



The **W.H.I.P.A.S** project will be headed up by Derek O'Byrne White, AQHA Professional Horseman and level 4 IQHA instructor.

It will be supported by members of the IQHA board and various international AQHA professionals.



## ABOUT THE IQHA

The IQHA has evolved into an organisation that provides something for everyone in Ireland with an interest in Western Inspired Horsemanship. The recent branding of its trade name "Western Riding Ireland" invites people with any breed of horse to become involved with IQHA and our educational pathway.

The IQHA is proud to be the sole Affiliate in Ireland of The American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), and an affiliate of Horse Sport Ireland

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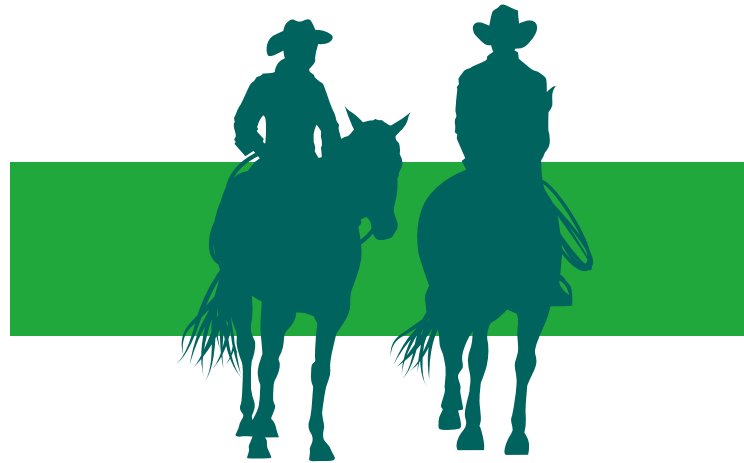
Developed by IQHA & AQHA professionals to help equestrians become assistant instructors and instructors.








Participants from all disciplines are welcome.

Participants do not have to own their own horse, nor do they have to bring their own horse to an assessment.

Participants, on successful participation & completion, would then be certified to assist an instructor (level 1) or be an independent instructor (level 2 and up).



## Instructor Benefits:

-  Open to all disciplines
-  Add Western Inspired Horsemanship to your toolbox
-  A listing on the IQHA website on the instructor's page
-  Support from other experienced IQHA instructors
-  Enhance your CV with Western Riding disciplines

## Instructor Levels:

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A Level 1 instructor is assumed to be an Assistant Instructor, working under the direct or indirect supervision of a more highly qualified instructor/trainer. A Level 1 instructor is expected to be able to teach basic IQHA riding skills to novice riders on trained horses on a one-to-one basis e.g. In a riding school situation .

A Level 2 instructor will be expected to have good theoretical and practical knowledge of all disciplines covered by IQHA and to be able to prepare students and horses for competition in all IQHA show classes at local / novice rider level. An instructor should be capable of teaching independently in one-to-one or group sessions. He/she should be a competent horseperson, capable of working with both trained and novice horses.

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A Level 3 instructor will be expected to be an experienced instructor, who has demonstrated a high degree of practical ability, and depth of theoretical knowledge in at least 2 specialist modules. A level 3 instructor will be of a satisfactory standard in order to prepare horses and riders at National Championship level.

A Level 4 instructor will have demonstrated a high degree of practical ability, and a depth of theoretical knowledge in at least 5 specialist modules. Ideally, they will have been teaching and training for 5+ years.

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Level 5 is an enhanced, honorary level, which may be awarded to those Level 4 instructors who have demonstrated a commitment to continuous professional development and equestrian excellence. They may hold a judge's card and have international competition success.