

A Note from the State Chair.

Congratulations to all athletes who participated in the 2010 OHSET state championship. And to those who came up gold, silver or bronze, special congratulations to you; undoubtedly, your success is surpassed only by your commitment and work ethic to be the best in the events which you participate. Working hard toward and achieving a goal feels amazing AND it's an accomplishment to be proud of, congratulations!

Thanks to all those who let me know they enjoyed the meet and to those who gave constructive tips where we might improve. While many of those comments were directed toward myself and or Karissa, OHSET's Vice Chair, I want everyone to know what a team effort this organization is. Each of us volunteers hundreds of hours and the culmination of those hours happens at state championship. We'll each catch our breath for the summer to do 4-H, race boats, or do other judging and equine duties, but shortly, we'll be working on planning next year's district meets and state championship. This is a working board and together with the many volunteers throughout each district, we can agree: OHSET has had a successful 2009/2010 season. Thanks to each of you!

After spending some time to bask in the success of each of your teams, please take time and read through the rule book, send us your suggestions for clarification and/or change. As we work to cut spending and clearly outline each of our processes, we need your help. A new rule book every two years, instead of annually is a goal we would like to soon accomplish. Additionally, we'll finish up a few more "Standard Operating Guidelines," to help keep the districts and state championship operating similarly. As we compile each, for the new season, I encourage your participation.

Remember, the season has now officially ended. You may no longer ride and/or practice as a team. You may do fundraisers, team awards and such without horses or request special insurance to do a special event with horses.

Again, congratulations to all and thanks to the entire board and corps of volunteers, you made it worth doing again.

Respectfully,

O.H.S.E.T. STATE BOARD

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Candi Bothum
State Chair