

Milford Equestrian Team

PARTICIPATION POLICY & REGULATIONS

1. FORMS & FEES

- A. *Team paperwork must be completed and returned to the coach by deadline dates, they include:*
- Rider Information form (due immediately after this meeting, I have no other way to contact you).
 - Physical form (dated after April 15th of current year)
 - Previous semesters report card, proof of 2.0 GPA
 - M.I.H.A. Medical Release form
 - M.I.H.A. Registration form (naked horse picture and signatures) for each horse.
 - M.I.H.A. Disclaimer form (on the back of each horse registration form) for each horse.
 - Copy of Current years negative Coggins Test (original must travel with horse at all times).
 - Rider Registration fee \$100.00 (make check out to HVEC)
 - \$250.00 in sponsorships to support team expenses and field (i.e. team and individual awards, uniform). Print as many SPONSORSHIP FORM as needed. (Team member can have all rider fees paid for with sponsorships.)
 - HVEC 50/50 Raffle ticket money & stubs (due date to be announced). Must sell 75 tickets. (Riders registering late will need to pay \$125. 00).
 - Order team uniform, shirts /fleece / year end Sweatshirt / additional family members for banquet.
 - Signed Athletic Code of Conduct form
 - Coach must be notified before first August practice if rider is not able to attend a meet/regional/state dates.
 - Possible Future Expenses:
 - Stalls, Camping Reservations and Food for Regional and / or State Championship.
 - Extra Team Shirt, Fleece Jackets, Hooded Sweatshirt.
 - Team pictures, individual pictures.

2. PARTICIPATION

- Attend all practices & clinics with your horse and remain on grounds until dismissed by coaches. Riders can only be excused by coach and only 3 excused absences before rider is pulled from slots.**
- Team member is responsible for transporting their own horse to and from all practices/clinics and meets.
- Rider and Horse are to be on the grounds, saddled and in the warm-up ring **BY 6:00 p.m. each practice.**
- Rider and Horse are to be on the grounds by 7:00 a.m. at meets/regional/state dates.
- Horses may leave the grounds only after checking with coach first and the horse is no longer needed. **The team member must stay at the meet/regional/state competition until the completion of the competition and clean up of the team camping/stalls/food tent area is complete & ALL awards are presented.**

2. SAFETY

- A. Educate riders and crowd on what to do in the event of a rider injury.
- Rider should lie still and await evaluation by trained personnel before being allowed up.
 - Crowd should remain back from the rider to allow trained personnel and parents to attend the injured person. A first responder person will make the decision on whether or not to call for emergency assistance.
 - Prior to all meets/practices local EMT/Fire Department should be made aware of/or be placed on call regarding the events. One person, a coach or district chairperson, will be the designated 911 caller, so there is little confusion or panic.
 - An incident report and/or refusal of medical help waiver will be filled out and kept on record by the coach and the district in case there are any later repercussions.
- B. Please instruct team members on the following safety precautions:
- When mounted, students must have a **SEI/ASTM helmet on and buckled** at all practices and warm-ups at meets (exceptions for Western, Trail and Saddle seat classes at meets).
 - When riding or leading a horse, students must wear **RIDING BOOTS WITH A HEEL** (this means Western, English or Saddle seat boots). **NO TENNIS SHOES / SANDELS / RUBBER SOLES.**
 - Students will ride in designated areas only.
 - No cantering or trotting through parked vehicles or on cement/blacktop.
 - No riding double.
 - When riding, horses must be bridled. **No riding with only a halter.**
 - Only horses used for the team and registered riders are allowed to ride at practice/meets/regional/state competitions. All others must have coach's permission.
 - Be aware that all coaches will be enforcing these standards and a rider who violates safety procedures will be excused from practices/meets/regional/state competition. **THIS IS YOUR ONLY WARNING**

CRITERIA TO EARN AWARDS

A. HURON VALLEY SCHOOL POLICY for ALL ATHLETIC PARTICIPANTS

1. Student must have a 2.0 GPA the previous semester
2. Student must maintain a current 2.0 GPA through out the equestrian season.
3. Read and sign the Athletic Code of Conduct.

B. VARSITY LETTER

1. ALL Forms and Fees in by deadline.
2. Attend all practices (excused absence by coach only)
3. Must compete in 3 out of the 3 regular season meets.
4. If a rider's team qualifies for regional and/or state finals, they must attend each day and compete in slotted classes. If a meet is held on two days, team members must be in attendance both days.
5. First year rider must earn 75 points. Meet points carry over from year to year.
 - a. Clinic 3 pts
 - b. Practices 2 pts
 - c. HVEC Meetings 5 pts
 - d. Work-bees 5 pts
 - e. Father's Day Show (Ride) 5 pts
 - f. Father's Day Show (Work) 5 pts
 - g. Speed Show/Pink Derby (Ride) 5 pts
 - h. Speed Show/Pink Derby (Work) 5 pts
 - i. Meets - as placed 1 – 8 pts. (regional/state 1-10 pts)
 - j. Meets – Honorable mention ½ pt
 - k. Meets – make a class split ½ pt
 - l. Attend other horse shows 1 pt per show
10 pts if attending 6 shows
 - If the A, B and/or C team wins the District title, that entire team will letter regardless of points earned.
 - All seniors that have ridden two or more years will receive a letter.
 - Show bills must be signed and dated by the show secretary with the classes rider entered.

C. VARSITY AWARD

Current varsity member earning a combined total of 55 attendance/meet points, fulfill 5a thru 5l above.

E. GOLD STARS

One star awarded for every 15 points earned by a rider at the meets.

F. TEAM MANAGER

1. The position can be held for one to four years, by multiple students.
2. All Forms and Fees in by deadline.
3. Attend all practices/excused absence by coach only.
4. Work at the Father's Day, Speed Shows and Pink Derby.
5. Work all meets/Regional/State events.

G. HORSE MASCOT PIN & USA FLAG

Given to each first year rider to represent the team, school & country.

H. REGIONAL and STATE STARS

Given to team members who ride at the Regional / State Championship. One star is awarded for each judge the rider places under/makes the split in/honorable mention.

I. 4 YEAR LETTER AWARD

Rider/Manager who earned their letter all four years.

K. TEAM APARELL

First year rider will receive a team Uniform.