

IEA Zone 4 Proposal 2007-08

Zone 4 is in consensus that we want the show year scheduled so that every team knows what shows they are attending and we need to split into regions to accomplish this. We no longer want to be sending in entries for every show hoping to get in. We no longer want to be mailing entries in at a cost of \$50 for guaranteed 8am delivery on the entry opening date.

In Zone 4, the first come first serve system doesn't work anymore. Every team knows to overnight their entry for 8am delivery hence all the team entries are delivered at the same time, 8am, and entry is then determined by a random drawing. So we decided to eliminate the \$50 overnight mailing and just conduct a random drawing for each show entry.

There are 2 phases to Zone 4's Proposal for the 2007-08 IEA competition season. Phase One will describe the lottery system for entry to shows and Phase Two will describe the Zone 4's new regions.

Phase One: Scheduling Entry of teams into IEA competitions

What we would prefer is to conduct a lottery system for entry to all shows. Every team that is hosting or co-hosting will set their show date with IEA. All teams that are registered and have posted their show dates by 9/1 will be included in the lottery. Then with the list of show dates, every team will enter the "lottery" for each show they would like to attend. The zone chair will draw 5 teams at 2 riders per class per team for each show. Once a team has been drawn for 5 shows, they will not be allowed another lottery slot. If a team wants to enter more than 5 shows, then they will have to submit an additional entry on the first come first serve system for any remaining openings in the particular show. The lottery will only draw for 5 teams to participate in each show so that there will be openings for new teams, large teams, and late registering teams. The original entry by lottery will be limited to 2 riders per class per team. This gives every team the same number of shows and slots in the original schedule.

I chose the number of shows per team based on the maximum # of shows per rider, 5. Of course a large team with many riders may need more shows to get every rider in 5 shows, but my emphasis and the IEA's emphasis is on the team competition. So, this will guarantee every team at least 5 shows and still allow for new teams, late registering teams, and big teams to find more slots.

Phase Two: Dividing Zone 4 into Regions

The second portion of our plan is to divide into regions for a more manageable schedule. The general rules for dividing Zone 4 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 10 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 10 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. Co-hosting can occur across regions. The host school's region will have priority for entry into the show as in IEA rule

8. 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.

9. Teams and individuals will qualify for zone finals under the IEA Rule 4.C.3. There will be no regional final competition unless the zone divides into more than 4 regions. Of Zone 4 divides into more than 4 regions, then each region will have a regional final.

10. Regional finals will consist of all teams and riders that have qualified for Zone finals. Regional finals will follow all guidelines set for zone finals. Each active IEA region may send one Individual Rider per class to Zone Finals. There will be no more than 24 riders per class at the Zone Finals. The remaining twelve (12) rider positions for Zone Finals will be proportionately divided among the regions of zone 4 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 at the beginning of each calendar year of the number of additional rider members per class a region may send to Zone Finals.

Following the above criteria, I have created 3 regions in Zone 4 for the 2007-08 IEA competition season. There will be no regional finals this year. The teams in the metro Atlanta area are within 50 miles of each other.

Zone 4 Region A: Metro Atlanta Area 1

- a. Alpharetta HS
- b. North Gwinnett HS
- c. Rivendell Farm
- d. Holy Innocents HS
- e. North Forsyth HS
- f. Hilmar Farm
- g. Forsyth Central
- h. Millcreek HS
- i. Webb Bridge MS

Zone 4 Region B: Metro Atlanta Area 2

- j. South Forsyth HS
- k. Northview HS
- l. Stonegate Farm
- m. Sonora Farm
- n. American Heritage HS
- o. St. Francis
- p. Centennial HS
- q. Falcon Ridge Stables

Zone 4 Region C: State of Florida (Because this is the first year for this group of teams; if less than 3 teams in Florida join IEA by October 1, then the teams from Florida will be absorbed back into the regions in metro Atlanta): Coral Springs HS, Calvary Christian Academy, Fideles Academy

All prospective teams will be assigned a zone as they register with IEA: Milton HS, Woodward Academy, Chattahoochee, Nashville

Table attached outlining zone division criteria

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Metro Atlanta A						
team	coach	facility	# HS	#MS	home host	# horses for travel
			riders	riders		
AHS	Imbriglio	WestWinds	21		yes	6
WEB	Imbriglio	WestWinds		15		
NGW	Abel	Rivendell	15			3
Rivendell	Abel	Rivendell	8	4		
NFH	Duncan	Hilmar	8			2
Hilmar	Duncan	Hilmar	6		yes	
MCK	Moore		8		yes	4
CFH	Blue	BlueSprings	12	8		6
HIN	Wesson	ATLHuntClub	12	12	yes	0
Total			105	24	4	21
Metro Atlanta B						
team	coach	facility	# HS	#MS	home host	# horses for travel
			riders	riders		
SFH	Durgin	WestWinds	20		yes	6
CEN	Durgin	WestWinds	10			
NTH	Dimarakis	Stonegate	12			3
STG	Dimarakis	Stonegate	7	5		
SON	Frankel	Sonora	11	11	yes	4
American Heritage	Frankel	Sonora	3			
STF	DeSantis	Sonora	12			4
Falcon Ridge	Cone	FalconRidge	12		yes	4
Total			87	16	3	21

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