

FMF Adult Team Information:

COMMITMENTS & COSTS

2022-2023 Season

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Riders MUST read this information sheet in its entirety before committing.

In lieu of an official tryout: Only riders who have paid their League Fees & Team Dues will be considered for a place on the team. After the NCEL/NCSSEL/JEL Tryouts (scheduled for Aug. 1st), our coach will determine the Adult Team roster.

***If you've paid your League Fees & Team Dues, but change your mind:**

You have until 11:59am on Aug. 2nd to back out by calling the farm line OR by emailing Ashley at akpear9@gmail.com!

****If you have not "backed out" prior to 12pm on Aug. 2nd, you will not be eligible for a refund/credit!**

*****Depending on the number of riders at each level that pay/commit, everyone may or may NOT get a place on the team. (That doesn't mean we don't love you!)**

If you don't get a place on the team, you will receive a credit for your League Fees & Team Dues!

You commit to a spot on the team. The coach decides who rides in which division– *not* the riders. If you commit, you agree to abide by the coach's decision for whichever division you are assigned. **Team placements are non-negotiable.**

Eligibility:

- Must be committed to improving your skills as a rider & you must be a team player!
- Each division has its own requirements in terms of abilities, but all riders must be able to walk/trot on an unfamiliar mount in an unfamiliar show ring!
- If your instructor has encouraged you to be on the team, it's a good idea to listen to them!
- If you have not been on the team before, ask your instructor about it!

NCAEL Divisions:

Div. 1 – WT, WT discipline rail

Div. 2 – WT, WTC

Div. 3 – WTC, x-rails

Div. 4 – WTC, 18" fences

Div. 5 – WTC, 2' fences

Div. 6 – WTC, 2'3" fences

Please be aware of rider commitments before you sign up– this includes time and money!

Rider Commitments:

1. All team riders are required to **ride AT LEAST twice per week** (beginning no later than the week of August 28th) **until the end of the season** (after Finale weekend). Your weekly lesson & any practice/half-lease rides must be scheduled by August 19th.
 - a. To meet the two-ride-per-week requirement, riders may either have two lessons per week OR have one lesson and one lease/practice/free ride.
 - b. Riders having to miss any lessons/rides must schedule a makeup for those missed rides.
 - c. Even if you “no-show” a lesson, call late, or miss more than the allotted number of allowed makeups per set, **you are still required to make up those lessons** (at extra cost!).
2. Riders must maintain a positive attitude and exhibit good sportsmanship at **all** times.
3. Riders must spend a few hours at the barn the day before their own home show to prepare the horses, tack, and barn. (This is the team’s “Work Day.”)
4. Riders must help for 2 hours at our Painting Party (**date TBD**). *This is a fun time to be together before our hosting season begins; it’s your chance to make all of our jumps look fresh and fantastic!*
5. Riders must volunteer at Home Shows for our other FMF teams.
 - a. Two 3-hour shifts at any other FMF team shows (this can be JEL, NCSSEL, NCEL, or IEA).
 - i. Sign-ups for volunteering will be posted in advance. *Be sure to sign up quickly for the shows/dates you want to volunteer for!*
 - b. After the mandatory 6 hours of volunteer time is met, all riders’ hours may be used as Volunteer Program hours for discounts!
6. **Remember:** Time spent volunteering means helping, not standing around/eating/chatting/watching! If you stay longer than your shift, that’s great, but you’re fair game and will be expected to keep helping!

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FMF ADULT TEAM COSTS:

	Due date	Cost
League Fee	July 31st	\$50
Team Dues	July 31st	\$400* *\$375 Early Bird rate if paid <i>before</i> July 1st
Show Fees	Prior to each show	Likely \$50 per show (may vary per season)
Team Jacket	Orders will be taken in late August or early September	Approx. \$135 plus shipping (<i>unless someone offers to pick up the order!</i>), paid directly to First Impressions Embroidery
Finale Fees	Approx. 2 weeks before Finale	TBD (will depend on fundraising)
Banquet Costs	TBD in late winter	TBD

Cost Descriptions:

- 1) League Fee (\$50): Covers the team's League Dues, which pays for part of the admin time it takes to run teams and participate in the leagues.
 - a) **League Fees will not be waived/credited/refunded (for any reason!) once the roster is posted.** Even if you decide not to ride, you will still owe the League Fee & the Team Dues.
- 2) Team Dues (\$400; or \$375 with Early Bird discount): Covers your coaching costs (at the 4 regular-season shows) and the 4 team practices.
 - a) **Team Dues will not be waived/credited/refunded (for any reason!) once the roster is posted.** Even if you decide not to ride, you will still owe the Team Dues & the League Fee.
- 3) Show Fees (likely \$50 per show, excluding Finale): Covers the costs we pay to each host-barn.
 - a) These payments will be due before each show, via checks payable to FMF. Please place checks in one of the two FMF Payment Boxes.
- 4) Finale Costs (\$ TBD): Covers the costs of Finale weekend.
 - a) JEL, NCSSEL, & NCEL share a Finale weekend.
 - i) 2023 Date/Location: **TBD**

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- b) We trailer some of our own horses off-site for Finale. Proceeds from your team's Home Show Food Booth & Fundraisers can be used towards these costs– it's up to your team to decide!
 - c) Costs for Finale include:
 - i) Entry Fee (\$ TBD by the League)
 - ii) Horse-Use Fee (\$35)
 - iii) Coaching Fee (\$35)
 - iv) Trailering Fee (\$125 per horse, split equally amongst the riders)
- 5) Banquet Costs (\$ TBD): Covers your share of the costs for Banquet, including a fraction of the coaches' Banquet costs.
- a) 2023 Date/Location: TBD
- 6) Team Jacket (approx. \$135): All riders must have a blue FMF team jacket, embroidered with their name & the FMF team logo, to be worn at all team shows.
- a) Sign-up sheet with payment instructions will be posted/announced.
 - b) Pricing is determined by First Impressions Embroidery of Laurel, MD (<https://firstimpressionembroidery.com>), but usually runs around \$135.
 - c) Family members are also encouraged to buy their own jackets!
 - d) Sometimes, former team riders will sell their used jackets to new riders. If you are concerned about pricing, we may be able to help. No guarantees.