

MGAA International Rider Application 2016

MGAA is proud to offer the exciting opportunity for members to travel and compete in England this August. The proposed trip will be for roughly two weeks, leaving approximately August 8th and returning August 22nd.

Applications must be received by March 8th, 2016. Late applications will not be accepted. The MGAA Board of Governors will review each application and be selecting the team. If you are selected for a team your deposit will be put toward your trip. If you are not selected your deposit will be returned in full.

Each rider selected for the team will be required to deposit \$1500 into the team account via MGAA. This will cover pony expenses, fuel, team food, accommodations, sightseeing, rental vehicle, and all other team expenses. Each rider will also need to pay for their flight, plus 1/5th of both the Trainer and managers flights. Any funds left in the account upon return will be distributed back to the riders.

Although parents and supporters are welcome to travel and spectate, they will not be touring or traveling with the team and must make their own arrangements. The team will be traveling and billeting together with a team manager/trainer and manager/chaperone.

Applicant requirements:

- Be a member in good standing for two years or longer
- Be confident and comfortable riding a variety of ponies.
- Be comfortable vaulting onto different size ponies.
- Be an experienced and skilled games player that has been actively participating in MGAA.
- Have strong horse management knowledge and experience. Taking exceptional care of all ponies is a primary necessity.
- Be mature and independent.
- Be financially responsible and prepared to fund their portion of the trip including flight, team expenses, and spending money.
- Be an outstanding representative of MGAA.
- Be able to work as a team with different riders and accept coaching.
- Applicants will need a current passport.

2016 Rider Application:

Applicant Name: _____

DOB: _____ **Age as of January 1, 2016** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Have you been an MGAA member in good standing for two years or longer? _____

Please list a guardian and their phone & email address (if under 21yo): _____

MGAA would like this to be the ideal experience for you, and would like to try and match riders up with their favorite travel companions as much as possible. Unfortunately this may not be possible in every situation. Who are your preferred teammates?

While meeting new people, and getting to know other MGAA members is an amazing opportunity, we recognize that some riders may not be comfortable traveling without their preferred companions for support. Are you still interested in taking part if your preferred team is not possible?

Please answer the following questions:

1. Please list the MGAA competitions, both large and small, that you have ridden in since January 2014 (the past two years).

2. How have you given back to MGAA? Please list offices you have held or run for, committees you have sat on, clinics you have given, expos where you have volunteered to help promote MGAA, and competitions you have helped to run.

3. Please list competitions where you have volunteered as a judge, organizer or other official.

