

MIHA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025



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Welcome to the M.I.H.A. 51st Annual State Championship!

On behalf of the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (MIHA), we are pleased to welcome all teams, coaches, and riders to the State Championship Show. We extend our congratulations to each competitor for earning the opportunity to represent your team at this prestigious event.

This championship is made possible through the efforts of our dedicated staff of the State Show Committee, Show Crew, Ringmasters, Scribes, and Announcers. Organizing and operating a show of this size presents unique challenges, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation should adjustments be necessary. As MIHA is an entirely volunteer-driven organization, we ask that you treat all members of the show staff with the same courtesy and respect they extend to you.

All participants and attendees are reminded to review and adhere to the **MIHA Code of Conduct** as well as the **Midland County Fairground Rules**. A tentative show schedule is included in your information packet; please note that it is subject to change as circumstances require. The show will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. each day and continue through the classes listed, though class start times may vary. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us maintain an efficient and timely show.

We are also honored to present the **Annual Sportsmanship Award**, sponsored by Crestview Tack of Mason, Michigan. This award is given to the exhibitor who best exemplifies outstanding sportsmanship throughout the State Finals. Each team head coach, district chair in attendance, show staff member, and executive board member will receive a ballot and may submit nominations. Please note that individuals may not nominate members of their own team or anyone with whom they are affiliated. Ballots must be submitted no later than Saturday evening.

The MIHA is proud to provide this opportunity for student equestrians to showcase their dedication, skill, and sportsmanship. We look forward to an exciting and successful championship and wish the very best of luck to all competitors.



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GROOM: CALLEIGH BARGER

COACHES: JENNIFER PELT AND AMANDA STROMAN



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make the dream of making it to state a reality.
Good luck to all the teams that have made it to the state
competition.

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The History of MIHA

The History of the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association

By attending the MIHA State Championships, you are part of a tradition more than fifty years in the making. While the earliest days of the MIHA are not fully documented, its roots trace back to 1968, when an equine census revealed more than 10,000 horses in Oakland County. Inspired by this, Ed Chezy, Kelly Lawrence, and Carmi Edwards proposed a school-sponsored horsemanship program to the Huron Valley School Board. To gauge community interest, the board recommended hosting a horse show. In 1972, the first “Father’s Day Show” was organized by the newly formed horsemanship committee. Using a portable arena and sound system in front of Milford High School, the show drew 1,200 spectators, 600 entries, and generated a profit of \$1,700. The overwhelming success demonstrated the need for a formal educational horsemanship program. Soon after, a proposal was presented to the Board of Education, which included designating 20 acres of land adjacent to Milford High School for horsemanship activities, annual shows, and the interscholastic equestrian team program. The proposal passed, and with it, the foundation of MIHA was laid.

The first interscholastic equestrian competition took place in the fall of 1973 at Bogie Lake Country Club, featuring five schools; Hartland, Howell, Holly, Fenton, and Milford and 30 to 40 riders. Though no one recalls who won, what everyone remembered was the excitement and camaraderie, ensuring the program’s continuation. By 1976, the program had expanded statewide and officially became the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association.

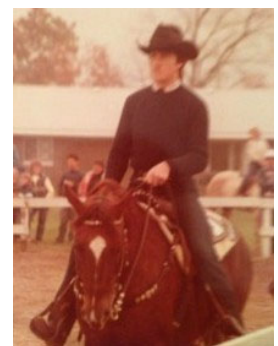
That same year, on May 16, the first MIHA State Championship was held at Oak Ridge Stables in White Lake Township, attracting nearly 600 spectators. Romeo High School claimed the inaugural title. Coaches and leaders such as Chuck Schroder, Gerald Fuller, Wanda Keech (Brighton), and Virginia Bennett (Pinckney) were instrumental in establishing the program’s foundation.

As MIHA grew, divisions were added to accommodate the increasing number of teams and riders. In 1978, “A” and “B” divisions were created to separate larger and smaller teams. By 1984, MIHA had expanded to six districts with 678 riders, and by 1987, 11 districts with 935 riders on 120 teams. A “C” Division for very small teams was added in 1992. By 1994, MIHA had grown to 14 districts, 173 teams, and 1,118 riders statewide.

In 2004, a Junior Division was piloted for riders in grades 6–8 and officially adopted in 2006. As participation continued to grow, Regional competitions were introduced in 2005 to manage the size of the State Championship. A “D” Division for teams with two or fewer riders was added in 2006, and in 2017, eligibility expanded to include 5th graders.

The MIHA has also emphasized educational opportunities. In 2019, under the leadership of former Chairman Marc DeLisle and former 1st Chair Lauren Fetner, and in partnership with Lighthouse and the Michigan Horse Council, scholarship awards were increased to \$11,000, furthering MIHA’s commitment to supporting student athletes both in and out of the arena.

From its humble beginnings at a local high school show to the statewide championships you see today, the MIHA continues to grow and thrive, providing young equestrians with opportunities to learn, compete, and demonstrate sportsmanship for generations to come.



MIHA State Championship Show Staff

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Your service is greatly appreciated!

2025 M.I.H.A. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGES

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BIG RAPIDS EQUESTRIAN TEAM



2025 Division B District & Regional Champs



Code of Conduct

To ensure fairness, safety, and efficiency, all participants, coaches, and spectators are expected to adhere to the following guidelines. Rule citations are noted where applicable.

Arena Access: Parents, spectators, and coaches are not permitted inside the arena during competition. *(Rule Book: Article XII, Section G)*

Show staff and announcers are responsible for facilitating class flow. Riders must be ready at the gate for their class. It is the rider's responsibility to be on time. Abuse of show staff will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action against the individual or their team. *(Rule Book: Article XII, Section G, K)*

Judge Communication: Parents, spectators, riders, and coaches may not approach or communicate with judges. *(Rule Book: Article XII, Section G)* **Only show staff are authorized to communicate with judges.**

Class Entries and Protests: Only a coach with proper MIHA identification may add or drop classes. *(Rule Book: Article VIII, Section B)*

All add/drop requests must be filed with the Show Office prior to the commencement of the first division of the class immediately preceding the class in question.

For the first scheduled class of the day, all add/drop requests must be filed no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of the first division of that class.

Only a coach may file a protest. Protests must: Be submitted in writing, be filed in the show office prior to the commencement of the next class in the division. And be accompanied by a cash payment. *(Rule Book: Article XIV, Section K, p. 23)*

Show staff will communicate directly with judges regarding all protests.

Announcer Communication: Parents, spectators, riders, and coaches may not communicate with announcers while a class is in progress. *(Rule Book: Article XII, Section G)*

Tack and Apparel Inspections: Inspections are for rider protection and fairness, ensuring winners succeed on their merit rather than being disqualified for missing or incorrect items.

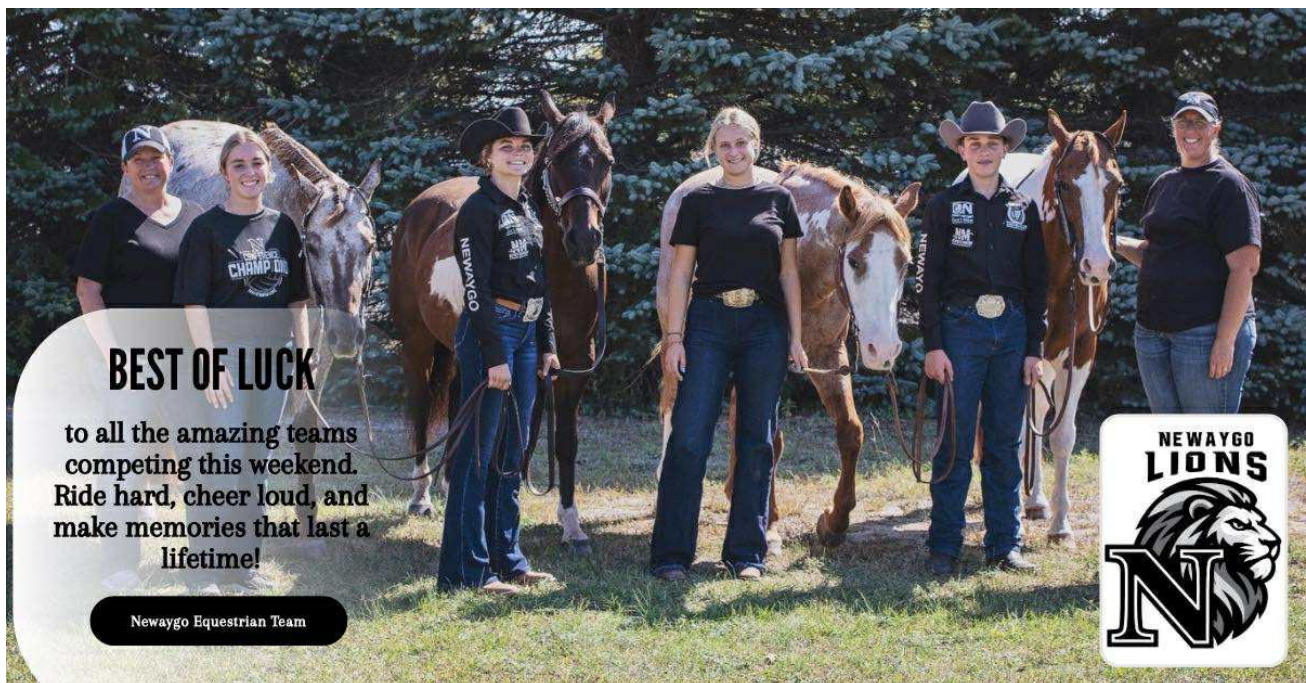
Items approved at Districts or Regionals are not automatically acceptable at State Finals. Riders must ensure compliance. *(Rule Book: Article XIII, Section F)*

General Rules of Conduct: No coaching from the sidelines by parents/spectators. *(Rule Book: Article XII, Section G)* Riding double or riding with only a halter/lead strap is prohibited. *(Rule Book: Article XII, Section G)*

Misconduct—including smoking, alcohol use, foul language, unsportsmanlike behavior, or mistreatment of animals—will not be tolerated. *(Rule Book: Article XII, Sections G & K)*

Facility Respect: All attendees must respect the Midland County Fairgrounds and adhere to its rules as outlined in this program. Please help keep the grounds clean and safe for all. *(Rule Book: Article XII, Section G)*

Timeliness: Classes will not be held for late riders. *(Rule Book: Article XII, Section G)* If you miss your designated order of go, your slot will be forfeited. Riders may only switch order with teammates, and gate staff must be notified of the change immediately. *(Rule Book: Article VIII, Section D)* Punctuality and preparedness are essential to keeping the show on schedule. We appreciate your cooperation!



Midland County Fairground Rules

(These rules will be strictly enforced during the MIHA State Championships)

1. Dogs and Companion Animals

Dogs and companion animals are permitted **in the camping area only**. Animals found outside the camping area will result in immediate expulsion without refund. **No exceptions**. Please clean up after your animals. Failure to comply may result in the removal of all dogs from future events in addition to fines.

2. Horse Stalls

Only **shavings and manure** may be left in stalls.

Prohibited materials include straw, Styrofoam, wood pellets, artificial bedding, or trash.

Violators will be fined **\$75.00 per stall**.

3. Barns and Stalls

Stall decorations are encouraged; however, **no staples, nails, or permanent alterations** are permitted in stalls, barns, or on the grounds. Any damage will be assessed to the team responsible.

4. Horses on Grounds

Horses are not permitted on grassy areas or in campgrounds. This includes riding, lunging, or hand-walking, loading into trailers. Violation will result in immediate expulsion from the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their horses.

5. Camping

Camping is permitted in designated campsites only.

Horses are not allowed in camping areas during the show or during loading. Violators will be asked to leave.

Do not plug campers into barns or other buildings.

Empty trailers and vehicles may not be parked in campsites and must use designated parking areas.

Water hookups are not guaranteed at campsites. Please do not leave water hoses attached beyond initial fills.

Please refer to camping diagram below for parking instructions; anyone on the incorrect spot number will need to move.

6. Clean-Up

Exhibitors and teams are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their horses. All stall decorations must be completely removed at the conclusion of the show.

7. Parking

Vehicles may not be parked in empty campsites or around barns or fire lanes. Unauthorized vehicles are subject to towing at the team's expense. **No exceptions**.

8. Restricted Areas

The north and northwestern sections of the fairgrounds are strictly off-limits.

This includes the area behind Barn 22, near the main fair office, and the area north of the fence by the campgrounds. **Presence in these areas may result in removal from the fairgrounds.**

9. Motorized Vehicles

ATVs and UTVs are not permitted on the fairgrounds due to liability concerns. Golf carts are available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis.



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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.



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THANK YOU FROM MIHA

MIHA is run entirely by volunteers, and the service they provide is truly priceless. Our programs could not operate without their dedication. If MIHA were required to compensate each volunteer for the value of their service, the costs would be insurmountable.

We sincerely thank every District Chair, Regional Chair, coach, gatekeeper, announcer, ring master, set crew member, and office workers who contributed to our shows this year, including District Meets, Regional events, and the State Championship.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to those who manage the daily operations of our association. Your patience, guidance, and willingness to listen to parents, students, and fellow volunteers, with their many suggestions and concerns do not go unnoticed. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your invaluable contributions.

Thank You!

THANK YOU REGIONAL CHAIRPERSONS:

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

Region B Corunna – Bob Clogg – District 1, 2, 7, 11, 14

Region C Midland - Shelly Miller & Madeline Welch - District 6, 8, 9, 18, 20

Region E Ingham – Jessica Payne – 4, 10, 12, 17, 19

THANK YOU, DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS:

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District Twelve- Linda Taylor

District Fourteen - Marie Curell

District Fifteen – Dawn Steele

District Sixteen –Kellie Smallegan

District Seventeen – Alida Brown

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.





Good Luck
at States!

Gabby

Lydia

Peyton

Annika



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Congratulations Teams & Riders

Division A

Bullock Creek
Grace Andrews
Raelyn Buhl
Jayden Burch
Haidyn Edwards
Kaidyn Edwards
Molly Hale
Ellie Kissinger
Olivia LaPere
Lexie LeViere
Lia Wenger
Adelyn Widenmier

Caledonia
Sadie Barnes
Hailey Bouwens
Layla Bouwens
Sophie Burnis
Sophie Edmondson
Amelia Hodges
Madison Lockwood
Bryn Malocu
Maci Nichols
Grace Rabbitt
Nina Stiver

Edwardsburg
Livia Black
Lillian Hoopinggarner
Abbigail Hunt
Averie Kovach
Hayley Marx
Rori McElwee
Alyza McGuire
Mia Neill
Nola Payton
Mallory Schrock
Naylee Shidler
Meline Trumbull
Erin Vandiver
Brynn Young

Hartland
Emma Applegate
Shelby Bellville
Kynlee Fisher
Camryn Freshwater
Amanda Huard
Samatha Manko
Ian Robinson
Gracie Robinson

Howell
Ally Carlson
Alexis Dekett
Lilianna Desjardin
Alexa Glynn
Delani Harrison
Mackenzie Lucier
Kilee Provencal
Madison Smith

Hudsonville
Abby Banninga
Mikayla Haight
Kinsley Hill
Tori Kuiper
Austyn Meekhof
Camdyn Molenkamp
Emma Reinstra
Kayla Wright

Huron New Boston
Dani Bromley
Raina Carpenter
Alex Coan
London Richardson
Aubrey Schwarz
Cora Slovik
Ricki Small
Isabella Wilson

Division A

South Lyo
Baylor Adashek
Abigail Bresko
Audrey Dominguez
Robert Green
Wyatt Green
Ellie Plater
Juniper Schroeder
Alexandra White

Wayland
Abby Brogger
Lakyn Conway
Kayli Deman
Sam Jackson
Caylen Khodl
Alexis Konezka
Marcella Konezka
Skyla Lemmink

Division B

Bay City Western
Sydney Bingham
Katie Fauver
Josie Johnroe
Olivia Riggie
Alison Staudacher

Belleville
Stella Concas
Lillian Giacalone
Lilly Miller-Sanchez
Madison Milton
Gabby Reynolds
Maddy Reynolds

Big Rapids
Maggie Butts
Allison Cole
Kaleb Duchon
Ellaina Malloy
Mazie Quinn
Mollie Samuels
Joelle Schneider
Greta Schneider

Bloomfield
Raegan Bewick
Natalie Setteceri
Sadie Sloan
Amber Smith
Blake Smith

Father Gabriel Richard
Alfonso Ciarelli
Sarah DeCamillo
Magdalena Eggleston
Joshua Hansen
Augustine Hansen

Division B

Hamilton
Brinsey Hoeve
Bristol Hoeve
Sarah Kelley
Katelyn Snyder
Brooklyn Vandenbosch
Meike Vanderkolk

Hopkins
Rhiannon Brefke
Bella Brown
Hattan Dykstra
Mallory Maher
Jadyn Nevins
Miley Runkel
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Sahara Ware

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Cayley Britton
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Aviah Latocki
Ona Latocki
Haven Marker
Brooke Omey

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Chelsea
Lydia Avery
Gabby Crowe-Slater
Peyton Skeans
Annikah Stalhandske

Clare

Kerrigan Koch
Natalie Malson
Grace Russell
Heidy Schunk
Brooke Zemko

Division C

Croswell-Lexington
Bristol Bucholtz
Jaylynn Maduri
Lily Stimpson

Fremont

Kendahl Carson
McKennah Carson
Hailey Thompson

Fruitport

Rylee Cihak
Lainey Jacobson
Aubree Martin
Sedona Norwood

Jenison

El Byerwalter
Moria Novakoski
Jadelyn Novakoski
Olivia Pung
Ellie Smith

Lapeer

Skylar Coffman
Isbel Craig
Aliva Krajenta
Addison Powers
Natasha Stroman

Owosso

Evelyn Gillett
Evelyn Harrand
Gracie Meyer
Dylan Pauldine
Taylor Spielman

Reed City

Addison Battle
Macie Fenton
Rylee Harris
Celia Lechlitrner
Ava Morlock

Sand Creek

Ava Brighton
Jill Emery
Lindsey Justice
Madalyn Kay
Peyton Luck

Vicksburg

McKenna Miersma
Alyssa Smith
Sophia Stuart
Katherine Wilcox

Division D

All Saints
Clara Barrigar

Allen Park
Evelyn Smith

Breckenridge
Lauralei McGill

Corunna
Keiana White-Lauderdale

Eau Claire
Madelyn Baker

Freeland
Peyton Dixon
Avery Rapin

Holly
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Mackenzie Johnson

Lakewood
Trenton Ingraham
Mylee Wiers

Lansing Christian
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Newaygo
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Elijah Ream

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