTRIAN LEAGUE, INC.

It is the rider's responsibility to review and be familiar with the contents of the *Rules, Policies and Procedures*. In the event of an inquiry, the decision of the Rules Committee shall prevail.

All classes at Interscholastic Equestrian League (I.E.L.) shows will be run according to the following rules, policies, and procedures and, where there is no specific or applicable I.E.L. rule, then according to the customs and standards of nationally recognized junior shows. All riders, parents, trainers, spectators and other participants shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times, and with a mind towards the safety of all present at the show. Management requests that any horse known to have a propensity towards dangerous actions, such as kicking out, be identified by giving a reasonable warning including, but not limited to, a red ribbon on the tail. Please note: braiding is not required at any I.E.L. show.

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NO DOGS are allowed at any IEL event, regardless of the venue's stated policy; there are NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages at the IEL horse shows.

(Note well: changes to the Rules, Policies and Procedures from those for last year are shown in **shaded, bold-faced type**.)

RULE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section A: Any school located within Los Angeles County or Ventura County which is interested in participation in the activities of the I.E.L., and willing to subscribe to the By-Laws and *Rules, Policies and Procedures* of the I.E.L., is eligible.

Section B: An eligible school must apply for membership on the official I.E.L. School Membership Form, which must be properly signed by an official of the school empowered to do so. Said form shall also identify the Team Representative and/or Coach, hereinafter referred to as Team Representative, an adult twenty-one (21) years of age or older authorized to represent the member school, and an email address for all newsletters, entry and other forms, urgent notices, show information, rule changes, and other important information that may be transmitted by the I.E.L. for dissemination to the riders (and their trainers). The Team Representative shall be responsible for distributing all such information to their team members. In the event there are any changes regarding the Team Representative, the I.E.L. Board shall be notified within 14 days.

Section C: The attendance of the Team Representative (or duly appointed adult substitute from that school) is mandatory at the I.E.L. Annual Meeting (Spring) and General Meeting (Fall). If a representative is not in attendance at a required meeting, the school will be subject to a \$50 fine which shall be added to the membership fee for that school. New school teams applying for membership must attend the mandatory August meeting prior to the season for which they wish to be considered.

Section D: An eligible student must apply for membership on the official I.E.L. Rider Membership Form, which must be signed by that individual, his/her parent or guardian, and by the Team Representative, and pay the applicable membership fee before the student will be allowed to compete. Said form must be filed with the I.E.L. on or before October 1. The Rider Membership fee is \$75; if postmarked after October 1, a \$20 late fee shall be assessed.

The I.E.L. Rider Membership Form must include a valid email address for the transmittal of all newsletters, entry and other forms, urgent notices, show information, rule changes, and other information that may be transmitted by the I.E.L. The rider or other person receiving such email shall be responsible for conveying all such information to the rider's trainer.

Section E: The Rider Membership Form for individual members must be accompanied by one or more I.E.L. Rider Eligibility Forms, signed by the trainer, indicating the division in which the individual is eligible to compete, and must be submitted to the I.E.L. prior to the first show. There shall be an I.E.L. Eligibility Form submitted to establish the rider's division for Hunter/Jumper classes, and a separate I.E.L. Dressage Eligibility Form submitted to establish the appropriate division for the rider should the rider enter any dressage classes.

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The trainer should provide a valid email address so that the trainer may directly receive any information sent to Team Representatives and/or rider members by email.

It is the responsibility of each rider's trainer and parents/guardian to accurately enter riders in the proper divisions, according to their individual skill, experience level and in compliance with the definitions and descriptions of those levels as set forth in the rules. A rider will not be allowed to compete in any class for which the I.E.L. has not received the appropriate eligibility form, except in the case of a rider entering a dressage introductory test, the results of which will establish that rider's appropriate dressage division for future shows.

Section F: The falsification of the Membership and Eligibility Forms may be cause for immediate expulsion of the individual, school, **trainer** and/or team representative from the I.E.L., or any lesser penalty imposed by the I.E.L.'s Board of Directors which may, in the Board's sole discretion, be determined to be appropriate due to any exceptional circumstances brought to the Board's attention.

Section G: To be allowed to ride for a school team, a rider must be a seventh (7th) - twelfth (12th) grade student and be currently enrolled in that school.

Section H: Each school must join and pay its membership fee in a timely manner in order for its riders to compete. Those schools submitting completed forms postmarked on or before October 1 shall pay a membership fee of \$150. **All schools should have liability insurance that would cover a claim arising out of a student's participation at a show, or the conduct of its team; management reserves the right to request proof of such insurance from a school as a condition of membership or continued membership.** Should the school elect to use insurance offered through the I.E.L., an additional fee will be determined at the beginning of each season. Those schools submitting completed forms postmarked after October 1 shall pay an additional late fee of \$25.

Section I: Each school must join by the due date on the entry form for the first show (two weeks prior to the show) or its riders will not be allowed to compete in the first show.

RULE II – SHOW DATES

Section A: I.E.L. show dates shall be set for the same dates (or as close thereto as possible) each year.

RULE III – TRAINERS

Section A: Trainers who elect to ride in ticketed warm-up at all shows must be properly attired and must wear a helmet.

Section B: Trainers must be present at the show with their riders; any such trainers at the show must be the trainer who signed the rider's entry form or a representative thereof.

Section C: Trainers and their designated representative must be professionals recognized in the equestrian community and over the age of eighteen (18) years.

Section D: **All trainers and their representatives must abide by the I.E.L. rules. If a trainer is found in violation of those rules, he or she is subject to immediate expulsion, or any lesser penalty imposed by the I.E.L.'s Board of Directors which may, in the Board's sole discretion, be determined to be appropriate due to any exceptional circumstances brought to the Board's attention.**

RULE IV – SHOW REGISTRATION & FEES

Section A: All designated team representatives and all members in good standing shall be sent entry information and newsletters by means of email prior to each show. The I.E.L. will no longer mail out paper copies of newsletters and entry forms! Class fees and other show charges are subject to change, are set by the I.E.L. Board, and shall be listed on the entry form for each show.

Section B: All riders are required to pre-register to the I.E.L. For all disciplines other than dressage, a non-refundable deposit of \$25 must accompany the entry form; said deposit will be credited towards the rider's entry fees if post-marked by the entry deadline. Any prior outstanding balance must be paid in full prior to an entry being accepted for registration. All dressage fees must be paid in full with entry.

Section C: Entries for Shows 2, 3, and 4 will be accepted no sooner than the original date set for the preceding show (i.e., not before Show 1 for Show 2, etc.). The entries will have a Closing Date, which shall be the Saturday two weeks prior to the weekend of the show, unless that day is a holiday, in which case it will be the Friday two weeks prior to the weekend of the show. No roll-over entries will be allowed from show to show; each show must be entered separately.

Section D: All forms (signed and completed in full) and an open check for all disciplines other than dressage must be left with the horse show office prior to the release of a rider's show number.

Section E: Due to the increased number of rider-members, **NO POST ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY DISCIPLINE AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.** No exceptions will be allowed. Entries must be received by the show secretary or postmarked by the closing date as described in Section C above. No adds to any class will be allowed after the Closing Date for each show, including the day of the show. However, management may add dressage rides from the dressage wait list comprised of entries submitted by the Closing Date.

Section F: If a rider competes in a class, or classes, for which he/she has not previously

entered, he/she will be charged a penalty fee of \$10 for each class and will be disqualified from that class. For all hunter, equitation and/or jumper classes, no refund will be given if a rider does not scratch prior to the start of the class; for dressage, no refunds will be issued after times have been set.

Section G: Before the closing date, full refunds will be given. After the closing date, the \$25 deposit fee will not be refunded for all scratched horses. No stall fees will be refunded if the horse is scratched.

If a dressage rider fails to show up for a class in which they are entered, without scratching that class as provided for below, the rider will be penalized. To scratch the class without penalty, the rider must contact the show secretary by noon the day before the scheduled show. If the show secretary has not been contacted, the rider will not be allowed to compete in the next show. If the next show is the 4th show of the season, the penalty will carry over to the first show of the next competition year. The only exception is with the presentation of a valid vet certificate, or if, upon application by (or on behalf of) the rider to the show secretary for exceptional circumstances, a determination is made by the I.E.L. Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, to impose a lesser penalty, or no penalty. (Please note: Dressage class fees are non-refundable under any circumstances after the closing date.)

Section H: Stalls are available on a first come basis and must be paid for at the time of reservation. No refunds will be given. Stall reservations must be made through I.E.L. Any rider or trainer who places a horse in a stall not reserved for that horse shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500.

Section I: Show schedules, venues and class times are subject to change.

RULE V – WARM-UP CLASSES

Section A: Riders are limited to a single warm-up class per show.

RULE VI – HUNTER/EQUITATION/JUMPER CLASSES

Section A: Riders must be properly attired in accordance with the customs of nationally recognized shows, including an ASTM/SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials/Safety Equipment Institute) approved equestrian helmet bearing the SEI tag, and proper riding boots with a distinguishable heel. All competitors are to wear a properly fitted, ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet with the harness secured while mounted anywhere on the horse show grounds. (Note: braiding is not required at any I.E.L. show.)

Management makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous

risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.

Any rider not in compliance will be prohibited from competing until proof of compliance is demonstrated. No refunds of entry fees will be made if a rider is disqualified for non-compliance.

Section B: There shall be four (4) divisions: A rider may compete in only one (1) Hunter/Jumper division at any given show. Any rider who has won the I.E.L. year-end overall championship in either the Novice or Freshman division is not eligible for further individual points in that division. If a rider is unable to move up to the next division as required, the rider may still compete for school points but will be ineligible to receive individual points.

1. NOVICE – Open to all riders who have not won more than six (6) blue ribbons at any recognized show (USEF, P.C.H.A., L.A.H.S.A., S.F.V.H.S.A) with fences at 2'. Fences shall be set at 2', with no oxers.
2. FRESHMAN – Open to horse/rider combinations who have not won more than six (6) blue ribbons at any recognized show (USEF, P.C.H.A., L.A.H.S.A., or I.E.L., for example) with fences 3' or over. Fences shall be set at 2'6".
3. JUNIOR VARSITY – Open to horse/rider combinations who have not won more than six (6) blue ribbons at any recognized show (USEF, P.C.H.A., for example) with fences 3'6" or over. Fences shall be set at 3'.
4. VARSITY – Open to horse/rider combinations that are competent to show over hunter and equitation courses with fences 3'6" or over. Fences shall be set at 3'6".

Note: A rider's division eligibility will be determined at the beginning of the show season (i.e., as of October 1) and should remain the same throughout the show year, unless a change is necessitated by such circumstances as changing horses due to lameness, etc.

Section C: Any deviations from the criteria for the above divisions require prior approval from the I.E.L. Board of Directors.

Section D: A rider may ride only one horse per class; however, a rider may ride a different horse in each of the different classes in the rider's division.

Section E: A rider showing in a class for which he or she is ineligible shall forfeit any points, ribbons and trophies won in such class.

Section F: It is the responsibility of each rider's trainer and parents/guardian to accurately enter riders in the proper division, according to his or her individual skill, experience level and in compliance with the definitions and descriptions of those levels as set forth in these rules. In all circumstances, the well being of the horse must be taken into consideration.

Section G: At any time, if a rider seems to be out of control or is a hazard to other riders, the steward or judge may ask the rider to withdraw from the show.

Section H: Stallions are barred from I.E.L. shows.

RULE VII – SHARING HORSES/CROSS ENTERING

Section A There are four (4) divisions at each show: Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman and Novice. A given horse may enter only one division at a given show, with the following two exceptions: First, in an appropriate situation, and only with the prior permission of management, a given horse may be shown by a second rider who is without a mount for either one (1) equitation class or one (1) dressage class, so long as the horse is shown only once in that class. Second, a rider may enter one or more dressage classes in a given division and in a manner consistent with these rules, and may also enter (with the same or with a different horse) one or more hunter/jumper classes in a different division in a manner consistent with these rules.

Section B: In the case of Dressage ONLY riders, riders who are granted permission by management to share a horse may not compete in more than three (3) classes combined, and any such classes must be in adjacent divisions, i.e., Novice/Freshman; Freshman/J.V.; J.V./Varsity. Riders in non-compliance shall forfeit any points, ribbons and/or trophies won in such class(es).

Section C: There are several independent I.E.L. organizations. There will be no cross-entering between organizations. Riders must choose the organization in which they would like to show and remain showing in that organization throughout the show season.

RULE VIII – COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Section A: Present at all competitions shall be:

1. Manager
2. USEF registered judges
3. USEF registered steward
4. Course designer
5. Announcers
6. A member of the I.E.L. Rules Committee to act as an additional steward or technical delegate
7. EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)
8. Farrier
9. Veterinarian (on call)

RULE IX – RIBBONS, TROPHIES & POINTS

Section A: Ribbons shall be awarded to 12th place. Prizes awarded to 1st place in each class. Points shall be awarded for all classes as follows:

1 st	-	16 points	7 th	-	6 points
2 nd	-	12 points	8 th	-	5 points
3 rd	-	10 points	9 th	-	4 points
4 th	-	9 points	10 th	-	3 points
5 th	-	8 points	11 th	-	2 points
6 th	-	7 points	12 th	-	1 point

In the event of a tie, each rider so tied will be awarded the points earned for the rider's placement (ribbon) in that class; riders which place below the tied riders will be placed in relation to the number of riders receiving points. For example, with a three-way tie for 8th place, all three riders receiving an 8th place will receive 5 points; two more riders will be pinned for 11th and 12th place, respectively.

Section B: Points shall be posted on the I.E.L. web site (www.theiel.org); it is the responsibility of each rider and Team Representative to review the rider's or team's points and notify the show secretary of any perceived discrepancy within two weeks of the posting of the points for the show. All results will be deemed final two weeks after the points are posted on the web site unless satisfactory notification has been made to the show secretary within the two week period. Should satisfactory notification be timely made, Show Management and/or the IEL Board will investigate and will notify the inquiring party of any decision made or action taken. Notwithstanding this or any other rule, policy or procedure, the I.E.L. Board reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to correct any errors in points or awards at any time to preserve the spirit of fair and friendly competition.

Section C: Classes with more than 40 riders entered, or at management's discretion, will be split and awarded two sets of awards and points. Medal classes will not be split.

Section D: Only the top two riders' scores from each class, regardless of whether the class has been split into two (or more) groups, will be counted for Team and Overall school totals.

Section E: If for any reason a rider changes divisions in a manner consistent with these rules for hunter, jumper, equitation and/or dressage classes during the course of the season, the points earned in the original division will remain in such division for both individual and school points, and will not be combined with any points earned in the new division. The points from the different divisions will not be combined for the purpose of determining overall high points awards for the season.

If a rider, pursuant to these rules, competes in a different division for one or more dressage classes than the division the rider is entered in for hunter/jumper/equitation classes, the points earned in each division will remain in each such division for both individual and school points, and the points from the different divisions will only be combined for the purpose of consideration for the overall high points awards, both for the show and for the season overall.

Section F: In the event of a tie for champion between two or more riders within a *Section* (i.e. hunter, equitation, etc.), the tie shall be broken by, and the championship awarded to, the rider who has accrued the most points in the following designated classes: In hunters, the handy hunter class; for jumpers, Table II,2b; for dressage, the second class. If there is still a tie, it will remain a tie.

In case of a tie for overall *Division* champion or reserve champion, it shall remain a tie.

Section G: High Point Awards – High point and high point reserve team and rider awards will be given at each show in each Division, and overall for the show.

Ribbons will be awarded to champions and reserve champions in the following sections:

Dressage:

Novice Individual
Freshman Individual
Jr. Varsity Individual
Varsity Individual

Hunter:

Novice Individual
Freshman Individual
Jr. Varsity Individual
Varsity Individual

Hunt Seat Equitation:

Novice Individual
Freshman Individual
Jr. Varsity Individual
Varsity Individual

Jumper:

Jr. Varsity Individual
Varsity Individual

Division & Overall

Novice Individual	Novice Team
Freshman Individual	Freshman Team
Jr. Varsity Individual	Jr. Varsity Team
Varsity Individual	Varsity Team

Overall High Point Individual

Overall High Point Team

Section H: Year-End Trophies – All points will be added after all the shows so that there will be trophies awarded at the end of the year to the following:

1. High Point Novice Individual & Team
2. High Point Freshman Individual & Team
3. High Point Jr. Varsity Individual & Team
4. High Point Varsity Individual & Team
5. High Point Section Individual (Hunter, equitation, Jumper & Dressage) in each Division
6. Overall High Point Individual & Team (Perpetual Trophy)

If a perpetual trophy is awarded, it must be signed for at the time of awarding, and with a guarantee of return or replacement. Ribbons will be awarded to

reserve champions.

Section I: The I.E.L. will grant awards at the end of the year to the following:

1. Trainer of the Varsity High-Point Champion
2. Trainer of the Junior Varsity High-Point Champion
3. Trainer of the Freshman High-Point Champion
4. Trainer of the Novice High-Point Champion
5. Trainer of the Varsity High-Point Reserve Champion
6. Trainer of the Junior Varsity High-Point Reserve Champion
7. Trainer of the Freshman High-Point Reserve Champion
8. Trainer of the Novice High-Point Reserve Champion

RULE X – JUMPING ORDER

Section A: If a jumping order is established, it must be posted in a conspicuous place at least 15 minutes before the class starts. The jumping order must be legible to the mounted rider.

RULE XI – DELAY OF CLASSES

Section A: Riders must be ready to enter the ring when called upon. Starters will try to resolve conflicts, providing that those conflicts are presented before the class starts. If any ring stands with an open gate for more than five (5) minutes, management reserves the right to eliminate a competitor after a two (2) minute gate call.

Section B: Any horse and rider combination that has three (3) refusals in any class, including warm ups, will be asked to leave the ring.

RULE XII – JUMPERS

Section A: Jr. Varsity jumper fences will be at 3' – 3'3", spreads to 3'3". Varsity jumper fences will be set at 3'6" – 3'9", spreads to 3'9". In the Varsity Division, one class is to be run under Table II, Sec. 2 (b) (timed first jump-off) and the other class is to be run per Table II, Sec. 1 (timed first round). In the Jr. Varsity Division, one class is to be run under Table IV Sec. 1 (Optimum Time). In the Optimum Time class, the winner will be the horse with the fewest faults, including time penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed as indicated by the course designer in the posted course; ties will be broken by determining which horse's time on the course was closest to the Optimum Time, which is defined as four seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course. The Time Allowed on the course shall be determined by measurement and the rate of 382 yards per minute. For all classes, the course-designer shall post time and yardage prior to the commencement of classes.

Section B: Jumper riders must be properly attired in accordance with local and national horse show customs. Riders may compete without riding coats, but in all cases riders must be neatly attired with a shirt (with a choker or a shirt having a collar) tucked into riding britches, and must wear appropriate riding boots with a distinguishable heel. Any rider not in compliance will be subject to elimination by the judge(s).

RULE XIII – HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL CLASSES

Section A: There shall be at the first three (3) shows of the season the I.E.L. Horsemanship Medal classes for the Jr. Varsity and Varsity divisions.

Section B: Jr. Varsity medal fences will be set at 3', and Varsity medal fences will be set at 3'6". Fences for the Freshman Medal Final will be set at 2'6".

Section C: All contestants are required to perform over a medal type course of at least (8) fences adhering to the course specifications set forth in Section D herein below. Tests may be included in the course. A maximum of twelve (12) riders are required to work off on the flat, to be judged on seat, hands, and guidance and control of the horse. The flat phase performance of those riders selected to show shall count 40%. Martingales must be removed for the flat phase; no other tack changes will be allowed between phases. Nationally recognized tests may be used. The entry fee for this class shall be \$10 more than the entry fee for any Hunter/Jumper class. Rings will be open ten (10) minutes prior to the medal classes for a course walk.

Section D: At the final show, the medal class will be the Medal Final class. The top fifteen (15) scoring riders from the previous medal classes will be qualified to show in the Medal Finals. In the event three (3) classes are not held or completed prior to the final show, the I.E.L. Board reserves the right to establish new eligibility criteria for the Medal Final class. At the final show, there will also be a Freshman Horsemanship Medal Final class; riders for the Freshman Medal Final class shall qualify based on the cumulative points earned from the prior shows during the season in the Freshman Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences classes. Those riders qualifying will be notified prior to the Medal Finals. Any previous winner of the Medal Final in a specific division may not compete again in the Medal Final of that same division. (The rider, however, may compete in the qualifying classes in the division.) The riders must pre-enter to preserve their eligibility to compete. Failure to pre-enter will result in forfeiture of the rider's eligibility to compete and the rider's spot in the finals will be awarded to the next rider on the list. All riders are required to perform over at least eight (8) fences not exceeding 3'6" for varsity (with 2 double or 1 double and 1 triple combination with spread fence required and at least 1 change of direction), 3' for Junior Varsity (with 1 combination and 2 changes of direction) and 2'6" for Freshman (with at least 1 change of direction). Combinations are not permitted in the Freshman Medal Finals. There will be two judges, seated opposite each other, scoring each round

and the scores will be averaged. A maximum of twelve (12) riders, if available, are required to show at the walk, trot and canter, to be judged under the current standards for the equitation division. The flat phase will count 40%. After the flat phase, the top four (4) and anyone within three (3) percentage points of the leader, will be asked to do further testing, which shall include additional work over fences; for the work-off, judges may be seated together. Nationally recognized tests may be used. In the event riders are tied after the work-off, the judges shall confer to place those tied. There will be no additional work-off.

Section E: Judges for the Medal Finals must change every year.

RULE XIV – DRESSAGE CLASSES

Section A: Riders must wear appropriate attire: short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie; breeches or jodhpurs, boots or jodhpur boots; required safety helmet (ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet with approved safety harness). Half chaps and/or leggings are not allowed. Gloves of conservative color are recommended. Regulation spurs are optional.

Section B: Two (2) classes in the Novice, Freshman and Jr. Varsity divisions will be offered as follows:

1. **NOVICE** – Current Training Level Tests 1 & 2: Open to horse/rider combinations that have not earned more than 6 scores of 60% or higher at a USEF, USDF, CDS, DASC or IEL show at Training Level Test 2 or above.
2. **FRESHMAN** – Current Training Level Tests 3 & 4: Open to horse/rider combinations that have not earned more than 6 scores of 60% or higher at a USEF, USDF, CDS, DASC or IEL show at Training Level Test 4 or above.
3. **JR. VARSITY** – Current First Level Tests 1 & 2: Open to horse/rider combinations that have not earned more than 6 scores of 60% or higher at a USEF, USDF, CDS, DASC or IEL show at First Level Test 2 or above.

For Varsity dressage riders, the following classes will be offered; Varsity dressage riders may pick no more than two (2) of the **four (4)** tests offered, **and by their submission of their entry form for whichever class(es), each Varsity dressage rider and that rider's trainer represent that the rider is qualified to ride in the tests he or she has selected:**

4. **Varsity** – Current First Level Tests 3 & 4: Open to horse/rider combinations that are competent to show at First Level Test 3 and above.
5. **Varsity (Optional)** – Second Level Tests **1 & 2**: Open to horse/rider combinations that are competent to show at Second Level or above. A qualified horse/rider combination may also elect to ride in First Level Test 4 and Second Level Test 1.

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For riders new to dressage:

Introductory Tests A & B: The I.E.L. offers the opportunity to enter one or both introductory dressage classes, Introductory Test A and Introductory Test B. While ribbons will be awarded in these classes, no points will be awarded to the rider or the rider's school. Any rider that earns a score of 65% or above will be assigned to an appropriate dressage division by show management for the purpose of entering dressage classes at subsequent I.E.L. shows.

Section C: Dressage classes shall be pinned according to the scores earned in the class. However, points shall only be awarded to riders (and their schools) whose score is 50% or better **for Novice and Freshman dressage riders; 55% or better for JV riders; and 57% or better for Varsity riders.**

Section D: Dressage classes will be conducted according to Dressage Association of Southern California (DASC) rules and shall change tests as prescribed by the DASC time schedule.

Section E: The total number of dressage rides is 120 per show, **unless additional tests can reasonably be scheduled by management**; riders will be assigned their ride time(s) prior to the show. Priority in assigning rides will be given first to those riders competing in dressage and flat equitation only; second priority will be given to riders in jumper and flat equitation classes only; should any times be available thereafter, those riders competing in hunter and equitation classes will be assigned rides. In the event there are more requests for rides than time slots available, priority will be determined by the postmark date on each entry, or the date such entry is received in the Show Office. Entries shall not be submitted prior to the pre-determined opening acceptance date; any entry received or postmarked before the open date will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Section F: EQUIPMENT ALLOWED: Regulation whips are permitted. A plain snaffle bridle is required with either a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband, a crescent noseband or a crossed noseband with a smooth and solid bit, entirely of the same metal. Breastplates and/or cruppers are permitted.

EQUIPMENT NOT ALLOWED: Pelhams, twisted wire or roller bits, bit guards, flexible rubber bits, nose guards, earplugs, bandages, boots, martingales, side reins or draw reins.

Section G: EXECUTION OF TESTS:

1. All trot to be sitting unless specified rising.
2. Tests may be called, but no coaching is allowed.
3. The rider's use of voice is a 2-point deduction for each occurrence.
4. Going off course constitutes a 2-point deduction the first time, 4-point deduction the second time, and elimination the third time.
5. Errors of the test such as rising instead of sitting the trot or saluting with the reins in both hands will be penalized as an error off course.
6. A test begins with the entry at "A" and ends after final salute.
7. A competitor who does not enter the arena within forty-five seconds after

- the entry bell is rung shall be eliminated.
8. No competitor can be required to ride prior to the scheduled time. The assigned ride time is the time the rider is expected to enter the arena. It is the rider's responsibility to arrive at the arena on time.
 9. Dressage times shall take precedence over jumping classes. Every effort will be made to prevent conflicts in classes.
 10. If the rider misses his/her dressage time, he/she will be eliminated from the class and will not receive a refund.

Section H: ELIMINATIONS: The use of illegal equipment, unauthorized assistance, three (3) errors of the course, late or inappropriate entry into arena, resistance of longer than twenty (20) seconds, cruelty, marked lameness, and if all four feet of the horse leave the arena before the test is done will constitute elimination.

Section I: ENTRIES: All riders must be pre-entered (one horse per rider) and submit \$45 per class as an entry fee. Class fees are non-refundable after closing date.

Section J: TESTS: Copies of the current tests will be posted and available to download from the IEL's web site. I.E.L. will not be responsible for providing tests at the show or when tests change in mid-season (every four years).

Note well: See Rule VII, Section B regarding the sharing of horses.

RULE XV – REPORTING PROBLEMS/DISCREPANCIES/COMPLAINTS

Section A: Any member of the I.E.L. community who feels it appropriate to notify the Board of an alleged problem, discrepancy, or complaint shall do so promptly (i.e., within one week of the alleged incident), either by email (addressed to iel@theiel.org) or by regular mail (addressed to IEL, 11333 Moorpark St. #204, Studio City, CA 91602), together with any and all relevant documentation. The Board will evaluate and notify the complainant in a timely manner of any decision made or action taken. The only exception shall be the reporting of any perceived problems or discrepancies as to points earned at a show by any particular rider or team, which shall be handled as provided for in Rule IX, Section B.

RULE XVI – SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Section A: It is the duty of the Board of Directors to award senior scholarships on an annual basis.

Section B: Any 12th grade rider who is a member in good standing in the League, attends a member school, has competed in the required number of shows during her/his senior year, and meets all of the application requirements is eligible to apply for a year-end I.E.L. senior scholarship.

Section C: The criteria for awarding senior scholarships will be determined by the Senior Scholarship Committee prior to the commencement of each new show season; the criteria will be posted on the website for review. Additionally, all eligible seniors will be mailed an application packet, specifying such criteria and procedures to be followed, after the second show of the season.

Section D: It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to review the senior scholarship applications and make recommendations to the Senior Scholarship Committee; the Senior Scholarship Committee, in turn, will determine the number of scholarships given and the allocation of senior scholarship monies and present same to the Board of Directors for approval.

Section E: Any Board member in good standing is eligible to participate in the senior scholarship selection so long as he/she does not have a 12th grade child applying for a senior scholarship.



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I.E.L. CLASS LIST

A. Novice Warm-up

1. Novice Working Hunters (2')
2. Novice Handy Hunters (2')
3. Novice Hunt Seat Equitation, fences (2')
4. Novice Hunt Seat Equitation, flat
5. Novice Dressage Training Level Test 1
6. Novice Dressage Training Level Test 2

B. Freshman Warm-up

7. Freshman Working Hunters (2'6")
8. Freshman Handy Hunters (2'6")
9. Freshman Hunt Seat Equitation, fences (2'6")
10. Freshman Hunt Seat Equitation, flat
11. Freshman Horsemanship Medal Final (2'6") [Last show only]
12. Freshman Dressage Training Level Test 3
13. Freshman Dressage Training Level Test 4

C. Jr. Varsity Warm-up

14. Jr. Varsity Working Hunters (3')
15. Jr. Varsity Handy Hunters (3')
16. Jr. Varsity Hunt Seat Equitation, fences (3')
17. Jr. Varsity Hunt Seat Equitation, flat
18. Jr. Varsity Horsemanship Medal (3')
19. Jr. Varsity Jumpers Table IV, Sec. 1 (3' to 3'3")
20. Jr. Varsity Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2(b) (3' to 3'3")
21. Jr. Varsity Dressage First Level Test 1
22. Jr. Varsity Dressage First Level Test 2

D. Varsity Warm-up

23. Varsity Working Hunters (3'6")
24. Varsity Handy Hunters (3'6")
25. Varsity Hunt Seat Equitation, fences (3'6")
26. Varsity Hunt Seat Equitation, flat
27. Varsity Horsemanship Medal (3'6")
28. Varsity Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2(b) (3'6" to 3'9")
29. Varsity Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1 (3'6" to 3'9")
30. Varsity Dressage First Level Test 3
31. Varsity Dressage First Level Test 4

Special or Optional Dressage Classes:

32. Varsity Dressage Second Level Test 1
- 33. Varsity Dressage Second Level Test 2**
34. Dressage Introductory Test A
35. Dressage Introductory Test B

SHOW DATES FOR 2009-2010

Please note: Show dates and venues are subject to change.

Sunday, October 25, 2009 – Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
(entry deadline: October 10)

Sunday, December 6, 2009 – Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
(entry deadline: November 21)

Saturday, January 9, 2010 – Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
(entry deadline: December 26)

Saturday, April 17, 2010 – Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
(entry deadline: April 3)

RAIN DATES FOR 2008-2009

February 7, 2010

March 20, 2010

May 1, 2010

Team Representatives' Mandatory Meetings *

May 2010:
(Date TBA)

Annual Meeting
Election of Board of Directors for next season

August 2010:
(Date TBA)

General Meeting
Hand out all registration material for upcoming season

* Note: Penalties for not attending mandatory meetings are listed on page 1 (Rule I, Section C) of the *Rules, Policies, and Procedures*.



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