

Linfield Christian High School Equestrian Team San Diego Scholastic League (SDSEL)

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The Equestrian Team competes in hunter, jumper, dressage and western disciplines. Team members must be qualified as specified in the SDSEL rules and regulations which can be accessed via the website at www.ociel.org.

Equestrian Team Requirements

1 Team Members must in an off-campus training program with a trainer of their choice. When in competition, you may bring your own trainer or you can contact other trainers who are attending a specific show to train you at that show. All competitors must have a trainer in attendance.

2 Team Members must provide their own horse and appropriate show attire and tack. Team polo shirts and jackets are available for purchase and must be worn by each team member at an SDSEL show. Jumper riders must wear the team short while competing. Saddle pads with the school logo are also available for purchase. Hunter, western and dressage riders are required to wear their regular division show clothes while in the show ring. When not in the show ring, the team shirt is required.

3 The LCHS Athletic Department requires all team members to complete and submit the Physical/Medical Release Form, the Participation Form and the Emergency Card. These forms are available on the LCHS website at <http://www.linfield.com>, under the Athletics tab. These forms are to be completed and returned to the school Athletic Office no later than October 31st. A copy of the Medical Release Form and the Emergency Card must be sent to the Team Manager as well.

4 Each team member must compete in a minimum of four scheduled SDSEL shows within the season.

5 Each team member is responsible for all SDSEL Membership fees and show fees such as transportation for themselves and their horse to and from the SDSEL show, classes, stalls, bedding, feed, grooming and any veterinarian fees while at an SDSEL show.

6 A clear understanding and demonstration of the standards of behavior and sportsmanship are expected as a member of the LCHS Athletic Team.

7 In order to be academically eligible an athlete MUST BE currently enrolled as a full time student and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA for each formal grading period. All other following minimum standards MUST BE MET on a previous report card:

- a) Have a GPA of at least 2.0
- b) Mo more than on “F”
- c) Mo more than one “U” (in citizenship); two U’s” from the same teacher will count as one
- d) Students entering LCH from another school must be passing classes on their last grade report.

8 Team members are required to attend each horse show in which other members are attending as a sign of team support even if they are not showing. Team members will be responsible for set up, clean up, keeping team statistics, taking photo’s, and communication between riders, trainers and ring personnel.

9 Team members are required to attend all team meetings and photo events.

10 Participation on the Equestrian Team will count toward PE Credits for graduation requirements.

Qualification for Earning a Varsity Letter

To earn a LCHS letter in Hunter/Jumper, the member must attend a minimum of four of the seven SDSEL shows throughout the school season. Dressage Rides must attend all three Dressage shows and one Hunter/Jumper show. Western Riders must attend all three Western Shows and one Hunter/Jumper show. The team member must meet the qualifications listed above and remain in good standings.

Attending a show means the student will either ride or help out at the show. Helping out at the show includes helping the team members, assisting the League with jobs, taking pictures, keeping statistics, handing out ribbons, etc.

Team members who are unable to ride in a minimum of four shows due to their horse or self being injured but have observed the rules outline above, remain in good standing, and actively participated in each show in other capacities will still be eligible to receive a letter.

In order to maintain good standing status, a team member must not have any unexcused absences from meetings or shows. Non-participation in a team meeting or show because of an injury to the horse and/or rider must be excused with a note from a veterinarian or doctor.

Online Registration

All rides are required to go on line the Wednesday before the show to complete an online registration. Upon completion of the registration, an email with the classes the team member has signed for must be sent to the Team Manager.

Methods of Communication

Information about the team and shows will be made through email and text messaging by the Team Manager. All team members must communicate back to the Team Manager within a reasonable period of time as requested. Failure to respond to and provide the required information requested by the Team Manager in a timely fashion may result in the team member not participating in that upcoming show.