

1. Introduction

Hosting an **IMHA-sanctioned event** is a privilege that comes with the responsibility of ensuring fairness, horse welfare, and adherence to IMHA rules and regulations. All hosts must comply with the following **event hosting requirements** to maintain sanctioning status. Failure to comply may result in penalties, loss of sanctioning, or suspension from future IMHA events.

2. General Requirements for Hosts

- Hosts must submit a **Sanctioning Application** at least **30 days prior** to the event date.
 - Events must be **open to all IMHA-registered mustangs** in applicable divisions.
 - The event must follow **IMHA-approved judging criteria** and competition formats.
 - The host is responsible for providing a **safe, organized, and professionally managed event**.
 - **All required fees** (sanctioning, judge, and participant fees) must be paid in full before the event.
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3. Facility & Safety Requirements

- The event facility must provide **adequate space, footing, and shelter** for competing mustangs.
 - A **veterinarian must be on-site or on call** for emergency situations.
 - The event must have **sufficient water, shade, and rest areas** for horses and participants.
 - **First-aid stations** must be available for both horses and riders.
 - Emergency evacuation plans must be in place in case of extreme weather or other hazards.
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4. Competition & Judging Standards

- **IMHA-carded judges** must officiate all sanctioned competitions.

- Judges must follow **IMHA-approved scoring and ranking procedures**.
 - **Minimum Class Entries:** Each competition class must have at least **three (3) entries** to qualify for IMHA points.
 - **Drug-Free Competition:** All competing horses must adhere to **IMHA's anti-doping policies**.
 - The event host must ensure all competitors **follow IMHA conduct and horse welfare policies**.
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5. Insurance & Liability

- Hosts must provide **proof of liability insurance**, listing **IMHA as an additional insured entity**.
 - Participants must sign **liability waivers** before competing.
 - IMHA is **not responsible for accidents, injuries, or property damage** at sanctioned events.
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6. Event Reporting & Results Submission

- The host must submit **official results** within **14 days** after the event.
 - **Trail Ride and Clinic coordinators** must certify mileage and attendance using the **IMHA Tracking Sheet**.
 - All disqualifications, rule violations, or protests must be reported **immediately** to IMHA officials.
 - Failure to submit results on time may result in **loss of future sanctioning privileges**.
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7. Code of Conduct for Hosts

- Event hosts must demonstrate **professionalism and fairness** in all aspects of event management.
 - **Discrimination, misconduct, or unethical behavior** will not be tolerated and may result in loss of sanctioning.
 - All event staff, volunteers, and participants must be treated with **respect and courtesy**.
 - Hosts must ensure that all event staff understand and enforce **IMHA rules and policies**.
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8. Violations & Penalties

- IMHA reserves the right to **audit and review sanctioned events** for compliance.
 - **Minor infractions** (e.g., late result submissions, minor safety concerns) may result in **warnings or fines**.
 - **Major infractions** (e.g., failure to provide proper horse welfare, insurance violations, or unethical conduct) may result in **event cancellation, loss of sanctioning, and host suspension**.
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9. Hosting Benefits

By following these rules, event hosts will:

- Gain recognition as an **IMHA-approved event organizer**.
- Provide competitors with opportunities to **earn IMHA points and awards**.
- Have access to **IMHA support, marketing, and resources** for event promotion.

For more information or to apply for sanctioning, contact **[IMHA Contact Information]**.

Thank you for supporting mustangs through IMHA-sanctioned events!