

ATHLETIC EQUESTRIAN LEAGUE

Practical Horsemanship for the Equestrian Athlete

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the team and individual costs of membership?

The annual team membership is \$225 and the individual is \$45. That's it! No hidden fees or coach membership. The "Try It Fee" is \$25/team and \$10/individual. Then, after one AEL competition you would like to continue you pay the remaining balance of \$200 for the team and \$35 for individuals. All registration is done online!

Do we have to sign up by a certain date?

Nope. You may sign up whenever you would like. Memberships open August 1st and run through Nationals.

Is there a minimum number of people needed to start a team?

No there is no minimum number of team members required. We say more the merrier!

Do all team members have to compete at every competition?

They do not! Even if only one rider can make a competition they are welcome to compete as long as the coach is present.

What are the competition entry fees?

Around \$75-\$95/rider. The rider competes over fences, on the flat, and practicum.

What is the dress code for competitions?

The AEL was created to make everything easier for barns, riders, and parents. No need to go shopping for expensive horse show attire. The attire is "athletic" so most teams wear long sleeve quarter-zip tops or polo shirts. You are allowed to wear your team/ barn logo on your shirt! ASTM/SEI-Certified helmet that fits properly, breeches, tall boots, paddock boots/half chaps or paddock boots/ jodhpur garter straps.

Is there a maximum number of competitions my students can compete at?

They can compete in as many competitions as they would like! We have no limit. The best way to get better at something is to practice. No limits over here!

Can you explain the wristbands and their purpose? What are the colors on the flat scoresheet?

When the AEL was created, we talked to students, coaches, judges, parents, horse providers, horse show managers, etc. You name the job, we talked to them! One thing the judges said was they have a hard time judging flat classes just off the riders' back numbers. So the colored wristbands are easy for the judges to spot then correspond to the flat scoresheet.

How do I know what fences test and practicum will be used at an upcoming competition?

We wanted to make everything as easy as possible. Everything is online. Sign up, invitations, contacts/addresses to other competing barns, etc.

When your team decides what competitions they will attend.

- 1) You go to www.athleticequestrian.com
- 2) Click on "Competitions"
- 3) Select the competition you will be attending.
- 4) View the competition invitation to see what fences test and practicum will be used.

How do we know the answers to the practicum?

The answers are in the CHA (Certified Horsemanship Association) manual. Please use this book to find the answers and study!

My child/student has a learning difficulty, will you accommodate them in the practicum?

Of course! Please e-mail jenna@athleticequestrian.com and explain how we can help your child/student excel in the practicum.

