

Zone 4 Region Recommendation 2009-2010

As Of July 31, 2009

The Zone 4 regions were determined using the guidelines set forth in IEA Rule 4.C.2.

Recommendation

Zone 4 proposes 5 regions for 2009-2010. A sixth region may be added to accommodate high numbers of new teams.

Rationale

1. Each region should have adequate numbers of horses and facilities for hosting regular point shows.
2. Regions should be small enough to create an ease of entry and scheduling.

Strategy

1. Regions I, II, and III will accommodate the Metro Atlanta area. The following factors are considered:
 - a. teams with a shared coach in same region
 - b. at least 2 teams with large supply of horses in each region
 - c. at least 3 middle school teams in each region
 - d. some new teams and some returning teams in each region
 - e. at least one team/coach with strong IEA experience
 - f. reasonable driving distance to area shows
 - g. similar number of eligible riders in each region
2. Region IV will accommodate South Carolina and coastal Georgia. Some parts of South Carolina may fall in to the Metro Atlanta area if they are within 1 ½ to 2 hours driving distance.
3. Region V will accommodate all Florida teams. Currently there are five teams in south Florida. However, there are seven prospective teams ranging from the west coast to middle Florida.

Zone 4 Regions

Following IEA rules, there will be no more than 12 riders per class at the Zone Finals and no more than 12 teams at Zone Finals. However, rider and team positions for Zone Finals will be narrowed further from the current recommendation. We propose that individual rider positions for Zone Finals be proportionately divided among the regions of the zone based upon the number of members in each region's class as determined by that Regions' Regional Final show entries. Specifically, if 40% of the zone's Varsity Open riders at the Regional Final shows are in Region 5, then Region 5 will receive 40% of the Zone Finals' 12 positions.

Alternatively, team positions for Zone Finals will be proportionately divided among the regions of the zone based upon the number of members in each region as determined by IEA membership on December 31st of each year. Regional finals will only consist of teams and riders that have qualified for Zone finals under Rule 4.C.3. Regional finals will be held at least 2 weeks before zone finals.

The Zone 4 Board will nominate members to be Region Chairpersons. A majority vote of the Board will be required to assume that position. The Zone 4 Board and it's objectives are attached under separate cover, Zone 4 Organization for 2009-2010.

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