

From the Judge's Perspective Clinic with Katie Schaaf

**Hosted by Four Winds Farm
31 Ennis Road, North Oxford, MA**

**Monday, February 17, 2020
\$120 per rider / \$60 per auditor**

Riders and Auditors learn from a USEF/IEA/IHSA judge what she is looking for in the ring and receive specific feedback on their rides. During the clinic, riders walk the course, ride a class over fences and a class on the flat. Feedback is provided both through a conversation between the judge and rider and also in written format provided to the rider. Riders will learn about the differences between USEF and IEA/IHSA showing and how to perform their best at each. Emphasis will be given to the IEA show experience. Riders are encouraged to watch with the judge and to ask questions.

Katie Schaaf is a USHJA certified trainer, USEF 'r' judge in Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, and coach of two national champion teams. Katie is the President-elect of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA). She sits on the IEA Board of Directors and the USHJA Sport Integrity Task Force. Katie believes in a training environment that is warm and friendly, while structured and disciplined. She actively cultivates horsemanship, sportsmanship and leadership. She has trained successful riders from leadline through Medal.Maclay, and is proud to have trained the captains of several of the top IHSA teams in the US.



Before moving to North Carolina from Massachusetts, Katie ran her own Braveheart Farm and co-coached the IEA team at North Gate Farm. In 2016 North Gate became the only team to win the IEA national championships for both middle school and upper school in the same year. A North Gate rider also won the national horsemanship test and another rider received the national sportsmanship award.

Katie has coached multiple winners of regional equitation finals, horsemanship test winners, and sportsmanship award recipients, including three Massachusetts Hunter Jumper (MHJ) finals winners, two Rhode Island finals winners, one Southeast Horsemen's Association (SEHA) finals winner, three IHSA Cacchione Cup riders, an Emerson Burr horsemanship test winner at USEF Pony Finals, two IEA nationals horsemanship winners, two IEA Hugo-Vidal sportsmanship recipients at nationals, and co-recipients of the Massachusetts Horsemen's Council sportsmanship award. Katie has led full teams to IEA Nationals eight times. In 2015, Katie received the IEA's first coach sportsmanship award. In 2011, the Massachusetts Horsemen's Council named her Person of the Year.

Katie grew up riding with Ashton Phillips, Ken Berkley, Gary Zook and Meredith Taylor. She graduated from Tufts University in 2000, where she served as captain of the equestrian team, and later, its coach. She graduated from Harvard Law School in 2004.



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