



GO WITH IT FARM

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ASSOCIATION



ZONE FOUR

Official 2016-2017
TEAM HANDBOOK

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PART I: INTRODUCTION TO GO WITH IT FARM IEA TEAM

WELCOME

I would like to welcome you to Go With It Farm IEA Team. The information in this handbook will help you not only to finalize your decision for participation on our team, but also as a reference throughout the year of our policies, expectations, payment due dates, and clarification of the format for IEA. Please also make sure to read the rules and regulations governing IEA which can be found online at www.rideIEA.com.

OUR GOAL

The goal of the Go With It Farm IEA Team is to provide a team experience for the equestrian athlete and to bring together on common ground equestrians at every level of the sport from lesson students, leasing students showing at the schooling level, and students who own their own horse and compete at the recognized USEA Eventing level.

Our goal for our team athletes is for the team experience to help them increase their skills, knowledge, and ability to work within a team atmosphere, while creating a social support system for a sport that otherwise is very individual. Our fundamental goal is to provide a fun opportunity for our team members that introduces them competing on a national competition program and to build friendships. For those interested in riding in college, we work to train our athletes to prepare them for a collegiate competitive experience.

TEAM BACKGROUND

Halliea Milner is the owner and head trainer of Go With It Farm. Halliea has been riding and competing since she was 11 years old, and has always loved the camaraderie of the barn. Originally trained in hunters and equitation, Halliea has built an eventing program that is based on traditional equitation and dressage methods and firmly believes that all riders benefit from the classical equitation style. Halliea is a United States Hunter Jumper Association Certified Trainer, as well as certified in Eventing by the American Riding Instructors Association. Additionally, Halliea is certified by the American Heart Association in CPR, First Aid and AED use. In 2012, Halliea started her IEA team and each year has had riders qualify to advance to both the Regional and Zones level.

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD JOIN THE IEA TEAM?

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) provides an affordable way for your child to experience showing without the expense of ownership or horse leasing. Joining the team is the next step in continuing your child's riding career past the recreational level of weekly lessons and farm shows. The IEA team is a big commitment both time wise and financially. Like all competitive sports, to be great, you must put in the time and work to be at the top.

Your child is ready to join the team when they can proficiently demonstrate control at all gaits on a variety of our horses, and have the desire to be more involved with both our stable and with the sport.

For the rider who leases or owns and shows their own horse, IEA is a valuable addition to your equestrian resume if you are planning to ride in college and a great way to develop team work and lasting barn friendships. IEA is an affiliate with the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association and gives a great introduction to the format of riding at the collegiate level.

PART II: EQUESTRIAN TEAM POLICIES

TEAM RIDER GUIDELINES

The decision to join the Go With It Farm IEA Team is a big one and reflects a commitment to the team for an entire year. Team members do not move on and off the team based on illness, injury, conflicts, etc. The following are guidelines which all team members are expected to follow:

- **Each Equestrian is required to attend all scheduled team events.** If you are unable to attend, you must communicate with your coach well in advance of the event your reasons for not attending. COMMUNICATION IS EVERYTHING. Riders that continually miss team events may be “benched” from competitions to allow more access for riders that are demonstrating the proper dedication to the team.
- **Be on time for all lessons and practices.** If you will be late or absent you are required to call and notify your coach. It is very distracting to the entire group when a student joins a lesson late. Habitual absences or tardies will require a meeting with your coach.
- **Proper attire is a must.** All team members should wear a purple GWIF polo, breeches or jodhpurs with a belt, and tall boots or black paddock boots and half chaps to their lessons and practice rides. Hair should be pulled up in a hairnet and tucked neatly under your helmet or worn in a neat long braid so as to not interfere in any way when riding. No jewelry, other than stud earrings, shall be worn when riding.
- **Work hard and try your best.** This is all we will ever ask of you and it is what you should expect of yourself. Do not compare yourself with other teammates. You are all different and will advance at different rates. Only concern yourself with the things that you can control which are YOUR ATTITUDE, YOUR EFFORT AND ...YOUR RIDING!
- **Team members may not leave the stable at the end of a practice without the expressed permission of their coach.** All horses are expected to be properly cared for and returned to their stall/paddock and all tack and equipment properly cleaned and put away.
- **Each team member is encouraged to attend all shows whether they are participating or not.** You will however be expected to come to a minimum of 2 shows that you are not participating in to be a designated horse holder. To make this requirement easier on the families, the non-competing riders can either ride with me or with another teammate.
- **Team members are expected to be helpers at the stable.** This includes helping younger riders, helping with hay, watering and turn out at the end of the day, as well as cleaning up the grooming buckets, tack room and wash racks.
- **Alert your coach when your body is telling you to slow down or stop.** If you are sick, on medication, or injured we need to know and you need to listen to your body. Pain is the body’s way of telling you to stop.
- **Treat your coaches and teammates with respect.** Be kind to those team members younger than you are; do not hold yourself out as better than other riders. THERE IS NO PLACE AT OUR FARM FOR RUDE OR BELITTLING COMMENTS, DISPLAYS OF ANGER OR DISGUST, OR TALKING BACK TO

COACHES OR OTHER ADULTS. Disciplinary action will be taken if these types of behaviors are exhibited.

- **Maintain a positive attitude when facing fears and frustrations.** All athletes suffer setbacks, frustration, fear and defeat. Expect these things, learn from them, face them and overcome them. Set high goals and achieve them step by step.
- **NO TEAM MEMBER MAY USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS OR SMOKE.** We spend many hours together trying to be the best we can be. All of that work is a complete waste of time if an athlete uses drugs or alcohol. Violation of this policy can mean dismissal from the competitive team.
- **Water Bottles:** Each rider may bring a non-breakable plastic water bottle with a cap to practice and keep it with them. The water bottle should be labeled with the athlete's name.

PARENT GUIDELINES

- Make sure your rider attends all regularly scheduled practices, lessons, team events and shows whether they are competing or not. If your child must miss any of these for any reason, please email your notification as far in advance of the event as possible.
- Communicate with your coach regarding any problems. We are in the business to serve you and your child. Your thoughts are important to us. We feel that the support of our team parents is important for team morale and unity. We will come to you if we hear that you have been making negative comments regarding the team program. Please come to us first if you have concerns!
- If you would like to discuss your child's riding or performance after a show, please do so at the end of their next regularly scheduled lesson. Calling the day after a show to discuss show performance is highly discouraged. These days are long and hard on all involved, so giving some time for yourself and your coach to recover before discussing issues or concerns is in the best interest of all involved.
- Check your **email** and the team **Facebook page** regularly to stay current with team activities. Please provide us with an email address that you check frequently. We will email or post on the team Facebook page all information regarding team social events, upcoming shows, payment due date reminders, and any other pertinent information.
- A representative from each competitive team member's family is required to volunteer for all shows hosted by Go With It Farm IEA Team and at least one of our yearly stable shows. Our IEA shows are scheduled at GWIF for **Saturday, September 17, 2016** & **Sunday, December 18, 2016.**
- Ensure that your child gets enough sleep, proper nutrition, and gets to all lessons, practices, team events and shows on time with proper attire.
- **PLEASE LEAVE THE COACHING TO THE COACHES!** Your athlete needs your unconditional support more than any feedback you might want to give them regarding their performance.
- It is the parent's responsibility to check the show schedule when emailed and respond with the dates that you are available to attend. Not all team members will compete at every show we attend.

- Please attend all team parent meetings. The meetings are an opportunity for the coaches and team parents to communicate pertinent information with plenty of time for questions and answers.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

- Tuition is based on our regular lesson program monthly schedule. All lessons, team rides, and practice rides are payable in advance at the beginning of each month. Tuition is due in advance of the first, and considered late after the 1st and is due without demand from the farm. A late fee of \$25 or 10%, whichever is greater, will be assessed to all payments after the 6th of the month. By joining the team you are agreeing to continuous lessons throughout the entire school year.
- Our preferred method of payment for tuition is through the FrontDeskHQ website or cash or check left at the barn. For cash or checks, our payment box is located in the hallway heading towards the bathroom. For all team fees please make checks payable to GWIF IEA Team. Please make sure that you label in the memo line your child's name and what the payment is for, i.e. "Sidnee Milner – Annual Registration + Horse Show" that way I can make heads or tails of what you are paying for. There are little envelopes located at the back of the payment box. Please use them for any cash payments and write on the front the child's name and what the payment is for. Make sure when using the payment box that you place your payment in the correct slot, not into the area for empty envelope storage. ***Please remember that tuition is paid to the barn, but all apparel, registration, and IEA fees are paid to the team.***
- Any unpaid balance which is 30 days overdue may cause your child's participation in scheduled shows to be "on-hold" until payment is received.
- Notice of intent to cancel enrollment must be made in person and then in writing at least one month prior to your rider's final lesson. If you choose not to notify our bookkeeper, you will be charged for the month following your child's last lesson.
- Each rider will be allowed makeup lessons for all lessons missed because of illness and a maximum of 4 makeup lessons for other conflicts. An additional 4 makeup lessons during the summer will be allowed. All cancellations must be made at least 6 hours before your scheduled lesson, with more time preferable. If you do not contact your instructor at least six hours before your lesson, you will be charged for the lesson.
- In the event of a true emergency, and at your instructor's suggestion, you may be allowed additional make ups without proper cancellation. Such requests will be decided upon on a case-by-case basis.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The rules and policies which govern the riders and their parents have been outlined here. In the event that there is an ongoing pattern of disruption or there are major rule infractions, it may become necessary to impose some disciplinary action in an attempt to improve the situation.

The list and procedures noted below are not intended to be all-inclusive. They are presented as an expression of our beliefs as to what disciplinary actions are necessary and appropriate. We will treat all of our riders and team parents as individuals and will seek to impose the most effective disciplinary actions based on the unique set of circumstances.

1. The rider may be dismissed from the ring early

2. The rider may be asked to sit and watch or the rider may be given a chore to do around the stable.
3. The rider may be asked to leave the stable and go home early.
4. The coach may request a parent meeting.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the unlikely event of a medical emergency involving your child, the following procedure will be followed:

- A. Emergency first aid will be administered, including requesting of emergency medical technicians and an ambulance if needed.
- B. You will be contacted using the emergency contact information you provided in your online profile.
- C. In the event that we are unable to make contact with a parent, we will attempt to contact the medical staff and hospital you indicated as a preference in your online profile.
- D. We receive alerts via cell phone when the weather turns potentially dangerous. We follow all safety guidelines for any inclement weather.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES:

Go With It Farm makes every effort to remain open regardless of weather. Lessons and practices are held rain or shine. Appropriate ground lessons are taught when riding is not an option because of weather. However, we do follow Fulton County School system with regards to inclement weather. We will send notice through email and Facebook if the farm is going to be closed for any reason. We ask that, when there is a question about the weather, that you check your email before calling or texting. However, please feel free to text or call if you have a concern regarding severe weather conditions before bring your rider to the farm.

PART III: TEAM COMMITMENT

Participation on the IEA team for 2016-2017 requires a commitment from August 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. Each team member is required to choosing a riding commitment level below. Monthly team tuition is based on the average of 4 weeks per month. Any months that include 5 weekdays pertinent to your riding schedule will be billed additionally (if not on GWIF's Committed Rider Program) or you may use a make-up if you have one remaining.

RIDING COMMITMENT

Each member of the IEA team is expected to choose a riding commitment based on their riding level. Remember that you may not be assigned your chosen riding level. If your coach feels you are more appropriate at a different level or to make the team more cohesive as a whole, we may place you in a different class. In IEA, we are required to make decisions that affect your long term participation in the team within the guidelines and rules of IEA.

*All riders are required to take at least 4 lessons per month at GWIF. Each participant is **additionally required to attend a monthly team ride and all scheduled IEA equitation clinics.** Monthly team rides fees are included in dues and are used to cover the cost of our staff and horse use. Our IEA equitation clinic fees are included in your dues and will be given by a top-notch equitation coach or judge. It is important for our riders to have instruction from an outside perspective so that they do not get "stuck in a rut" with their riding and are able to achieve the equitation "look" that is competitive in IEA. All riders are strongly encouraged to ride more than the minimum for their level to achieve the best results.*

COMMITTED RIDER PROGRAM – Best pick for all IEA riders

All IEA riders are expected to attend their regularly scheduled lesson time, every time, and as such are allowed only one makeup per month (except in case of your instructor rescheduling), that must be taken within that month. **Any missed lessons do not carry over into the next month.** With perfect attendance, committed riders will enjoy up to **4 free lessons** per year due to some months having 5 lesson days. Committed rider lesson fees are due on the 25th of the previous month and are considered late after the 1st of the month. Committed riders are required to give at least 30 days advance notice of discontinuation of lessons. Fees are available on our FrontDeskHQ website.

IEA DIVISIONS AND MINIMUM RIDING REQUIREMENTS

Divisions	Minimum Required Riding Commitment
<i>Middle School Beginner: flat class</i>	one lesson and 1 practice ride* per week
<i>Middle School Novice: cross rails</i>	one lesson and 1 practice ride* per week
<i>Middle School Intermediate: 2'</i>	one lesson and 2 practice rides* per week
<i>High School Beginner: one flat class</i>	one lesson and 1 practice ride* per week
<i>High School Novice: cross rails</i>	one lesson and 1 practice rides* per week
<i>High School Intermediate: 2'</i>	one lesson and 2 practice rides* per week
<i>High School Open: 2'6"</i>	must lease or own

**Additional lessons can be taken in lieu of practice rides*

PRACTICE RIDES: All practice rides are to be performed **WITHOUT STIRRUPS on the saddle.**

Practice rides are a great way for your rider to have the chance to ride independently and work on skills taught in lessons on their own. There is no jumping allowed in practice rides. All practice rides must be scheduled in advance and approved. Riders are responsible for recording rides taken in our "Practice Ride Journal" and must get them signed off on by the supervising instructor. I find that riders who never

ride on their own become too dependent on receiving instruction and fail to develop the ability to be an independent “thinking” rider. Practice rides also provide an opportunity to work on building strength and stamina. It is preferable that you choose a package containing practice rides, but if purchased individually, the price is as follows:

Practice Ride for 1/2 hour: \$35

Taking practice rides is a privilege extended to our team riders because we trust them to take care of the horse without direct supervision. If this trust is violated, their ability to take practice rides will be suspended until which time we feel they have demonstrated improved horsemanship skills to be trusted again. The following are examples of actions that would lead to their loss of the privilege of participating in practice rides.

- Fails to give their horse adequate breaks during their ride
- Fails to cool their horse out properly at the end of their ride
- Rides recklessly
- Interferes with lessons being conducted
- Disrespectful in any way to supervising instructor, other riders, or other adults at the stable.

***All riders that own or lease a horse are exempt from the practice ride requirements and are only required to pay IEA Dues that cover team rides and clinics. It is assumed they will ride their horse at least twice per week on their own.*

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT: (Services Provided)	Tuition
Committed Rider: 1 weekly lesson per month	\$220
Committed Rider: 2 weekly lessons per month	\$400
Committed Rider: 3 weekly lessons per month	\$540
Practice Rides: Package of 4 to be used in 30 days	\$100
Practice rides: Package of 8 to be used in 30 days:	\$175

Tuition fees are made payable to Go With It Farm.

Besides meeting the minimum riding requirements outlined above, each rider must also meet the IEA skill requirements to be considered for advancement in each division. IEA’s mandatory skill requirements for each level can be found on the IEA website at www.ridelEA.com.

It is important to discuss and plan each rider’s goals before placement is made so that we can assure they do not top out in the divisions based on riding commitment requirements.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE:

The annual registration & activity fees cover your individual IEA membership fee, the team IEA membership fee, the coaches IEA membership fee, your GWIF Polo, additional liability insurance required by IEA, IEA clinic fees and administrative expenses incurred by the team. Any balance remaining will be used for team expenses including but not limited to regional and zone team entries, coaching fees, and coaches travel expenses. The Annual Registration Fee & Activity Fee, which is payable to GWIF IEA, is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

Due Date	Fee Due	Paperwork Due
August 15, 2016	Registration Fee \$200 Activity Fee \$150	Team commitment letter, IEA individual application
TOTAL DUE: \$350		
<i>SAVE 5% (\$17.50) on total amount if paid in full by August 3, 2016!</i>		

SHOW ENTRY FEES

In addition to the standard IEA registration fee, the total cost *per show* is \$225 and covers the class fees, trailering, stabling, horse lease fees, **team rides** and coaching fees.

Entry fees must be paid upon the team entering the show which is usually 2 weeks before. Each rider may show in 5 regular season shows. The money must be in your account before your child can be entered. To help simplify this process, fees are due by the following payment schedule:

Due Date	All Riders
September 15, 2016	\$375
October 15, 2016	\$375
November 15, 2016	\$375
TOTAL DUE	\$1,125
SAVE 5% (\$56.25) on total amount if paid in full by August 3, 2016!	

Show entry fees are made payable to Go With It Farm IEA Team. Any entry fees paid for shows that are not attended can either be credited as lessons or carried forward to the following year. Please note that only \$175 of each show fee will be credited, as the other \$50/show funds the team rides throughout the season.

If your child qualifies for regional finals, zone finals, or national finals, additional entry fees will be required. Those fees will typically be slightly more than the regular season shows.

ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IEA

Uniforms for Practice: All riders are expected to come to lessons in their team uniform which is a GWIF polo shirt with our team logo, riding pants with a belt, and black boots and half chaps or tall boots. We also will have a team jacket and other team apparel items available for purchase.

Uniforms for Show: All riders need hunt seat show clothes which consist of the following:

- Show shirt – White with collar
- Show Jacket – Black or Navy Blue w/3 buttons
- Breeches – low rise, side zip, belt loops, “euro seat”, light beige or tan (NO GREENISH)
- Boots – tall boots, properly fitted, w/laces (NO RUBBER)
- Belt – wide belt, black or brown
- Gloves – black leather (No Cloth)
- Crop – plain black, about 24” long
- Show helmet – GPA, Charles Owen or IRH (make sure all hair fits)
- Hairnets – heavy duty RIDER’s hairnets that matches hair color

In addition, we have GWIF team pants to wear over their show pants to help keep them clean. They will also wear their team jacket to shows and their polo shirts when not fully dressed for the ring. All show apparel is available at Dover Saddlery, Atlanta Saddlery, or the Snooty Fox Tack Exchange.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR IEA SHOW “EMERGENCY KIT”

- Extra hair net
- Safety pins
- Bobby pins
- Pony tail holder
- Extra jacket button
- Sewing kit
- First Aid kit (or Band-Aids, alcohol pads, Aspirin/Motrin, etc.)
- Black duct tape for boots in case of zipper failure
- Black shoe polish with brush/sponge applicator
- Brush
- Extra pair black boot socks
- Extra belt
- Scissors
- Stain remover
- Mirror
- Baby Wipes
- Moleskin

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR IEA TEAM MEMBERS

Working Student Program: Within the scope of this program, all team members may work for practice rides. There is a “credit” schedule that they will follow when at the stable to earn towards practice rides. Each rider will have a log that must be signed off on each day they work to get credit. Logging their work hours and rides taken is each riders responsibility. If their logs are not kept accurate and current, they can have this opportunity taken away until at such time, your coach feels they can show enough responsibility to try again. All rules governing practice rides paid for will apply to earned practice rides.

If while working, your rider performs tasks poorly, they may be asked to perform the task again without work credit earned until they can do so properly without immediate supervision or direction. Whenever your coach or the supervising instructor has to correct their job, it is taking our time and energy and has now become a training session. Training sessions will not earn work credit. The participants need to take pride in their work and not ask for it to be signed off on until it is done to the best of their ability.

Joining this program is viewed as a “first job experience” and we take the responsibility of teaching how to be a good “employee” very seriously. If you allow your rider to participate, you are agreeing to trust us to act in an age/level appropriate manner in handling any issues that may arise. If there is a need to discipline, we expect you to back us up and that we will work together to make sure the desired lesson is learned and sense of responsibility for their actions and pride in their work is accomplished. If you ever have a question about how something was handled, please come to your coach in private to discuss the issue first before discussing the issue in front of your rider. Just as you would not interfere with their first real job by going to their boss, you need to trust us and give the same respect.

Private Lessons: Private lessons may be scheduled when there is a special need to work on a specific problem and only when the coach’s schedule permits.

PART IV: COMPETITIVE SEASON INFORMATION

IEA POINTS ACCUMULATION

IEA is a national organization. The country is divided into zones made up of several states. Go With It Farm IEA Team participates in Zone 4 which includes Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Zone 4 is the largest in the IEA and is divided again by region, and we are in Region 6.

At the end of the competition season, we have regional finals, followed by Zone finals, and then National Finals. To qualify for Regional finals a rider must earn 18 points within 5 shows. The point system is as follows: 1st=7, 2nd=5, 3rd=3, 4th=3, 5th=2, and 6th=1. Riders will also compete for team points.

The Go With It Farm team coach will choose point riders for the day and their points will go toward the teams combine total for all point riders. There is a champion and reserve champion award at each show for both high school teams and middle school teams. The champion and reserve champion teams are decided by accumulation of point riders placings. The entire team may also qualify for Regionals by accumulating 20 team points.

SHOW SEASON AND SCHEDULING

The IEA show season starts around the end of September with finals happening in April. Each team member will have the opportunity to compete in up to 5 shows, maximum. The show calendar is listed on our zone website at www.ridezone4.com.

The Go With It Farm team coach will choose the shows will be best for the team to attend and from those shows, parents will need to let the team liaison know any that you have a conflict with and cannot attend.

Because this is a team competition as well as an individual competition, all riders need to make every effort to be available to be entered in all shows, as well as to attend as many as possible to help.

Go With It Farm is required to take horses to cover our "hoof print" which does limit the number of riders that can be entered in each show. Typically, 8 to 9 riders will compete when providing 3 horses.

2016-2017 TENTATIVE SHOW CALENDAR

Dates are subject to change, and more may be added throughout the season as they become available.

Please view the current IEA Zone 4 show calendar at www.rideiea.org/zone4/hunt-seat-calendar.html.

SHOW FORMAT

The average show will start at 7:00am and finish around 4:00. We set up a tent and the parents all bring food items to share. You should plan to send your child with money to purchase items at the concession stand and/or plan to provide a shared item for the tent. We support carpooling in the morning, but we do ask that parents coordinate for each show a volunteer to set up and take down the tent as well as arrange food. If you are planning to stay for the day, we suggest you bring some reading material or some other project to help you pass the time. Most shows will run in a format similar to the one listed below:

Horse Warm up: General takes 1 ½ to 2 hours at which time all riders are either helping with our horses or watching

- Coaches Meeting:** At a well-run show, this can take 10 minutes, but some shows take up to an hour. During this meeting we are getting the horse draw and discussing any issues with horses that arose during warm up.
- Course Walk:** This is our opportunity to walk to course that the riders will be riding.
- Competition:** The show usually starts with the open division. There isn't a set format that has to be followed. Some shows will do the open over fences and then the flat right away and others will do all over fences classes before they do the flat. Usually the beginner flat classes are at the end of the day.
- Awards:** Ribbons are given for each individual class at the end of the class
- Team Awards:** Team awards are awarded at the end of the day. There is usually a small presentation.

SHOW ETIQUETTE FOR IEA HORSE SHOWS

- Riders should arrive at the show dressed in their show uniform with hair pulled back. Because many of the shows do not have a great place for the girls to change, they should already have their show pants on and a shirt that they can wear under their show shirt on. They should wear our team pants over their show pants to keep them clean. Most IEA shows are in the Fall or Winter when the mornings are quite cold so layers are encouraged.
- All team members should be ready to help with our horses as soon as I arrive. I will leave the captains in charge so that I can go sign us in.
- Riders should be courteous, respectful and polite to all show officials, hosts, other competitors and coaches. Never speak to the judge without consent from your coach. Never make unkind comments about another team, a rider, a coach or a horse. You never know who is standing in ear shot.
- Riders should have their competition bag and keep all of their personal belongings *inside* the bag. We do not want articles of clothing all over the tent. Your bag should be tucked away neatly out of the way. Please make sure that you send food for the team to share, money for your child to purchase lunch, or a sack lunch. Garment bags may be hung on the back of our tent.
- All team members are required to remain with the team and their coach until the end of the show. Once a rider is ready for their turn to compete there should be no contact between the rider and parents unless there is an emergency until they are done showing. Should an emergency arise that requires your presence, your coach will call you over.
- When not dressed in your show attire, you should wear your GWIF polo tucked into your show pants, and your GWIF Team jacket if needed. Remember, you are not just representing yourself, you are acting as a representative of Go With It Farm as well!

SHOW ETIQUETTE FOR PARENTS

- For the safety of the athletes – NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY is allowed at any competition.
- Parents are not required to stay all day; however we do request that a parent volunteer the coordination of setting up and taking down the tent at each show. Additionally, a parent volunteer will be responsible for coordinating food items for the team. PLEASE BE SURE that you have arranged for your child to be fed by providing a shared item, giving them lunch money for the concession stand, or sending them a sack lunch. We want to keep your child from becoming hangry!! (That's when you are so hungry you are angry.) ;)

- In the event your rider falls during their ride, please remain outside of the ring until your presence is requested by your coach. It is usually best for the rider who is trying their best to remain strong if their parent remains at a distance. Eye contact with Mom or Dad usually equals tears. When I exit the ring with your child we should meet up behind the tents in a private area.
- Respect your riders desire not to talk right after a bad ride. They are still processing what happened and working to control their emotions and should be given time to gather their thoughts. It is best if you do not approach them at all until they have returned to the tent area.
- **ANY DISPLAY OF DISAPPOINTMENT TOWARDS YOUR RIDER FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE AT A SHOW IS UNACCEPTABLE.** Remember this is THEIR passion and THEIR victory or defeat. Your role is to be their support system.
- Parents and siblings are to remain in the tent area only. Some shows have a separate holding area for horses were too many people become a problem.
- Please refrain from having contact with your child once she is ready to show.
- Please do not approach the judging officials or show Director for ANY reason. This includes if your child is listed in an incorrect class. All class entries are verified during the official "Coaches Meeting" at the beginning of each competition. Your coach will correct all discrepancies at that time.
- Please be respectful of YOUR child, YOUR coaches and YOUR stable. Listening ears are always around and bad gossip creates a negative energy that spreads to your child, your coaches, and your team. BE PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF GWIF!

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR IEA PARENT COMFORT:

- Blanket
- Chair(s)
- Reading material
- Sunscreen/hat
- Umbrella
- Rain boots
- Dress in layers

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS FOR FARM SHOWS AND TEAM HOSTED IEA SHOWS

All team members are required to work a minimum of one stable show hosted by Go With It Farm. These shows are a vital part of the stable as they provide the necessary funds to purchase new equipment, pay vet bills, and do property improvements.

Each family is required to work the show(s) hosted by our team. There will be a sign up emailed and all families must take a job.

ZONES, REGIONALS, AND NATIONAL FINALS TRAVEL

The zone finals and national finals locations should be posted by September and will most likely be travel shows. The team will prepare for this pending expense by fundraising. Parents are needed to organize and help with these efforts. All travel arrangements will be coordinated as a group.

Please view the current IEA Zone 4 show calendar at www.rideiea.org/zone4/hunt-seat-calendar.html.