

**LAST BRIEFING
OF THE YEAR**

DECEMBER 27, 2006

The happiest of the holiday season to each of you. As so many of my Christmas cards have said, where has 2006 gone? It didn't take long.

January Meeting:

Lots of business needs to happen at our January meeting. We must remember that with the New Year, a new location for the meetings is also happening. Complete directions will be coming your way but just remember that we will be meeting at the huge mall at the same exit as Elmer's. The Gateway Mall. Right next to the Food Court. We are scheduled in the meeting room through the June meeting. Directions and more detail will be coming in the next couple of briefings.

Insurance

Application for renewal is almost complete. Please understand that I need all the names of the schools in each district whether they are the sponsoring school or the co-oping school. We want to be sure that all of the participating entities are listed.

Another thing that I need is a list of the arenas that you want to be added to the insurance. Remember, we can get them listed right now for a fraction of the cost. At least half of the regular amount. Please get that information to your District Chair and passed on to me immediately. If the arena is happy with just a copy of the district certificate, then that can happen, too. Make sure you know the difference.

Co-ops:

Please have all of your co-op information ready to go for the meeting on January 20th. This is the last State Board meeting that approvals can be given. Anything after this date will require emergency meetings and voting. Let's not do this. Remember, we can only vote via e-mail or phone conference in severe emergency circumstances.

Registration:

It seems inevitable that someone will ask for an extension on the registration. It doesn't matter who you are or what the circumstances; please get your paperwork done ahead of schedule because Chris Dinsmore is instructed to accept nothing after the midnight deadline. The records of all registrations with date and time will be on file at the State level and as you may all recall, those records will go to State Championship should there be any question on eligibility. Also, please understand that on the 16th of January, athlete names and numbers will be documented into the software we will be using at State. All records will be official on that day.

Happy New Year.

Have a safe and happy New Year. This has been one of the most memorable years in my life and one that I will cherish. I hope the New Year finds us a stronger organization with goals set and athletes focused on the golden ring.....sportsmanship and horsemanship.

Talk with you next year!!