

# Top Rail Sporthorses Hunt Seat Show

Show ID #HB11089

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Top Rail Sporthorses

352 Old Elm Rd

North East, MD

Interscholastic Equestrian Association Point Show

The following have been invited to officiate:

**Judge**

Leslie Post, USEF “r”  
Wayne, PA

**Manager**

Jen Knox  
Kennett Square, PA

**Course Designer**

Lori Silver  
Wilmington, DE

**Steward**

Betsy Vogt, Zone 11 Approved official  
Warwick, MD

**Medical Personnel**

Cynthia Clark, EMT  
Port Deposit, MD

**In Gate**

TBD

**Secretary**

Jen Knox  
Kennett Square, PA

**\*\*\*QUALIFICATION STATEMENT\*\*\***

Membership in IEA is mandatory; only teams and individuals who are members may compete. Member's paperwork must be processed and the Member activated on the team roster prior to entering an IEA show pursuant to Rule 2000 in the *IEA Rules and Regulations of Membership*.

## **Sportsmanship Statements**

(Statement and Oath to be printed in the prize list and program.)

Rule 1500: The IEA was established to provide competitive and educational opportunities through equestrian athletics. Good horsemanship and honorable participation are priorities at every event. It is the responsibility of all attendees to foster a spirit of belongingness, an atmosphere of community enjoyment, and a mutual respect for all participants and their equine partners. All attendees must commit to the following oath:

Oath: (To be publicly stated at the start of all IEA events)

In representation of the participants at this event, I promise to respect and abide by the governing rules of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association and to represent myself, my team, and this association in the spirit of good horsemanship and honorable competition.

## **Directions to Show**

**Top Rail Sporthorses**  
**352 Old Elm Rd**  
**North East, MD**

## **Food Concessions**

*Food Truck*

## **Hunt Seat Class Descriptions**

## Jumping Classes

**1. Varsity Open Equitation o/f 2'6":** Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 3'-3'6" on their usual mounts at home. Coaches should be confident these riders could safely perform over a 2'6" equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Open Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Open Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions in individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Open Flat classes. To be eligible for post-season competition in team classes riders must have participated in minimum of two (2) Open Over Fences and two (2) Open Flat Classes during the regular season.

**3. Varsity Intermediate Equitation o/f 2':** Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 2'6"-3' on their usual mounts at home. Intermediate riders are not allowed to have shown over fences higher than 3' (0.90 meters) in any Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101) in any discipline. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 3' (0.90 meters) at any Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101) are not eligible for Intermediate classes. Coaches should be confident these riders would be able to safely perform over 2' equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Intermediate Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Intermediate or Open Flat. To be eligible for post-season competitions in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate or Open Flat classes. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes, riders must have participated in a minimum of to (2) Intermediate Over Fences and two (2) Intermediate or Open Flat classes during the regular season.

**5. Junior Varsity Novice Equitation o/f x-rails:** Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 2'-2'6" on their usual mounts at home. Novice riders are not allowed to have shown over fences higher than 2'6" (0.75 meters) in any Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101) in any discipline. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 2'6" (0.75 meters) are not eligible for Novice classes. Riders should have a minimum of one-year of professional instruction over fences. Coaches should be confident these riders would be able to safely perform over a x-rails equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Novice Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Novice Flat or Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes, riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice or Intermediate Flat classes. To be eligible for post season competitions in Team classes, riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice Over Fences and two (2) Novice or Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

**9. Future Intermediate Equitation o/f 2':** Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Class 1 or 3. Riders participating in Future Intermediate Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes, riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate Flat classes. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes, riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate Over Fences and two (2) Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

**11. Future Novice o/f x-rails:** Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Class 5. Riders participating in Future Novice Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Novice or Future Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice or Intermediate Flat classes. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice Over Fences and two (2) Novice or Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

## Flat Classes

**2. Varsity Open Equitation on the flat:** Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 – 16. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Open Flat classes during the regular season.

**4. Varsity Intermediate Equitation on the flat:** Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 13. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

**6. Junior Varsity Novice Equitation on the flat:** Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 10. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have

accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice Flat classes during the regular season

**7. Junior Varsity Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot/Canter:** Open to riders in grades 9-12 who are not eligible for Novice level jumping classes, but must be experienced enough to canter on an unfamiliar animal in a group. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 through 7. Beginner riders are not allowed to have show over fences higher than 2' (0.60 meters) in any Section 1 or Section 2 competition (Rule 3101) in any discipline. To be eligible for Class 7, a rider must have had at least one year continuous professional instruction, must demonstrate proficiency at the trot and canter, and be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses. **Riders may not cross-enter into class Class 8 Walk/Trot.** To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Beginner Walk/Trot/Canter Flat classes during the regular season.

**8. Junior Varsity Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot:** Open to riders in grades 9-12 who meet criteria for class 7 but are not yet ready to compete on an unfamiliar horse at a canter. To be eligible for Class 8, riders must have at least six months continuous professional instruction, must demonstrate proficiency at a trot, and must be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 5. Individual points will be tracked in Class 8 Walk/Trot for post season qualification. No team points will be awarded in Class 8 Walk/Trot during regular or post season shows. Reference Rule 3205.2 for advancement criteria. Riders may not cross-enter Class 7 Walk/Trot/Canter. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points.

**7x/8x. Junior Varsity Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot Warm-Up:** Optional offering that can combine with Future Class 13x/14x. Open to riders competing in Class 7 and Class 8. No Individual or Team points will be awarded.

**10. Future Intermediate Equitation on the flat:** Open to riders in grades 4-8 who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 13. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

**12. Future Novice Equitation on the flat:** Open to riders in grades 4-8 who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 10. To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Novice Flat classes during the regular season.

**13. Future Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot/Canter:** Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the eligibility requirements of Hunt Seat Class 7. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 7. **Riders may not cross-enter Class 14 Walk/Trot.** To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points. To be eligible for post season competition in Team classes riders must have participated in a minimum of two (2) Beginner Walk/Trot/Canter Flat classes during the regular season.

**14. Future Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot:** Open to riders in grades 4-8 who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Beginner Class 8. To be eligible for Class 14, riders must have at least six months continuous professional instruction, 14xx must demonstrate proficiency at a trot, and must be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses. Individual points will be tracked in Class 14 Walk/Trot for post season qualification. No team points will be awarded in Class 14 Walk/Trot during regular or post season shows. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 - 5. **Riders may not cross-enter Class 13 Walk/Trot/Canter.** To be eligible for post season competition in Individual classes riders must have accumulated the required points.

**13x/14x. Future Beginner Equitation on the flat Walk/Trot Warm-Up:** Optional offering that can combine with Junior Varsity Class 7x/8x. Open to riders competing in Class 13 and Class 14. No individual or team points will be awarded.

## **Championship Class**

*(Optional offering and does not count for points)*

Varsity Open Championship Class – The top Varsity Open riders as determined by points and places within the show are eligible for this class. The class requires a minimum of six (6) riders, and should be limited to the top ten (10). Riders must be eligible to compete in Varsity Open Over Fences (2'6") to be eligible for this championship class. The class may be run using the same mount for both phases of the competition, or a separate draw may be done for each phase. The judge may choose to implement any additional testing after the completion of the two mandatory phases. Phase 1 – Riders will be judged over an advanced equitation course with jumps from 2'6" to 3'. Hunt Seat tests 1-16 may be asked. Phase 2 – Riders will also compete on the Flat and may be asked to perform any of tests 1-16.

### **Hunt Seat Tests** **Rule 3304**

A rider must be prepared to perform the test appropriate for the class in which the rider is participating. Riders may be requested to perform the following tests collectively or individually during a show or competition. A Hunt Seat judge may choose from the following tests using tests 1-5 for Beginner walk/trot riders, tests 1-7 for Beginner W/T/C riders, tests 1-10 for Novice riders, tests 1-13 for Intermediate riders, and tests 1-16 for Open riders. Instructions for performance of the test must be publicly announced. Any one or combination of appropriate or equivalent tests may be used.

1. Asked an appropriate horsemanship question that is tailored to the rider's ability level
2. Halt
3. Sitting trot
4. Two point position at the walk and/or trot
5. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals  
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6. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead
7. Change Horses  
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8. Ride without stirrups at the trot
9. Jump a shortened course
10. Trot a jump  
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11. Ride without stirrups at the canter
12. Change leads down center of ring, demonstrating simple change of lead
13. Half-turn on forehand and/or half-turn on haunches  
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14. Canter on the counter lead
15. Hand gallop
16. Jump without stirrups

(Jumping tests should only be used in over fences classes.)

# Hunt Seat Time Schedule

7:00 Schooling of Over fences horses

8:00 Draw for Over fences horses

8:30 Coaches Meeting

9:00 Competition Begins:

1. Varsity Open o/f 2'6"
3. Varsity Intermediate o/f 2'
9. Future Intermediate o/f 2'
5. Junior Varsity Novice o/f x-rails
11. Future Novice o/f x-rails

Warm up all Flat horses

2. Varsity Open on the flat
4. Varsity Intermediate on the flat
10. Future Intermediate on the flat
6. Junior Varsity Novice on the flat
12. Future Novice on the flat
- 7x/8x. Junior Varsity Beginner Walk/Trot Warm-Up (Optional)
- 13/x/14x. Future Beginner Walk/Trot Warm-Up (Optional)
8. Junior Varsity Beginner on the flat- Walk/Trot
7. Junior Varsity Beginner on the flat- Walk/Trot/Canter
14. Future Beginner on the flat- Walk/Trot
13. Future Beginner on the flat- Walk/Trot/Canter

## General Rules

## **Responsibility:**

In exchange for entrance to and participation in the show, this entry constitutes an agreement and affirmation that the team making it, and each of its riders, coaches, trainers, and representatives shall accept and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the IEA and of the Show, and that each rider, coach and Team: (1) is a member in good standing of IEA, (2) is eligible as entered, and (3) will accept as final all rulings of IEA and the show steward (or committee) with respect to their conduct. **Also, through participation each rider, rider's parents/legal guardians, coach, trainer, and participant acknowledges THAT HORSES ARE INTRINSICALLY DANGEROUS AND UNPREDICTABLE AND CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH**, thus each agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless IEA, its officers, directors, members, employees, Executive Director, National Steward, agents and representatives, the Event Host Coordinator, the host team and facility, the show stewards, stewards committee members, the show judges, the show secretary, all show organizers and officials, all medical personnel, and all persons, stables, and others providing facilities, horses or equipment for the Show, other riders, coaches, teams and team sponsoring institutions, from any claim, action or suit, for injury, property damage or death sustained by the individual, rider, entity, coach, trainer, or participant while traveling to, from and around the show, while staying in the city for the show, during participation in the show and while at the show. **This entry constitutes an acceptance of the hired officials at this event.**

## **Entries:**

**4106** In zones that are NOT split into regions, the EHC must be prepared to accommodate at least twelve (12) riders in each class offered. In zones that ARE split into regions, the EHC must guarantee at least one entry per class to every team within their region **entering before the priority entry closing date.**

**4106.1** Once a team has fulfilled its hosting obligation to the Region per Rule 4106, it may **consult with the Zone Administrator to approve additional shows limiting entries** in any fair and equitable manner. The Zone Administrator may also grant additional and priority entries to riders from the host team. The total number of rides from the host team may not exceed 50% of the total number of rides entered in the show

**A team roster showing proof of rider eligibility must be included with the entry form per Rule 5314.**

Entries will be accepted on a first received basis with full payment until all spots are filled and may be limited in any fair way. Once the closing date has past, additional entries may not be accepted or added.

Each individual will be charged **\$45** per class. There is no entry fee for Varsity Open Championship if offered. One rider in each class should be marked as the priority entry. Scratches can be made with full refund before closing date. After the closing date, entry fees will only be refunded if a substitute team or rider can fill the opening.

The region priority entry period ends with the opening of general entries to other regions and/or zones. Entries from teams within the priority region received after the opening of the general period will be handled as general entries.

**Riders who become eligible after the closing date may not enter, even as a substitute.**



Is this a region-only show? No

If no, what other regions are permitted in the general entry period? ANY

What fair and equitable method of entry limitations will be followed? (Any entry limits must accommodate the minimum requirement of 1 rider per class per team in the hosting region entered by region priority entry closing date.

- 1) No limits

If the Zone Administrator has approved alternate entry language (including shows open to multiple zones), provide below.

Region priority entry opening date: 12/18/22

Region priority entry closing date: 12/25/22

General entry opening date: 12/26/22

General entry closing date: 1/1/23

The general entry period may close earlier if classes fill to capacity with permission of the Membership Office.

Checks should be made payable to **Walter Clark**

#### **Hunt Seat Format:**

The general format will follow the Rules and Regulations as established by the IEA unless otherwise stated. However, if a topic is not covered by these Rules and Regulations, the rules and regulations of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association ["IHSA"] and United States Equestrian ["USEF"] for the Hunt Seat Division and the American Quarter Horse Association [AQHA] and the National Reining Horse Association ["NRHA"] for the Western Division may be used as a reference for guidance in making an equitable decision under the circumstances. Any decisions made by a steward or show management shall be final.

All horses will be provided by the host team. Horses and Order of Go will be assigned by a random draw on the day of competition. Before jumping classes, each rider will be allowed **only two** warm-up fences, in the pattern posted by the show steward. Warm-up fences may only be changed by a steward or show official. All classes will be judged on equitation, and faults of the horse will not be judged. If a horse should perform so poorly that it is impossible to fairly judge the rider, the judge may request a re-ride. All requests for re-rides will be determined by the steward.

-All riders must wear ATSM approved protective headgear whenever mounted.

#### **Hunt Seat Awards:**

-The Leading Rider Award will be given to the winner of the Varsity Open Championship (if offered).

-Team Championship: Each team will designate one point rider for each class in the Varsity and Junior Varsity and Future divisions. Different riders may be designated for flat and fences. A champion and reserve will be awarded to (1) The High Point Upper School Team and (2) The High Point Futures Team. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st=7 points, 2nd=5 points, 3rd=4 points, 4th=3 points, 5th=2 points, 6th=1 point.

-Sportsmanship Award will be given to the individual chosen by show officials to exemplify outstanding qualities of good sportsmanship.

-Horse of the Show Award (4509.5) - The EHC of each regular IEA sanctioned show will award the "Horse of the Show" to be chosen by the judge and/or show steward. The award should be given to the horse, regardless of points earned during the course of competition, who best demonstrated fair and generous treatment toward its riders.

**Questions:** Call **(484) 645-2993**



# FUTURES Hunt Seat Entry

**Mail to:**  
**352 Old Elm Rd North East Md 21901**

**IEA Show # HB11089**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Team**

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**Team Contact** **Email** **Phone**

	Priority Entry	Weight under 100	Weight over 150	Weight over 200	Height under 5'	Height over 5' 8"	Future Int O/F	Future Int Flat	Future Nov O/F	Future Nov Flat	Future Beg WTC	Future Beg WT	Future Beg WT Optional	Fees
If more than 1 rider is entered per class, designate numerical order of priority in Priority Entry column							9	10	11	12	13	14	13x /14x	
<b>Total Amount Due:</b>														

***A team roster showing proof of rider eligibility must be included with the entry form per rule 5314.***

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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The Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) recognizes the health and safety of participants as a top priority, and will continue to define important safety measures in response to COVID-19. However, participants, attendees, vendors and all others who may be physically present at an IEA event must be aware and acknowledge that attendance at any group sporting event carries with it the risk of exposure to airborne viruses, including COVID-19. By signing below, you acknowledge the inherent risks, including the public health risk presented by the Coronavirus, of participation/attendance in a group sporting event, and you specifically agree that IEA cannot guarantee your personal physical safety and cannot be held liable for participants' or attendees' possible exposure to viral disease.

Programs may be modified or suspended immediately and without notice because of force majeure causes beyond the IEA's reasonable control and occurring without its fault or negligence including, but not limited to, acts of god, fire, wars, governmental action, terrorism, epidemic, pandemic, or any other event beyond the IEA's control. It is the responsibility of the team coach(es) to confirm that they, their riders and attending family members have self-monitored their temperature once daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4° F or higher may not enter the facility.

**Coach's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



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