

USEA Interscholastic Eventing League Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

The mission of the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League (IEL) is to bring together junior riders with a common interest and provide a supportive community through which students can continue to pursue their riding interests. This program will help provide a pathway for those riders who seek to be part of a collegiate program as they graduate high school.

The goal of the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League is to increase membership, education, and engagement in riders on a national level who are in 7th through 12th grade.

IEL AFFILIATE

Affiliates of the Interscholastic Eventing League register as interscholastic teams. The team can be any group of junior riders who share a common bond - the same barns, the same school, same pony club, etc. Junior riders are only allowed to affiliate themselves with one interscholastic team. The Affiliate Membership fee is waived for the first two years of the program. Each affiliate needs to renew their affiliate membership every year with the USEA.

Each affiliate team should elect one team affiliate representative to be the point of contact for the USEA. This representative does not need to be a Junior member. The representative can be a coach, parent, owner, team captain, etc. ****The USEA requires that every Affiliate representative of this program is SafeSport certified.** Also, anyone that is in contact with a minor under the name of the program

For interscholastic teams that are associated with a certified USEA ICP instructor, the \$75 affiliate fee will always be waived. The ICP instructor is only allowed to be affiliated with one interscholastic team.

Each team should send in their rosters by February 15 of each year. Please send your rosters to USEA Senior Director or Membership Services Jennifer Hardwick at jennifer@useventing.com.

IEL MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Interscholastic Eventing League should register with the USEA as a USEA Junior member. Membership will need to be renewed each year.

Junior riders are only allowed to affiliate themselves with one team annually. Junior riders should make sure their name is on the official roster that is sent into the USEA office.

There is no specific age group, but IEL members must be in the grades 7th – 12th. There is no restriction on the type of school a IEL member attend. They can attend public, private, online, and homeschool.

Team representatives are not required to be a member of the USEA.

IEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At this time, the Interscholastic Eventing League is not offering a championship. However, a future goal of IEL is to have an Interscholastic Eventing League Championships run alongside the USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Team Championships.

INTERSCHOLASTIC TEAM CHALLENGES

Interscholastic Team Challenges are additions to recognized horse trials in the United States. Teams competing in events identified as Interscholastic Team Challenges are able to self-identify to the competition organizer, and will compete in the regular horse trial competition as individuals. Combining their individual scores, their team scores will be tabulated and matched against other teams. Please visit the USEA website for a current calendar of team challenges.

For additional information on hosting an Interscholastic team challenge, please email the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League staff liaison at ckelley@useventing.com.

SCORING

Though there are no official requirements for scoring individual Interscholastic Team Challenges, the USEA would like to encourage all hosting venues to use the same guidelines that are used in the USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Program. Teams can be made up of three or four riders. Teams can be made up of riders of different levels. To account for differences in level difficulty, each rider's score is multiplied by a coefficient appropriate for their level, and then the individual scores are added together to determine the team score. Only the best three individual scores will count towards the team score, so teams of four will have one "drop" score.

The coefficient system that would be applied to a future Interscholastic Eventing League Championships is as follows:

- Beginner Novice: 1
- Novice: 0.99
- Training: 0.95
- Modified: 0.90
- Preliminary: 0.85
- Intermediate: 0.75
- CCI1* (new): 0.85
- CCI2*-S (former CIC*): 0.80
- CCI2*-L (former CCI*): 0.75
- CCI3*-S (former CIC2*): 0.70

Coefficients for additional levels not listed here will be assigned as necessary.

The USEA has a scoring template in an Excel spreadsheet. Please email the USEA Director of Programs or the Interscholastic Eventing League Committee staff liaison at ckelley@useventing.com to get a copy of the template.

ORGANIZER GUIDE: INTERSCHOLASTIC TEAM CHALLENGES

The program is strongly based on a team competition – referred to as an Interscholastic Team Challenge – between two or more teams of students from one or more team affiliates and held under the auspices of a USEA/USEF-recognized Horse Trial. All rules of competition as put forth in the USEA and the *USEF Rule Book* apply to all interscholastic competitors.

Who may participate?

- Any junior rider in the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. It is the responsibility of the students and institutions to be in membership compliance.
- A student must be a current individual member of the USEA, either as a “Junior” or “Life” member.
- The institution is strongly encouraged, but not required, to be a current Affiliate member of the USEA. This is an annual membership.
- Only juniors from barns that are registered as Affiliate Organizations may participate in a future USEA Interscholastic Eventing League Championships.

Quick Tips

- An organizer may choose to either 1) host an Interscholastic Team Challenge or 2) accept the request of a team affiliate to host one at their event.
- The Interscholastic Team Challenge may run in conjunction with any Intercollegiate Team Challenge. However, the two team challenges must be separate with separate scoring and separate teams.
- *Levels of Competition:* Levels to be included in an Interscholastic Team Challenge are offered at the discretion of the organizer. Frequently, Beginner Novice through Preliminary are the levels offered.
- *Teams:* Teams can consist of either three or four riders. Four-member teams may utilize a “drop score”; three-member teams may not do so.
- Individual riders representing their barn are greatly encouraged to participate by joining a “scramble” team.
- *Fees:* No fees are required by the USEA for offering an Interscholastic Team Challenge.
- *Scoring:* There are no official requirements for scoring. However, the USEA encourages all host venues to utilize the same scoring guidelines used in the USEA Intercollegiate Program.
- *Awards:* While not required, organizers are encouraged to classify separately and award ribbons for the Interscholastic Team Challenge competitors.
- *Communication:* An organizer can expect to have all communications regarding the organization of an Interscholastic Team Challenge with either a student liaison of the barn or its Team Affiliate Representative. The organizer should not expect to communicate with the USEA,

although the organizer is welcome to contact the USEA office at any time with questions regarding the Interscholastic Eventing League.

****Please read all sections of this guide for a complete understanding of hosting a Interscholastic Team Challenge****

Get the Word Out

Once an organizer has determined that they would like to host a Interscholastic Team Challenge at their event, the following promotional steps are recommended:

- List your event on the Interscholastic Team Challenge calendar by emailing event information to Claire Kelley at CKelley@useventing.com.
- Add Interscholastic Team Challenge information to the host event's USEA *Omnibus* listing by emailing the USEA's Director of Competitions Sharon Gallagher, sharon@useventing.com.
- Alert the barns and eventers in your Area. Share the announcement on your event's website and social media pages. An organizer or event representative may also write a brief announcement for inclusion on the Association News section of the USEA website.

Entries

When listing an Interscholastic Team Challenge in the *Omnibus*, Interscholastic Calendar or elsewhere, organizers should indicate:

- The levels to be offered for the Interscholastic Team Challenge
- The preferred method (online, paper, etc.) for making a team entry

The following options are suggested for students/teams when signing up for an Interscholastic Team Challenge:

- When making an entry, include the team name on the stabling list and also email the organizer a team roster.
- Make note of the team name on a paper entry.
- Since team challenge participants are encouraged to stable together in order to promote team atmosphere and camaraderie, a team should indicate if it would like to avail itself of this stabling option.

Team Dynamics and Scoring

Although there are no official requirements for team dynamics or for scoring an Interscholastic Team Challenge, the USEA would like to encourage all host venues to use the guidelines outlined on page 2.

Awards

It is recommended that the organizer post the scores for an Interscholastic Team Challenge separately from the horse trials divisions so that the teams may keep up with the team challenge standings.

Organizers may offer team ribbons and/or prizes and if possible host an awards ceremony for the team challenge.

The USEA requests that final results of the team challenge be submitted to the Association at the conclusion of the competition. Please email the results to ckelley@useventing.com

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HELPFUL LINKS

USEA website: <https://useventing.com>

Interscholastic Eventing League Application Form: <https://useventing.com/safety-education/forms-documents/interscholastic-eventing-league-application-form>

USEA Membership: <https://useventing.com/membership>