If the season is cut short, at what point, if any, will refunds be made?
The standard deadline for refunds is December 1, **IF** a rider has not competed. The IEA is offering educational webinars, online horsemanship, etc., so value in membership even if you don’t get into a show.

What are the requirements for port-a-pottys?
The IEA has several recommendations for managing bathrooms in the Best Practice Guide available on the IEA website www.rideiea.org.

Can a show host assign a person to help identify violators and bring them to the attention of the show manager and show steward?
A show host may assign this task to someone who is diplomatic in their approach.

Does the shelter in car apply during outdoor shows as well?
Yes. The IEA does not recommend that spectators congregate at the show in any capacity, therefore sheltering in the car is the best plan to help guarantee there will be no crowding in any areas of the show grounds.
In addition, state and local mandates should be followed regarding the number of people that are allowed to gather in one place. And, at all times, everyone should be wearing masks when there is any possibility of being within 6’ of others.

Will riders have an opportunity to watch the horses being schooled?
The IEA recommends that coaches and show management work together to share the information from schooling with the riders via video recordings and/or notes. In many areas, the total number of riders on horses, show staff, coaches plus their riders watching a schooling session will exceed the gathering limits imposed by local, county and state officials.

Does this mean that if your having a three day show, could the judge judging one A & B show on a Saturday, could they judge a single show on the Friday night?
No. Rule 6204 in the Extraordinary Exceptions prohibits a judge from officiating more than two shows in one year for a show host.

With the double show day, will this not be harder on the horses, and also the kids? Will the day be much longer?
The double show will be limited to a total of 175 entries and should take no longer or require more effort from the horses than a single show of the same entries. Scheduling should be done so that ability levels are grouped to ride, finish and leave before the next group of riders come in, so that each rider is only on grounds for a limited amount of time.

Is it possible for the coach to have an assistant with them to handle taking notes, texting parents, etc.?
Yes, as long as that person is also following the IEA mandates outlined in the 2020-2021 Extraordinary Exceptions Addendum.

Is there a separate waiver for COVID?
No, but special language has been included in the membership waiver and in the prize list as part of the entry waiver. Some facilities may also have a separate waiver, and if that is the case, it would be distributed by the show host or included in the prize list.
How can we run our shows to stay small, but efficiently cover the costs?
Show hosts may utilize the double show format and use the same judge for both shows, maximizing officials and minimizing the amount of time participants need to be on the show grounds.

Will IEA be lenient on the 60-day time frame if a show needs to be put on the calendar later?
For instance, if we have to shelter in place again – then open up, for example, in January, and need shows to finish the regular season. Can we add shows without meeting the 60-day prior deadline?
Show hosts should make it their first priority to meet the 60-day requirement allowing the office ample time to have the dates on the calendar so people can plan to attend. If the situation changes due to COVID-19, we will work with show hosts to get competitions back on the calendar as immediately as possible. Our main goal would be to have the events and to work with the coaches involved in hosting and attending to make that happen.

How much insurance does an A/B show require?
Insurance is by the day, so two shows in one day equals one day of insurance.

If we have limited entries, could we change to an A/B show, or vice-versa?
These decisions are done on a case by case basis through the Zone Administrator.

Can a show host determine how to obtain temperatures before the show?
IEA mandates that each coach is responsible for confirming with their team members that temperatures have been found to be less than 99.5 degrees the morning of the competition, and hosts are responsible accordingly for any staff or show officials. Be aware that governance or facilities might also be taking and recording temperatures on the show grounds, so attendees need to be compliant.

Can we create small groups within a region to host shows?
Yes. Region Presidents are currently holding meetings to work with show hosts to organize show schedules. Please contact your Zone Administrator or the Membership Office if you have not yet attended a meeting.

Does everyone have to wear a mask? What if show is outside? What happens if they refuse? Who is enforcing the protocols?
See Rule 7. If you need an exception per ADA, advise 24 hours in advance, and they can plan to make an accommodation.

Is it possible to hold double judged shows in order to keep costs down?
Can this be done thru a petition process?
No. The main goal of IEA is to afford the opportunity to RIDE, not to emphasize points, so shows cannot be double-judged in such a way that ONE ride counts as two shows or as double points, etc. We want to be sure that our members get their RIDING opportunities, not just point opportunities.

Why do WE have to wear masks if other (non-IEA) shows do not require them?
We put safety of our families and members first, and as the largest youth equestrian organization in the country, we have an obligation to do everything we can to set the bar high and to support safe participation. We are certainly continuing to monitor the situation and will adjust safety precautions (up or down) as all of this continues to unfold.
How do second year seniors apply?
Seniors complete a Rider Application and the coach submits a petition to the Zone Ethics Committee. The petition can be found HERE. Once complete, the coach will send it to the Membership Office at info@rideiea.org.

What disqualifies a person from being a second-year senior?
Being on a college equestrian team or anyone that is a professional rider as defined by USEF/NRHA/AQHA/IDA.

Can a person wear a face shield instead of a face mask?
Yes.

Can a parent come in as a spectator while their child is riding?
Yes. It is expected that ONE family member/guardian will be in attendance with each IEA rider. That ONE person can come into the facility when their child goes in, and can stay to observe their ride(s). They must be wearing a mask, and observe social distancing rules, etc. Both the parent and the rider should remain in their vehicle until coach contacts them to come in. They should both depart immediately after their class as space will be limited and need to make room for next class of riders. Please note that we can only allow ONE spectator, attendee, guardian with each IEA rider due to space restrictions-even at outdoor events-more people equals more difficulties in restricting gathering/mingling.

Can someone give us more guidance on general barn safety during meetings/lessons/every-day barn life?
There is some good information in the additional resources section of the COVID-19 RESOURCE HUB on the IEA website. The AAEP (American Association of Equine Practitioners), has a click-able section called “Staff and Client Safety.” This gives good protocols on how to manage your barn routines with covid-consciousness. Most of these listed resources have additional pointers similar to this one, so we encourage you to check into all of these recommended resources.

Will there be any repercussions for teams that are not able to host because of concerns around COVID? We are waiting to host till November but on the chance that things get worse in our area and we cannot compete we want to make sure that we are not penalized as a team for failing to fulfill our hosting duties.
It is the general expectation that all participating teams will need to fulfill their hosting duties. We have given some very broad changes to hosting obligations in exceptions #4,5,&6, to make hosting easier. The IEA competition format really depends on all participating teams to be able to host or co-host, so that is not something we could foresee waiving at this point.

Got a question that needs answered?
After reviewing the COVID-19 Resource Hub Documents, Guidelines, and FAQ’s, you still have unanswered questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Membership Office at info@rideiea.org.