

BRIDGES
EQUESTRIAN
IEA TEAM
INFORMATION

2020-2021 Season



Bridges
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What is IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian Association)?



- National Organization – We are in the Zone 10, Region 1 Hunt Seat Division
- Riders in grades 4 – 12 (Middle School and High School Teams)
- Riders do not need to own a horse or tack
- All levels (Walk/Trot, Future Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Open Varsity)
- Compete individually and as part of the Bridges Equestrian Team
- Opportunities to qualify for Regional, Zone, and National Finals
- IEA Information Video: <https://youtu.be/QZKr5czDb0Y>

IEA Competitions

- Riders draw their horse for each class – horses are supplied by all teams
- All tack provided by the show host
- Coaches assign competition level for each rider at the beginning of the season
- Riders may compete in up to 2 classes:
 - *1 flat*
 - *1 over fences (if qualified)*
- Travel to San Diego County or Ventura County for shows in Zone 10, Region 1
- 1 - 2 day shows
- IEA shows follow the collegiate model of competition (IHSA) and are excellent for your child's riding resume and overall riding experience

A Typical IEA Horse Show Day Post Covid-19

- 6:30am Upper Division Riders arrive at show for Team Meeting and Set-up if we are co-hosting a show
- 7:00am Riders and coach watch the schooling of show horses for over fences divisions
- 8:00am Upper division riders draw their horses
- Upper division riders ride in their classes
- Scores are awarded and chosen point riders for each class earn points for the team
- Upper Division Riders Leave Show / Novice and Beginning Riders arrive (Unless we are co-hosting)
- 11:00 am Novice and Beginning Riders watch the schooling of show horses for flat and novice classes with coach
- 12:00pm Novice and beginner division riders draw their horses
- Novice and flat riders ride in their classes
- After final classes, team awards are announced
- 5:00pm Team Photos, Clean-up Team Area



Team Practices



- At Bridges Equestrian at Sycamore Trails in SJC
- Using Bridges Equestrian Riding Academy Horses
- Practice on a variety of horses/ponies each practice
- Practices are split into flat and over fences groups
- Typically on Sundays (Tentatively 1st and 3rd each month starting in September)
- 6 lessons for \$330 and additional lessons can be purchased at \$60 each
- Team Members must ride in at least 1 lesson per month during the season

Important Dates for 2020–2021

- Monthly Practice (Sundays)
 - IEA Season Shows - These are scheduled from September 2020 through January 2021 in our local region. Each rider is required to attend at least 2 shows and no more than 5 shows during the regular season. Each day of showing is considered a “show”.
- Note:** Some single show dates for 2020-2021 may include two shows in one day.
- IEA Regionals (if qualified) in February or March 2021 (exact date TBD)
 - IEA Zone Championships in Rancho Murieta, CA in March 2021 (exact dates TBD)
 - IEA National Championship (if qualified) on April 23-25, 2021 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter in Perry, Georgia



Costs (Investing in Your Child)

- Rider IEA Membership Fee (\$60) – please pay to the IEA online (leave your class numbers blank, coach will fill in), print, & turn in hard copy to the riding school office. All riders must have a hard copy, complete with all signatures, & signed by Kendra, to be mailed in with our team packet.
- Bridges IEA Team Membership Fee (\$350) - Includes co-hosting shows with horses & trailering, split of staff membership dues, & team administration.
- Show Entry Fees \$40 per class. Zone and Regional Finals will be slightly more
- Rail/Coaching Fee is \$100 per day for 2 classes, \$75 per day for 1 class
- Coach's "Splits" - hotel room & food cost, split between all competitors (normally between \$15 - \$35 per show)
- IEA Team Practice Package - 6 lessons for \$330. Extra lessons IEA practices may be purchased for \$60 each.
- Team Uniform – Show shirt (Approx. \$75 - \$85), Jacket (Approx. \$75 - \$85) & show cover pants (Approx. \$25 - \$35)
- Parent Volunteer Shift at Co-Hosted Show (Buy-Out Option \$250)
- Team Hospitality requirements at Co-Hosted Shows (Approx. \$10 per rider)

Due at Sign up:

- Rider IEA Membership Fee paid to IEA National (\$60)
- Bridges IEA Team Membership Fee (\$350)
- Pre-payment of 6 IEA Team Practices (\$330)

Payment plans are available - Call Ruthanna Bridges (949) 858-0970

Rider Apparel & Gear



- An approved and well-fitting helmet
- Clean, non-wrinkled, Team IEA Show Shirt (Approximately \$75 - 85)
- Team Jacket (Approximately \$75 - 85) and team breeches cover for shows (\$25 - 35)
- Clean, non-wrinkled show jacket (Navy or Black)
- Clean tan or beige show breeches
- Clean boots
- Black gloves
- Black or brown belt
- Hair nets and hair ties
- Boot polish, brush and cloth

FOR MORE
INFORMATION VISIT:

[HTTP://BRIDGESEQUESTRIAN.NET/IEA/](http://BRIDGESEQUESTRIAN.NET/IEA/)



LINK TO 2020-
2021 IEA RULES:

[HTTPS://WWW.RIDEIEA.ORG/WP-
CONTENT/UPLOADS/2020/05/2020-2021-IEA-
RULES-W.-MARKED-CHANGES_REV-4.24.2020-
KQ.PDF](https://www.rideiea.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020-2021-iea-rules-w.-marked-changes_rev-4.24.2020-kq.pdf)