

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association Region A Information Packet

October 2, 3 & 4, 2026



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Congratulations District Winner

Be sure to read this packet entirely - there have been changes!!

Coaches, congratulations on your District win and good luck to you at Regionals!

You will be attending Region A, held at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds (bcyf.org) in Berrien Springs, MI on October 2nd – 4th, 2026.

Attending Region A will be Districts 3, 15, 16 and 19. Teams will compete over three days; the top **two** scoring teams in each division will advance to the State competition in Midland, MI - October 14th to the 18th.

Once you have read the following information, you will need to register online via the QR code by September 28th, 2026 at Noon.

<https://forms.gle/Gi3opzZzbCDDpSEDA>

Registration forms can be submitted to miha.region.a@gmail.com if you are not able to access it with the QR code.



Slot sheets must be sent mihadc3@gmail.com by Monday, September 28 Noon, 2026

Completed Slot Sheets must be PDF form only

No pictures, No Google Docs Accepted!!!!

When you arrive, you will need to pay Sheryl (D19) for all registration, camping and stall fees. Sheryl will have a copy of what you have reserved, T-Shirts you have pre-ordered, back numbers, camper passes and give you a receipt in the office Friday afternoon.

Please complete this prior to the Coaches meeting at 12:00p.m.

Each rider will get 2 back numbers.

Patterns for Showmanship, Equitation, and Trail can be located on the website www.MIHA.org. Remember all riding classes (including bareback) will have a pattern.

See MIHA.org under the Regionals Section > you will find the Region's registration/information packet, as well as helpful maps to the fairgrounds, camping assignments, stall assignments and back numbers.

You will find all the information you need within the next few pages. If you need any help or have questions along the way, contact your DC or the DCs at miha.region.a@gmail.com

The Regional committee will hold a **Mandatory** coach meeting at 12:00pm Friday afternoon (bleachers On the Julie Hein Ring) to help get questions answered for coaches/teams.

Region A Registration Information

- All stalls must be cleaned completely to the ground before leaving, confirm with DC before departure.
- All horses spending the night must be stalled by 9pm.
- Please do not bring horses that are not showing
- Camping includes 1 electric hook up and access to water. (fill your water tank, do NOT hook up to spigot for the weekend)
- Dump station is available.
- Shavings - limited supply available at the meet; no guarantee shavings will be available if not ordered.
- T-shirts: Can be pre-ordered on your registration form or purchased during the meet (while supplies last - limited availability).

Gates Open: 8:00 am Friday, October 2, 2026

Enter at Gate #3 - Please do not try to enter early; if you do, you will be charged a penalty fee.

Registration/show office will be open 8:00 am (Friday), 8:30am-7:00p.m (Saturday) and 8:30am- 1hour after the show ends on Sunday).

Coaches should check in at the office to pay fees, receive back numbers, T-shirts, and camping permits.

Stall assignments will be posted by Thursday at 6:00p.m.

Only coaches and assistant coaches are allowed to come to the office for information or make changes during the meet.

Stalls will be assigned in barns 46-52 and posted in the barns and at the entry office by 6:00pm Thursday. Districts may or may not be stalled together, depending on team sizes and number of horses being stalled.

- Campers may park behind/east of the horse barns or south of the committee campers (see map).
- **Locations will be assigned by the District** and a camping permit must be displayed in the window by 10a.m. on Saturday.
- Please be considerate of your neighbors.
- Do not block other campers by parking your vehicle in your camping area. You may unload your belongings into your camper, but please do NOT block other campsites with your vehicles.
- Please do not block the rear and front of the barns with empty vehicles as well. If you have unloaded your vehicle, please kindly get it out of the way so others may do the same.
- Fair employees will do a count! Please do not park in emergency/fire lanes or fair employees will move you. **If you are unsure, please ask. Be courteous to your neighbors.**

Mandatory Judges/Coaches Meetings (at the top of the grandstands):

- Friday, October 2nd at 12:00 pm (noon)
- Saturday, October 3rd at 8:00 a.m
- Sunday, October 4th at 8:00am

8:30 a.m. Saturday – Presentation of teams in Ring 1, Jack Dean Ring.

- Bring your team banner if you have one. Teams will be announced in this order:
- E teams: D3, D15, D16, D19
- D teams: D3, D15, D16, D19
- C teams: D3, D15, D16, D19
- B teams: D3, D15, D16, D19
- A teams: D3, D15, D16, D19
- Please line up outside the indoor show arena in that order. This is a good opportunity for a team picture.

We will have time for judge's questions at the end of each day if you need something clarified.

Camping Rules for Region A

- Campers may come in on Thursday between 3pm-8pm; but they will be charged.
- Each campsite is required to have a responsible adult (18 or older) staying with the group each night.
- All who stay the night will be charged as a camper. (no tents) No sleeping in the barns or outbuildings.
- No alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs will be allowed. Violators will be removed and may face prosecution. This is a YOUTH event.
- Any camper, member, or camping group, who violates any rule, will have their camping permit revoked. They will be required to remove their camper from the grounds immediately, or it will be removed at the owner's expense. Camping fees will be forfeited, and camping parties will not be allowed back without approval from the Show committee.
- Once horses are unloaded, they should not be in the Camping area or tied to horse trailers.
- Ground Fires are not allowed. Fires must be contained and controlled.
- NO SMOKING except in designated parking areas or within camp site.
- Please keep your area picked up and free of trash. The premises must be left clean and orderly.
- Dump station is available.

Pet Policy

- Pets must be inside campers, restrained on their own camp lot or always leashed with leash in hand.
- Pets MUST stay in camper village, NO Exceptions. If you need clarification on where the camping area is, please ask at the office. This includes visitors coming in to observe the show.
- **Pets are NOT to be in or around the horse barns, arenas, bathrooms or showers.**
- Pets MUST be cleaned up after and waste properly disposed of.
- Any violations - no warnings are given and you will be asked to remove your pet from the fairgrounds.

MIHA Region A – Job Assignments

Show office – District 3 & 19

Ring 1 – District 15

- Parade of Teams
- Announcer & Aid/Runner
- Ringmaster
- In and Out Gate
- Person to run laptop for scoring gymkhana classes
- T-shirts

Ring 2 – District 19

- Announcer & Aid/Runner
- Ringmaster
- In and Out Gate
- Person to run laptop for scoring gymkhana classes

Ring 3 – District 16

- Announcer & Aid/Runner
- Ringmaster & Scribes & Timer
- In and Out Gate

Pattern Set-Up, maintain, and take down

- Jump pattern – District 16 & 19
- Western Ranch – 15
- Trail – District 3 & 16

Gymkhana Set-Up and maintain, and take down

- Ring 1 Saturday – District 15
- Ring 2 Saturday – District 3
- Ring 1 Sunday – District 16
- Ring 2 Sunday – District 19

Equipment

- Laptop for Gymkhana scoring – District 3 & 19
- Water/Drinks – District 19
- 2 Way Radios – District 3
- Jumps – BCYF
- Timers – District 3 & 15 (need 4 total/District 16 Back up set)
- Sand – District 3
- Rakes – District 3
- Flour – District 19
- Flags & Buckets – District 3
- Batons – District 3
- Camping Permits - District 19

Lunch will be served to all Judges, Ringmasters, Announcers, and office workers in the show office.
Dinner will also be served on Friday and Saturday.

MIHA Region A Meet Rules

- No riding faster than a walk or lunging outside of the Rings.
- There are three large practice rings that can be used plus two round pens.
- No riding in the rings if someone is in that ring lunging. Lunging is to be completed by 7am in the show and make-up arenas; after 7am the round pens will be available for lunging.
- NO RIDING IN THE ROUND PENS.
- Proper footgear (heeled boots); headgear (when jumping) and tack must be worn during all riding.
- No tank tops, no halter-tops, t-shirt minimum required, or 3 finger rule applies to tank tops, sports bras, and 3" inseam for shorts. No tennis shoes.
- No riding with halters and lead ropes. Proper riding equipment only.
- No riding after dark unless competing.
- If you load or unload in front of the barns, please make it as quick as possible then move the trailer to avoid traffic congestion.
- No parking in front of barns. No loading or unloading in front of barns during competition.
- No cursing in or out of the rings. This is considered unsportsmanlike and could cost your team to lose points and/or be dismissed from competition.
- Participants and parents are expected to be courteous to all show volunteers and fairgrounds crew. Any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in loss of points or removal from the grounds.
- Stalls and Tack stalls must be cleaned to the ground before departure. Stalls not cleaned will be charged to your team (\$20). Your DC must check your stalls before leaving.
- NO SMOKING except in designated parking areas or within camp sites.
- Vet on Call-Contact your District Chair before call (Two By Two 269-471-7042)
- Farrier on Call - Evan McKinzie 317-914-3431

Coaches

- All your team members and their parents, trainers or friends are your responsibility.
- If a problem arises during competition only a coach may bring it to the office or directly to your District Chairman.
- Nobody goes to the Judge.
- One warning will be given.
- The next infraction, the person will be asked to leave the grounds for the day of competition.
- If the person does not comply, all points for said team for that day of competition will be forfeited.
- Check your rule book for proper ways to protest.

***Berrien Springs is a small town without hotels.
For your convenience, here are some options in the neighboring towns.***

BENTON HARBOR:	STEVENSVILLE:
Hilton Garden Inn-(269-926-5000)	Hampton Inn-(866-538-9298)
1300 Cinema Way Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022	5050 Red Arrow Hwy Stevensville, Mi. 49127
Staybridge-(269-371-0000)	Comfort Suites-(269-428-4888)
1275 Cinema Way	2633 W. Marquette Woods Rd.
Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022	Stevensville, Mi. 49127
SpringHill Suites by Marriott-(269-338-8300)	Surestay Plus-(269-588-1996)
1255 Cinema Way	5050 Red Arrow Hwy.
Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022	Stevensville, Mi. 49127
Hampton Inn & Suites-(269-927-5878) 1921 Pipestone Rd. Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022	Baymont Inn-(269-428-9111) 2601 W. Marquette Woods Rd Stevensville, Mi. 49127
Comfort Suites-(269-925-8800)	Tru by Hilton-(269-429-4444)
1825 Meadowbrook Rd.	2683 W. Marquette Woods Rd.
Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022	Stevensville, Mi. 49127
Best Western-(269-925-3000)	NILES:
1592 Mall Dr.	Hampton Inn-(269-684-1446)
Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022	1446 S. 11th St.
	Niles, Mi. 49120

TENTATIVE schedule - Plan for Changes
Region A Meet Schedule ~ October 2, 3 & 4 2026

Friday, October 2, 2026 12:00p (noon) Coaches Meeting - Bleachers of Julie Hein Ring			
12:00p-12:59p	Jack Dean Ring - Trail Walk-Through - All Divisions		
1:00p-5:00p	Jack Dean Ring - Trail - All Division - At Will		
5:00p-8:00p	Julie Hein Ring - Reining - All Divisions - At Will		
Saturday - October 3, 2026			
8:00A	Coaches Meeting - Bleachers of Julie Hein Ring		
8:30A	Parade of Teams - Jack Dean Ring & Warm Up Pen		
9:00A	Ring 1 Jack Dean Ring	Ring 2 Julie Hein Ring	Ring 3 Harry Kolberg Jump Ring
Lunch Break subject to change	Western Fitting & Showing B	Western Fitting & Showing E/C	Western Fitting & Showing A/D
	Hunt Seat Fitting & Showing B	Hunt Seat Fitting & Showing E/C	Hunt Seat Fitting & Showing A/D
	Saddle Seat Fitting & Showing B	Saddle Seat Fitting & Showing E/C	Saddle Seat Fitting & Showing A/D
	<Lunch Break>	<Lunch Break>	<Lunch Break>
	Saddle Seat Equitation A/B	Saddle Seat Equitation C/D	Saddle Seat Pattern #1 All Divisions At Will
	Saddle Seat Bareback A/B	Saddle Seat Bareback C/D	
	<short break>	<short break>	
	Hunt Seat Equitation A/B	Hunt Seat Equitation E/C/D	Equitation Over Fences Pattern #1 All Division At Will
	Hunt Seat Bareback A/B	Hunt Seat Bareback C/D	
	<short break- coaches meeting, set up>		
	Cloverleaf E/C/D/A/B	Keyhole A/B/C/D	

Sunday - 8:00a Coaches Meeting - Bleachers of Julie Hein Ring			
9:00 AM	Western Equitation A/B	Western Equitation E/C/D	
Lunch Break subject to change	Western Bareback A/B	Western Bareback C/D	
	<Lunch Break, Coaches meeting - set up>		
	2-Man Relay A/B/C/D	Flag Race E/C/D/A/B	
Sunday - Closing Ceremonies 15 Minutes after Speed - Jack Dein Ring			
There will be an order of go for all classes EXCEPT: Saddle Seat Pattern, Equitation Over Fences, Reining and Trail			

If you are not able to use the QR and Google Form, please email this in PDF form to miha.region.a@gmail.com.
Due Monday, September 28 by 5pm.

2026 MIHA Region A Team Registration

Team Name	
District	Circle one 3 15 16 19
Team Division	Circle one A B C D E
Number of Riders	
Number of Grooms	

Team Contact Information (Head Coach ONLY)

Head Coach Name	
Address	
Mobile Phone #	
Email	
Assistant Coaches Names	

Fees			Quantity	Item Subtotal	
Total # of riders (includes 1 stall per rider)		\$90.00			
Extra Stall (2 nd Horse)		\$50.00			
Tack/Food Stalls		\$50.00			
Camping – Thursday		\$30.00			
Camping – Friday		\$30.00			
Camping – Saturday		\$30.00			
# of bag shavings (per bag)		\$8.00			
Tshirts – Small		\$15.00			
Tshirts – Medium		\$15.00			
Tshirts – Large		\$15.00			
Tshirts – Xlarge		\$15.00			
Tshirts – 2XX		\$15.00			
Tshirts – 3XX		\$18.00			

Total Due One Check payable to: MIHA Region A	
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Coach's Signature _____ Date: _____