

## DARTMOUTH RIDING CENTER AEL EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Welcome to the Dartmouth Riding Center AEL Equestrian Team.

- 1) (Coach Name) is the team coach. (Coach name) will be taking you to competitions and also coaching you before each show. Questions should be addressed to (Team coach and email, phone, contact info).
- 2) Each rider should be taking a weekly lesson at Dartmouth Riding Center.
- 3) (Coach name) will decide where to place you in the AEL classes from your AEL placement form.
- 4) We want you to work as a team and help us with the organization and management of the AEL team. Captains, manager, treasurer, etc will be selected for the DRC AEL Team.
- 5) Our home AEL competitions dates will be announced below. You are expected to work both the night before the competition and the day of the competition.
- 6) We will host a fundraiser show for our AEL team and you are expected to be here the 22<sup>nd</sup> after school and also the 10/23 show date. We're hoping the AEL parents will run the food booth and fundraise for the AEL team.
- 7) The home Dartmouth College Equestrian Team horse show is Saturday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to help out with warming up horses and volunteering at the show, but it's not required!
- 8) AEL Fall 2010 Competition Dates:
  - 10/2: Home DRC AEL Competition
  - 10/16: Dartmouth Team show that you can volunteer
  - 10/23: IEA show that you are required to help as team fundraiser
  - 10/24: First Choice Riding Academy AEL Competition
  - 11/20: Home DRC AEL Competition

### Annual Membership Costs:

\$30 AEL Membership Payable to: Athletic Equestrian

\$50 DRC Equestrian Team Membership – Payable to DRC Equestrian

(This helps cover the cost of the \$200 team fee and misc. administrative costs)

### Costs at each competition:

\$50 Coaching Fee – Payable to DRC Equestrian

\$60/show payable to DRC Equestrian

### Practicum Book

You'll need to call Terri Weaver at the CHA and order the

**CHA Composite Manual** for \$29.95: 1-859-259-3399

### AEL Team Rules:

- 1) Lessons
  - a. You are expected to make an effort to ride with AEL coach at least once per week.
  - b. You are expected to show up to your lesson on time and in appropriate attire.
- 2) Attire
  - a. Lessons: Riders are expected to wear jeans or riding pants and either western cowboy boots or paddock boots. Riders should wear their hair pulled back in a ponytail.
  - b. AEL Competitions: Riders are expected to wear jeans and either cowboy boots or paddock boots. Riders will wear a collared, button up shirt, or appropriate polo. Rider athletes will have a short sleeved shirt and a long sleeved shirt, and the team coach will let you know before each competition which you will wear.

- 3) AEL Competitions
  - a. Entries: Riders must sign up for their competitions at least 2 weeks prior to entry close out date. Sign-up sheet will be posted in barn office underneath the check box in the office. Riders are required to pay their competition fees at the time they sign up.
  - b. Home Competition Fundraiser: Every team member is required to help with the home meet and the Oak Hill IEA show on 10/23. We will need EVERYONE to work on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sat, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to help get the horses and the farm ready for the IEA show held at DRC.
- 4) Fundraising
  - a. Riders are expected to participate in a minimum of 2 fundraising events.
  - b. Riders will not earn credits on their team gear until they have participated in the fundraising events.
  - c. The team manager will work with other team leadership and Sarah to determine what fundraising events we want to hold, such as:
    1. Bake sales at horse shows
    2. Collecting recycling, etc.
- 5) Team coach will email all of you when you are going to have the “Practicum” practice day. Please go ahead and order your books for the Practicum.