Cal Poly Three-Day Eventing Team

Winter 2019

What is Intercollegiate Eventing?

The Intercollegiate Eventing Program was created by the United States Eventing Association (USEA) in 2014. This program enables universities and colleges to establish eventing teams and provides the framework for these teams to compete in intercollegiate challenges at individual competitions. Schools compete against each other at Intercollegiate Team Challenges, which take place at USEA recognized horse trials. Members of a team compete as individuals and their scores are combined into a team score which is matched against other schools' scores.

Teams can be made up of riders from any level. To account for differences in level difficulty, each rider's score is multiplied by a coefficient appropriate for their level, and then the individual scores are added together to determine the team score. This is very similar to horse trial teams at USEA events but with the added coefficients.

Score Scaling for the Levels:

Beginner Novice/Elementary: 1

Novice: .99
Training: 0.9

Preliminary: 0.85 Intermediate: 0.75 Advanced: 0.70

CCI2*-S: .8 CCI2*-L: .75 CCI3*-S: .7

How it Works

In order to be a competing member, you must provide your own horse. Most members are in their own training program and at separate facilities, but several members are at the same barns. We highly encourage members to work together and will have social events to promote camaraderie. Competition costs and all other expenses involved with owning a horse fall to the riders. Fundraising may offset some expenses, but you are primarily responsible for your horse and yourself.

Team members assist each other when riding together and are highly supportive at all competitions. Monthly clinics are in the process of being scheduled in order to offer educational opportunities for members.

The majority of the team is split between these training facilities and attempts to train/carpool: Twin Rivers Ranch (Paso Robles), Coastal Equine (SLO), The Equine Center (SLO). Other boarding facilities are options and encouraged. There's no requirement for where to board, but we list these facilities if prospective students wish to board with other members.

The team does not have an official trainer, however we try to provide members with educational opportunities via group lesson coordination and clinics. There are multiple trainers in the area, and most competing members are in some sort of individualized program. Eventers Bec Braitling and Andrea Baxter teach many members, but there are also several jumper and dressage trainers in the area. There is no current requirement from the team for training, but it's encouraged that each horse/rider pair find a schedule and program that works for them.

Cal Poly Eventing is a subset of the Cal Poly Equestrian team, however the program is very different from that of the traditional Equestrian Team. The program consists of independent eventers competing together as a team. We were founded by a group of passionate eventers wanting to represent their university, combining their different experiences to become Cal Poly Eventing.

Joining the team

As a prospective member, we are very excited to meet you!

Cal Poly does not recruit high school students for the eventing team, nor do they give scholarships related to CP Eventing. This is a program with the intent to

primarily **support and promote** collegiate eventers. However, we welcome current Cal Poly students of all levels that wish to be a part of the team.

There are no team tryouts, as members are encouraged to work toward individual goals. Teams at competitions may be made strategically, based on previous performance at competitions and current training.

If you wish to be a part of the team in the future, it is highly encouraged that you apply to Cal Poly and focus on academics in high school!

Membership Guidelines

In order to become a member, you must apply to and attend Cal Poly under any major. Once enrolled, requirements are as follows:

- 1. Members must be enrolled undergraduate or graduate students maintaining a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- 2. Members must be in good standing with CPET and the event team, financially and in conduct.
 - a. Dues are approximately \$50-100 per quarter
- 3. Members must attend all team meetings unless excused by the President or Vice President.
- 4. Members must display quality horsemanship and professionalism at all team meetings, competitions, clinics, and fundraising events.

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