

IEA Zone 5

Region Realignment Plan for 2009-2010 Season

To: IEA National Board of Directors

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Background After the 2008-2009 season, it has been determined the zone split worked and we will continue with the same plan in general. Following are the Zone 5 structure plans and guidelines for the 2009-2010 IEA season

NOTE: Western membership numbers were not considered, as the recommendation is for western to continue competing as a zone.

First, we propose to realign Zone 5 as follows...

- **Region 1** will be Northeastern Ohio, defined as northeast of US Rt 250 – basically, all of Ohio north of a line from Steubenville to Sandusky. This includes the populous areas of Cleveland /Akron /Youngstown /Canton /Wooster/ Sandusky. Michigan teams may be considered based on location
- **Region 2** will be Southeastern Ohio, defined south of Rt. 250, east of I-71, and east of US Rt. 23 – eastern Columbus and the southeastern quarter of the state of Ohio.
- **Region 3** will be western Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky – that's all of Ohio west of Rt.250 from Sandusky to Wooster, west of I-71 from Wooster to Columbus, and west of Rt. 23 from Columbus to Portsmouth.

The result...

Zone 5 Region 1

**Andrews Osborne
North Coast
Stoney Ridge
Tuscarawas
Western Reserve**

**Andrews Osbrone Community
Hinckley
Holly Parks
Hudson
Little Glen**

NOTES: Expecting Tiffany Bragg with Tuscarawas to return as Regional President.

Available Hunter Shows: Andrews, Hudson, North Coast, Stoney Ridge

Zone 5 Region 2

**Baycrest
Brookside**

**Bookmark
Dare**

**Empress Valley
Hunters Creek
Mid Ohio/Stonegate
Sid Griffith
Willow Way**

**Foxridge
Maple Leaf
Olentangy
West Licking
Yinger**

NOTES: Expecting Bev Newton to return as regional president, Jen Hunkins as secretary, Jamie Mills as treasurer and Lindsay Yinger as vice president

Available Hunter Shows: Mid Ohio, West Licking, Dare and Otterbein

Zone 5 Region 3

**Autumn Rose
Childress Rodgers
Cooper
Sylvan
Royal Winds
*Bay Hill**

**Beckett Run
Culver
Limerick Lane
Liberty
* Hancock Horsemen**

NOTES: Expecting Gretchen Dye to return as regional president.
Some interest has been expressed from some Kentucky and Michigan barns.
* Bay Hill and Hancock had only western entries in 2008-09.

Available Hunter Shows: Beckett Run, Sylvan, Morehead State, Limerick Lane, Childress Rodgers,

ZONE 5 ENTRY GUIDELINES

1. Guaranteed entries Regular Zone 5 point shows must be able to accept *at least 1 rider per division for all teams in that region in accordance with IEA rule 4.D.2.....*

- a. Providing there is additional room, shows may accept additional entries from regional teams as long as all teams are given the same opportunities for additional entries.
- b. If there is still room, entries can be extended to teams from outside the region but within Zone 5.
- c. Space permitting, shows can open entries to teams from outside Zone 5.

2. Qualification for Regionals Individual riders and teams will qualify for Regional Championships under standard IEA qualification guidelines.

- a. Qualified teams and riders will compete at a Regional Championship show to earn the opportunity to compete at Zones.
- b. Regionals should be held no later than two weeks prior to Zones. It is also requested all Regular Points shows to be held no later than two weeks prior to Regionals.

c. Regional finals will be funded in a similar fashion to zones, \$2 added per ride and set aside for Regional Finals. The maximum allowed entry fee for a regular point show may only be charged to the rider. If the EHC sets their entry fee at the maximum allowed the \$2 regional dues will come from the EHC show profits/budget. Additional funds may be raised for the regional final show through sales of ads etc. Following a regular point show, the EHC will provide an official program to the zone chair within the same time frame as required by the Membership Secretary in the current IEA rulebook. The zone chair will count entries and will bill the EHC \$2 per ride for the regional fund. Should there be a counting discrepancy between the zone and official count of the National Membership Secretary, the lower count will be used. This collection will be held in the Zone 5 account and given to the Regional President (or leader) to be used for the regional championship show. Each region will be allotted the monies collected for all regular point shows where the EHC (based on the show application approved by the National Membership Secretary) is a member of that region. Co hosting teams will NOT be considered in the allocation of the regional funds even if they are not members of the same region as the EHC. The Zone chair will report to each region president regarding the balance of that region's show fund on December 15th and March 15th of each year for planning purposes. There will be no \$2 per entry collected for the Regional Championship show itself. However, any national dues per entry as declared in the current IEA rulebook will be required for the Regional Championship show.

3. Qualification for Zones Individuals and teams will qualify for Zone 5 Championships as follows:

a. To determine the number of individual and teams showing at the Zone Championship show, the current rule in the official IEA rulebook will be used. For the 2009-10 season rule 4.C.2.Regional Split Guidelines. Zone Finals will be used. See below

Zone Finals

1. Teams and individuals will qualify for Zone finals under the IEA Rule 4.C.3.
2. There will be no more than 12 riders per class at the Zone Finals and no more than 12 teams at Zone Finals. Rider positions and team positions for Zone Finals will be proportionately divided among the regions of the zone based upon the number of members in each region as determined by IEA membership on December 31st of each year.

4. Further Growth Issues

- a. Once a region reaches fifteen (15) teams a mandatory review to split is required the following year.
- b. A region that was established but has less than three (3) teams registered by November 15 should be absorbed back into existing regions.
- c. Teams will still be required to host / co-host within their regions as is currently required.
- d. See IEA, Rule 2.C.1.e, all hosted/co hosted shows in fulfillment of this rule, must be done WITHIN a team's own region. However, additional shows may be co hosted across regional boundaries...