



2023

MIHA

State
Championship
Show

Midland Fairgrounds

October 12th-15th

CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT IX!

Division B District and Regional Champions – Fremont



Left to Right: Coach Michelle Truschke, Ava Baker, Riley Chase, Coach Melody VanderMolen, Groom Payton Jones, Coach Georgia Andres, Madison Andres, Coach Jennifer Beeler, Groom Victoria Ekkel, Chloe Paulsen, Hailey Thompson, Coach Alexis Stygstra

Division C District Champions and Regional Reserve Champions – Grand Haven



Left to Right: Back – Johanna Kruithoff, Coach Stefanie Beckley, Ashlynn Samdal; Front – Stellamia Aerts, Grace Benway, Addison Pike.
Not Pictured: Coach Melissa Morgan

Division D District and Regional Reserve Champions – Mona Shores



Left to Right: Coach Sarah McKee, Coach Matt McKee, Addison McKee

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Welcome to the M.I.H.A. 49th 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. 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 sponsored by Crestview Tack of Mason, MI. This award will be given to the exhibitor the displays the greatest amount of sportsmanship at the State Finals. Each team head coach, board of director in attendance, show staff and executive board member will receive ballot. Said head coach, BoD and executive board member 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!



State Champ

**T-SHIRT
WINNER**

Congratulations to Denae Covey
from Sand Creek High School in
District 10 for **ALSO** the winning
MIHA State Championship Logo T-
Shirt Design

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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 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 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.

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 to increase scholarships to \$11,000. The future is looking bright and the current MIHA Executive Board members hope to include an EWD division for 2024!



MIHA State Championship Show Staff

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

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Congratulations & Best of Luck at State!

Big Rapids Equestrian Team District 8 – Region D – Division B 2023 District Champions 2023 Regional Reserve Champions



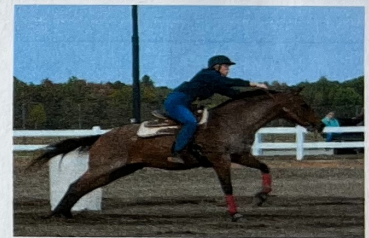
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Chloe & Mac



Hailey & Pippi



Hailey & Hershey

Thank you to our parents, friends, and families for all your support!



Joelle & Blitz



J.J. & Thunder



Maggie & Lucy



Mazie & Thunder

Special Thank You to Our Amazing
Coaches Katey and Mariah!



Mazie & Gucci

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 etc. (with proper ID) CAN DROP OR ADD CLASSES.

Only a coach can file a protest. MIHA 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. 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 it's 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 anytime.

Conduct of Riders, Parents, Guest Smoking, Alcohol, Foul Language, Unsportsman like conduct or Mistreatment of any animal will not be tolerated. MIHA 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 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!!!!**

Good luck at
state finals
Fremont
Equestrian
Team!



Doggin Blu Colida

Madison Andres

ANB Ms Impulsive



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 COMPANIONANIMALS OF ANY KIND WILL REMAIN IN CAMPING AREA ONLY**. Please clean upafter 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 ACCESSED 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 and 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.



Congratulations on making it to the 2023 MIHA State Championships Bullock Creek!

It has been an honor and privilege to coach you this year! We are excited to see where your equestrian journey takes you and are beyond proud of every single one of our riders and grooms.

Love, your Bullock Creek Coaches
“1,2,3, CREEK”

REGIONAL T-SHIRT DESIGN WINNER

Thank you Denae Covey from Sand Creek High School in District 10. Stop by the office if you would still like to purchase a shirt!



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 Chairs, coaches, 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, 15, 16, 19

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

Region C Midland– Hidie Morford – 6, 14, 17, 20

Region D Ludington– Alyssa Walter – 8, 9, 18

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

THANK YOU DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS:

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District Eighteen – Jeanna Michalek

District Nine - Alyssa Walter

District Nineteen –Kate Higley

District Ten - Tracy Marr

District Twenty – Casey Butler



NOV 1ST
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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 thier 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

Caledonia

Bouwens,Layla
Burnis,Sophie
DeHoek,Loralei
Frederick,Ella
Greenlee,Kylie
Greenlee,Khloe
Kittredge,Layla
LaFranca,Elena
Lockwood,Madison
Masselink,Adalynn
Masselink,Keely
Nelson,Mia
Rabbitt,Grace
Snyder,Aleigha
Stiver,Nina
VanderRoest,Carly
White,Emma
Wing,Addisyn
Wolverton,Griffin

Hopkins

Beilby,Rebekah
Boeske,Anika
Brefke,Rhiannon
Emaus,Sierra
Germain,Lena
Langlois,Emma
Netz,Audra
Runkel,Miley
Rupp,Clara
VanHorn,Kassidy

St. Clair

Betz,Leah
Emerson,Katherine
Emerson,Samantha
Kulman,Reese
Poirier,Casey
Rood,Hadley
Skelly,Mya
Will,Sean

South Lyon

BRESKO,ABIGAIL
DOMINGUEZ,AUDREY
DURANT,MIA
GREEN,RJ
JUBIK,JESSICA
JUBIK,SAMANTHA
SASSIN,NATALIE
SCHOROEDER,VIOLET
SIMEONE,LUCIA
TUCKER,LILLIANNA
WELLS,CLAIRE
WHITE,ALEXANDRA

Shepherd

Brune,Bridger
Burton,Eden
Long,Hayden
Onstott,Brock
Pereze,Riley
Rohen,Mara
Schutt,Dayna
Seeburger,Hanna

Bullock Creek

Andrews,Claire
Edwards,Jordyn
Edwards,Kaidyn
Edwards,Landyn
Hale,Elle
Hale,Molly
Hyde,KD
MacLachlan,Claire
Spann,Lilyan
Widenmier,Adelin
Wittke,Carissa
Wood,Layla

Reed City

Battle,Addison
Case,Staci
Fenton,Maci
Gilmore,Chelsea
Hanson,Alaina
Jewitt,Taia
Pearo-Mund,Erin
Pollaski,Ashley
Todd,Tiffany

Elk Rapids

Friess,Preslee
Gorno,Katie
Hill,Chase
Hubbard,Ezra
Jansen,Jason
Kuhn,Lillian
Prange,Sydney
Wnek,Nora

Mason

BARCELOW,KELSEA
BRANDT,KARLIE
HIXON,AMELIA
HOUP,T,ELISA
MARTIN,AUBREY
MCCORMICK,CONNER
PALMER,EVELYN
PALMER,SIERRA
Robison,REAGAN

Sand Creek

Brighton,Ava
Brighton,Emma
Covey,Denae
Justice,Lindsey
Justice,Elizabeth
Kay,Madelyn
Luck,Peyton
Moore,TJ
Rider,Dummy
Robinson,Scout

Coldwater

Brodt,Maryelle
Corwin,Mariella
Danbury,Skylar
Huff,Grace
Johns,Laurisa
Larr,Elizabeth
Stanton,Macy
Thornburg,Audrey

Lakeshore

Bradford,Everett
Cerecke,Delaney
Koebel,Kendra
Northup,Tessa
Northup,Taylor
Petzke,Mason
Stathakis,Lydia
Zavoral,Addison

Holly

ATKINS,SAGE
BEACH,KENDLE
JAMES,LAINA
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Owosso

Harrand,Evelyn
Hart,Hannah
Meyer,Gracie
Pauldine,Dylan
Spielman,Taylor
Yoho,Barett

Ogema Heights

Berg,Olivia
Illig,Rayna
Jex,Georgee
Rau,Reanne
Tierney,Briana

Freeland

Elzinga,Channing
Havlik,Mia
Howell,Brielle
Meyer,Brianna
Nietling,Emily
Rapin,Avery

Fremont

Andres,Madison
Baker,Ava
Chase,Riley
Paulsen,Chloe
Thompson,Hailey

Big Rapids

Bittner,Hailey
Butts,Maggie
Quinn,Chloe
Quinn,Mazie
Schneider,Joelle
Strohkirsch,J.J

Oxford

Clark,Delaney
Frank,Ian
Hernandez,Madeleine
Kent,Myra
Vandenberghe,Grace
Winter,Mikayla

Lowell

Bray,Natalie
Huisman,Brianna
Kreps,Paige
Rinks,Gavin
Thomas,Emma
Zaske,Maya

Wayland

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Conway,Lakyn
Corson,Abby
Konetzks,Alexis
Rook,Brianna

Vicksburg

Burke,Megan
Curtis,Olivia
Horning,Kenzie
Miersma,Madelyn

Fennville

Brown,Addyson

River Valley

Freehling,DJ
Morse,Lily
Zeiger,Emma

Chesaning

Jewell,Hailia
Jewell,Hanalei
Wirotek,Katherine

Ovid Elsie
Del Bosque,Ava
Jones,Adele
Jones,Cale
Snider,Samantha

Clare

Koch,Kerrigan
Russell,Grace
Schunk,Haley

Bay City Western

Barris,Stephanie
Comtois,Kaylee
Kukla,Landin
Owens,Ella
Smith,Julia

Kingsley

Wilcoxon,Adam
Wilcoxon,Darlen
Wood,Alina

Grand Haven

Aerts,Stellamia
Benway,Grace
Kruithoff,Johanna
Pike,Addison
Samdal,Ashlynn

Cedar Springs

Alvarez,Sophia
Irwin,Emily
Satterthwaite,Henry
VanDyke,Jacob

Dansville

JONES,ETHAN
JONES,RACHEL
VANHARTESVELT,MARGARET

Grosse Ile

Luton,Lakely

Mother of Divine Grace

Kalil,Olivia

Peck

Cramer,Allison
Lentner,Kyla

All Saints

Barrigar,Clair

Mona Shores

McKee,Addison

Chippewaw Hills

Higgins,Kaelyn
Lukens,Carter

Shamrock

Yasin,Laila

Pewamo- Westphalia

DRAKE,LOGAN
MILLER,LANEY

Forest Hills Eastern

Russell,Lily
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