

The **FIRST** division in which you answer “yes” will indicate initial rider placement

NOTE: (from IHSA Rule Book Rule 8101)

- ❖ References to “recognized competitions” includes any event that is sanctioned by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF); American Grand Prix Association (AGA); American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA); National Reining Horse Association (NRHA); United States Eventing Association (USEA) and United States Combined Training Association (USCTA). 4H state and regional competitions will be recognized for Western Horsemanship only.
- ❖ RE: “instruction”: any number of lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week of instruction.
- ❖ References to “hunter seat equitation classes” are any classes that are judged on hunter seat equitation specifically – NOT hunters or jumpers.
- ❖ For any association jumping class that is run within a height range, the maximum allowable height will be recognized for IHSA placement purposes. For number of blue ribbons counted in AQHA over fences classes, blue ribbons must have been won in classes where AQHA points were counted, excluding AQHA Hunter Hack classes.
- ❖ References to “international competitions” are for riders who are entering the IHSA with only International experience will need to follow the corresponding fence heights and ribbons won from competitions that are recognized/sanctioned by that country’s governing body.
- ❖ References to “academic year” for IHSA purposes means any two consecutive semesters.

Class 8- Open Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Open riders are those who have won more than 6 classes over fences 3’6” or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than six blue ribbons in classes over fences 3’6” or higher in recognized competitions? YES NO

Class 7- Open Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Open riders on the flat are those who have won more than 10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than 10 hunter seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions? YES NO

Class 6- Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Intermediate riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences at 3’6” or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you won MORE THAN a total of 6 ribbons in classes over fences 3’, 3’3”, 3’6” or higher in recognized competitions? YES NO

Class 5- Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Intermediate riders on the flat are those who have won 6-10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than 5 hunter seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions? YES NO

Did you answer "YES" to any question in the "Class 8" section above? YES NO

NOTE: TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN IHSA NOVICE OVER FENCES DIVISION, YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS CONTINUOUS AND PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION OVER FENCES WITHIN THE PAST YEAR.

Have you had at least 6 months continuous professional instruction over fences within the past year? YES NO
(Answer does not by itself place you into Novice).

Class4- Novice Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Novice riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences 3' or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you competed over fences higher than 3' in ANY competition, recognized or not? YES NO

Class 3- Novice Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Novice riders on the flat are those who have won no more than 5 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you competed in any "recognized" competition? YES NO

Have you competed over fences higher than 3' in ANY competition, recognized or not? YES NO

Did you answer "YES" to any question in the "Class 6 or Class 4" sections above? YES NO

Class 2B- Walk-Trot-Canter Hunter Seat Equitation

Walk-Trot-Canter riders are those who have not competed in any over fences higher than 3' in any competition, nor have these riders competed in recognized competitions.

Have you competed over fences higher than 18" in ANY competition? YES NO

Class 2A- Beginner-Walk-Trot-Canter Hunter Seat Equitation

Beginning Walk-Trot-Canter riders are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to jump more than eighteen inches.

Have you had more than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

Have you ever competed in ANY mounted competition YES NO
which required you to canter or lope?

Class 1- Walk-Trot Hunter Seat Equitation

Walk-Trot riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope. Riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the online individual membership form.

Have you had less than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? Yes NO