

Requirements

Riders should:

- ★ Walk, trot, & canter
- ★ Be in grade 4 through 12 (starting September 2021)
- ★ Attend weekly or bi-weekly 2 hour team practice (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday afternoons depending on rider's level)
- ★ Maintain a weekly standing lesson with their trainer
- ★ Plan to compete in five IEA shows between September and February (and possibly Zone Regionals & Finals in February/March 2022, and Nationals in April 28/30, 2022)

Costs

- ★ Annual IEA Membership: about \$60 (to be paid to the IEA directly)
- ★ Annual Show Team Membership: \$100 (to be paid as soon as rider is confirmed on the team)
- ★ Seasonal IEA Team Package: \$850 for 10 practices
 - * Fall Session: Sept. - Dec. 2021
 - * Winter Session: Jan. - March 2022
 - * Spring Session: April - June 2022Practice packages cannot be refunded, or converted.
- ★ IEA shows: \$205 x 5 shows
- ★ Riders are expected to have or invest in proper show attire.
- ★ Team apparel will be available for purchase.

Have questions? Want to join?

Please contact Sabrina at BECSHOWTEAM@gmail.com

or (917) 533-5722 or fill out a registration



Bergen Equestrian Center's IEA Team



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What is the IEA?

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association is a non-profit organization whose mission is to introduce students (grades 4-12) to equestrian sports and to promote and improve the quality of equestrian competition and instruction.



No rider needs to own a horse to compete. Riders in grades 4-8 are eligible for the Middle School team while riders in grades 9-12 compete on the High School team.

Teams take turns hosting horse shows throughout the season. **BEC will be hosting an IEA show in November 2021.**



Students ride horses that are provided by the host barn and chosen by a random draw. This equalizes competition variables and tests the horsemanship of the contestants.



Riders must participate in at least 2 shows and earn at least 18 points individually to qualify for regional, zone and national finals. Teams can also earn points and qualify.

What to expect during the season

- ★ Riders are expected to participate in a weekly team practice in proper attire, including collared shirt, and hair net.
- ★ Team practice will include group riding and non-riding horsemanship and showing strategy components.



For more information on the IEA please visit <https://www.rideiea.org/about/>



Why Join?

- ★ **Gain show experience**, and prepare for intercollegiate competition while making your college application stand out.
- ★ **Improve your riding & horsemanship skills in a team environment.**
- ★ **To learn more about BEC's Working Student and Volunteer programs.**
- ★ **Have fun, make friends & be part of the BEC community!**



What to expect on show day

- ★ Shows are usually on Sundays and about 1 to 2 hours away from BEC. Transportation is not provided. Carpooling is encouraged as the days can be long.
- ★ Horses are randomly selected and riders have a short time to familiarize themselves with their mount.
- ★ Riders compete in one or two classes (flat and over fences) depending on their level.
- ★ Riders should plan to be there all day to help and support their teammates.