

2023 Mid States Team Selection

Welcome to the 2023 Mid States Team Tournament Tryouts! We are making some changes to the team tryouts for the 2023 team, so we wanted to make everyone aware of those right away! We want everyone to feel they have an opportunity to be on the team and we are working hard to be sure that we make that available to all Saddle Club Members! We encourage you to challenge for every spot as things change and we always need alternates ready to step up!

In the past we have based the “Starting” team members on Fair Results—whether for Contesting times or Pleasure placings this was the number we started with but for 2023 it will be a combination of the July Show, Fair, and the August Show. To be considered for the team you must show at the three shows. We will then use an average of the three shows to determine what time/4Her has the starting spot for the following year. We will announce who has the spot for the following year at the 2023 January Club meeting.

To retain the spot: You must complete both 1) and 2) below and two additional from 3) and 4) (so you can do one 3) and one 4) or a combination of both.)

- 1) Be showing the same animal as the prior year
- 2) Attend the May show to show that you are still showing the same animal and show your class in a successful manner (Contesting—clean run with consistent time (comparable to other riders in your age group) and Pleasure—clean pattern with a judge’s decision and proof you were not Disqualified)
- 3) Contesting-Attend two Mid State’s challenge nights during open arena and complete clean runs with consistent times Pleasure—attend one of the Pleasure nights of open arena and perform your pattern for the guest clinician at the open
- 4) Provide date stamped video proof of attending a show outside of Elkhart County to show for Contesting a clean consistent run and Pleasure a clean successful pattern

*** You may improve you prior year time only at one of challenge nights or the show in the Elkhart County Arena on our patterns***

*** You must be wearing relaxed show attire—so short sleeve shirt (no tank tops), long pants and boots for your time to count**

To Challenge for a spot on the team:

Pleasure—

- 1) Attend the May Show

Contesting—you must run a faster time then the current spot holders time three (3). You may do this at the following times:

- 1) You must attend the May Show
- 2) You must attend the Mid States Challenge nights --you can use a maximum of two times from one night—times from other arenas will not be used as we do not have the same pattern sizes.

Dates and times of Open Arenas will be announced by February to allow you time to arrange your schedule. Rain Dates will be posted at that time as well. If we use a rain date the time allowed on all items related to retaining spots or challenges will be used as the final date. All changes will be announced through the group text.

All parents and club members will be asked to sign a code of conduct

