

Equestrian Team Information

What: Concord Equestrian Center Equestrian Teams are open to Middle and High School aged riders. We offer Western styles of riding (YEDA). Western Riders compete in Horsemanship(rail and pattern), Ranch Riding and Reining. ALL of the classes are grouped based on riders experience level ie:if a rider is a first year lesson student they would be placed in a class with other first year riders. This helps level the playing field for riders! Each rider gets the chance to show to accumulate points to move on to nationals!!

When: The season runs from September-June. With the season starting in September we would like ALL members to have their rider membership completed by September 1, final deadline to register is November 1. Each rider is REQUIRED to take 4 lessons per month to be a member of the team. **TEAM PICTURES are SEPTEMBER 27 or 28. TTBD**

Cost: Each rider is required become a member of YEDA to compete. We cover the membership cost in a team fee which is \$200 due at the time of signup.

Show Clothing: Each rider will be responsible for purchasing their own show clothes. Each rider must have an approved YEDA shirt. **NO HORSE OR TACK REQUIRED!!!!** A separate clothing email will be sent to members.

Show expenses: Yeda costs range depending on the show. Classes are around \$45 each and each class has a ride fee of around \$35. Coaching fee for the day is \$600 per day split amongst all riders showing. All coach's hotel costs and mileage is split amongst the riders showing. Riders will be invoiced prior to the show and the fees are due before the closing date of each show. There are no guaranteed refunds.

Where: Shows are held throughout Ohio with regionals being local. Nationals are usually held in Tennessee in June. Show dates will be given as soon as they are available for the season. We communicate via email frequently so please make sure your email is up to date.

Fundraising: We try to do very little fundraising as we know people participate in a lot of fundraising already. Closer to YEDA Nationals we will do a 50/50 raffle, the proceeds from that will go towards team activities at Nationals! All Riders are required to participate!

• Team Requirements and Rules-

1. A minimum of 4 lessons per month required. 2 lessons a week is recommended during show season for riders to get prepared. If your rider is showing in Ranch Riding or Reining, they will need 2 lessons a week. We recommend private Ranch/Reining lessons and then a group horsemanship lesson. The more saddle time a rider gets the more consistent, comfortable and confident they become just like other sports.
2. Attend at least 2 bootcamp sessions
3. Attend a minimum of 6 shows. Shows we are attending are on the team calendar and JD Show Horses website. To view additional information about each show, such as hotel, schedule and patterns watch this video on our YouTube channel-<https://youtu.be/Mcl-3YUol4o>
4. Riders must come to each show 1 hour prior to the start time, or the assigned time in the chat, and stay until the end of the day. If a rider must leave early, it must be discussed with Jessica or Aaron PRIOR to the show. We will have a team meeting before the show starts and after. This is a team sport and all riders are to help with all aspects of the show as well as be there at the end of the show for team awards. Parents can work together to carpool riders. We also usually have room in our vehicles to and from the shows.
5. All show invoices must be paid by their due date. Any invoices overdue will incur a \$50 fee as well as rider not being able to show until invoice is paid for.
6. Each rider is assigned a back number for the season, the coaches will keep the number for each show, please make sure they get returned.

7. If your rider can wear spurs to compete, they will need their own pair(s) for the season. Questions on spurs, please ask Jessica.
8. Each rider will have a minimum of 1 pattern per show. The pattern number for each show can be found on the YEDA Website and the pattern book is also on the website. www.showyeda.com Every rider will need to know their pattern a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the show date. We will practice those patterns in their weekly lesson. We want our riders to be prepared and excited to show, knowing their patterns is just one of those steps. Our job is to teach the rider how to execute the pattern and coming to the lesson prepared and excited helps.
9. Riders must be team players, no negative comments about other riders, horses or teams will be tolerated.
10. Each rider will be assigned certain duties at the shows that will be listed on the white board.
11. All riders are required to help hold horses throughout the shows.
12. Communications for the season will come from our GroupMe chat as well as email. Please have everyone register that may need information.
13. HAVE FUN!! We want you to enjoy your YEDA season, if a problem or question comes up please ask Jessica or Aaron.