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For rules not covered as part of the I.E.L. rulebook, the I.E.L. uses USEF General Rules as guidance. Such use of USEF rules as guidance does not include access to the USEF's regulatory process, per USEF GR204.3 and GR204.4.



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Chapter GR1 – Membership

GR100 School Participation

1. 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.
2. To be allowed to ride for a school team, a rider must be a seventh (7th) through twelfth (12th) grade student and be currently enrolled in that school. . However, if the junior high school located in Los Angeles County or Ventura County includes grades six, seven and eight, then a student enrolled in the 6th grade of that school shall be eligible to ride in I.E.L.

GR101 School Membership and Forms

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.

GR102 School Membership Fees

1. 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. Those schools submitting completed forms postmarked after October 1 shall pay an additional late fee of \$25.
2. All schools MUST have liability insurance that meet the current IEL year's limits and would cover a claim arising out of a student's participation at a show, or the conduct of its team; the school must supply a certificate of insurance naming I.E.L. as additionally insured 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.

NO school will have its membership forms processed without first meeting all the I.E.L. insurance requirements.

GR103 Team Representatives

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



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membership must attend the mandatory August meeting prior to the season for which they wish to be considered.

GR104 Rider Membership and Forms

1. 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 \$25 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.

2. 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.
3. 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 may establish that rider's appropriate dressage division for future shows. 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.

GR105 Falsification of Forms

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.

GR106 Cross Entering Organizations

There will be no cross-entering between independent I.E.L. organizations (i.e. Orange County I.E.L.). Riders must choose the organization in which they would like to show, and remain showing in that organization throughout the show season.



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GR107 Show Dates

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

GR108 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

The IEL Board reserves the right to bar from any IEL show, any person acting in any manner deemed improper, unethical, unsportsmanlike, intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interests of the sport.

Chapter GR2 – Trainers

GR109 Trainer Liability

- a. 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.
- 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.

GR110 Trainers and Assistants

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

GR111 Trainer Attire

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

Chapter GR3 – Show Registration and Fees

GR112 Entry Information

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.

GR113 Show Registration

1. 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.
2. All dressage fees must be paid in full with entry.



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3. Any prior outstanding balance must be paid in full prior to an entry being accepted for registration.
4. If anyone writes a check for show fees and that check is not honored in full by the bank for any reason, then that rider's outstanding entry fees must be paid in full in cash and entry fees for said rider's subsequent horse show must be paid in full in cash before that rider will be permitted to compete in the subsequent horse show. All bounced checks will be charged a fee of \$25 plus any additional bank fees.
5. All forms, signed and completed in full, along with full payment or 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.

GR114 Entering Shows Ahead of Time

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.

GR115 Entry Deadline

1. Entries must be received by the show secretary or postmarked by the closing date as described in Section C above. Due to the increased number of rider-members, entry forms received after the deadline will NOT be accepted and WILL BE returned to the rider. For any given show season in which electronic entries are allowed, there will be a five (5) business day grace period in which a rider will be allowed to submit an electronic Late Entry. There will be NO late entries for Dressage classes. Electronic entries require a current Liability Form to be on file signed by the rider, parent, and trainer. Stalls will be sold based on availability, a \$75.00 late fee must be included, and all deposits and fees are non-refundable.
2. 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.

GR116 Late Entries

A show entry will be considered late if it is received via postal mail with a post mark date that falls after the close of entry. Management reserves the right to allow electronic entries for a show season, in which case any entry with a time stamp after 11:50 PM on the closing date of entries will be considered late.

GR117 Scratching Dressage Classes

To scratch a dressage 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 show at which this occurs is the last show of



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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.

GR118 Refunds

Before the closing date, full refunds will be given. After the closing date, the deposit fees 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 following protocol and scratching that class, the rider will be penalized.

GR119 Stall Fees

All stall requests must be received with a rider's timely entry form or by means of an email to the I.E.L.'s show secretary sent BEFORE the entry deadline, and full payment of all stall fees must be paid or payment must be postmarked by the entry deadline. No late stall requests, and no phone requests will be accepted. Timely stall requests will not be honored if payment is late. No refunds will be made for canceled stall. 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.

GR120 Penalty Fees

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.

Chapter GR4 – Show Grounds

GR121 Helmet Rule

All exhibitors are required to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM/SEI standards while mounted anywhere on the competition grounds. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.

GR121.1 Safety Vest Rule

Any exhibitor may wear a protective vest either body protecting or inflatable, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge.

GR122 Safety Rule

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.



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GR123 Tent Rule

Any school that puts up a tent, i.e., an E-Z UP®, must have a person in attendance on the show grounds at all times that has the ability to take down the tent upon request or announcement. If I.E.L. management requests that a tent be taken down, or if an announcement is made that tents are to be lowered or taken down, the school must comply with the request or announcement immediately. If the tent remains standing after such a request or announcement, or if I.E.L. personnel must take down the tent, the school will not be allowed to have a tent at the following show. If a school is in violation a second time during a season, the school will not be allowed to erect a tent for the following two shows; any such ban will carry over to the following season until complete.

GR124 Dog Rule

No dogs are allowed on show grounds during I.E.L. shows. It is the responsibility of the rider, the rider's family and the rider's trainer to inform guests of this ban. If a dog is discovered on the show grounds, the rider with whom that dog is associated will be disqualified from the show.

GR125 Trailer Parking Rule

There will be no parking and leaving of trailers in the middle aisles of the temporary barns. Doing so may incur a fine.

GR126 Alcohol Rule

Consuming alcoholic beverages at the I.E.L. horse shows is strictly prohibited. Please report any activity regarding alcohol to the horse show office.

GR127 CDFA Drug Rule

The primary goals of the I.E.L. are to support and develop student equestrian athletes, to encourage knowledge of horsemanship and to promote good sportsmanship and team work in a fair and friendly competition. Because of this mission, the I.E.L. strongly supports the Equine Medication Monitoring Program administered by the California Drug and Food Administration. The I.E.L. will follow the rules as prescribed by the California Drug and Food Administration on drug use in all competing horses/ponies at an IEL horse show. We encourage all I.E.L. riders, trainers and parents to go to the CDFA website to learn more. (http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/emmp/) In accordance with CDFA procedure there may be random drug testing administered by CDFA employees at any or all IEL horse shows. If any horse/pony is found to have a positive result from this testing, the CDFA will contact the owner and trainer of said horse/pony for further investigation. At the conclusion of that investigation the I.E.L. will be notified by the CDFA if the CDFA finds that a violation of the CDFA rules has occurred. If the I.E.L. is notified that a horse/pony has been found by the CDFA to be in violation of the California Medication Rule, the rider of that horse will forfeit all points accumulated at the I.E.L. horseshow where the sample was collected. The I.E.L. will not conduct any independent investigation and will rely exclusively on the findings of the CDFA.



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GR127.1 Equine Vaccination Rule

For all I.E.L. competitions, horses entering the grounds for the show must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months of each show.

The I.E.L. follows the USEF Rule with respect to equine vaccinations. I.E.L. will randomly check for documentation showing proof of vaccinations.

Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the I.E.L. competition grounds upon the request of the I.E.L. Board. For horses not in compliance with this rule, the I.E.L. Board shall also have the discretion to take any other action necessary to enforce and ensure compliance with this rule, including but not limited to, requiring that a rider and/or a rider's school forfeit certain points accumulated at any I.E.L. show.

GR127.2 Honoring Disciplinary Action Taken by USEF

The I.E.L. will honor any USEF suspension, order or any other disciplinary action against a horse, Exhibitor and/or Trainer.

GR128 Schooling Rules

Schooling will be permitted in designated areas only. The word schooling includes but is not limited to riding, lunging, leading, and exercising. In accordance with California State Law, poling and/or the use of offsets will not be permitted. Violations of schooling regulations may be considered cause for fines and/or elimination. Official schooling the day before the show shall be from 2pm to 5pm, riding outside of these time constraints is done so at the risk of the rider and trainer.

GR129 Stallions

Stallions are barred from I.E.L. shows.

GR130 Competition Officials

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)



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Chapter GR5 – Ribbons, Trophies, and Points

GR131 Ribbons and Points

1. 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
2 nd	– 12 points
3 rd	– 10 points
4 th	– 9 points
5 th	– 8 points
6 th	– 7 points
7 th	– 6 points
8 th	– 5 points
9 th	– 4 points
10 th	– 3 points
11 th	– 2 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.

2. 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.
3. A rider showing in a class for which he or she is ineligible shall forfeit any points, ribbons and trophies won in such class.

GR132 Dressage Points

Points accrued in dressage will count towards year-end awards such as high point overall school and individual awards. The points will be broken down systematically so that they may cross over to be combined with hunter/jumper points in an orderly manner. The points will break down as follows:

Training Level Tests will count towards Novice school and individual awards.

First Level Tests will count towards Freshman school and individual awards.

Second Level Tests will count towards Junior Varsity school and individual awards.

Third Level Tests and Fourth Level Tests will count towards Varsity school and individual awards.



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GR133 Splitting of Classes and Ribbons

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.

GR134 Posting of Points

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 I.E.L. 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.

GR135 Changing Divisions Mid-Season

1. 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.
2. 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.

GR136 Breaking Ties for Champion/Reserve Champion

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:

Hunters - Handy Hunter: Novice Class #112, Freshman Class #212, JV Class #312 and Varsity Class #412

Equitation - Over Fences: Novice Class #121, Freshman Class #221, JV Class #321 and Varsity Class #421

Freshman Jumpers: Class #232–Table IV, Sec. 2(b)

Junior Varsity Jumpers: Class #332 –Table II, Sec. 2(b)

Varsity Jumpers: Class #432–Table II, Sec. 1



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

GR137 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/Training Level Individual
- Freshman/First Level Individual
- Junior Varsity/Second Level Individual
- Varsity/Third Level Individual
- Varsity/Fourth Level Individual
- Overall High Point of the Day (Highest dressage score)
- Overall Reserve High Point of the Day (Second highest score)

Equitation:

- Novice Individual
- Freshman Individual
- Junior Varsity Individual
- Varsity Individual
- Overall High Score Equitation Rider

Hunter:

- Novice Individual
- Freshman Individual
- Junior Varsity Individual
- Varsity Individual
- Overall High Score Hunter Rider

Jumper:

- Novice Individual
- Freshman Individual
- Junior Varsity Individual
- Varsity Individual
- Overall High Score Jumper Rider



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Division and Overall:

Novice Individual
Novice Team
Freshman Individual
Freshman Team
Junior Varsity Individual
Junior Varsity Team
Varsity Individual
Varsity Team
Overall High Point School Team
Overall High Point School Team Average Points per Rider

GR138 Year-End Awards

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:

High Point Novice Individual & Team
High Point Freshman Individual & Team
High Point Junior Varsity Individual & Team
High Point Varsity Individual & Team
High Point Section Individual (Hunter, equitation, Jumper) in each Division

Dressage Awards:

- a. Novice/Training Level Champion and Reserve Champion
- b. Freshman/First Level Champion and Reserve Champion
- c. Junior Varsity/Second Level Champion and Reserve Champion
- d. Varsity/Third Level Champion and Reserve Champion
- e. Varsity/Fourth Level Champion and Reserve

Champion Overall High Point Team (Perpetual Trophy)

Overall High Point School Team Average Points per Rider

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.

GR139 Year-End Trainer Awards

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

Trainer of the Varsity High-Point Champion

Trainer of the Junior Varsity High-Point Champion



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Trainer of the Freshman High-Point Champion

Trainer of the Novice High-Point Champion

Trainer of the Varsity High-Point Reserve Champion

Trainer of the Junior Varsity High-Point Reserve Champion

Trainer of the Freshman High-Point Reserve Champion

Trainer of the Novice High-Point Reserve Champion

Chapter GR6 - Reporting Problems/Discrepancies/Complaints

GR140 How to Report Problems/Discrepancies/Complaints

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.

Chapter GR7 – Senior Scholarships

GR141 Rider Eligibility

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.

GR142 Board Member Eligibility

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

GR143 Determining Criteria

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.

GR144 Reviewing Applications

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.