

A rider in a dark jacket is seated on a black and white horse in a show ring. The horse is wearing a decorative saddle pad with a blue and white pattern. The rider is holding the reins and the horse is standing still. The background is a white wall with dark horizontal bars.

MIHA State Championship Show

2024 Edition

50 Year
Anniversary

October 10-13, 2024

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Welcome to the M.I.H.A. 50th Annual State Championship!

Welcome to the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association's State Championship Show. We would like to congratulate all of the teams and riders competing this year.

We have a dedicated staff for Ring Managers, Ringmasters, Scribes and Announcers. 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 in the information packet. We say tentative because it is subject to change at any moment. The show starts at 8:00 a.m. and will 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.

Our Annual Sportsmanship award is sponsored by Crestview Tack of Mason, MI. This award will be given to the exhibitor who displays the greatest amount of sportsmanship at the State Finals. Each team head coach, district chair in attendance, show staff member and executive board member will receive ballot. They can nominate anyone except those on your team or who you have direct/indirect affiliation with. During the show, please keep your eyes peeled for that one special MIHA young adult that truly exemplifies true sportsmanship. Ballots will be collected throughout the show but are due by Saturday night. We look forward to a great competition. We wish all of our teams and riders the best of luck!

**GOOD LUCK
AT STATE!**

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HOMESCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM



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2024 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

State Champ T-SHIRT WINNER

Congratulations to Emalyn Paulson
from Meads Mill Middle School in
District 11 winning the 2024
MIHA State Championship Logo
T- Shirt Design Contest

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Congratulations and Good Luck Big Rapids!

District 8

The History of MIHA

Since you are at the M.I.H.A. State Championships, you probably know all about the M.I.H.A. as it exists today. The early days of the MIHA are blurry because no official records exist. In 1968, a group of parents were involved in an equine census. After realizing that there were over 10,000 horses in Oakland County, Ed Chezy, Kelly Lawrence, and Carmi Edwards proposed 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 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 had to do it again. Meets were held again in the spring of 1974 through the fall 1975. In 1976, due to the expansion of the program statewide, the Huron Valley Interscholastic Horsemanship Association became the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association.

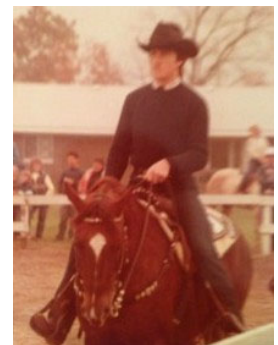
On May 16, 1976, the first MIHA State Championship at Oak Ridge Stables in White Lake Township was held, with nearly 600 spectators. Winning the State Championship in 1976 was Romeo. Also instrumental in those early days were Chuck Schroder and Gerald Fuller, the Milford and Hartland coaches. In 1975, Brighton, coached by Wanda Keech, and Pinckney, coached by Virginia Bennett joined the competition.

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.

By 1984, the MIHA had grown to six districts with 678 riders competing statewide. In 1987, the MIHA had 11 districts with 935 riders competing on 120 teams. I

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.

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. In 2017, we added 5th graders to our membership. In 2019, current Chairman Marc DeLisle & former 1st Chair Lauren Fetner made a motion with partnership from Lighthouse & Michigan Horse Council to increase scholarships to \$11,000.



MIHA State Championship Show Staff

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

2024 M.I.H.A. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGES

Kaylene Elliot – Melissa Gordon – Sally Jo Bucholtz – Terri Delbridge
Kelly Dykstra Nichols – Mike Huntoon

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CONGRATULATIONS CALEDONIA EQUESTRIAN TEAM! WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARENTS, COACHES, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS FOR ALL OF YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. WE WOULD NOT BE HERE IF IT WEREN'T FOR ALL OF YOU! WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR SPONSORS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND HELPING US GET HERE! **GO CAL!!**

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Code of Conduct

Parents, spectators, and coaches are not allowed in the arenas at any time during competition. Show staff and Announcers are there to facilitate the show. They will do their best to get you in to the ring to show your horse. Ultimately, it's your responsibility to get there. Any abuse of show staff could jeopardize you or your team at the show. It will not be tolerated.

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 with proper ID CAN DROP OR ADD CLASSES.

Only a coach can file a protest. MIHA Rule Book, pg 23 Article XIV, K. Protest must be made in writing and turned into the show office prior to commencement of the next class in your division. Show Staff will communicate with the Judge(s) regarding the protest. Cash Only.

Parents, spectators, riders, and coaches shall not communicate with the Announcers while a class is running.

Tack/Apparel inspections are for your convenience. They allow the winner to win on their own merit and not be disqualified for a missing or inappropriate item. Just because it made it past Districts and Regionals doesn't mean its correct. Please don't assume so.

**No coaching from the sidelines by parents or spectators.
No Riding DOUBLE or with just a HALTER-Leadstrap at any time.**

Misconduct of Riders, Parents, or Guest Smoking, Alcohol, Foul Language, Unsportsman like conduct or Mistreatment of any animal will not be tolerated. MIHA Rule Book, Article XII, G, & 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 ON TIME!!! We will not hold a class for you. **IF YOU MISS YOUR GO IN CLASS ORDER YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GO INTO YOUR CLASS. YOUR SLOT IS FORFEITED. You are allowed to switch only with your teammates. Please alert gates staff of this action. Remember, if you aren't part of the solution, then you are part of the problem. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Midland County Fairground Rules

These are Fairground rules and they will be enforced:

- **DOGS OR COMPANION ANIMALS-** Dogs will be allowed in the **CAMPING AREA ONLY**. Anyone with a dog in an area other than the Camping area will be expelled without refund. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please don't force us to Ban all dogs again. **DOGS OR COMPANION ANIMALS OF ANY KIND WILL REMAIN IN CAMPING AREA ONLY**. Please clean up after your Dogs/Animals in the Campgrounds.
- **THE ONLY THING TO BE LEFT IN THE HORSE STALLS ARE SHAVINGS & 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 BARNs-**Feel free to decorate you stalls, but do not use staples or nail in the barns or anywhere on the grounds. **DO NOT ALTER STALLS. DAMAGE WILL BE ASSESSED TO YOUR TEAM.**
- **NO HORSES ON THE GRASS or in CAMPGROUNDS-**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. Water is **NOT** guaranteed for any camping spot.
- **CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES-**Please clean up after yourselves and your horses. All decorations must be completely removed.
- **DO NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLES IN EMPTY CAMPING SPOTS OR AROUND THE BARNs. YOUR VEHICLE CAN BE TOWED AT YOUR TEAMS EXPENSE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **The North/Northwestern Area of the Fairgrounds is off limits.** This is the area in back of barn 22, by the Main Fair office and the area north of the Fence by the campgrounds. We didn't rent this area presence in this area could result in removal from the fairgrounds.
- **ATV's and UTV's will not be permitted at the MIHA Championships due to liability reasons.** Golf carts are available to rent on a first come first serve basis.

**REGIONAL
T-SHIRT
DESIGN WINNER**

Emily Irwin from Cedar Springs High School in District 5. Regional T-Shirts will be available all Weekend in the show office.



Congratulations on a Great Season!!!
Regional Reserve Champion Region B - Division B
District Champion District 7 - Division B



THANK YOU FROM MIHA

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 District Chair, Regional Chair, 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!

THANK YOU REGIONAL CHAIRPERSONS:

Region A Berrien Springs – Lisa Crowder – District 3, 5, 15, 16, 19

Region B Corunna –Bob Clogg – District 1, 7, 8, 11, 12

Region C Midland– Shelly Miller & Kristy Stecker – 6, 14, 17, 18, 20

Region E Mason– Jessica Robbins – 2, 4, 5, 10



THANK YOU, DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS:

District One – Dakota & Susan Holman

District Two-Jessica Payne

District Three-Lisa Crowder

District Four - Kelly Collison/Laura Bonham

District Five - Candice Russell

District Six - Shelly Miller & Kristy Stecker

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District Eight - Tiffany Spedowski

District Nine – Jason Rice

District Ten - Tracy Marr

District Eleven-Vicki Karrer

District Twelve- Linda Taylor

District Fourteen - Marie Curell

District Fifteen – Dawn Steele

District Sixteen –Emily Siriario

District Seventeen - Hidi Morford

District Eighteen – Jeanna Michalek

District Nineteen – Sheryl Dreyer

District Twenty – Casey Butler

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Scholarship Applications are DUE by November 1st. MIHA is excited to give away \$11,000 in scholarships to eligible SENIORS to further their education after High School. Student may use the scholarships for full or part time college, universities, junior colleges and vocational schools!

Visit MIHA.org
for more information.



Congratulations Teams & Riders

Big Rapids

Maggie Butts
Allison Cole
Ellaina Malloy
Lillian Price
Mazie Quinn
Joelle Schneider
Gretta Schneider
J.J Strohkirch

Caledonia

Layla Bouwens
Sophie Burnis
Loralie Dehoek
Sophie Edmondson
Ella Frederick
Kloe Greenlee
Amelia Hodges
Elena LaFranca
Madison Lockwood
Grace Rabbitt
Aleigha Snyder
Nina Stiver
Carley VanderRoest

Croswell-Lexington

Ryleigh Bolt
Jaylynn Maduri
Peytyn Moody
Haily Morrison Miranda Mott
Vivian Stimpson
Lily Simpson

Dow

Katie Bixier
Whitney Brindley
Abi Bruski
Elizabeth Daut
Gweneth McCulloch
Madalynne Oliver
Ava Oliver
Ava Warner
Kinsey Wolf

Edwardsburg

Rozlyn Fonseca
Camden Foreman
Molly Herbert
Lillian Hoopingartner Harley
Marx
Rori McElwee
Alyza McGuire
Catarina McGuire
Mallory Schrock
Naylee Snidler

Lowell

Natalie Bray
Cailey Bush
Lauren Deeds
Paige Krepes
Morgan Newland
Gavin Rinks
Emma Thomas Maya Zaskie

Mason

Laurie Baumer
Karlie Brandt
Elisa Houpt
Aubrey Martin
Conner McCormick
Madilyn McCormick
Evelyn Palmer
Gracie Prosser
Regan Robison

Montague

Amanda Cederquist
Alivia Jacobson
Shayla Johnson
Rachel Meyette
Lilly Rice
Caleb Rice
Hallie VanTuyll
Hayden Walsh
Sahara Ware

South Lyon East

Kaylie Ackley
Kate Bayliss
Sarah Bush
Payton Clanin
Madelyn Davie
Gianna Del Bene
Gabrielle Hall
Alison Oakman
Daphne Rasegan
Camille Tundo

South Lyon

Baylor Adashek
Abigal Bresko
Audrey Dominguez
Addison Fontaine
Robert Green
Wyatt Green
Ellie Plater
Clair Wells
Alexandra White

Father Gabriel Richard

Alfonso Ciarelli
Magdalena Eggeston
Joshua Hansen
Augustine Hansen
Shea Lenhard

Armada

Aubrey Alcini
Grace Clark
Hanna Duncan
Ashley Goretski
Erika Goretski

Bay City Western

Stephanie Barris
Chloe Castanet
Josie Johnroe
Olivia Riggie
Julia Smith
Allison Staudacher

Bullock Creek

Clair Andrews
Raelyn Buhl
Elle Hale
Molly Hale
Ellie Kissinger
Lexie Le Viere
Adelin Widenmier
Layla Wood

Hopkins

Rebekah Bellby
Anika Boeske
Rhiannon Brefke
Lena Germain
Emma Langlois
Miley Runkel
Kassidy VanHorn

Huron New Boston

Alex Coan
London Richardson
Aubrey Schwarz
Cora Slavik
Ricki Small
Bella Wilson

Lakeshore

Serenity Hopkins
Taylor Kelly
Kendra Koebel
Lydia Stathakis
Addison Zavoril

Marshall

Lillian Blair
Carson Crisp
Emma Gaylord
Kayley Gaylord
Kelsie Mead

Milford

Rylie Gunn
Avery Jarecki Camryn
Johnson
Natalie Miles
Kara Peltier

North Branch

Rowan Conley
Myla Hochstein
Shelby Howell
Willow Muxlow
Kayleigh Sudbury

Sand Creek

Ava Brighton
Jill Emery
Elizabeth Justice
Lindsay Justice
Madelyn Kay
Eli Loar
Peyton Luck

Alma

Annabell Keller
Sarah Munger
Emma Verhaar

Cedar Springs

Sophia Alvarez
Emily Irwin
Jacob VanDyke

Freeland

Mackenzie Bell
Peyton Dixon
Channing Elzinga
Brielle Howell
Avery Rapin

Fruitport

Anna Gabriella
Lainey Jacobson
Makaya Zimmerman

Howell

Sophia Balla
Lilianna Desjardin
Kilee Provencal

Kenowa Hills

Jillian Carpenter
Madeline Deyoung
Brooklyn Rogalski

Kingston

Kennedy Krause
Gwendlyn Meller
Peyton Michalski
Nowell VanRijn

Owosso

Evelyn Harrand
Hanna Hart
Gracie Meyer
Dylan Pauldine
Taylor Spielman

Perry

Brea Berry
Sophia Giradot
Grace Spiess
Miley Spiess

Unity Christian

Kate VanderBos
Kennedy VanderBos
Hailey Vugteveen

Williamston

Fisher Mayes
Malik Moran
Jenna Morse
Ana Newell

Adrian

Lilliana Gintack
Eleanor Ott

All Saints

Clara Barrigar

Allen Park

Evelyn Smith

Breckenridge

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Lauralei McGill

Corunna

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Fennville

Addyson Brown

Mother of Divine Grace

Olivia Kalil

Midland

Laci Barth
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Plainwell

Aiden Ranger
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Addison McKee
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