

INFORMATION for FMF NCAEL “Adult Team”

Commitments & Costs for the 2026-2027 Season

Riders MUST read this information sheet in its entirety and sign pg. 4 before committing.

Eligibility for Tryouts:

- Must be an adult rider aged 21+ (by Oct. 1st) and enrolled in lessons at Full Moon Farm.
- Each division has its own requirements in terms of abilities, but a good rule of thumb is that riders should be able to walk and trot on unfamiliar horses.
- If you have not been on the team before, ask your instructor about it!
- If your instructor has encouraged you to join the team, it's a good idea to listen to them!

NCAEL Format:

- 12-18 riders on a team, split into 6 divisions (max. of 2 riders + 1 alternate rider per division):

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| Div. 1 – WT, WT discipline rail | Div. 4 – WTC, 18” fences |
| Div. 2 – WT, WTC | Div. 5 – WTC, 2’ fences |
| Div. 3 – WTC, x-rails | Div. 6 – WTC, 2’3” fences |

Team Info Meeting and Tryouts/Team Placements:

- July 6th at 7pm: Teams Info Meeting will be held at the Chateau. If you are new to the team, please plan to attend. If you cannot make the meeting, just let us know! We will try to do a Zoom meeting and can also set up a time to chat individually.
- July 20th & 27th: Tryouts/Team Placements Please book one of the Team “Tryouts” via Hopoti (cost is \$27). If you cannot attend either date, please let us know. You can still be on the team, and still need to pay the tryout/placement fee.
 - The coach decides who rides in which division and who is an alternate (alternates may change throughout the season). If you sign up for tryouts, you agree to abide by the coach’s decision.
 - **Once determined, team placements are non-negotiable.** Rosters will be posted no later than 7pm Wednesday, July 29th. **If you do not back out** (must be done via email to ridewithfmf2@gmail.com) **by 10am on Tuesday, July 28th: You will be on the roster and will owe all fees associated with that team for the duration of the season**, including:
 - 2 lessons per week through Finale
 - Tryout fee, Team dues + League fee, and Finale fees

Rider Commitments:

1. **Riders must maintain a positive attitude and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.**
 - a. Absolutely no trash-talking/blaming other riders, horses, barns, judges, coaches, parents, etc.
2. **Riders must be scheduled in at least 2 lessons per week beginning no later than the week of Sept. 6th until the end of the team season.**
 - a. At least one lesson must be a group lesson, but we highly recommend doing two group lessons– this gives riders the chance to practice sharing the arena with other horses and riders and provides the chance to learn through observation. Plus, riding with friends is a lot of fun!
 - b. Riders' twice-weekly lessons from Sept. 6th–Feb. 6th must be booked **no later than Aug. 29th**, to give us ample time to ensure everyone is enrolled in their required lessons.
 - i. **Starting with the Oct. 4th lesson Season:** Your 2 weekly lessons **must** be booked with the 18-week Season option through Feb. 6th.
 - ii. **Starting with the Feb. 7th, 2027 lesson Season:** Your 2 weekly lessons **may** be booked with the 18-week Season option **OR** as individual lessons through Finale (typically early March), but must be booked **no later than Jan. 2nd**, so we can ensure everyone is enrolled in their required lessons.
 - c. Riders are expected to schedule a makeup for any missed lessons or team practices.
3. **Riders must work their team's Work Day for their home show(s).**
4. **Riders must attend the Paint Party for a minimum of 2 hours.**
 - a. Any rider unable to attend must contact the Team Captain to set up an alternative time to come help.
 - b. This is a fun time to be together and meet other riders before our season officially begins. It's your chance to make all of our jumps & cavalettis look fresh and fantastic!
5. **Riders must volunteer at other Home Shows for our other FMF teams.**
 - a. Riders must do two 3-hour shifts at other FMF home shows (JEL, NCSSEL, or IEA).
 - i. Sign-ups for volunteering will be posted in advance.
 - b. After the mandatory 6 hours of volunteer time is met, time spent volunteering at shows can be logged as Volunteer Hours.
 - c. **Remember:** Time spent volunteering means helping, not standing around/eating/chatting/watching. If you stay longer than your required shift, that's great, but you're fair game and will be expected to keep helping!

FMF NCAEL TEAM COST COMMITMENTS:

| | Due date | Cost |
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| Tryout Fee <i>nonrefundable</i> | July 27th | \$27 (paid by booking Tryouts on Hopoti, or via check if not attending Tryouts) |
| League Fee <i>credit may be issued if rider backs out by deadline</i> | July 20th | \$65 |
| Team Dues <i>credit may be issued if rider backs out by deadline</i> | July 6th (Early Bird rate) or July 20th (Regular rate) | \$440* (<i>*Early Bird rate if paid on/before July 6th</i>) or \$460 (<i>if paid on/after July 7th</i>) |
| Show Fees (4 shows per season) | Will be collected by the Team Captain prior to each show | Likely \$60 per show (may vary each year) |
| Team Jacket | Order will be placed around Sept. 1st | Approx. \$100-125 (plus shipping, if applicable) |
| Finale Fees | Approx. 2 weeks before Finale | TBD (was \$228 for 2025-26; will depend on fundraising) |
| Banquet Costs | Late February-Early March | TBD (was \$15/ticket in 2023) |

Cost Descriptions:

- 1) Tryout Fee: Covers the cost of Tryouts/rider evaluations.
 - a) Nonrefundable.
 - b) For equity purposes and to cover the time the coaches spend evaluating every rider: Even if you cannot attend Tryouts, you still owe the Tryout fee if you wish to join a team.

- 2) Team Dues + League Fee: Covers your coaching costs (at the 4 regular-season shows) and the 4 team practices. 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) If you email ridewithfmf2@gmail.com to notify us that you will not participate in Teams **PRIOR to 10am on July 28th**, we can **credit** the amount paid to your account (no refunds).
 - b) Team Dues + League Fees will NOT be waived/credited/refunded (for any reason!) after the July 28th 10am deadline.

- 3) Show Fees: Covers the costs we pay to each host-barn.
 - a) These payments will be due before each show.
 - b) One rider will collect these payments from all riders, and then they will write one check to FMF to cover the whole team.

- 4) Finale Costs: Covers the costs of the NCAEL Finale.
 - a) Date and Location TBD (Likely a Sat or Sun during the first half of March)
 - b) We trailer some of our own horses off-site for Finale.

- c) Proceeds from your team’s fundraisers can be used towards these costs– it’s up to your team to decide!
 - d) Costs for Finale include:
 - i) Entry Fee (\$TBD by League)
 - ii) Horse-Use Fee (\$50/rider; waived if your own horse is used at Finale)
 - iii) Coaching Fee (\$50/rider)
 - iv) Trailering Fee (per horse, split equally amongst the riders)
 - v) Stabling Fees (if applicable; per horse, split equally amongst the riders; \$TBD by League)
 - vi) Coaches’ expenses (split equally amongst the riders)
- 5) **Banquet Costs:** Covers your share of the costs for Banquet (Awards Ceremony), including a fraction of the coaches’ Banquet costs.
- a) Date and Location TBD (likely a Sunday in mid-to-late April)
- 6) **Team Jacket:** All riders must have a blue FMF team jacket to wear to all team shows.
- a) Sign-up and payment instructions will be posted/announced in mid-August, if not sooner.
 - b) Pricing is determined by the jacket company, but usually runs around \$100-125.
 - c) Sometimes, team riders will sell their used jackets to new riders. If you’d like a used jacket, keep an eye on the FMF Facebook pages or reach out to a former team member to see what’s available.

FMF NCAEL “Adult Team” AGREEMENT

All riders must sign below to acknowledge and agree to all financial and physical commitments as listed on pages 1-4 of this document, and either (1) email this page to ridewithfmf2@gmail.com **OR** (2) print this page and bring it to Tryouts or the Teams Info Meeting **OR** (3) drop it off in one of the Payment Boxes at the farm (no later than 7/20).

Rider Signature

Date

Rider Name (Printed)