UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA EQUESTRIAN
TEAM TRYOUT APPLICATION & INFORMATION
2018-2019
All applicants for UA Equestrian Team tryouts must complete the following application and forms. Please email completed application and forms to the Coaches.

Western Team applications go to: plinne@fa.ua.edu
Hunt Seat Team applications go to: amorrison@fa.ua.edu

- DEADLINE FOR TRYOUTS: This application and all forms must be submitted no later than Wednesday, August 22, 2018.
- Try outs will be held on Saturday, August 25-26, 2018.
- Coaches will email or text applicants on Friday, August 24, 2018 with their specific tryout date/time as well as location/directions for try-outs. Until you hear from the coaches, please hold both dates on your calendar.
- Attire for tryouts: See below for specific team requirements.
  - Western Team: jeans and boots
  - Hunt Seat Team: Breeches, paddock boots with half chaps or tall boots
- If you own a riding helmet, please bring it. Otherwise you can borrow one. *Wearing a helmet is mandatory for all those trying out for either team!*
- For questions on tryout attire, please email the coaches.
- Absolutely no sandals allowed for anyone!

Application Information (Required)

Full Name: ____________________________________________________________
  (First, middle and last)

Preferred first Name: _________________________________________________

Email address: _______________________________________________________

Cell phone number: __________________________________________________

College Academic Standing: Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior
  (Circle One)

Expected Graduation Year: ____________________________________________
You are trying out for which team?  Hunt Seat  Western  Both
(Circle one)

If you are trying out for Hunt Seat, please answer the following questions:
- Did you compete in IEA? (circle one)  Yes  No
- If yes, what level of IEA did you recently complete?  
- Did you compete at A rated horse shows? (circle one)  Yes  No
- If you have competed in IHSA before,
  a) what is the year and semester of first IHSA participation?  
  b) what is your current class level?  
  c) what is the class level of your first IHSA participation?  
2016-2017 IHSA INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHEET
This form is NOT your official individual IHSA Membership Form, it is for placement purposes only. After you've filled in this worksheet, you must go to www.ihsainc.com and do the online Individual Membership Placement Form

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E-Mail Address:

IF YOU HAVE COMPETED IN “recognized shows” – for IHSA purposes that is USEF/USHJA, USEF/USDF and USEF/USEA for hunter seat, AQHA(excluding AQHA Novice classes), NRHA(excluding NRHA Green Reiner Classes), and APHA for WESTERN -- you must submit a printed copy of your competition/points record along with this form. See Rule 8101.A and 9101.A for details.

**Student must summarize weeks and/or years of experience in each discipline and category:**

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Coach's assignment of IHSA Divisions:
(You MUST assign a division for BOTH disciplines, even if the student has no intention on competing in the other division)

NOTE: If either the coach or student believes that the form places the rider into a class unfairly, and that this rider should be placed into a division other than the one indicated by this form, please explain your circumstances in the appropriate place on the back page and suggest an appropriate level.

Hunter Seat Flat ____________ Hunter Seat Fences ____________ Western ____________

Coach's Signature ____________________________ Date __________________

Rule 1, 1308: The falsification of the membership or eligibility forms may be cause for immediate expulsion of the individual, coach, or college from the IHSA, or any other penalty assigned by the Regional Standards and Ethics Committee.
Please refer to the IHSA Rule Book for full descriptions of class requirements. This form indicates suggested placement, but the IHSA Rules always take precedence in matters of placement.

**NOTE:** Because of the YES/NO format of this form, the questions in each section are NOT INTENDED to always match the class description of that same section. Rather, a "YES" answer in a section in many cases is affirmation of your being OVER-qualified for the class description of the next lower class.

The FIRST division in which you answer "YES" will indicate initial rider placement

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED FOR BOTH HUNTER SEAT AND WESTERN DIVISIONS, EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY COMPETING IN ONE DIVISION. Please refer to Rule VIII, 8100-8202 and Rule IX 9100-9202 of IHSA Rules for exact class qualifications. Note that there is no crossover rule – flat, fences, western are placed by this form independently of each other based on the rulebook. Notice fences riders must be originally placed at least in novice flat level.

**Notes:** (from IHSA Rule Book Rule 8101 and 9101)
- Recognized competitions for Hunter Seat riders include any competition that is sanctioned by BOTH United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA); or by both USEF and the United States Equestrian Association (USEA); or by both USEF and the United States Dressage Federation (USDF). Recognized competitions for Western riders include any competition that is sanctioned by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA); National Reining Horse Association (NRHA); and/or American Paint Horse Association (APHA) only in classes in which National pint records are kept, and excluding AQHA and APHA Novice classes and NRHA Green Reiner classes.
- RE: "Instruction": any number of mounted lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week of instruction.
- References to "hunter seat equitation classes" are any classes that are judged on hunter seat equitation specifically – NOT hunters or jumpers.
- For any association (jumping class that is run within a height range, the maximum allowable height will be recognized for HSAS placement purposes.
- References to "international competitions" are for riders who are entering the IHSA with only international experience will need to follow the corresponding fence heights and ribbons won from competitions that are recognized/sanctioned by that country’s governing body.
- References to "academic year" for IHSA purposes means any two consecutive semesters.
- Open Flat and Fences Hunter Seat riders may not be placed lower than Novice Western Horsemanship.
- All class descriptions refer to the guidelines specified in Rule VIII 8100-8202 and Rule IX 9100-9202.
- Rule 1226b. All hunter seat riders MUST be members of USHJA.

**Class 8 – Open Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences**
Open riders over fences are those who have won more than 6 classes over fences 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions or placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals.

Have you won more than six blue ribbons in classes over fences 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions (refer to the above description of "recognized" competitions)? **YES** **NO**

Have you placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals? **YES** **NO**

**Class 7 – Open Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat**
Open riders on the flat are those who have won more than 10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than 10 hunter seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions? **YES** **NO**

Have you placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals? **YES** **NO**

**Class 16 – Reining**
Are you eligible for Class 15 Open Horsemanship? **YES** **NO**

Have you had at least 6 months professional reining instruction within the past year? **YES** **NO**

**Class 15 - Open Western Horsemanship**
Open Riders are those who have finished in Top Five in ANY non-gaited breed National/World Championship, or finished in the top 10 of the AQHA/APHA/NRHA World/Congress Championship in a western class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes.

Have you ever finished in the Top Five in ANY non-gaited breed National/World Championship in a western class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes? **YES** **NO**

Have you ever finished in the Top Ten of the AQHA/APHA/NRHA World/Congress Championship in a western class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes? **YES** **NO**

Have you competed in an NCEA Competition? **YES** **NO**
Class 6 – Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences
Intermediate riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences at 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than a total of 6 blue ribbons in classes over fences 3', 3'3", 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions? YES NO

Class 5 – Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat
Intermediate riders on the flat are those who have won 8-10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than 5 hunter seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions? YES NO

Did you answer “YES” to any question in the “Class 8” section above? YES NO

Class 14 - Advanced Western Horsemanship
Advanced riders are those who have won more than 5 blue Western Horsemanship ribbons in recognized competitions in classes of five or more riders, or have earned 26 or more points from any breed association, or have competed in an AQHA/APHA/NRHA World Championship or finished in the Year end Top three in state or affiliate AQHA/APHA/NRHA association, in a western division in western classes excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes.

Have you won more than 5 blue western horsemanship ribbons in recognized competitions in classes of five or more riders? YES NO

Have you earned 26 or more points from any breed association in western classes excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or “novice” division classes? YES NO

Have you competed in an AQHA/APHA/NRHA World Championship in a western division excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes? YES NO

Have you finished in the Year End Top Three in state or affiliate AQHA/APHA/NRHA association in a western division excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes? YES NO

NOTE: TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN IHSA NOVICE OVER FENCES DIVISION, YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS CONTINUOUS AND PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION OVER FENCES WITHIN THE PAST YEAR.
Have you had at least 6 months continuous professional instruction over fences within the past year? [Answer does not by itself place you into Novice.] YES NO

Class 4 – Novice Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences
Novice riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences 3' or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you competed over fences higher than 3' in ANY competition, recognized or not? YES NO

Have you competed in a “recognized” USEF/USHJA and/or USEF/USEA competition? YES NO

Class 3 – Novice Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat
Novice riders on the flat are those who have won no more than 5 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you competed in a “recognized” USEF/USHJA and/or USEF/USEA competition? YES NO

Have you competed over fences higher than 3' in ANY competition, recognized or not? YES NO

Did you answer “YES” to any question in the “Class 6 or Class 4” sections above? YES NO

Class 13 - Novice Western Horsemanship
Novice riders are those who have competed in mounted classes in recognized competitions to include any western class and who have not earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes, excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, non-lopining classes, or “novice” division classes.

Have you competed in mounted classes in a “recognized” AQHA, NRHA or APHA competition? YES NO (Excluding AQHA/APHA Novice Classes and NRHA Green Reiner classes)

Did you answer “YES” to any question in Class 7 or 8 above? YES NO
Class 2B – Walk-Trot-Canter Hunter Seat Equitation
Walk-Trot-Canter riders are those who have not competed in any over fences higher than 3' in any competition, nor have these riders competed in recognized USEF and/or USEA competitions.

Have you competed over fences higher than 18" in ANY competition? YES NO

Class 2A – Beginning Walk-Trot-Canter Hunter Seat Equitation
Beginning Walk-Trot-Canter riders are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to jump more than eighteen inches.

Have you had more than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO
Have you ever competed in ANY mounted competition which required you to canter or lope? YES NO

Class 12B - Intermediate II Western Horsemanship
Intermediate II riders for class 12B are those who have competed in non-recognized competitions which required them to lope or canter.

Have you competed in any mounted competition which required you to canter or lope? YES NO

Class 12A - Intermediate I Western Horsemanship
Intermediate I riders are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to lope or canter. Once the Intermediate I rider has accumulated 18 points, s/he must move to Intermediate II.

Have you had more than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

Class 1 – Walk-Trot Hunter Seat Equitation
Walk-Trot riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope. Riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the online individual membership form.

Have you had less than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

Class 11 -- Beginner Western Horsemanship
Beginner riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope. Not open to new IHSA riders eligible for Class 2A or above.

Have you had less than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline? YES NO

NOTE: If you compete at a canter in one IHSA discipline you MAY NOT START in the walk-trot division in the other discipline. If a rider is Steward reclassified into 1 or 11 in one seat, they are automatically lowered in the other seat. (Rule 8102B)

TO DOCUMENT / REFERENCE PRIOR COMPETITION RECORDS:
LIST YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS IN ASSOCIATION RECORDS, AND list your ID# FOR each association in which you have actually competed (not just been a card holding member, but actually competed):

United States Equestrian Federation (USEF)
United States Eventing Association (USEA)
American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA)
National Reining Horse Association (NRHA)
United States Dressage Federation (USDF)
American Paint Horse Association (APHA)
Other

NOTE: A STUDENT MUST BE A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE AT THE TIME OF ANY IHSA COMPETITION. PROPER DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT PRIOR TO THE FIRST COMPETITION OF EACH ACADEMIC TERM.

STUDENT: If you consider yourself a lower level rider than this form indicates, attach an explanation page.
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA EQUESTRIAN RELEASE

READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEMENT TO ITS TERMS.

WARNING

Under Alabama law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to the Equine Activities Liability Protection Act.

In consideration of the recreational and educational opportunities afforded, the undersigned agrees as follows:

"Activity" means the equestrian program offered by UA, and all related activities.

"Liabilities" shall mean any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, claims, actions, suits, proceedings, damages, costs, attorney fees, litigation costs, and other expenses arising out of, connected with, or resulting from participation in the Activity, including, but not limited to, claims for a personal injury or death as well as claims arising from my riding experience or ability, the training or selecting horses, maintenance, care, fit or adjustment of saddles or bridles, instruction on riding skills, or supervising riding activities.

"Participant" is ______________, whose date of birth is ____________. Participant agrees to this document on behalf of him/herself, and his/her heirs, assigns, and next of kin.

"UA" includes The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama, its affiliated foundations, trustees, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives.

Release. Participant hereby knowingly and voluntarily releases UA from any and all Liabilities related to the Activity. This is intended to discharge in advance UA and waive all Liabilities related to participation in the Activity.

Assumption of Risk. Participant understands and acknowledges that participation in the Activity is wholly voluntary, and that the Activity involves risks, including, but not limited to, working with horses, which can have an unpredictable nature and irrational behavior, regardless of their training and past performance. Participant acknowledges that he/she has had an opportunity to investigate the Activity before executing this form, and willingly accepts such risks and acknowledges any participation in the Activity is wholly voluntary. Participant nevertheless voluntarily agrees to assume and accept all risks that potentially accompany participation in the Activity. Participant understands and acknowledges that involvement and participation in the Activity may cause Participant to suffer an injury, severe health problems, or even death, and Participant voluntarily assumes and accepts any and all such risks. Participant agrees to take all reasonable steps to avoid any risks, injury, or death. Participant also agrees to follow all safety rules and instructions, and not use controlled substances or alcohol while participating in the Activity. Risks include, without limitation:

- travel risks (such as accidents, crashes, and risks from autos not operated by UA);
- premises risks including those that may be owned by others and risks from water;
- injury risks from falls, collisions, or accidents (such as cuts, bruises, sprains, broken bones, head trauma, etc.);
- outdoor risks (such as weather, lightning, heat or cold, bites, stings, allergic reactions, dehydration, hypothermia, drowning, sunburn, animals, and limited access to medical care);
- risks from others involved in the Activity (such as transmitted illnesses or others’ actions/inactions);
- risks from horses involved in the Activity (unpredictable behavior, being thrown from the horse, being trampled or falling under a horse, being kicked by a horse, other dangers associated with mounting, dismounting, riding, walking, grooming, feeding, and boarding horses, etc.);
- health risks (such as cardiovascular events, neck/spinal injuries, heart attacks, and other risks inherent in any strenuous activities); and
- other risks beyond the control of UA or others, or otherwise revealed to the Participant.

Participant is advised to wear a protective helmet at all times when Participant is mounted on a horse. Notwithstanding Participant’s knowledge of the risks of head injury and the specific advice to wear a protective helmet at all times when mounted on a horse, Participant may, consciously, voluntarily, and in their sole discretion, choose not to wear such a helmet while participating in equine competition. Participant assumes all risk of this decision, and hereby agrees to relieve, release, and hold harmless UA from any claims or liability for damages, including those that may have been prevented or avoided.
by the proper use of a protective helmet.

Participant acknowledges that he/she has the right to withdraw from or refuse to participate in any task or event associated with the Activity due to concerns relating to participant or horse safety. Participant further acknowledges and understands that the Equine Activities Liability Protection Act (ALA. CODE § 6-5-337) addresses risks associated with equine activity and places additional limitations on liability associated with injury or death resulting from such activity.

Participant agrees and acknowledges the equine professionals associated with the Activity have/have made reasonable and prudent efforts to determine my ability to engage in the equine activity and have/have sufficient knowledge of my equine and horseback riding skills as to relieve, release, and hold harmless UA from any continuing duty to monitor my equine activities.

Health Care and Emergencies. Participant understands that UA does not accept responsibility or liability for providing health care services or health care insurance for Participant in regard to the Activity. It is Participant's responsibility to consult with a medical professional prior to engaging in the Activity. Participant warrants his/her physical fitness to participate in the Activity.

Indemnification. Participant agrees to release, hold harmless, and indemnify UA from and against any and all Liabilities related to the Activity.

Acknowledgement. I, as Participant, acknowledge that I have read and understand this entire document and its effect on my rights. Relying wholly upon my own judgement, belief, and knowledge about the risks associated with the program, which include significant injury or death, and the effect of this document, I voluntarily agree to execute this document and participate in the Activity. I acknowledge that no oral representation, statements, or inducements have been made to me separate and apart from the terms of this document. I voluntarily sign this agreement of my own free will fully intending to legally bind myself, my heirs, successors, and assigns to its terms.

Signature of Participant: _______________________________ Date: _______________

Printed Name: _______________________________ Participant’s Date of Birth: _______________

**If Participant is under the age of 19, this release must also be signed by Participant’s Parent/Guardian.

The signing parent/guardian certifies that he/she is over the age of 19, has read and understands this document, understand the risks, including injury or death, associated with the program, is voluntarily allowing participant to take part in the Activity, has the right to sign on behalf of the participant, is signing this document voluntarily, acknowledges that no oral representation, statements, or inducements have been made to me separate and apart from the terms of this document. I voluntarily sign this agreement of my own free will fully intending to legally bind myself, my heirs, successors, and assigns to its terms.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _______________________________ Date: _______________

Printed Signature of Parent/Guardian: ____________________________________________________________________________

Relationship to Participant: _______________________________
Name: ________________________________
Date of Birth: _________________________
Address: ______________________________
City: _________________________________
State: ________ Zip: ________________

PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Name: ________________________________
Telephone Nos.: _______________________

HEALTH INSURANCE
Medical Insurance Company: ________________________________
Policy #: ______________________________
Member #: ______________________________

MEDICAL INFORMATION
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Contact Lenses: _______________________
Medical Doctor: _______________________
Telephone: ___________________________
Date of Last Tetanus Shot: _____________
Other: ________________________________

RELEASE FOR AN ADULT RIDER
If emergency medical care is required for myself and if I, or an accompanying spouse or relative, am not able to convey permission in a timely manner, then the undersigned authorizes appropriate emergency medical care as deemed necessary by emergency medical personnel, a physician or the medical facility providing treatment. I agree to bear any cost connected therewith and shall pay promptly upon billing by the health care provider.

I have read this entire release and agree to it:

Signature: ______________________________
Date: _________________________________

RELEASE FOR A MINOR RIDER
If emergency medical care is required for:
Child's Name: ___________________________

and if permission is not available in a timely manner, then the undersigned authorizes appropriate emergency medical care as deemed necessary by emergency medical personnel, a physician or the medical facility providing treatment.

I have read this entire release and agree to it:

Signature: ______________________________

(parent or guardian)

Date: _________________________________

IF AVAILABLE, PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY (FRONT AND BACK) OF APPLICABLE MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD.
Century Oaks, LLC
9334 Greensboro Road
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Equine Activity Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

1. I, __________________________, the undersigned have read and understand, and freely and voluntarily enter into this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement with Century Oaks, LLC understanding that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement is a waiver of any and all liability(ies).

2. I understand the potential dangers that I could incur in mounting, riding, walking, boarding, feeding said horse; including, but not limited to, any interactions with other horses. Understanding those risks I hereby release that Company, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees and anyone else directly or indirectly connected with that Company from any liability whatsoever in the event of injury or damage of any nature (or perhaps even death) to me or anyone else caused by or incidental to my electing to mount and ride a horse.

3. I understand and recognize and warrant that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, is being voluntarily and intentionally signed and agreed to, and that in signing this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement I know and understand that this Release and Hold Harmless may further limit the liability of equine professionals to include any activity, whatsoever, involving an equine, including death, personal injury and/or damage to property.

4. I recognize and agree that I know which equine professional(s) I will be working with, and acknowledge that I agree said equine professional(s) has/have made reasonable and prudent efforts to determine my ability to engage in the equine activity, and has/have sufficient knowledge of my equine and horseback riding skills as to relieve, release and hold harmless said equine professional(s) from any continuing duty to monitor my equine activities.

5. I further voluntarily agree and warrant to Release and Hold Harmless this (these) equine professional(s) from any liability whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any incident caused by or related to said equine professional(s) negligence, relating to injuries known, unknown, or otherwise not herein disclosed; including, but not limited to, injuries, death or property damage from: mounting, riding, dismounting, walking, grooming, feeding, use of horse barn, paddock, trails or horse ring, in any capacity, falling off horse whether horse is bucking, flipping, spooking, or my failure to understand any equine professional’s directions relating to my riding or otherwise use and control, or lack thereof, of my horse or any horse.

WARNING
Under Alabama law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to the Equine Activities Liability Protection Act.

Date: __________________________

Company: __________________________

Century Oaks, LLC

Person voluntarily entering into this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement: __________________________

/s/signature

Printed Name: __________________________

If minor, person representing himself/herself to the lawful Guardian under this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement: __________________________

Signature: __________________________
Team Member Expectations
Hunt Seat & Western

Updated March 2018
Preface

“The mission of The University of Alabama Equestrian Program is to provide University of Alabama students and special populations access to the opportunities and benefits of equestrian activities. This outreach will occur through a pursuit of academic equine degree programs and classes, IHSA competitive teams and equine assisted therapeutic riding with a research focus on the science of therapeutic riding.”

You are the building blocks to what we hope to be a long standing tradition of excellence in the University of Alabama hunt seat and western Equestrian program. This is a great opportunity and privilege, but also a great responsibility. How you work and live as members of the team will determine the culture of the program for years to come. Let’s be sure we intentionally to build a culture we will be proud of.

**UA EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM - TEAM POLICIES**

- Team members are here to be students first. Must be a full time student at UA and in good standing with the University. Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher required.
  - Should a rider fall below an overall 2.5 GPA, they will not be permitted to compete until grades come up (but will still be required to attend all meets). Failure to raise grades will eventually result in a dismissal from the team.
  - All team members are expected to complete an Academic Action Contract.
- Must be a member of IHSA. Form must be completed online with coach.
- Team members will be required to pay team dues of $500 a year ($250 per semester). Members will also be responsible for providing their own (approved) show clothing beyond what is team provided. Your coach will provide you with a list of what show clothing you will be required to provide. Team dues are to be paid by September 1 in the fall and Feb. 1 in the spring.
- All team members (Hunt Seat and Western) must wear helmets at all times when riding. Due to customs in IHSA, Western riders are judged on their attire and can compete in their Western hats instead of their helmet. That is the only time that any team member is allowed to ride a horse without a helmet.
- Social media policy: as a member of this team, you are representing the Alabama Equestrian Program and the University of Alabama at all times. Refrain from posting material on your social media accounts which is in violation of team values and expectations. Failure to comply with representing the team’s standards will result in consequences at the staff’s discretion.
- All team members are expected to complete 4 hours of volunteer work a month during the academic year with the UA Therapeutic Division, which is also housed out of UA Equestrian at River Oaks Farm.
- It is mandatory for all team members to attend all team meets (home and away), all team meetings and community service dates, including fundraisers for the team. The only excuses to miss will be health issues or family emergencies.
- Team members MUST travel together on provided transportation.
- River Oaks Farm is only open from 8 am until 5 pm Monday through Friday and closed on the weekends. Team members are not allowed to bring friends or family to River Oaks Farm without prior permission of the Coach and the Barn Manager.
COMPETING AND TEAM TRAVEL
Remember that it is our goal for people to recognize us when we travel and to acknowledge our growing reputation. You, as team members, create that reputation through your words, actions, and choices. There is always someone watching.

- All team members are expected to travel to all home and away meets. Requests for class excuses must be submitted to Cobe Brantley in the UA Equestrian office no less than 3 days prior to the meet. No exceptions.
- Competition riding slots are not guaranteed. The competition roster is decided on the needs of the team to win any given competition.
- Creating a competitive environment in practice will make every person better, regardless of their status on the team. Allow yourselves and your teammates to push each other toward improvement while continuously respecting each other in our words and actions.

ALCOHOL/DRUG/ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES POLICY
Because you were selected to be a member of this team and it is a privilege to represent your team and university, and you will abide by the following rules:

- Never wear your team attire to bars or clubs.
- No illegal drug use will be tolerated.

Consequences for violation of alcohol and drug policy are at the discretion of coach and staff. Any illegal activity is grounds for suspension or dismissal from the team.

2018-2019 UA EQUESTRIAN MEET SCHEDULE

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*Red indicates the meets that The University of Alabama Equestrian Program hosts.*
UA TEAM STANDARDS

Western Team Standards:

Full expectations are posted in the tack room. Failure to live up to expectations will result in consequences.

PRACTICES

- Required practices 2-3 times per week, with the exception of health or family emergency. In case of an emergency, team members must notify coach and reschedule their practice time.
- Practice attire is to be comprised of riding appropriate boot cut jeans, non-lace up western boots, and a University of Alabama shirt. No tank tops permitted.
- No cell phones during practice.
- Late arrival to practice is unacceptable. Allow for at least 30 minutes of time before practice to groom and tack up your assigned horse & at least 30 minutes after practice to cool down and care for horse/equipment.

WORKOUTS

Physical conditioning is an important component to an equestrian athlete’s regimen. The successful athlete who takes their riding and conditioning seriously will strive to go above and beyond expectations to give themselves even the slightest edge in the competition arena.

- Team members are required to attend 1 team workout on a weekly basis during season. Official excuses must be brought to attention of coach ahead of time.

FACILITY & HORSE CARE EXPECTATIONS

Your facility is a physical representation of your pride in what you do for Alabama Equestrian. The tack room is to be clean and orderly at all times, with equipment properly maintained and cared for.

- If your horse makes a mess while you have it out, you are expected to clean up after yourself.
- Should something arise that may need healthcare attention, bring it to the coach’s attention.
- You are assigned a care horse for the semester. It is your job to keep up with bathing/clipping/otherwise tending to this horse’s needs without reminder. Due dates assigned as needed for shows, etc.
- River Oaks Farm is open from 8am to 5pm on weekdays. It is closed outside of business hours and on weekends (except for events). Permission from Coach or Barn Manager is need before bringing any family/friends/guests to the barn.

CONSEQUENCES

As a member of this team, you have been made aware of what is required of you and what behaviors are tolerated. It is your duty as a team member to live up to those minimum standards, if you truly want to help grow this program and have pride in what your team can be you will exceed expectations and show pride in your work.

Should a team member fail to meet minimum standards detailed above, a discussion with the coach will occur along with the following consequences:

- First strike: warning, behavior will be pointed out and addressed.
- Second strike: team member will be assigned task to make up for incurred offense.
- Third strike: team member will be held from competition for set amount of time
- Fourth strike: team member will be excused from team.

COMMITMENT

High achievement is a team endeavor. I would not expect you to live up to high standards if I did not expect the same of myself. As your coach, I will work as hard as I can to provide you with opportunities to learn and grow both as a rider in the arena and a person outside of the arena. There will be challenges that push you outside of your
comfort zone; we do not learn when we are comfortable. However, I will also support, encourage, and fight for you in and out of the arena. This team is a two way street, you will get out of it only as much effort as you give. To build Alabama’s Western Team, we need students who are committed to working hard, passionate about the sport, and willing to go above and beyond as teammates. If you believe you are up to this challenge, and ready to be a part of something bigger than yourself, please sign below. This is your contract as a team member to live up to the above expectations.

**Hunt Seat Team Standards**

- You must be a member of IHSA. This form must be signed and given to the coach at the first team meeting.
- You are required to have the following once on the team:
  - A certified ASTM/SEI helmet (GPA, IRH, Charles Owen, or Samshield)
  - Tan breeches
  - Tall boots (black)- Needs to be approved by coach
  - Black leather gloves
  - White shirt
- Team members are to be at 2-3 practices per week unless there is a major life reason such as an illness or death in family, etc. The excuse must be approved by the coach, along with rescheduling your lesson.
- Be on time to practice. Arrive at least a half-hour prior to practice time to ensure enough time to groom, tack up and put gear on. Plan at least a half-hour after practice to properly cool down horse and clean tack. Their feet must be picked before and after ridden. Wash or curry after ride. Brush so no ring footing/mud is on their body, feet, stomach or legs. Wipe face down with wash cloth. Always refer to the info card on the wall with the horses name for specific pads, boots, polos, stick, spur and bridle. It changes so pay attention. Always clean tack after ride and clean bit with clean water and rag. Fold bridle and hang back on appropriate hook.
- You are expected to be at all team meets whether you are showing or not. NO exceptions including sorority or fraternity activities.
- If your horse makes a mess you are expected to clean it up.
- You will be assigned a horse for the season. That horse is your responsibility to keep looking neat and tidy. This means clipping, mane pulled, body clipped (coach's approval first) and anything else pertaining to that horse's appearance.
- No cell phones during practice.
- There are lockers in our tack room for your things. Please put them neatly in the lockers instead of leaving them out.
- Team members are expected to be respectful to coach, other team members, as well as responsible, caring, honest, and fair.
- Hair must be neatly put in hairnet under helmet or tied back in pony tail.
- Expected to join a workout class at the recreation center once a week or a private gym.
- Expected to take care of your practice horse after practice (blanketed, hosed down, or groom)
- Team members are expected to show leadership and motivation for other team members
- You are required to wear UAET apparel on the outside of your clothes at the shows if weather permits while you are not showing. This includes hats, jackets, and vests.
- Develop relationships with professors that have classes on Fridays, because you may have to miss a few classes

All team members must sign below to acknowledge they understand and agree to abide by the UA Equestrian Team member rules and expectations set out above.

Printed Name: ________________________________ Date: __________________

Signature: ________________________________