

Congratulations District Winners!

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 September 29th-30th and October 1st, 2023.

Attending Region A will be Districts 3, 15, 16, and 19. Teams will compete over three days and the top two scoring teams in each division will advance to the State competition in Midland, MI October 12th to the 16th.

Once you have read the following information, you will need to email page 3 by Tuesday evening September 26th, by 5:00pm. Please send this information to *mihadc3@gmail.com*. When you arrive, you will need to pay Michelle (D15) for all registration, camping and stall fees. Michelle 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 4:45p.m.

Patterns for Showmanship, Equitation, and Trail can be located on the website MIHA.org no sooner than Monday September 25th Remember all riding classes (including bareback) will have a pattern.

In addition, on 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 10 pages. If you need any help or have questions along the way, contact your DC or the DCs at RegionA@miha.org.

The Regional committee will hold a **Mandatory** coach meeting at 4:45pm Friday evening (at the top of the grandstand) to help get questions answered for new coaches/teams.

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association

Region A Information Packet
September 29, 30, & October 1st, 2023



Districts

District 3
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District 19
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Judges: Kim Rathsburg, Amy Wertenberger, Steve Duell, Kim Rutledge, Amanda Terpstra, & Jessica Bouman

Berrien County Fairgrounds
9122 Old US 31
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
www.bcyf.org

**email this form to mihadc3@gmail.com
2023 MIHA REGION A TEAM REGISTRATION**

Team Name					
District	circle one	3	15	16	19
Head Coach					
Assistant Coach(s)		Groom(s)			
Team Division	circle one	A	B	C	D
# of Riders					

Team Contact information (Head Coach ONLY)	
Name	
Position	
Address	
Telephone#	E-Mail:
Mobile #	

Total Needed & Fees

Total # of riders (Includes 1 Stall per rider)	X \$80.00	
Extra Stall (2 nd Horse)	X \$40.00	
Tack/Food Stalls	X \$40.00	
# camping	X \$50.00	
# of bag shavings	X \$8.00/bag	
OPTIONAL	X \$15.00/shirt	
# of T-Shirts (with sizes)		
S__ M__ L__ XL__ XXL__	X \$15.00/shirt	
TOTAL due One Check payable to: MIHA Region A		

*****Include a copy of your slot sheet with registration email*****

Coach's Signature; _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

Payment	Cash	Check #
Checked in by		

Region A Registration Information

Fees for Region A 2023

Rider Fee - \$80 (includes 1 stall per rider)

Extra Stalls (Horse/Tack/Food) - \$40 (all horses spending the night must be stalled) **Please DO NOT BRING HORSES THAT ARE NOT SHOWING.**

Camping - \$50 (includes 1 electric hook up and access to water)

Dump station is available

Shavings - \$8per bag (available by order only)

** limited supply available at the meet, no guarantees if not ordered**

*** all stalls must be cleaned completely to the ground before leaving, confirm with DC before departure***

T-Shirts - \$15/per Shirt. These can be pre-ordered on your registration form or purchased during the meet (while supplies last-limited supply)

Gates open: 12:00p.m. Friday September 29, 2023

Enter at gate #1. ****Please do not try to enter early** If you do, you will be charged a penalty fee.**

Once inside the gate you will turn left before the barns then right after the barns.

Registration/show office will be open 12-7:00p.m(Friday) and 8:30am-7:00p.m(Saturday and 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 by 6:00pm Thursday and when you arrive. Districts may or may not be stalled together, depends 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 District** and a camping permit must be displayed in window by 10a.m. on Saturday. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Do not block in other campers. 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.**

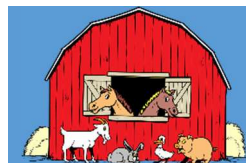
Completed Slot Sheets should be emailed in with registration. PDF form only, No pictures, No google Docs!!!!

- Mandatory Judges/Coaches meeting Friday, September 29th at 4:45pm, Saturday, September 30th at 8:00a.m., & Sunday, October 1st at 8:00am the top of the grandstands.
- Trail walk-through 4:00pm-4:59pm, Trail will be open from 5:00-8:00PM
- 8:45 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 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 the meet on **Sunday** if you need something clarified.

Camping Rules for Region A

1. Each campsite is required to have a responsible adult (18 or older), staying with the group each night.
2. All who stay the night will be charged as a camper. (no tents) No sleeping in the barns or out buildings.
3. Pets must be inside camper, restrained on own camp lot, or always leashed with leash in hand. **Pets must stay in camper village, NO EXCEPTIONS (no pets should be in or around the horse barns, arenas, bathrooms, or showers). There will be no warnings and you will be asked to remove your pet from the fairgrounds. Please clean up after your pet.**
4. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed. Violators will be removed and prosecuted.
5. 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.
6. Once horses are unloaded, they should not be in the Camping area or tied to horse trailers.
7. Ground Fires are not allowed. Fires must be contained and controlled.
8. NO SMOKING except in designated parking areas or within camp site.
9. Please keep your area picked up and free of trash. The premises must be left clean and orderly.
10. Dump station is available.

Food Menus



Barnyard Eats

Menu

Menu Item/Description	Price
<i>Biscuits & Gravy (Sausage Gravy & Roll)</i>	\$3.00
<i>Gravy Fries (Sausage Gravy & French fries)</i>	\$3.00
<i>Biscuit Bowl (Hashbrown, Egg, Sausage Gravy, Cheese)</i>	\$5.00
<i>Hamburger (Cheese, onion, tomato, & pickle available upon request)</i>	\$6.00
<i>Walking Taco (ground burger, Dorito chips, cheese, lettuce, onions)</i>	\$6.00
<i>Grilled Chicken Sandwich (onion, tomato, & pickle available upon request)</i>	\$6.00
<i>Foster Fries (French Fries with custom salt mix)</i>	\$3.00
<i>Pop (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Diet Coke, Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain Dew, Root Beer, Sprite)</i>	\$1.00
<i>Popsicles</i>	\$0.50
<i>Fried Pies (Apple, Cherry, Lemon)</i>	\$3.00
<i>Gatorade (Red, & Blue)</i>	\$2.00
<i>Water</i>	\$1.00
<i>Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Mocha(16 oz cup)</i>	\$2.00

Friday Hours: 1:00pm – Close
Saturday: Open All Day
Sunday: Open All Day

Barbie's Cookies Shack

All Drinks	\$1.50
Pop Milk Water Hot Chocolate Coffee Snapples	
Biscuits and Gravy	\$5.00
Donuts/Muffins	\$2.00
Breakfast Sandwich (sausage/egg/biscuit)	\$3.00
Chicken Tenders (w/fries or chips)	\$7.00
Single Tender	\$1.50
BBQ Pork Sandwich (w/fries or chips)	\$6.00
Just Sandwich	\$3.00
Taco Salad Bucket	\$8.00
Chips, Lettuce, Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa	
Hot Dog w/fries or chips	\$4.00
Just Hot Dog	\$2.00
Hamburger w/fries or chips	\$6.00
Just Hamburger	\$4.00
French Fries	\$5.00
Nachos	\$5.00
Fresh Fruit Bowl	\$6.00
Chocolate Chip Cookies	
Large Cookie	\$2.00
Dozen	\$7.00

Friday Hours: 4:00pm – Close
Saturday: Open All Day
Sunday: Open All Day

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

BENTON HARBOR:

Hilton Garden Inn-(269-926-5000)
1300 Cinema Way
Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022

Staybridge-(269-371-0000)
1275 Cinema Way
Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022

SpringHill Suites by Marriott-(269-338-8300)
1255 Cinema Way
Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022

Hampton Inn & Suites-(269-927-5878)
1921 Pipestone Rd.
Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022

Comfort Suites-(269-925-8800)
1825 Meadowbrook Rd.
Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022

Best Western-(269-925-3000)
1592 Mall Dr.
Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022

STEVENSVILLE:

Hampton Inn-(866-538-9298)
5050 Red Arrow Hwy.
Stevensville, Mi. 49127

Comfort Suites-(269-428-4888)
2633 W. Marquette Woods Rd.
Stevensville, Mi. 49127

Surestay Plus-(269-588-1996)
5050 Red Arrow Hwy.
Stevensville, Mi. 49127

Baymont Inn-(269-428-9111)
2601 W. Marquette Woods Rd
Stevensville, Mi. 49127

Tru by Hilton-(269-429-4444)
2683 W. Marquette Woods Rd.
Stevensville, Mi. 49127

NILES:

Hampton Inn-(269-684-1446)
1446 S. 11th St.
Niles, Mi. 49120

MIHA Region A – Job Assignments

Show office – District 3 & 15

Ring 1 – District 15

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

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
- T-shirts

Pattern Set-Up, maintain, and take down

- Jump pattern – District 19
- Western Riding – District 3 & 15
- Trail – District 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 & 15
- Water/Drinks – District 15
- 2 Way Radios – District 3
- Jumps – BCYF
- Timers – District 16 & 19 (need 4 total)
- Timer for Trail class – District 16
- Sand – District 3
- Rakes – District 3
- Flour – District 16
- Flags & Buckets – District 3
- Batons – District 3

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

MIHA Region A Meet Rules

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. No riding after dark unless competing.
4. 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.
5. No cursing in or out of the rings.
6. Participants and parents are expected to be courteous to all show volunteers and fairgrounds crew. Any unsportsmanlike conduct can result in loss of points or removal from the grounds.
7. 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.
8. Dogs must stay in camping area only and be always leashed with leash in hand. Appropriate cleanup is required. NO EXCEPTIONS (No pets should be in or around the horse barns, arenas, bathrooms, and showers). Please clean up after your pet.
9. NO SMOKING except in designated parking areas or within camp site.
10. 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 rule book for proper ways to protest.

Homecoming Region A Dance/Celebration

Region A will allow and provide a space for a Homecoming Dance/Celebration on Saturday Night.

District 19 Chair, Kate Higley will be your Host for the event.

Location: Horticulture building

The following rules must be followed to attend:

- ***All attendees must be participants of the Region A Show.***
- ***To attend participants from Districts/teams must sign up and must have a chaperone/coach attend with a group of riders. A sign-up sheet will be at the Office prior to the Dance starting and at the Dance once it begins.***
- ***Doors will open shortly after the last class ends and Doors will close by 11:00p.m.***
- ***No alcohol, tobacco, vaping or controlled substance will be tolerated.***
- ***Respect must always be shown to all District Chairs and Coaches or participants will be asked to leave the event.***

This is a tentative schedule - plan for changes
Region A Meet Schedule ~ September 29, 30, & October 1st 2023

*FRIDAY 4:45PM - Coaches Meeting ~ Top of Grandstand			
5:00-8:00pm	Ring 1-Walk through will be from 4:00pm to 4:59pm TRAIL – All Divisions		
	SATURDAY 8:00AM - Coaches Meeting ~ Top of Grandstand 8:45am – Parade of Teams – Jack Dein Ring Warm Up Pen		
9:15 am	Ring 1 <i>Jack Dean Ring Warmup Pen</i>	Ring 2 <i>Julie Hein Ring</i>	Ring 3 <i>Harry Kolberg Jump Ring</i>
	Western Fitting & Showing A	Western Fitting & Showing B	Western Fitting & Showing C/D
	Hunt Seat Fitting & Showing A	Hunt Seat Fitting & Showing B	Hunt Seat Fitting & Showing C/D
	Saddle Seat Fitting & Showing A	Saddle Seat Fitting & Showing B	Saddle Seat Fitting & Showing C/D
	Saddle Seat Equitation A/D	Saddle Seat Equitation B/C	Saddle Seat Pattern #3
	< Lunch Break >	< Lunch Break >	
	Saddle Seat Bareback A/D	Saddle Seat Bareback B/C	<i>All Divisions</i>
	Hunt Seat Equitation A/D	Hunt Seat Equitation B/C	Equitation Over Fences Pattern#3 <i>All Divisions</i>
	Western Equitation A/D	Western Equitation B/C	
	Pole Bending A/B/C/D	Cloverleaf C/D/A/B	
Sunday ~ 8:00am Coaches Meeting ~ Top of Grandstand			
9:00am	Hunt Seat Bareback A/D	Hunt Seat Bareback B/C	
	Western Bareback A/D	Western Bareback B/C	
	< Lunch Break >	< Lunch Break >	
	Ranch Riding #3 A/D	Ranch Riding #3 B/C	
	2-Man Relay A/B/C/D	Flag Race C/D/A/B	

SUNDAY-Closing Ceremonies Immediately after Speed-Jack Dein Ring

**There will be an order of go for all classes EXCEPT:
Saddle Seat Pattern, Equitation Over Fences, and Trail.**