



Established in 2011, the Tallahassee Riding Academy focuses on providing a competitive avenue for riders and equestrian enthusiasts of all levels. Students in Middle or High School can compete from Beginner to Open divisions on a team. Our team will be competing for Regional, Zone and National Honors. Team members are eligible for scholarships and to letter in their sport.

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association was formed and organized to promote and improve the quality of equestrian competition and instruction available to middle and secondary school students. Formally established in the spring of 2002, the IEA held its first annual national championship event the following year in Willoughby, Ohio. A non-profit organization, the IEA has grown both geometrically and geographically each year. Beginning with just 200 student-riders and 62 finalists participating in the first Nationals, the IEA now has over 5,000 student-riders on hundreds of teams across North America. Over 500 of the competitors qualified for the National Finals in 2011. The IEA has 12 zones across North America, Alaska and Hawaii.

The IEA members compete with a team or on an individual basis. There is no need for any rider to own a horse. The IEA is an affiliate of the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) and the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA).

Tallahassee Riding Academy Middle School and High School IEA Teams
What is required to be a member of TRA:

Membership:

TRA year runs from Sept. 1st to Apr.30th

\$200 yearly dues payable to "Tallahassee Riding Academy", which will go towards

- Team and Coach Membership Costs
- Some team supplies (banner, water at shows, etc)
- Offsetting expenses associated with regionals and finals
- \$ 45 membership payable to "IEA" along with a completed IEA rider Application and Waiver of Liability Form.

http://www.rideiea.org/rules/rules11-12/Rider-App-Waiver-of-Liability-Form-2011-2012_revised-6-27-11.pdf

This form needs to be filled out and brought to Amy or Janet, with payment, to complete the signature and coach's sections. We will then mail it in to the IEA.

- Deadline for all memberships is October 1st

Lessons:

- TRA group lessons are \$45
- If you are in regular lessons you will need to participate in a minimum of 2 TRA group lessons per month at Cavallo.
- If you are not in regular lessons you will need to participate in a minimum of 2 TRA group lessons and 2 private lessons per month.
- If you are in lessons at another farm you will need to take 2 TRA group lessons and have your other trainer fill out a lesson certification form (ask Amy or Janet for one of these).
- You will not be on your own horse for TRA group lessons. You will need to sign up the week before so we can make sure we have enough Academy horses available. Horse assignments will be drawn just like they will be at and IEA Horse Show.
- There will be a monthly work day to give extra care to tack, horses, etc. You will be required to attend 2 work days during the year.

Shows:

- You are not required to compete to be a team member.
- Each rider can compete at a maximum of 5 IEA shows. You will get points at these 5 shows to qualify for regionals.
- Each rider can compete in 2 classes at a show.
- Each rider is expected to stay for the entire show day to cheer on their team members.

Show Expenses:

- Class Fees are \$35/class
- Trainer schooling fee of \$40
- Share of trainer expenses: hotel if necessary, mileage, per diem
- Share of horse expenses

We are required to provide 1 horse for every 2-3 riders. We may need to take horses with us or rent them from the host team to fulfill this requirement.

