

# Join an EQUESTRIAN TEAM in Central Ohio

The **Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA)** is a national organization of coaches and riders in grades 4-12 who ride Hunt Seat, Western and Dressage on local school and barn teams. The best part about IEA? You don't have to own a horse or tack to participate! Horses are provided by the teams hosting the shows.

IEA riders join a team in their area, take weekly lessons with their coach and compete as a team in local, regional and national competitions. IEA offers an affordable way for young riders to gain experience riding in a catch-ride competition format - meaning each rider at every show draws the horse they are going to compete on that day.

Founded in Ohio in 2002, IEA has grown to the largest youth equestrian organization in the country with more than 14,500 members nationwide. Hundreds of riders in Central Ohio compete on IEA teams. Chances are, you or your child may already know one of them.

IEA is like any school sport - it runs on the August to June schedule with competitions spread throughout the school year. Membership is now open for the 2022-2023 IEA season. Find a team near you by visiting [www.rideiea.org](http://www.rideiea.org) and clicking on **Find A Team** to view a map of teams and coach contact information.

Riders of all levels are welcome, however IEA requires at least one year of professional weekly riding lessons to be able to compete safely. IEA offers classes from Beginner walk-trot to Varsity Open in Hunt Seat (over fences and on the flat), Western (Horsemanship, Reining, and Ranch Riding) and Dressage.

Each year IEA awards more than \$100,000 in scholarships to senior riders. Why not give your horse-loving child a leg up into equestrian sport without having to own a horse. Join the IEA!

Questions - Central Ohio contact and IEA Director of Marketing, Kimber Whanger at [kimber@rideiea.org](mailto:kimber@rideiea.org).



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