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Welcome to OHSET!

Oregon High School Equestrian Teams (OHSET) is a completely volunteer, non-profit organization. We are made up of eight districts, over 1,000 high school youth and numerous volunteer coaches, advisors, and administrators. Together, we welcome you to this terrific organization.

Each adult volunteer is working toward a single mission. We want to provide recognition and opportunity for the high school equestrian athlete. We strive for this opportunity to be in a fair, positive and educational environment. Each district meet, as well as the state meet, follows a single set of rules and guidelines. These rules help to keep athletes safe and work to inspire healthy competition and good sportsmanship.

The athletes currently participating in our program will undoubtedly become the leaders and the future of our organization. As volunteers, parents, judges, and anyone associated with OHSET, we must model the behavior that we want these youth to lead with, in the not so distant future.

As the state chair, I challenge everyone, whether a spectator, athlete, coach, parent or interested party to demonstrate ethical behavior and sportsmanship of the highest level. Additionally, I challenge you to get involved! Share your input, ideas, and suggestions with the leadership of your district and ask them to share with the State Board. As our relatively young organization matures, it's each of us who has a responsibility to have it mature in the most positive manner that can most benefit the youth that we serve.

I wish each of you an exceptional OHSET experience. This is a diverse organization and every youth interested in representing their school, together with their horse, has opportunities they will not find anywhere else. OHSET is awesome, let's continue to work together to make sure it stays that way.

Additionally, I would like to invite you, and encourage you to attend, the OHSET annual meeting: Saturday, December 6, 2008, 10 AM in Eugene. This is where new patterns will be revealed and discussed. It's also a great time to meet all of us who do our best to represent you.

Respectfully,

Candi Bothum
OHSET State Chair