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Frequently Asked Questions about the WIHA

Mission Statement: This constitution is established to facilitate interscholastic competition, promote a sound program of educational enrichment value and encourage a cooperative, democratic process of fair and good horsemanship.

What is the purpose of the WIHA?

The purpose of the organization is to promote continuous growth in programs fostering horsemanship education, sponsor activities to encourage interscholastic participation and to have cooperative adult supervised leadership (coaching) for all students in grades 6 through 12 who are desirous to participate regardless of race, creed or national origin and meets the association rules and regulations.

Who governs the WIHA?

No one, the WIHA is its own governing body is not affiliated with any other group or organization. The WIHA is also totally self funded, but will accept sponsorship from outside sources.

When is the WIHA season?

The WIHA season runs from the beginning of the school year or September to the middle of October. Roughly it is a six week season. Each district is required to have 3 meets/shows per season.

What disciplines in riding are involved?

Western, Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat, and timed events are the four major types of riding. Riders compete as a team and are judged on horsemanship not the horse.

How is the State of Wisconsin divided up?

Wisconsin is divided up into 18 separate districts and each district will in the future have its own district coach. The WIHA has a district map showing how the state is split. (See map)

Does your school have to approve the WIHA in order to participate?

The WIHA would love it if your school does approve the WIHA, but it is not mandatory to do so.



What is the schools involvement?

The only involvement of the school is the use of a meeting place for students on the team. Perhaps use of schools colors and logo on team clothing, to help with the team spirit. The team might want to show off their trophy off in the school show case and be in the school yearbook.

What about insurance?

The WIHA has its own insurance coverage for WIHA sponsored events.

How are teams formed?

Teams are formed in each school by an adult volunteer or coach. The coach is responsible for taking care of their team. You don't need any special qualifications to be a coach, such as a horse trainer, you just need to be organized and like kids. You may enlist the help of trainers to help prepare the students for the upcoming show season.

What is the cost to join the WIHA?

There is a yearly membership fee for each WIHA membership that is paid to the state. Each student/parent is responsible for the cost of participation in the meets. The cost of the each meet is determined by the district coach and the number of riders in each district.