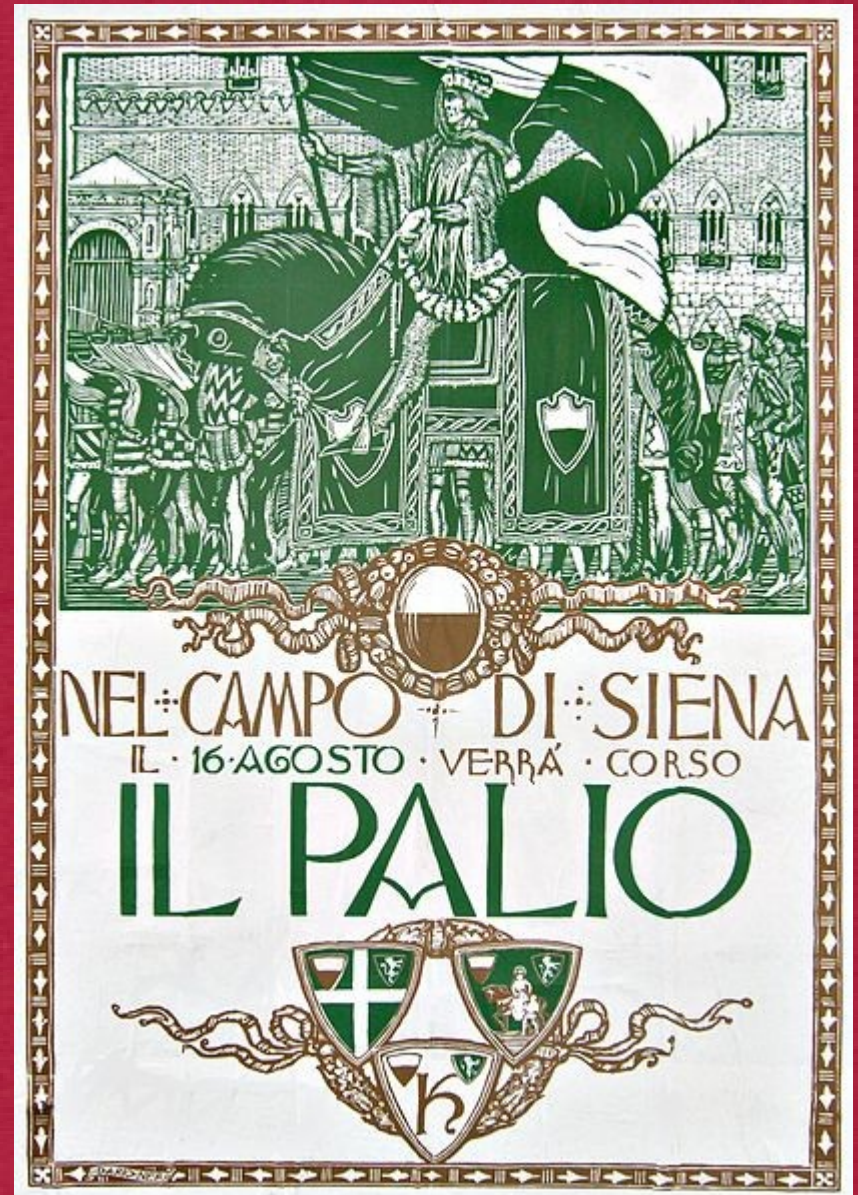


The "Palio di Siena"

The Palio of Siena is a competition between the districts of Siena. The "Career" as it is traditionally called the race is usually held twice a year: on July 2nd there is the Palio of July (in honor of Our Lady of Provenzano) and on 16th August, the Palio of Mid-August in honor of Our Lady of the Assumption, celebrated on August 15th.



The competition takes place on horseback. Every district has its own colors. The districts are seventeen. The competition takes place in "Piazza del Campo", the most important square of Siena.



The benediction before competition

Before the competition, each horse is blessed from the priest in its district.



If you can, come to Siena and see this amazing competition!!

