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## **Mission Statement**

Oregon High School Equestrian Teams (OHSET) shall be a “not for profit” corporation dedicated to promoting and organizing equestrian competition in high school athletic or activity programs.

Oregon High School Equestrian Teams (OHSET) has as its main goal, recognition in the high schools of the equestrian athlete and to give them an opportunity to achieve that recognition in a fair, positive and educational format. The goals are to encourage team play, peer acceptance and good horsemanship. Competition is to follow sportsmanship guidelines as set down by Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) State School Board, individual participating school activity guidelines and equine sportsmanship guidelines.

Any high school in the United States of America is eligible to form a team and join the OHSET organization. The state is divided into districts. District competitions will be held with the goal of qualifying for a final State Championship Meet to be held by the host district for that current year. Each high school will have adult and youth representation on their District Board of Directors. Each district will have adult and youth representatives on the State Board of Directors.

Competition is a winter/spring sport scheduled as much as possible not to conflict with other organized high school sports. The purpose is to promote continuous growth in programs fostering horsemanship education, sponsor activities to encourage interscholastic participation and to have cooperative adult supervised leadership for all students in grades 9 through 12.

High School Equestrian Teams support, challenge, and offer recognition to the dedicated teens that both physically and mentally, pursue the challenge of the sport of equine competition.