

IEA Zone 1 Split Guidelines

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Zone 1 is in consensus that due to the large number of teams we currently have and in preparation for the continued growth of our Zone, we need to split into regions.

The general rules for dividing Zone 1 into regions will be as follows:

1. Western teams and hunt seat teams will be considered separately when planning regions.
2. A region must have at least 3 teams to exist and must have no more than 16 teams initially assigned.
3. Teams will be assigned to a region based on geographic proximity, number of riders, and facility/horse resources in that order of priority. Teams will be assigned to a region within the zone by September 1 of each year.
4. All teams that join after the initial regional assignments will be added into a region based on their geographic proximity, number of riders, and facility/horse resources.
5. A region that has more than 16 teams by National Finals will split the following IEA competition year.
6. A region that was established but has less than 3 teams register by October 15 will be absorbed back into existing regions.
7. Teams hosting shows may include a priority entry period for their Region, limit all entries only to their region or open the entries to the Zone at large. To be stated on the horse show prize list.
8. Co-hosting can occur across regions with co-hosting teams given priority in regards to entry deadlines. The location of the show will determine which region at large receives priority entry dates (if applicable.)
9. Futures teams that exist without an upper school team will be assigned a region also. Futures teams that are a part of an upper school team will remain in the same region as their upper school team.
10. Regional Finals will be held (if necessary) dividing the 24 available slots for Zone Finals proportionally according to rider populations between the regions based upon the number of members in each region as determined by IEA membership on December 31st of each year. The Zone Chairman will promptly notify the Region Chairmen and all Zone 1 coaches at the beginning of each calendar year of the number of additional rider members per class a region may send to Zone Finals.
11. Regional Finals will be funded in a similar fashion as Zones, \$2 added per ride and set aside for Regional Finals. Additional funds will be raised by the sale of ads to the Regionals program.

Based on the above criteria, two regions are formed by drawing a line following 91 South from the Canadian border, continuing down 93 South where it forks off of 91 to the Massachusetts border, then divide Massachusetts on a north-south line through Worcester and finally Rhode Island to the east, Connecticut to the west.