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Solent Sport Equestrian



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About The Team



Founded in 2002, Solent Equestrian is one of the universities longest running teams. Over the years we have won Best Organised Team twice and been nominated a further three times, nominated for Female Contribution four times, won Sports Women of the Year twice and nominated a further two times, and received four nominations for Female Newcomer of the year, as well as many members who have gone above and beyond receiving university colours.

We are a mixed team, with multiple ability riding groups, a middle size team with numbers ranging from 20-30 members each year.

Lessons for all abilities

Whether you have only been on a horse once or have ridden all your life, Solent Equestrian has something to offer you. When you sign up you will be invited to come to a taster session; after this you will be placed into a group with others of a similar ability to yourself and will head off to one of our local riding school – Quob/Gleneagles - for lessons.

Lessons cost between £17.50 and £25, depending on which group you ride in and how frequently, eg, once a week or every other week and length of lesson. All lessons are 45/60 minutes long, riding between three to six riders.

Lessons through the team are given a significant discount off their normal price - between 30% and 40%



The Team Values



- **Inclusive** - we encourage everyone who is interested in riding to join and subsidise all riding groups fairly, whether advanced or beginner riders
- **Timely** - turning up before lessons as not to impact on others
- **Enjoyment/fun** – we want all our members to enjoy being part of the team and impact positively
- **Passion** – we expect all our members to have a passion for horses and all things equestrian, being willing to learn new skills
- **Professionalism** – we expect our members when representing the university to behave in an appropriate manner and demonstrate pride in Solent
- **Respect** – we expect our members to respect each other regardless of situation



Gymkana & Intercomps

Normally there are also opportunities for non-BUCS members to compete - at Varsity, our inter-competition or gymkhana days, these events vary from year to year and are dependant on interest of members.

However for 2021/22, we will be running an intercomp for current members and alumni, with different level jump/dressage tests for ability in April 2022 in lieu of BUCS season.





BUCS

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British University and College Leagues. We have two BUCS teams, first team – which consists of four riders that compete for the university and a reserve/ development group that comprises of four to six riders.

BUCS teams train once a week throughout the year with the opportunity to compete in four BUCS competitions, held on Wednesdays.

BUCS competitions consist of three rounds: four mini-leagues over the winter term, regionals in spring term for the winner and then nationals for the regional champions. Each event consists of a dressage test followed by a jumping round on a horse that the competitor has not ridden before. Before each section, you are given time to work-in - seven minutes before dressage and five minutes before jumping. Each round is based on the skill of the rider rather than the ability of the horse. The competitions are run at riding schools, so there is no need to have your own horse!

Price last year for BUCS: £350 for entire academic year split into two payments.
** 2019/20 prices

Please note BUCS will not be running 2021/22 for Solents Equestrian team with hopes of resuming 2022/23 as a season of training due to the impacts of Covid-19



Non-BUCS (Lessons)

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This year we are looking to have between two and four non-BUCS groups, consisting of four to six riders in each, riders will be placed in similar ability groups in slots that fit around time tables.

Non-BUCS riders have the option to ride every week or every other week, depending on the riders' preferences and numbers.

These lessons are predominately flatwork and field sessions, however, if appropriate, jumping lessons are included for more advanced riders and those ready to progress.

Team tasters will be held in the last week of September 2019 (date tbc) and sign up sheets will be available at the Freshers Fayre or through the team's email.

Price 19/20 non-BUCS: £200 year split into two payments. **2019/20 prices riding every other week



Non- BUCS (Hackers)

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As well as taught lessons we run a less structured 'happy hackers group', a less formal group who are wanting to ride out of a school, this group will ride several times a term with a much more fluid and relaxed approach, whether you wish to go once or do them all. Please note your riding ability will need to be assessed before joining this group for safety reasons.

NB. Must be confident in trot and canter to ride in this group

Trips & Events



As a team we like to go on horsey adventures. We also offer hacks in the New Forest and beach rides. We hold an annual trip of three to four days' riding each year, either in the UK or abroad depending on what the teams' preferences are.

Various events are run throughout the year and are a great place to meet like-minded people or, if you are new to riding, to come and ask questions and get to know everyone.





Varsity

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Varsity is held in May and is a 'friendly' competition against Bournemouth University, in which many of Solent's sports teams compete.

It is similar to a BUCS competition, though only with a jumping element, but both BUCS and non-BUCS teams can be entered.

There are eight riders for varsity. This is held at the Bournemouth uni yard in which their team trides.



Kit 2020/21



Kit varies from year to year dependant of team requirements, usually a polo/t-shirt, jumper and jacket option are available.



2021 Prices:

T-shirt -£10

Jumper -£15

Lined waterproof
jacket- £50

All items are customised
with team members name.



Committee 2020/21



President
Trip Sec

Ro Tomlin-Wills



Captain(non-BUCS)
Treasurer
Sasha Brady



Captain(BUCS)
Suzy Judd



Kit Coordinator
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