

Section I-Mission Statement

There are positive relationships between academic achievement and participation in regular physical activity. Students who participate in regular extra-curricular sports and physical activities perform better academically than their non-active peers. The Pre-Collegiate Regional Equestrian Program (PREP) affords students an opportunity to challenge their physical selves, grow emotionally, succeed academically, and prepare for the next step in their academic and equestrian educations.

This is achieved by providing riders 19 years and younger the opportunity to develop strong horsemanship and horseback riding skills through regular riding and team competition and introducing riders to colleges in their region offering equestrian programs.

Section II- Who Can Participate

Teams are formed of no more than 12 riders from farms and/or riding facilities that have a current lesson program. Students must be enrolled and actively participating in the current weekly lesson program to be eligible to compete on their PREP team. Teams may also be scramble teams consisting of members from more than one farm.

Team competitions, referred to as meets, follow a divisionary format tailored to each rider's skill level; allowing beginners thru advanced riders to participate.

Farms and/or riding facilities that participate in PREP must have use of horses (i.e. school, privately owned horses) available and access to an indoor ring to be eligible to host a meet. All teams are required to pay membership dues to participate.

- Each team must provide suitable tack when hosting.
- It is the Host Team's discretion whether to allow incoming teams to use their own saddles.
- Tack may not be adjusted without the permission of the host team.
- Host team must provide a description of the horses being used in the meet.
- The season will begin in October and run through March of the following year.

Section III - Format

A. The format shall be the following:

Division 1: Beginner

Class 1: Beginner Flat WT- Riders to show both directions at the Walk & Trot.

Class 2: Beginner Flat WTC Riders to show both direction at the Walk, Trot & Canter

Class3: Beginner Jump-Rider to jump 4 x-rails no higher than 18".

Division 2:Novice

Class 1: Novice Flat WT - Riders to show at the Walk & Trot in both directions. Judge may ask for sitting trot & halt.

Class 2: Novice Flat WTC - Riders to show at the Walk, Trot & Canter in both directions. Judge may ask for sitting trot & halt.

Class3: Novice Jump- Rider to jump 4 fences at 2'.

Division 3: Intermediate

Class1: Intermediate Flat WT- Riders to show at the Walk & Trot in both directions. Judge may ask for sitting trot & halt.

Class2: Intermediate Flat WTC- Riders to show at the Walk, Trot & Canter in both directions. Judge may ask for sitting trot & halt.

Class3: Intermediate Jump- Rider to Jump 6 Jumps at 2'3".

Division 4: Open

Class1: Open Flat- Riders to show at the Walk, Trot & Canter in both directions. Judge may ask for sitting trot & halt.

Class2: Open Jump - Riders to Jump 4 Jumps at 2'6" with a trot and a halt

Class3: Open Jump - Riders to Jump 6 Jumps at 2'6".

Class4: Omega Class- The top open rider for the day from each team will ride in the Omega class.

B. Format Rules: Each team can have up to 3 riders in each division. No rider may cross enter into another division. Each rider must be declared in their division before the start of the season. Up to 12 riders are allowed on to a team. Riders must be 19 & under by Dec 1st. Each Team will host a meet and provide horses for all the teams to use. A judge is required for these meets that has no immediate affiliation with the host barn. Meets will consist of 3 teams. No rider may ride their own horse or a horse they lease. . 2 minute warm-ups are allowed for the flat and 2 fence warm-up for jumping. Riders will draw for their mounts. Meets will start at 11am.

C. Division Rules

Beginner Division:

- A rider in this division cannot have jumped over 18" at any show.
- Jumps may be shown at the trot or canter but must be one or the other.
- 4 x-rails to be used not exceeding 18" at the standards.

Novice Division:

- A rider in this division cannot have jumped over 2'3" at any show.
- 4 - 2' verticals only, straight lines and or diagonals and or singles (no boxers, rollbacks, combinations, halts or trot fence allowed).

Intermediate Division:

- A rider in this division cannot have jumped over 2'6" at any show
- 6 jumps shown at 2'3" with a change of direction. May include oxers, rollbacks, bending, broken lines but not required. (no combinations, trot or halt).

Open Division:

-A rider in this division is not have any experience restrictions.

- 6 Jumps shown at 2'6" must contain an oxer and at least one change of direction, and two of the following which may not combined:1. a bending line, 2.a narrow jump (6'-8'),3. a roll back turn, 4.a fence at the end of the ring, 5.a long approach to a single fence.

-Omega Class- The top open rider from each team will ride in the Omega Class. Rider must ride without stirrups, answer a question (from PREP handbook) and jump 4 jumps of the judge's discretion with 2 of the following tests, 1.Halt.

2.Back up.

3. Execute serpentine at a trot and or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead.

4.Jump without stirrups.

5.Work collectively at the Walk Trot or Canter

6. Trot jump.

Section IV: Horsemanship Test

At the beginning of each season the riders will be given a horsemanship handbook. Throughout the season the riders are expected to study this handbook. At the Omega meet every rider will be required to take a horsemanship quiz. The quiz will be multiple choice taken at the last meet. The average score of each team will be taken. Points will be awarded to each of the teams with the highest score in this order.

1st-7points

2nd-5points

3rd-4points

4th-3points

5th-2points

6th-1point

These points will be added to the teams total scores. The horsemanship handbook and quiz may change from year to year.

Section V: Points

A. Team Points: The top riders points from each team in each class will count for the teams points.

B: Individual Points: Each rider will earn points in each class they ride in their division. Points will count toward year end points which will be awarded at the end of the season for each division ribbons will count as follows,

1st-7points

2nd-5points

3rd-4points

4th-3points

5th-2points

6th-1point

Omega class will only count for team points not individual.

Section VI: Omega Meet:

The Omega Meet will be the last meet of the season. All Teams participate and will bring their own horses.

-Horsemanship Test will be taken.

-College Fair- Colleges in the region will come and set up booths for students to check out the regions colleges.

-Seminars.

-Riders will possibly be able to be scouted out for college riding teams.

-Essays to be turned in.

-Location of the Omega Meet TBD

-Riders are encouraged to put together a rider's resume to present to colleges during the college fair or if a scout approaches you.

Section VII: Costs

-Membership Cost are \$695.00 per season per team.

-Regular Meet Cost \$45 per rider a minimum of \$270 per team.

-Omega Meet: \$55 per rider \$330 per team (stabling will be extra) (depending on Omega costs these may change)

Section VIII: Scholarship Essay

Each season an equestrian essay topic will be picked. Each rider will have the opportunity to write to participate in the essay contest. This is voluntary, each essay will be read and scored in a blind judging by one judge not affiliated with any participating farm. The winner will be revealed at the awards banquet.

Section IX: Banquet

An awards banquet will take place after the season is ended time and place TBD.

Type of Awards

-Team

-Individual

-Horsemanship high score winner

-Essay Scholarship Winner

-Sportsmanship Winner

-Coach of the Year Winner