

20242025 IHSA INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHEET

This form is NOT your official individual IHSA Membership Form, it is for placement purposes only. After you've filled in this worksheet, you must go to www.ihstinc.com and do the online Individual Membership Placement Form

College: _____	Expected Graduation Month/Year: _____
Rider Name: _____	Student ID Number: _____
Rider's Mailing Address at College: _____ (Street Address, Apt. #) _____ (City, State and Zip Code) Cell or other phone _____ (Area Code and Number)	Rider's Permanent Home Address: _____ (Street Address, Apt. #) _____ (City, State and Zip Code) Phone _____ (Area Code and Number)
E-Mail Address: _____	

IF YOU HAVE COMPETED IN "recognized shows" – for IHSA purposes that is USEF/USHJA, USEF/USDF and USEF/USEA for hunter seat; AQHA, APHA, NRCHA, NSBA, ARHA (excluding Novice/Level 1/Green classes and below), and NRHA(excluding NRHA Green Reiner Classes) for WESTERN. -- you must submit a printed copy of your competition/points record along with this form. See Rule 8101.A and 9101.A for details.

Student must summarize weeks and/or years of experience in each discipline and category:

	Riding	Lessons	Showing	USEF Showing	4H Showing	International Competition	AQHA Showing	Breed Showing	NRHA Showing	APHA Showing	USDF Showing	USEA Events
Hunter Seat Flat												
Hunter Seat Over Fences												
Western												
Jumpers												
Dressage												
Eventing												
Other (explain)												

Coach's assignment of IHSA Divisions:

(You MUST assign a division for BOTH disciplines, even if the student has no intention on competing in the other division)

NOTE: If either the coach or student believes that the form places the rider into a class unfairly, and that this rider should be placed into a division other than the one indicated by this form, please explain your circumstances in the appropriate place on the back page and suggest an appropriate level.

Hunter Seat Flat _____ Hunter Seat Fences _____ Western _____

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____

Rule I, 1308: The falsification of the membership or eligibility forms may be cause for immediate expulsion of the individual, coach, or college from the IHSA, or any other penalty assigned by the Regional Standards and Ethics Committee.

Please refer to the IHSA Rule Book for full descriptions of class requirements. This form indicates suggested placement, but the IHSA Rules always takes precedence in matters of placement.

NOTE: Because of the YES/NO format of this form, the questions in each section are NOT INTENDED to always match the class description of that same section. Rather, a “YES” answer in a section in many cases is affirmation of your being OVER-qualified for the class description of the next lower class.

The **FIRST** division in which you answer “yes” will indicate initial rider placement

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED FOR BOTH HUNTER SEAT AND WESTERN DIVISIONS, EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY COMPETING IN ONE DIVISION. Please refer to Rule VIII, 8100-8202 and Rule IX 9100-9202 of IHSA Rules for exact class qualifications. Note that there is no crossover rule – flat, fences, western are placed by this form independently of each other based on the rulebook. Limit fences riders must be originally placed at least in Limit flat level.

Notes: (from IHSA Rule Book Rule 8101 and 9101)

- Recognized competitions for **Hunter Seat riders** include any competition that is sanctioned by BOTH United States Equestrian Federation(USEF) and United States Hunter Jumper Association(USHJA); or by both USEF and the United States Eventing Association(USEA); or by both USEF and the United States Dressage Federation(USDF). Recognized competitions for Western riders include any competition that is sanctioned by the American Quarter Horse Association(AQHA); National Reining Horse Association(NRHA); American Paint Horse Association(APHA); National Reigned Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA), American Ranch Horse Association (ARHA) only in classes in which National point records are kept, and excluding AQHA, APHA, NSBA, ARHA Novice/Level 1/Green classes and below AND NRHA Green Reiner classes.
- RE: “instruction”: any number of **mounted** lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week of instruction.
- References to “hunter seat equitation classes” are any classes that are judged on hunter seat equitation specifically – NOT hunters or jumpers.
- For any association jumping class that is run within a height range, the maximum allowable height will be recognized for IHSA placement purposes
- References to “international competitions” are for riders who are entering the IHSA with only International experience will need to follow the corresponding fence heights and ribbons won from competitions that are recognized/sanctioned by that country’s governing body.
- References to “academic year” for IHSA purposes means any two consecutive semesters.
- Open Flat and Fences Hunter Seat riders may not be placed lower than **Level I** Western Horsemanship.
- All class descriptions refer to the guidelines specified in Rule VIII 8100-8202 and Rule IX 9100-9202.
- Rule 1202B: Membership fees for both Hunter Seat and Combined memberships includes the fee to be an USHJA Collegiate member, a separate membership is not required.

NOTE: TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN ANY IHSA OVER FENCES DIVISION, YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS CONTINUOUS AND PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION OVER FENCES WITHIN THE PAST YEAR.

Have you had at least 6 months continuous professional instruction over fences within the past year?	YES	NO
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Class 8 – Open Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Open riders over fences are those who have won more than 6 classes over fences 3’6” or higher in recognized competitions or placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals.

Have you won more than six blue ribbons in classes over fences 3’6” or higher in recognized competitions (refer to the above description of “recognized” competitions)?	YES	NO
Have you placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals?	YES	NO
Have you competed in an NCEA Competition?	YES	NO

Class 7 – Open Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Open riders on the flat are those who have won more than 10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than 10 hunter seat <u>equitation</u> classes on the flat in recognized competitions?	YES	NO
Have you placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals?	YES	NO
Have you competed in an NCEA Competition?	YES	NO

Class 17 – Reining

Reining riders must be classified as Open Horsemanship riders and have had 6 months of professional reining instruction within the past year.

Are you eligible for Class 16 Open Horsemanship?	YES	NO
Have you had at least 6 months professional reining instruction within the past year?	YES	NO

Class 16 - Open Western Horsemanship

Open Riders for class 16 are those who have placed in the top 5 of an AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NSBA World/Congress Championship, Derby or NRHA affiliate finals in a scored Western pattern class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes. Open riders are those who have competed on an NCEA (National Collegiate Equestrian Association) team.

Have you ever finished in the Top Five in any non-gaited breed National/World Championship in Western Horsemanship?	YES	NO
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Have you ever finished in the Top Five in an AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NSBA World/Congress Championship, Derby, or NRHA Affiliate finals in a scored Western pattern class, excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, or novice/L1/green classes?	YES	NO
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Have you competed in an NCEA Competition?	YES	NO
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Class 6 – Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Intermediate riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences at 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than a total of 6 blue ribbons in classes over fences 3', 3'3", 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions?	YES	NO
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Class 5 – Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Intermediate riders on the flat are those who have won 6-10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than 5 hunter seat <u>equitation</u> classes on the flat in recognized competitions?	YES	NO
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Did you answer "YES" to any question in the "Class 8" section above?	YES	NO
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Class 15- Level II Ranch Riding

Riders are eligible for Level II Ranch Riding if they are eligible in Level II Horsemanship or Open Horsemanship and are not eligible in Open Reining.

Are you eligible for Class 14 – Level II Horsemanship or Class 16 – Open Horsemanship?	YES	NO
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Are You eligible for Class 17 – Open Reining?	YES	NO
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Class 14 - Level II Western Horsemanship

Level II riders are those who have won more than 5 blue Western Horsemanship ribbons in classes of five or more riders in recognized competition; or competed at a high school equestrian National Finals in the highest level of Horsemanship or Reining on a random draw; Level II riders have finished in the Year end Top three in state affiliate of AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA/NSBA/ARHA association or any non-gaited breed association in a scored Western pattern class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes; or finished as a finalist (top 15) in a AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA and NSBA World/Congress championship excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes.

Have you won more than 5 blue western horsemanship ribbons in recognized competitions in classes of five or more riders?	YES	NO
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Have you competed at a high school equestrian National Finals in the highest level of Horsemanship, Ranch Riding or Reining on a random draw?	YES	NO
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Have you finished in the Year end Top three in state affiliate of AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA/NSBA/ARHA association or any non-gaited breed association in a scored Western pattern class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes? YES NO

Have you finished as a finalist (top 15) in a AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA and NSBA World/Congress championship excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes? YES NO

Class 4 – Limit Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Limit riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences 3' or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you competed over fences higher than 3' in ANY competition, recognized or not? YES NO

Have you competed in a "recognized" USEF/USHJA, USEF/USEA and/or USEF/USDF competition? YES NO

Have you placed 1st – 10th in Open Fences in team or individual classes OR in the Varsity Open Championship at IEA Nationals? YES NO

Class 3 – Limit Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Limit riders on the flat are those who have won no more than 5 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you competed in a "recognized" USEF/USHJA and/or USEF/USEA competition? YES NO

Have you competed over fences higher than 3' in ANY competition, recognized or not? YES NO

Did you answer "YES" to any question in the "Class 6 or Class 4" sections above? YES NO

Class 13 – Level I Western Horsemanship

Level I riders for class 13 have competed in mounted classes in recognized competitions; have placed in the top 5 in State, Inter-State, or National 4H, or any high school equestrian association during Junior or Senior years, in Western Horsemanship or Reining. Level I riders may not have earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes, excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, novice/level 1 classes or non-roping classes.

Have you competed in mounted classes in a "recognized" AQHA, NRHA or APHA competition? YES NO
(Excluding AQHA/APHA Novice/L1 Classes and NRHA Green Reiner classes)

Have you placed in the top 5 in State, Inter-State or National 4H or any high school equestrian Association during junior or senior years in Western Horsemanship or Reining? YES NO

Have you earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes, excluding Roping, games, halter, showmanship novice classes or non-roping classes?

Did you answer "YES" to any question in Class 7 or 8 above? YES NO

Class 2B – Novice Hunter Seat Equitation

Novice riders are those who have not competed in any over fences higher than 3' in any competition, nor have these riders competed in recognized USEF and/or USEA competitions.

Have you competed over fences higher than 18" in ANY competition? YES NO

Class 2A – Pre-Novice Hunter Seat Equitation

Pre-Novice riders are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to jump more than eighteen inches.

Have you had more than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

Have you ever competed in ANY mounted competition which required you to canter or lope? YES NO

Class 12B - Rookie B Western Horsemanship

Rookie B riders for class 12B are those who have competed in non-recognized competitions which required them to lope or canter excluding games or speed events.

Excluding games or speed events, have you competed in any mounted competition which required you to canter or lope? YES NO

Class 12A- Rookie A Western Horsemanship

Rookie A riders are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction. Excluding games or speed events, Rookie A riders have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to lope or canter.

Have you had more than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

Excluding games or speed events, have you competed in a mounted competition that required you to lope or canter? YES NO

Class 1 – Introductory Hunter Seat Equitation

Introductory riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope. Riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the online individual membership form.

Have you had less than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

Class 11 -- Beginner Western Horsemanship

Beginner riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope.

Have you had less than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

NOTE: If you compete at a canter in one IHSA discipline you MAY NOT START in the walk-trot division in the other discipline. If a rider is Steward reclassified into 1 or 11 in one seat, they are automatically lowered in the other seat. (Rule 8102B)

TO DOCUMENT / REFERENCE PRIOR COMPETITION RECORDS:

LIST YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS IN ASSOCIATION RECORDS, AND list your ID# FOR each association in which you have actually competed (not just been a card holding member, but actually competed):

United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) _____
United States Eventing Association (USEA) _____
American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) _____
National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) _____
United States Dressage Federation (USDF) _____
American Paint Horse Association (APHA) _____
Other _____

NOTE: A STUDENT MUST BE A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE AT THE TIME OF ANY IHSA COMPETITION. PROPER DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT PRIOR TO THE FIRST COMPETITION OF EACH ACADEMIC TERM.

STUDENT: If you consider yourself a lower level rider than this form indicates, attach an explanation page.