



# 38th Annual

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# CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT 9

## Division B District & Region D Champion Fruitport High School



Team Members include Coach Phyla Bramer, Assistant Coach Megan Merkins and Nathan Johnson, riders Jackson Fitzgerald, Addison Walstra, Spencer Leech, Madaline Williams, Madaline Knight, Aubrie Lee, Isabel Virtue, and Cheyenne Latch

## Division C District Champion & Region D Champion Grand Haven High School



Left to right: Assistant Geena Kosanic, riders Stephanie Szymas, Corinna Frings, Olivia Ortiz, Coach Joann Kosanic, missing from photo rider Katlin Brace

## Division C Reserve District Champion & Region D Reserve Champion Ludington High School



Left to Right front: Grooms Claire Leikert, Emily Walter, Zach McMaster  
Left to right back: Assistant Coach Meghan Koehle and Janelle Erickson, riders Lyndsay McMaster, Logan Ray, Kelly Leikert, Alyssa Walter, assistant coach Lynne Bennett, coach Tanya Walter and Doyle Fenner with mascot Oli

## Division D District Champion & Region D Champion Manistee



Left to Right: Assistant coach Shar Tetzlaff, Jamee Fugere, coach Shannon Fugere



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## Welcome to the MIHA's 38th Annual State Championship!

Welcome to the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association's State Championship! We would like to congratulate all of the teams and riders competing this year. Not only were you District champs, but you were also tops at your Regional competitions.

We have made some changes to our show schedule in this past couple of years, which we think will help make things run smoother. We have placed all Fitting & Showing on one day, so the poor horses won't have to freeze with multiple baths if the weather is bad. We placed the bareback classes opposite the saddle classes for the same seat, so there will be less outfit and tack changes. We are counting on volunteers from each region for ringmasters, scribes, setup, teardown, gates, etc.

Getting any horse show to run smoothly can be a challenge, so we ask for your patience if we hit a few bumps along the way. Please remember that this organization is run entirely by volunteers. We will try our best to be polite and respectful to you, and ask that you treat your show staff equally well. Please read the "Code of Conduct"; also, please read and follow the Midland County Fairground Rules.

You will find a **tentative** show schedule, we say tentative because it is subject to change at any moment. Our plan is to start the show at 8:00 a.m. and continue as scheduled through the classes listed for that day. However, certain factors may speed up or slow down the start times for some of the classes. We ask for your cooperation as we try to keep the show moving.

Your thoughts and concerns are important to us! **Please take a few moments to fill out and turn in the show evaluation form found in the back of this program.** Also do not hesitate to contact your Executive Board members to give us your feedback directly.

We look forward to a great competition! We wish all of our teams and riders good luck!



# 2012 MIHA State Championship Show Staff

MIHA Chairman . . . . .	Michael Yanz
State Show Chair . . . . .	Marc Delisle
Office Manager . . . . .	Virginia Deisler
Office Staff . . . . .	Dennis Stanton, Kyle Stanton
Score Keeper . . . . .	Fred Stockley
Judging Manager . . . . .	Mike Yanz, Patty Yanz
Ring Stewards . . . . .	Volunteers
Paddock Masters . . . . .	Mark Krull, Volunteers
Announcers . . . . .	Tiffany Spedowski, Erin McCarthy
Communications . . . . .	Mike Yanz
Set Crew . . . . .	Various Volunteers
Pre-Show Prep . . . . .	Executive Board, Office Staff
Judges Scribes . . . . .	Volunteers

Thank you to District 6 for providing all of the show equipment. Your service is greatly appreciated!

## Gate Duty

*All regions will share gate duty.*

Region A – Thursday, Outdoor & Indoor arena all day

Region B – Friday, Outdoor all day

Region C – Friday, Indoor arena all day

Region D – Saturday, Outdoor and Indoor arena all day

Region E – Sunday, Outdoor and Indoor arena all day

## Show Service Providers

EMT . . . . .	Chris Baldwin (On grounds)	Photographer . . . . .	Frawgbyte.com (On grounds, near Main Arena)
Veterinarian . . . . .	Dr. Robert Renton (517) 404-3400	Farrier . . . . .	Brent Hewitt (989) 708-9647
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Golf Carts . . . . .	Titan Golf Carts	Trail Course Design . . . . .	Executive Board

## State Show Vendors

*(Vendors are located inside the SWINE Building #30, behind the Main Office and outside near the Indoor Arena)*

Frawgbyte Photography

Western Spirit Tack

S&K Lunchwagon

Sliding S Ranch

Cowgirlz Closet

Diamond K

Ricks Tack

Black Creek Stables

Cowboy Cuisine

Denise Tyler, the Popcorn Lady

Bodacious Cowgirl

## 2012 MIHA State Championship Judges

Roger Altman

Mike Elliott

Stacey Rulison

Jennifer McClellan-Kiser

Anne Lawter

Kim Rutledge



# Spectator & Rider Code of Conduct

**Parents, spectators, and coaches are not allowed in the arena's at any time during competition.**

**Parents, spectators, riders, and coaches shall not approach or communicate with the Judges at any time.** Only the show staff shall be permitted to communicate with the Judges.

**ONLY A COACH etc. (with proper ID) CAN DROP OR ADD CLASSES.**

**Only a coach can file a protest.** MIHA 2010 Rule Book, pg 23 Article XIII, J. Protest must be made in writing and turned into the show office. Show Staff will communicate with the Judge(s) regarding the protest.

**Parents, spectators, riders, and coaches shall not communicate with the Announcers while a class is running.** You may think it is perfectly innocent to ask the announcer a question while a class is running. Unfortunately, it is very difficult for an announcer to focus on the class while people are asking questions. This is especially true during the "Timed Events" classes, when the announcer is responsible for tracking the times. Please do not interrupt the announcers with questions!

**No coaching from the sidelines** by parents or spectators.

**No Riding DOUBLE or with just a HALTER-Leadstrap** at anytime

**Conduct of Riders, Parents, Guests.** Smoking, Alcohol, Foul Language, Unsportsman like conduct or Mistreatment of any animal will not be tolerated. MIHA 2010 Rule Book, Pg 21 Article XII, G, 1, 2, 3, K

**Please be respectful of the show grounds.** Please adhere to the Midland County Fairground rules found in this booklet. Help keep the grounds clean.

**Be positive! Be respectful! Be patient and understanding! Be helpful!** We always need more volunteers! Remember, if you aren't part of the solution, then you are part of the problem.

***Good sports are always winners!!!***  
***Be gracious when you win, and graceful when you lose!***



# 2012 Tentative Show Schedule

We say tentative because it is subject to change at any moment. Our plan is to start the show at 8:00 a.m. and continue through the classes listed for that day. However, certain factors may speed up or slow down the start times for some of the classes. For example, if the judging runs faster than expected, then the classes will start earlier than listed on the tentative show schedule.

Likewise, if the judging runs slower than expected, then the classes will start later than listed on the tentative show schedule. Other conditions may speed up, slow down, or alter our schedule as well. Please keep track of how fast the show is running and be flexible.

## General Information

Riding in covered arena from 5:00 am – 10:30 pm  
 Riding in indoor & outside arenas 6:00 am – 7:00 am  
 Riding in indoor & outside arenas after classes are done for the day.  
 Indoor & outside arena closed at 7:00 am for arena prep, drag & set-up.  
 All arena/barn lights out at 11:00 pm each night.  
 NO RIDING DOUBLE or with just a HALTER at any time.

## Lunging

Indoor and outside arenas 5:00 am – 6:00 am  
 Lunging in round pens all day (please 15 minute time periods)

## Jumping

Warm up of jumpers in the covered arena before open jump practice in the indoor arena please.  
 See schedule for jumping.

Date	Time	Location	Event	Division/Order
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 to 11 AM	Fairgrounds	TEAM ARRIVAL Use Airport Rd gate (US-10 service drive)	ALL Cars, Trucks, Trailers, Campers
	11:00AM – 12 PM	Outside	Trail Walk Through (Per Rulebook)	All Divisions
	NOON	4-H Cafeteria	Coaches Meeting	All Divisions
	1:00 PM	Outside	Trail	A, B, C, D
	11:00 to 11:45 AM	Indoor	Open jump schooling	Division. A Regional B, C,E
	11:45 to 12:30	Indoor	Open jump schooling	Division A Region A, D
	12:30 to 1:15	Indoor	Open jump schooling	Division B
	1:15 to 1:45	Indoor	Open jump schooling	Division C & D, Ponies
	1:45 PM	Indoor	Arena Dragged	
	2:00 PM	Indoor	Equitation Over Fences	D, C, B, A
	5:30 PM	Indoor	Flag Race	D, C, B, A
	5:30 PM	Outdoor	Western Reining	A
	8:00 PM 30 Minutes after Opening Cere.	Indoor <b>4-H Cafeteria</b>	Opening Ceremonies <b>Coaches Meeting</b>	All participants <b>All Coaches</b>



Date	Time	Location	Event	Division/Order
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Indoor	West. Fit. & Show.	A, D on North B, C on South
	9:30 AM	Indoor	Hunt Fit & Show	A, D on North B, C on South
	11:00 AM	Indoor	Saddle Seat Fit & Show	A, D on North B, C on South
	NOON	Outside	Saddle seat Equation Saddle seat Bareback	B, C B, C
	NOON	Indoor	Saddle seat Equation Saddle seat Bareback	A, D A, D
	4:30 PM	Outside	Western Reining	B, C, D
	4:30 PM	Indoor	Stake Race	A, B, C, D
	30 minutes after last class of the day	<b>4-H Cafeteria</b>	<b>Coaches Meeting</b>	<b>All Coaches</b>

<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Indoor	West. Equitation West. Bareback	B, C B, C
	8:00 AM	Outside	West. Equitation West. Bareback	A, D A, D
	11:00 AM	Indoor	Huntseat Equitation	A, B, C, D
	12:30 AM	Outside	Huntseat Bareback	A, B, C, D
	4:30 PM	Outside	Saddle seat Pattern	A, only
	4:30 PM	Indoor	Cloverleaf	B, D, A, C
	30 minutes after last class of the day	Swine <b>4-H Cafeteria</b>	Pizza Party <b>Coaches Meeting</b>	All Divisions <b>All Coaches</b>

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Outside	Saddle Seat Pattern	C, B, D only
	8:30 AM	Indoor	2-Man Relay	A, C, B, D
	30 min after last run	Indoor	Closing Ceremonies	All Divisions



# CONGRATULATIONS

## District 17 Champions



Division B - Clare & Shephard

Division C - Harrison & Mt. Pleasant

Division D - Vestaburg & Breckenridge

# Good Luck at States

Division B - Clare

Division D - Vestaburg



# Midland County Fairgrounds Rules

These are Fairground rules and they will be enforced:

**NO DOGS ALLOWED!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!** No dogs in campers, in cars, or anywhere on the grounds. Anyone caught with a dog on the grounds will be expelled from the show ground.

**THE ONLY THING TO BE LEFT IN THE HORSE STALLS ARE SHAVINGS AND MANURE!** No straw, Styrofoam, wood pellets, artificial bedding, or trash are to be left in the stalls. Violators will be fined \$75.00.

**NO STAPLES OR NAIL ON STALLS OR IN BARN!** Feel free to decorate you stalls, but do not use staples or nail in the barns or anywhere on the grounds.

**NO HORSES ON THE GRASS or in CAMPGRONDS!!** No riding, lunging, or even walking your horse on any grass area or in the campgrounds. If you are caught with your horse on a grassy area, you will be expelled from the show ground. Please clean up after your horse.

**CAMPING IN CAMPSITES ONLY! NO HORSES.** Do not plug into barns or other buildings when camping. Please do not park empty trailer or vehicles in campsites. Park in designated areas only.

**CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES!** Please clean up after yourselves and your horses. All decorations must be completely removed.

MIHA thanks the  
**Midland County Fairgrounds**  
for hosting the 38th annual  
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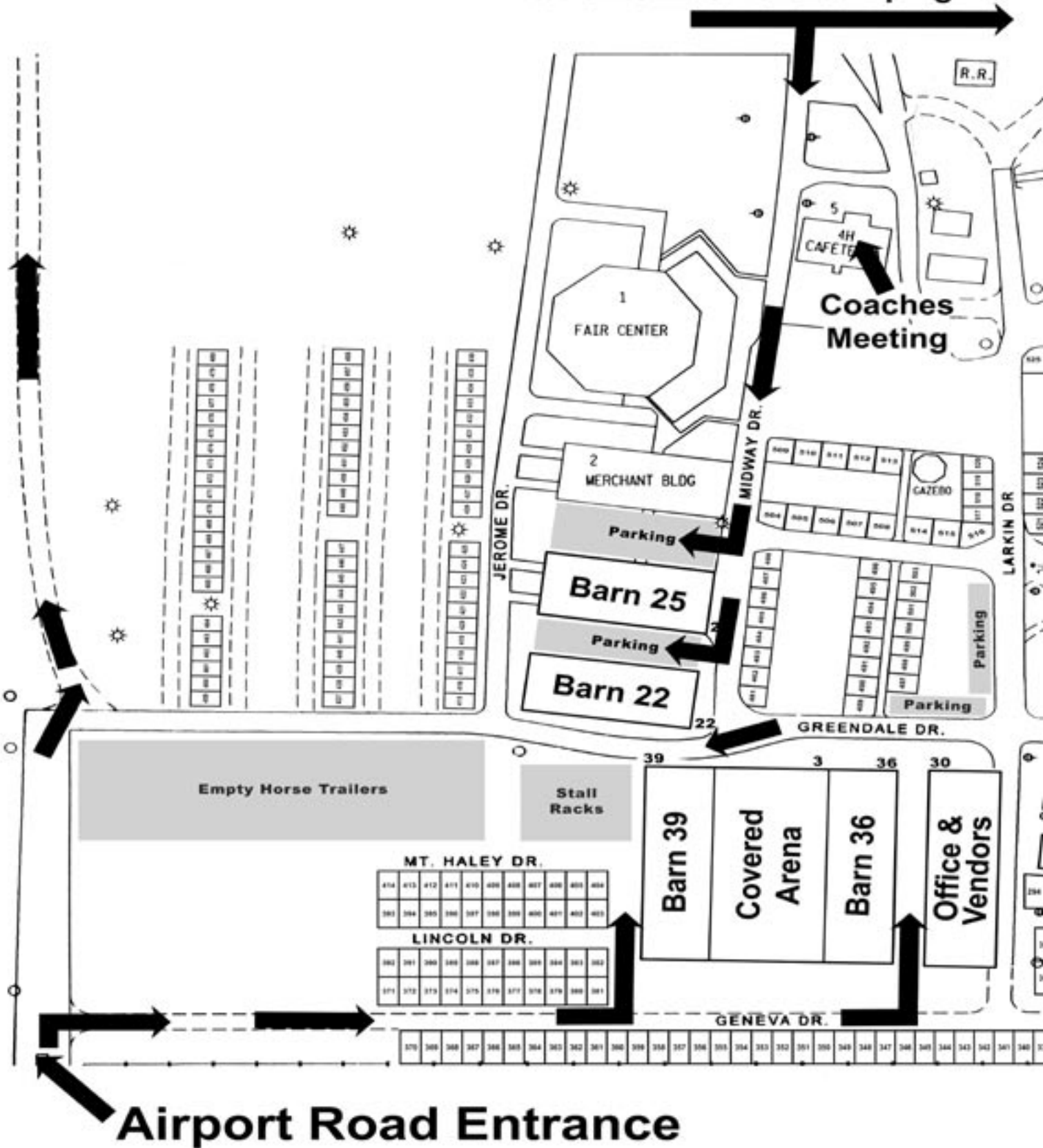
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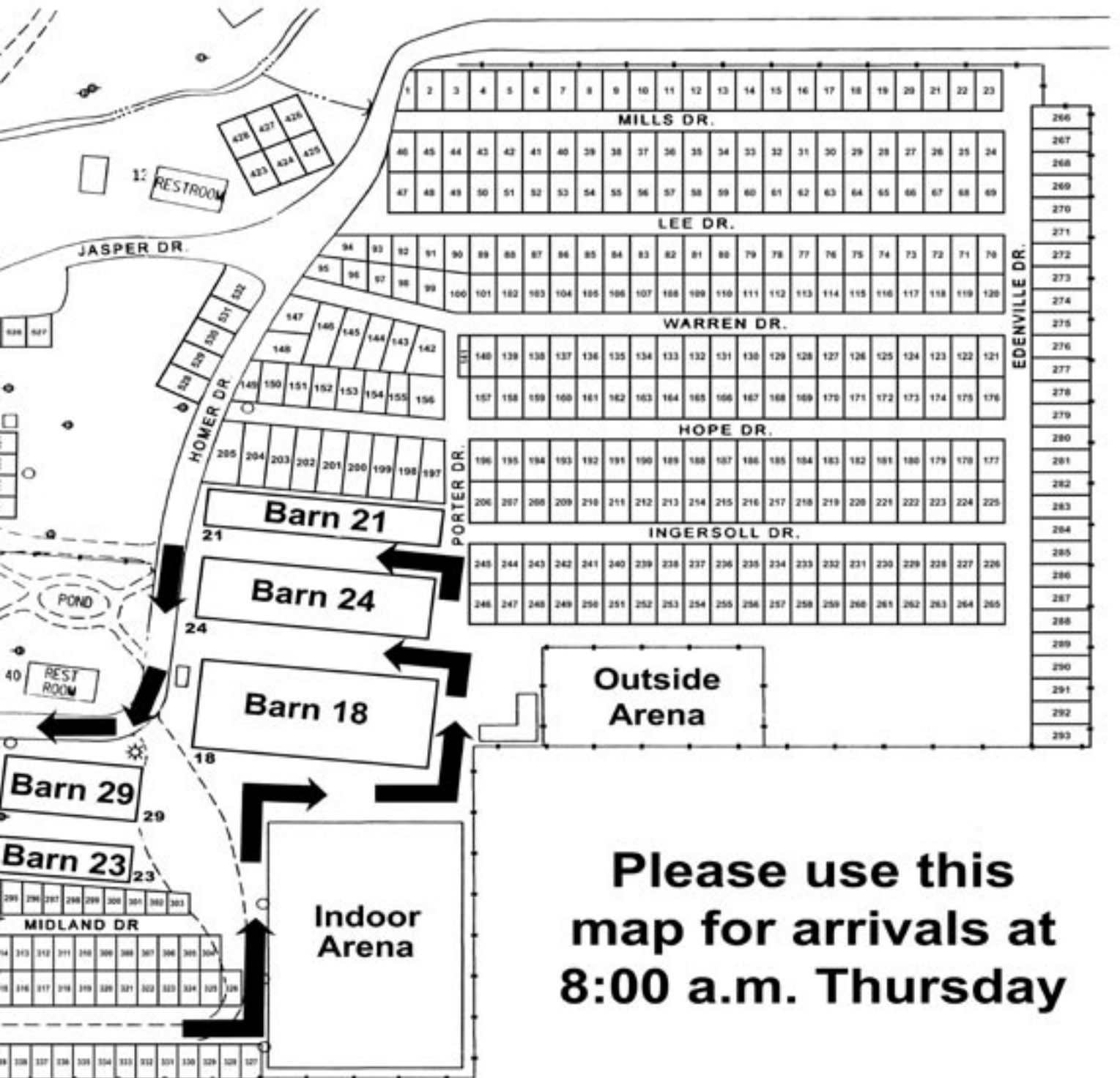


# Midland County Fairgrounds map for

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# the 2012 MIHA State Championship



# Division "A" Teams

## Region A Champions • Caledonia

Coach – Kim Merwin

Assistant Coaches – Ford Ablett, Sheryl Ablett, Kim Frederick, Brandy Humphrey, Kelly Merwin,  
Meagan Nummer

522	Paige Leppanen	612	Caitlynn Yonker	766	Hayley Giamo
529	Vanessa Kroepsch	625	Allie Nevelle	785	Courtney Moore
532	Kim Sterzick	689	Madelyn Darby	819	Lisa Timmers
548	Kellie Cronin	740	Samantha Kruse		
550	Amanda Smith	760	Karah Lloyd		

## Region A Reserve Champions • Gull Lake

Coach – Laura Comerford

Assistant Coach – Lisa Allen, Katie Allen

502	Hanna Luedecking	602	Andrew Milan	649	Avery Comar
511	Ansley Haan	618	Charlotte Chubb	746	Katie Kendrick
558	Landon Fisher	626	Morgan Terry	822	Nikki Mallos
562	Kaci Hodge	631	Maddie Chase		

## Region B Champions • Howell

Coach – Brittany Mathes

Assistant Coaches – Lauren Fetner, Kaylyn Pelkey, Caroline Rajala

517	Sam Wilczewski	638	Chrissy Wilczewski	780	Taylor Rajala
565	Rachel Dempsey	651	Jennifer Fuson	790	Bri Rajala
569	Kelsea Goulah	656	Cassie Noble	806	Victoria Klatt
633	Mira Young	755	Bethany Czerwinski		

## Region B Reserve Champions • Hartland

Coach – Krieg Cutter

Assistant Coaches – Laura Tester, Erica Utz, Sheri Wojchowski

514	Sarah Laferty	599	Natalie Schenck	693	Chelsea Wojiechowski
579	Danielle Tester	609	Dan Tyson	722	Natalie Sulkowski
582	Hannah Oldford	643	Emma Csatari	742	Alyssa Kress
591	Haley Grebeck	691	Carlie Murray	791	Courtney Meulenberg

## Region C Champions • Dow High

Coach – Vicki Barnard

Assistant Coach – Nancy McNeal, Tammie Parsons, Melissa Cote-Hooven

509	Marcee Bigelow	661	Megan Matthews	758	Brandi Schneider
554	Amoreena Most	675	Kristine Mussell	772	Matthew Allsop
571	Karthy Warrick	692	Brook Viele	796	Caitlyn Myers
627	Ashley Wejrowski	756	Jessica McNeil	801	Kate Martine



# Division "A" Teams (continued...)

## Region C Reserve Champions • Bullock Creek

Coach – Jane Avery

Assistant Coaches – Shelly Armstrong-Miller, Melanie Blues, Wayne Draves

500	Leslie Kissingers	561	Kristen Casavan	654	Katerina Mayette
542	Hailee Nielsen	588	Mikaela Backus	704	Chyenne Trudell
544	Madison Mulder	589	Tara Lee	787	Koltyn Townsend
557	Micheal Humphrey	619	Brandt Gaffke	815	Kimberly Chapin

## Region D Champions • Traverse City Central

Coaches – Mike Zerby

Assistant Coaches – Polly Walker

523	Sierra Rancour	615	Nick Musser	720	Abbey Yanska
536	Madeline Aulicino	662	Susie Ness	723	Morgen Durga
573	Mackenzie Monroe	672	Samantha Donohue	727	Taylor Henriet
603	Shannon Weaver	700	Brooke Wessell		
607	Chelsea Reyher	715	Jeannie Longton		

## Region D Reserve Champions • Lowell

Coaches – Jessica Bouman

Assistant Coaches – Linda Foote

510	Kalie Kopecek	644	Hannah Draigh	752	Erin Wade
537	Shelby Baird	657	Henneh McMillian	802	Rachel Phelps
568	Lauren Baker	696	Sara Kloosterman		
570	Jacey Culross	716	Jessica Graves		
604	Mackenzie Fredrickson	726	Katie Canfield		

## Region E Champions • Oxford

Coach – Dee Shepard

Assistant Coaches – Kaitlin Trezil, Shannon Trezil

583	Audrey Seely	728	Jenna Bertapelle	788	Nicole Musgrove
585	Emily Diedrich	730	Colin McGeen	799	Katie Champagne
616	Kylie Reis	763	Claire Seely	809	Jenney-Ayn Gill
659	Rosie Sheppard	774	Meghan Seely	814	Tessa Vreedenburg
677	Ian Diedrich	777	Lauren Ubbing		

## Region E Reserve Champions • Chelsea

Coach – Lucy Heimerdinger

Assistant Coaches – Julie Agar, Jane Barnes

546	Chase Barnes	703	Taylor Schrock	735	Jordan Hirst
574	Tony Nichol	711	Jacob Lahti	782	Hannah Linteau
594	Grant Allen	714	Micayla Zynda	803	Anyssa Marsh
699	Weston Barnes	732	Morgan Baldwin		



# Division "B" Teams

## Region A Champions • Bridgeman

Coaches – Cathy Reifschneider

Assistant Coaches – Ali Reifschneider, Shelia Ulrath

519	Alexis Braddock	694	Ashley Schmaltz	684	Morgan Bailey
566	Alysa Rhyne	739	Cassandra Amicarelli	680	Andrea Schmaltz
620	Ashley Kunde	794	Kailey Rhyne		

## Region A Reserve Champions • St. Joseph

Coach –

Assistant Coaches –

535	Greta Pearson	688	Danielle Reck	761	Julia Knebl
665	Abigail Gorbett	706	Anna Kietzerow	765	Lauren Brower
686	Bridgette Waning	729	Anna Zylema	804	Janis Young

## Region B Champions • Whitmore Lake

Coach – Bob Head

Assistant Coaches – Audrey Blaszczyk

533	Kari Klager	683	Kendall Gesek	753	Maddy Eisinger
572	Ethan Wagar-Huff	695	Charlotte Zielke	781	Sara Weldon
590	Sierra Moran	701	Alie Lustig		

## Region B Reserve Champions • Owosso

Coaches – Katie Hartsuff

Assistant Coaches – Laura Meyer, Robin Stechschulte

540	Karley VanWormer	673	Alex Stechshulte	773	Alysha Freeman
567	Bethany Ralph	678	Erin Collier	823	Kelsey Henderson
578	BrendanButcher	708	Aubrey Stechschulte		

## Region C Champions • Clare

Coaches – Peggy Stephens

Assistant Coaches –

580	Jyda Sykora	705	Sydney Hubbard	792	Tessa Huovinen
663	Alex Stark	745	Haley Stephens	824	McKenzie Cook
674	Alyssa Gillis	768	Tara Pummell		

## Region C Reserve Champions • Reed City

Coach – Sarah Morlock

Assistant Coaches –

553	Miranda Battle	725	Lairen Voelker	770	Ginny Miller
584	Lilly Heald	738	Adrianna Pelton	793	Kameron Connell
597	Cirra Engstrom	743	Kayla Polaski	507	Kendall Mallory
639	Madeline Harriongyon	757	Chelsea Connell		



## Division "B" Teams (continued...)

### Region D Champions • Fruitport

Coach – Phyla Bramer

Assistant Coaches – Nathan Johnson, Megan Merkins

528	Isabel Virtue	581	Jackson Fitzgerald	750	Madaline Kinght
547	Madaline Williams	721	Addison Walstra	808	Cheyene Latch
552	Aubrie Lee	731	Spencer Leech		

### Region D Reserve Champions • Kalkaska

Coach – Elizabeth Britton

Assistant Coaches – Kristi Collins

503	Noah Britton	668	Emma Cameron	737	Mandy Collins
664	Diondre Britton	690	Gabby Lee	816	Jessica Tanne

### Region E Champions • Williamston

Coach – Lisa Luton-Hodges

Assistant Coaches – Jan Logue

515	Brianne Belanger	709	Nicole Fettes	778	Chelsea Cole
545	Rochele Massa	762	Marielle Thorpe	811	Jenna Foster

### Region E Reserve Champions • Olivet

Coach – Shannon Visger

Assistant Coaches –

505	Ellery Walker	526	Austin Visger	749	Allison Kirk
524	Hailey Jungle	702	Dallie Flower	817	Brock Thering

## Division "C" Teams

### Region A Champions • Lakeshore

Coach – Mary Nye

Assistant Coach – Steve Walton

520	Peggy O'Neill	641	Taylor Collum	769	Samantha Hulen
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### Region A Reserve Champions • Maple Valley

Coach – Cheryl Wood

Assistant Coaches – Barb Emenhiser

531	Jacey Wood	622	Breanna Heinze	812	Robbie Bricker
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### Region B Champions • South Lyon

Coach – Deb Yanke

Assistant Coaches – Christine Huepenbecker, Anne Huepenbecker

601	Jennifer Brough	650	Jenna McBride	818	Jayme Stiglich
611	Katie Koczynski				







# Division "D" Teams

## Region A Champions • Double-C Ranch

Coach – Candice Curtis

559 Cassidy Curtis

## Region A Reserve Champions • Allendale

Coach – Colleen Smolen

521 Kali Smolen

## Region B Champions • Fenton

Coach – Jenny Lessard

Assistant Coaches –

776 Nadine Lessard

## Region B Reserve Champions • Macomb Christian

Coach – Sylvia Hulbert

Assistant Coaches – Kathryn Ballard

719 Noah Ballard

## Region C Champions • McBain

Coach – Lisa Compton

Assistant Coaches –

530 Beth VanPolen

534 Racheal Compton

## Region C Reserve Champions • Vestaberg

Coach – Laura Ayres

710 Holly Graham

810 Faith Ayres

## Region D Champions • Manistee

Coach – Shannon Fugere

Assistant Coaches – Sharla Tetzlaff

635 Jamee Fugere

## Region D Reserve Champions • Mancelona

Coach – Liz Koscielniak

779 Abbey Rozanski

## Region E Champions • Clinton

Coach – Lily Kittle

Assistant Coach – Alisha Morton

516 Quincy Kittle

## Region E Reserve Champions • Allen Park

Coach – Chelsea Reynolds

Assistant Coach – Olivia Lefevre

551 Hailee St. Louis

660 Amanda Eisterhold



# History of the MIHA

Since you are at the M.I.H.A. State Championships, you probably know all about the M.I.H.A. as it exist today. But we thought you might like to read about how the M.I.H.A. got started. The early days of the MIHA are blurry because no official records exist. However, here is what the historian committee was able to uncover.

In 1968, a group of parents were involved in an equine census around the same time. After realizing that there were over 10,000 horses in Oakland County, Ed Chezy, Kelly Lawrence, and Carmi Edwards purposed a school sponsored horsemanship program to the Huron Valley School Board. The School Board recommended holding a horse show to determine the extent of interest in a horsemanship program.

In 1972, a horsemanship committee was formed and the first ever “Father’s Day Show” was held. A portable arena and P.A. system were used to hold the show in front of the Milford High School. The show was so successful that it brought in 1200 spectators, 600 entries, and a profit of \$1,700. This success justified establishing an educational horsemanship program. Ed Cheyz, Kelly Lawrence, and Gerald Fuller presented a proposal to the Board of Education. At the same time, the Director of Community Schools, Carmi Edwards, and the horsemanship committee requested that the Board of Education designate 20 acres of land adjoining Milford High School to be used for the horsemanship program, the annual horse show, and the interscholastic equestrian team program. The horsemanship program passed.

The first equestrian team competition was held in the fall of 1973 at the Bogie Lake Country Club indoor facility between 5 schools, Hartland, Howell, Holly, Fenton, and Milford, with 30 to 40 riders competing. No one remembers the outcome. They only remember that it was so much fun, they just had to do it again. Meets were held again in the spring of 1974, fall of 1974, spring of 1975, and the fall of 1975.

In 1976 due to the expansion of the program statewide, the Huron Valley Interscholastic Horsemanship Association became the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association. On May 16, 1976 the first MIHA State Championship at Oak Ridge Stables in White Lake Township, with nearly 600 spectators. Winning the State Championship in 1976 was Romeo.

Also instrumental in those early days were Chuck Schroder and Gerald Fuller, the Milford and Hartland coaches. In 1975, Brighton, coached by Wanda Keech, and Pinckney, coached by Virginia Bennett joined the competition. Also joining in 1975 were teams from New Haven, Romeo, Almont, Oxford, Fowlerville, South Lyon, Novi, Northville, and Lakeland. Most of these schools are still competing today.

Wanda Keech, served as State Chairman, and Virginia Bennett served as Vice-Chairman, during the MIHA’s fledgling years. Other past State Chairmen are Bob Kibbie, Phil Tietsort, and Larry Flanary.

By 1978, the MIHA had grown so much it was necessary to divide the schools into “A” division teams (with ten or more riders), or “B” divisions teams (with less than ten riders). At the MIHA State Championship held in 1978 at Mason, South Lyon won the “A” division and Port Huron won the “B” division that year.

In 1983, Jean Husted became the State Secretary and served until 2004. Other long serving executive board members include Annette Thelen (Treasurer, Vice-Chair, and Jr. Steering Committee) and Bill Tingley (Vice President). By 1984, the MIHA had grown to six districts with 678 riders competing statewide. By 1987 the MIHA had 11 districts with 935 riders competing on 120 teams. In 1992, a “C” division was added for teams with five or less riders.

In 1994 the M.I.H.A. had 14 districts with 173 teams and 1118 riders.

In 2004, the M.I.H.A. started a pilot program for a Junior division for riders in sixth through eighth grades. The Junior division became a formal part of the M.I.H.A. in 2006. What a great way to prepare our future high school riders.

By 2005, the M.I.H.A. had 2146 riders on 327 teams in 19 districts. The M.I.H.A. State Championships had out grown all available facilities, so it became necessary to add a Regional competition to decrease the size of the State show. The first Regional competitions were held in 2005 at five locations. In 2006, a “D” Division was added for teams with 2 or less riders.



# 2012 MIHA State Championship Logo Contest



*Congratulations to this  
year's winner...*

**Emily Vince**  
**Brandon High School**

## State Championship Logo Contest Rules

**Who can enter?** Any MIHA registered rider.

**What is the deadline?** All entries must be submitted to State Show Chairperson by June 1st, 2013.

**What is the prize?** Recognition at the 2013 State Championship show. Logo will be represented on the 2013 State Championship apparel. Winner's name and school will be listed on the MIHA website. Photo opportunity at the State Championships.

**How are the entries submitted?** All logos should be submitted via email by June 1st, 2013 to [LogoContest@miha.org](mailto:LogoContest@miha.org)

## Logo Design Specifications

**Theme:** All entries must pertain to the subject of horsemanship.

**File Format:** All entries that are emailed must be in .JPG or .GIF format.

**Colors:** For cost effectiveness limit of 2 colors per design.

**Resolution:** Submit all email entries in both (1) low resolution no larger than 150 x 150 pixels and (2) Hi-resolution no larger than 300 x 300 pixels.

**Identification Information:** All entries must be accompanied with the following: name, address, school, grade and age.

**Limit of Entries:** There is no limit of the amount of entries you send in.

**Usage:** Winning logo will be used on the MIHA website as well as various printed items.

**Content:** The logo must contain the verbiage "MIHA State Championship" and the current year in the design.

**Questions or more information:** Contact the State Show Chairperson



## GOOD LUCK AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Jenna, Katie, Jayme & Jennifer  
Coaches: Deb Yanke & Ann Huepenbecker

**Congratulations Whitmore Lake on a great season!  
Good Luck at State finals!**



Coaches: Robert Head and Audrey Blaszczyk  
Riders: Sierra Moran, Sara Weldon, Charlotte Zielke, Ethan Wagar-Huff,  
Maddy Eisinger, Kari Klager, Kendall Gesek, and Alie Lustig  
Horses: Fire, Briar, Sparky, Star, Pymara, Buttercup, Val, Tristan, and Uno.  
Not pictured: Covergirl, Suzie, and Star.



**Congratulations!**  
**Look out State,**  
**here they come!**



*Fuller* PHOTOGRAPHY  
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**Best wishes to ALL at the State Championship!**

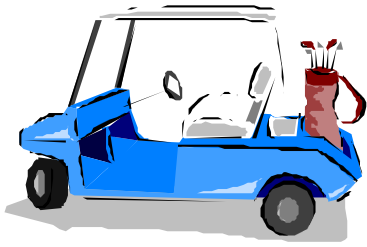
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**2012 MIHA State  
Championship!**



*Congratulations  
Regional Champions*

**Good Luck at the MIHA State  
Championship Meet at the  
Midland County Fairgrounds**

*From the Coaches, Riders,  
Grooms and Parents  
at Bay City Western  
District VI, Division B*



# Congratulations

*to the District 6 teams going the State Championship Meet!*

## Dow High

*Region C, Division A - Champions*

Coaches – Vicki Barnard, Nancy McNeal,  
Tammie Parsons, Melissa Cote-Hooven

Marcee Bigelow	Brook Viele
Amoreena Most	Jessica McNeil
Karthy Warrick	Brandi Schneider
Ashley Wejrowski	Matthew Allsop
Megan Matthews	Caitlyn Myers
Kristine Mussell	Kate Martine

## Bullock Creek

*Region C, Division A - Reserve Champions*

Coaches – Jane Avery, Shelly Armstrong-Miller,  
Melanie Blues, Wayne Draves

Leslie Kissingers	Tara Lee
Hailee Nielsen	Brandt Gaffke
Madison Mulder	Katerina Mayette
Micheal Humphrey	Chyenne Trudell
Kristen Casavan	Koltyn Townsend
Mikaela Backus	Kimberly Chapin

## St. Charles

*Region C, Division D - Champions*

Coaches – Keith Carey, Danielle Fuller

Montana Kruske	Ben Fuller
Ashley Fuller	Alexis Carey
Tess McCallum	

**Thank you to all of our  
riders, coaches, and parents  
for making 2012 a great  
season in MIHA District 6!!!**



*Congratulation  
to all of the State finalist, May  
you have a great meet and make  
many lasting memories. From  
your friends from District 1*

*Howell, Milford Whitmore Lake, Lakeland, Mercy,  
Fenton, South Lyon East, South Lyon West, United,  
Holly, Plymouth, Salem, Canton, Walled Lake Northern,  
Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Salem  
Farmington, Novi, Canton and Kettering*



# 2012 MIHA State Championship Show Evaluation

Please take a minute to complete and turn in this evaluation form. Please circle your response with 5 being the best and most satisfactory, and 1 being the worst and least satisfactory.

1) How did you like attending the Championship in Midland, Michigan?

5    4    3    2    1

2) Overall quality of the Midland County Fairgrounds?

5    4    3    2    1

3) Overall quality of the camping facilities at the Midland County Fairgrounds?

5    4    3    2    1

4) The efficiency of the Office and Show staff?

5    4    3    2    1    or    did not deal with show office/staff

5) How friendly and polite was the Office and Show Staff?

5    4    3    2    1    or    did not deal with show office/staff

6) How would you rate the show schedule?

5    4    3    2    1

7) If you or your team filed any formal protest, how well did the show committee handle your protest?

5    4    3    2    1    or    did not file any protest

8) How timely was the show run each day?

Thursday	5	4	3	2	1
Friday	5	4	3	2	1
Saturday	5	4	3	2	1
Sunday	5	4	3	2	1

9) How do you rate this year's State Championship overall?

5    4    3    2    1

10) Is there anything you would like to see changed for next years Championships?

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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# *MIHA State Championship – THANK YOU!*

The MIHA is run by volunteers. The service the volunteers provide is “priceless” because the MIHA program would not run without our volunteers. If the MIHA had to pay all of the volunteers what their service is worth, it would not be able to afford the costs. We wish to thank each and every coach, gate keeper, announcer, ring master, set crew, and office worker who helped with our shows this year including District Meets, Regional and the State Championship.

The MIHA would like to thank all of those who took on the task of running our association on a daily basis. Those who volunteer and listen patiently to the parents, students and other volunteers with their many helpful suggestions and concerns, please accept our heart felt - **Thank You!!!**

## **Regional Chairpeople**

Region A – Judy Stillwell (Districts 3, 15, 16, 19)

Region B – Todd Visga (Districts 1, 11, 12, 14)

Region C – Hddie Morford (Districts 6, 8, 13, 17)

Region D – Doyle Fenner (Districts 5, 9, 18, 20)

Region E – Dennis Stanton (Districts 2, 4, 7, 10)

## **District Chairpeople**

District One – Lauren Fetner

District Two – Fred Stockley

District Three – Judy Stilwell

District Four – Terry Scurlock

District Five – Candice Russell

District Six – Arlene Koenig

District Seven – Myra Zolynsky

District Eight – Tiffany Spedowski

District Nine – Doyle Fenner

District Ten – Bill Miller

District Eleven – Amy Husted

District Twelve – Todd Visga

District Thirteen – Tracee Lentz

District Fourteen – Marie Curell

District Fifteen – Dennis Stanton

District Sixteen – Steve Luyk

District Seventeen – Hddie Morford

District Eighteen – Kris Deisler

District Nineteen – Brian Bode

District Twenty – Beth Harwood

