



EVENT SCHEDULE

2023 MARCUS OLDHAM AUSTRALIAN INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

29 September - 3 October 2023

Entries Open: 8pm, Monday 7th August 2023

Entries Close: Midnight, 28th August 2023

All enquiries must go through your State
Chef D'Equipe / Team Manager



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General Information

The 2023 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Championships (the Event) is being staged by Equestrian Victoria (EV), on behalf of Equestrian Australia (EA), at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre (WPNEC) from Friday 29 September 2023 to Tuesday 3 October 2023.

We welcome Marcus Oldham College back on board as our naming rights sponsor for this spectacular event.

Entries open at 8pm, Monday 7 August 2023, and close at midnight on Monday 28 August 2023.

Each State and Territory (hereinafter referred to as State) team shall appoint a single point of contact, eg Team Manager or Chef D'Equipe (hereinafter referred to as Chef D'Equipe). All enquiries to the Organising Committee (OC) are to go through your Chef D'Equipe.

The event will be run in accordance with:

- [EA General Regulations \(1 Effective 1 July 2023 Last Updated 26 June 2023\)](#)
- [EA National Interschool Rules \(1 Jul 2018 Updated 22 January 2019\)](#)
- [EA National Dressage Rules \(1 Jul 2023\)](#)
- [EA National Eventing Rules \(1 Jul 2023\)](#)
- [EA National Jumping Rules \(1 Jul 2023\)](#)
- [FEI Eventing Rules \(1 Jan 2023\)](#)
- [FEI Jumping Rules \(1 Jan 2022 - Updates January 2023\)](#)
- [EA National Show Horse Rules \(1 Jul 2023\)](#)
- [EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules \(1 Jan 2017\)](#)
- FEI Equine Anti-Doping and controlled medication regulations:
- Clean sport webpage has links to ASADA, WADA and FEI: <http://www.equestrian.org.au/clean-sport>
- [EA Member Protection Policy](#)
- [EA Child Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Victoria's Child Safe Legislation](#)
- All sport rules (EA and FEI) are linked from this page: <http://www.equestrian.org.au/rules>
- Special Conditions as set out in this Schedule
- Extracts from the FEI Veterinary Regulations as set out in this schedule
- An arbitration procedure is provided for in this schedule

**Disclaimer: These rule references are correct at the time of entry.
If they change before the competition, the new rules will be applied.**

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Conditions of Entry

For all purposes, the duration of the event will be from 9am Thursday 28 September to 8pm on Tuesday 3 October 2023. The Opening Ceremony will be held on Friday 29 September and competition will commence on Saturday 30 September 2023.

Conduct

All athletes and their support team must comply with the [EA National Interschool Rules](#), [Member Protection Policy](#), [Child Safe Standards](#) and [EA Codes of Conduct](#) detailed below.

- General and for all EA members
- For competitors
- For officials
- For spectators
- For coaches
- For administrators, directors and officers
- For parents and guardians
- For the welfare of the horse
- FEI "Codex" for Dressage Judges

There are formal mechanisms for requesting clarity of committee decisions and for disputing results. Each Discipline has rules and regulations specific to that Discipline, available on the EA website.

Breaches of the Rules, Child Safe Standards, and Member Protection Policy may result in disqualification from the Event and depending on the severity of the offence, the athlete and/or their associates may face disciplinary action.

The OC, Technical Delegate/s, Ground Jury and Officials are responsible for ensuring Horse Welfare guidelines and EA Codes of Conduct are observed.

At time of entry you will be required to confirm you have read and agree to the Codes of Conduct.

Volunteers who are not EA members will be required to sign a Member Protection Declaration or WWCC, and agree to be bound by the Child Safe Standards and Codes of Conduct applicable to Members of Equestrian Australia.

Reservation of Rights

The OC reserves the rights to:

- Cancel any class or event
- Divide any class
- Transfer competitors between sections of a class
- Alter advertised times
- Refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason

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Indemnity

In entering the Event, Athletes and their connections agree to indemnify EA, EV, WPNEC, the OC, Officials and Volunteers against any claim, action, damage, loss, liability, cost or expense that the Athlete or connections may suffer, pay, incur or are liable for directly or indirectly by reason of or in any way arising out of or in connection with competing at the Event.

Image Consent

When you enter this event you will be asked whether you give your consent to EA and EV to copy or reproduce images of the rider you represent or yourself as EA and EV may determine, without acknowledgment of yours and without your entitlement to any remuneration or compensation now or in the future. The images may be used by EA and EV in multimedia productions, publications, brochures and on the website to promote a range of initiatives for EA and EV. EA and EV agrees not to use any image that may be deemed adverse, or defamatory to the person entering this event. Any restrictions or special circumstances, in regard to a competitor must be noted on entry, to enable the Organising Committee to inform any official photographers prior to the commencement of competition.

It is imperative to note that you cannot take images and post publicly of other children without explicit consent.

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Event Personnel

<p>Event Director: Amy Slayter ceo@equestrianvictoria.com.au</p>	<p>Event Secretary: Jamie Harding jamieharding@equestrianvictoria.com.au Please direct all email enquiries to Jamie Harding</p>
<p>Jumping Coordinator: Helen Ashby</p>	<p>Dressage Coordinator: Deborah MacNicol</p>
<p>Eventing Coordinator: Danielle Velisha</p>	<p>Show Horse Coordinator: Susan Bufton</p>
<p>Combined Training Coordinator: Dressage – Deborah MacNicol Jumping – Helen Ashby</p>	<p>Pool Horse Coordinator: TBC</p>
<p>Event Office: Jamie Harding jamieharding@equestrianvictoria.com.au</p>	<p>Sponsorship & Trade: Eliza Harvey elizaharvey@equestrianvictoria.com.au</p>
<p>Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Dyson isv.volunteer@outlook.com</p>	<p>Stable Manager: Clinton Hedger p: 0402 773 814</p>
<p>Medical Services: Race Day Medical</p>	<p>Veterinary Services: TBC</p>
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Gear Check

Gear Check is compulsory before each class/dressage test and/or phase, but only if the phases are held on different days. EA Stewards will complete the checks either prior to entering the warm-up or at the completion of the test and/or phase.

DRESS AND SADDLERY

- Riders must compete in attire required under EA Rules. Jackets and ties or stocks are to be worn, not school jumpers.
- Teams may coordinate State colours (e.g. ties, browbands etc.)
- In the event of hot weather, the OC may permit riders to compete without riding coats.
- While riding at the Event, the use of properly fastened protective headgear will be mandatory. Protective Headgear must comply with the relevant standard under EA Rules:
 - Current Australian standard AS/NZ 3838 (2006 onwards), provided they are SAI global marked.
 - New Australian standard ARB HS 2012, provided they are SAI global marked.
 - Current American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked or standard SNELL E2001.
 - Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kite marked.
 - Interim European Standard VGI (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark.
- All helmets must be tagged and display a current yellow sticker if applicable for the discipline. Please refer to [EA General Regulations \(1 July 2023\)](#)
- Random checks of helmet standards may occur.
- A designated EA tagging official will be on site, to apply approved helmet tags in conformance with Rule 538.3.1, which comes into effect from 1 January 2020.
- The EA tag does not verify that the helmet is safe or in working order. It only verifies that the helmet complies with the specific standards as mandated by the EA Eventing Rules.
- Back Protectors are compulsory under EA Eventing Rules and must comply with rule 538.3.1. From 1 January 2020, body protectors will need to be manufactured after 2009 and comply with:
 - EN13158:2009 level 3
 - BETA 2009 Level 3
 - EN13158:2018 level 3
 - BETA 2018 Level 3
- The OC authorises competitors (only where permitted by the State Team Chefs D'Equipe) to display an emblem or logo of their state team and/or of their personal sponsor on their clothing or saddlecloth. All sponsor logos must not exceed 20cm square in total on each side of the saddlecloth.

SADDLECLOTH

Saddlecloths – dressage or all-purpose must be worn. Numnahs are permitted in Show Horse. Saddlecloths may have the state team logo or emblem embroidered on them, to the approved specifications and as approved by the State Chef D'Equipe.

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RIDER NUMBERS

Numbers (3 digit) will be allocated and it is the rider's responsibility to provide their own number holders/number for the bridle or the saddlecloth and must be displayed on both sides of the horse unless otherwise stated. In Show Horse classes a breastplate number holder may be used. Horses must display numbers at all times when out of the stable, this requires the allocated number to be attached to the head collar (one number is sufficient) when the horse is led.

Rider back numbers for the cross-country phase of Eventing must be worn and will be provided to the respective State Chefs D'Equipe. Penalty for not adhering to these rules may be disqualification.

State issued dressage bridle numbers used in official dressage competitions are not to be used.

Protests, Reports and Appeals

Please refer to the EA General Regulations and the EA Codes of Conduct.

Protests must be submitted by the State Chefs D'Equipe, together with a \$250 application fee to the Event Office within 30 minutes of the publication of class results. The protest will be assessed by the Appeals Committee. Any submissions after this time will not be accepted.

Individual athletes or their parents must NOT approach the Organising Committee, any Official or the Technical Delegate with an objection – they are to work with and through their nominated Chef D'Equipe.

Veterinary Examination and Horse Identification

These will be carried out in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1031 and the form attached will be used to record the examination and horse details. Extracts of the FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1031 are provided below.

Definitions:

- a. The term 'Veterinary Examination' is used to denote a clinical examination carried out by a qualified veterinarian to establish the general health status of a horse about to compete. Veterinary Examinations are also used to ensure that competition horses are not ill or injured as a result of long-distance movement.
- b. The term 'Verification of Identity' refers to the means of checking the identity markings of the horse against its diagram in the registration document at a Veterinary Examination or Horse Inspection.

The Veterinary Examination ('Examination upon Arrival') should be carried out as soon as possible after arrival and prior to the horse coming into contact with other horses in the event stables. Each competitor is to complete and provide the horse identification and vet check form to the nominated vet for their inspection (form attached).

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The object of the Veterinary Examination is to:

- a. Verify the identity of each horse from its paperwork and/or microchip;
- b. Check that the animal has not been in contact with other animals suffering from infectious or contagious disease (e.g. strangles) or has come from an establishment that is not free of such disease; and
- c. Carry out a clinical examination to ensure that the horse is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease. This examination may include the palpation of limbs and body, monitoring heart and respiratory rate, body temperature and any other pertinent clinical parameters necessary. The limbs may be palpated or lifted to examine a suspected abnormality. However, an examination for any lameness (i.e. flexion tests or a trot-up) is not part of this examination. A record of the clinical findings must be made which should follow the horse through successive examinations and inspections.

If the veterinarian's opinion is that the horse should not be allowed to be in contact with the other participants or should not take part in the event, the case must be referred to the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Commission/Delegate for a final decision.

Following a Veterinary Examination:

- a. Any horse, which is considered to be a health risk to other horses at the event, will be refused permission to enter the event stables. It may, however, be stabled in separate isolation stables pending recovery or until alternative arrangements have been made;
- b. Any horse, which is not considered to fit to participate in the event, must be reported to the Ground Jury. The Veterinary Delegate should discuss the case with the Ground Jury which is responsible for making the decision, if necessary, to eliminate the horse before the first horse inspection;
- c. Mares may not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with a foal at foot. If it is subsequently confirmed that a mare competed under either of these conditions, she will be disqualified from all events to which these conditions applied and the Person Responsible will be referred to the Secretary General for reference to the Ground Jury;
- d. Horses may not compete with a tracheotomy (i.e. a surgical opening through the skin into the trachea) or after a neurectomy has been carried out;
- e. Tongue straps or guards for horses are not permitted in any EA or FEI competitions; and
- f. Shock wave therapy (i.e. Extra-Corporal Shockwave, ESWT) and Cryo-therapy are not permitted during competition and for a period of five days prior to the first Horse Inspection. The application of ice is acceptable.

HORSE IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION

Horses do not require an FEI Passport but **MUST** have their EA Registration papers in order to compete.

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Sampling for Prohibited Substances

As this is a National Championship, the EA Medication Control Policy will be enforced in accordance with the **FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control Regulations**.

VETERINARIANS

Upon arrival on the competition grounds, all veterinarians are requested to announce their presence at the office of the official show veterinarian in the stable area, after having received their official pass at the Event office.

SOUNDNESS

The Judges are required to satisfy themselves regarding the soundness of all horses, and under EA Sport Rules they have the authority to stop a horse they may believe is unsound during the competition or from competing. .

Entry Timetable

Competitors are to be co-ordinated through their EA State Branch and any communications regarding entries or draws must be directed to your State Branch. Please do NOT contact the Organising Committee directly with any questions.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to accept or deny entries.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: Midnight, MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2023

The names of the competitors and horses must be indicated and all entries completed online via Event Secretary.

<https://eventsecretary.com.au/equestrian/>

WA & NT riders that have not yet been allocated a Pool Horse, should state "Pool Horse" under horse name. WA & NT riders that have made private arrangements to borrow a horse must provide full details of the horse at time of entry.

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DRAFT DRAW:

**Thursday 14
SEPTEMBER 2023**

REVISED DRAW:

**Friday 22
SEPTEMBER 2023**

FINAL DRAW:

**Wednesday 27
SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Any clashes or omissions to be
advised by the State Chefs D'Equipe
by Tuesday 19 September 2023.**

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**Any substitutions may only be made up until the OFFICIAL START of the competition being
12 noon Friday 29 September. Substitutions may only be made in line with the substitution
rules and at the discretion of the Organising Committee.**

Pool Horses

The Organising Committee will make a list of Pool Horses available for riders representing WA & NT only.

Riders eligible for a pool horse must lodge their 'Request for Pool Horse' form with their State Chef D'Equipe by 11 August 2023. The Pool Horse Coordinator will supply a list of pool horses offered. It is the responsibility of the rider to contact and arrange an agreement with the horse owner in regard to the supply and suitability of the horse, classes entered, and any transport and care of the horse.

Riders from WA & NT may also source a privately borrowed horse for the event, and all conditions and regulations will apply to the horse as if it was a pool horse, except for payment details. Full details must be provided at the time of entry. Horses arranged privately must be EA registered, and their grading will be checked for eligibility. All horses must undertake a vet inspection on arrival.

Riders organising Private Pool horses will not be refunded after the close of entry if the horse is unsuitable.

Riders of Pool Horses organised from a list provided by the OC will be required to pay \$600 for the use of their horse for the competition. Pool horse owners are required to provide all saddlery/rugs and equipment for their horse as well as all feed for the duration of their stay. Pool horses may be able to Day Stay at the event with prior approval but must be identified on arrival with a veterinary inspection prior to the competition.

The Pool Horse rider will be required to book and pay for all stabling fees for the horse for the duration of the event, and they will be responsible for the care and health of the horse whilst it is at the competition. Full details of the agreement to use a pool horse will be provided to riders and owners. Payment for pool horses will be requested upon the allocation of a horse after the close of entries.

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Qualifying criteria for Pool Horses:

- Pool horses are not permitted for Eventing classes.
- Pool horses cannot be provided to compete in PSG, Inter 1 dressage or 120cm jumping.
- Pool horses are only available for those competitors in NT and WA who are unable to bring their own horse to the competition.
- Pool horses will not be provided as an additional horse. If a person has qualified on more than one horse and wishes to use a pool horse in addition and instead of their own horse for whatever reason this is not permitted.
- Pool horses will only be allowed to compete in a maximum of two classes only.
- Where a pool horse is unable to be sourced the Organising Committee will refund the entry amounts paid by the competitor.

Eligibility

Athletes must be:

- Residents of the State they are representing (or enrolled students in the state they are representing).
- Current Competitive members of Equestrian Australia.
- Qualified and endorsed by their State branch.

Each State may nominate a maximum of four (4) riders per discipline/class.

Riders are to compete in classes that they have qualified for and are confident of their own and their horse's abilities. In sports where "grading" or "qualification" applies, the EA rules for eligibility must be adhered to.

The level or grade of the horse or horse/rider combination is as at the time of close of entries.

RIDER'S AGE

The Australian Interschool Championships caters for athletes enrolled and attending a recognised school or educational institution. This may include Distance Education or approved Home Schooling.

Primary competition is restricted to athletes enrolled up to and including year/grade 6 in the year of competition.

The Secondary competition is for those enrolled in year 7 to 12 inclusive in the year of competition. Intermediate competition is defined as those athletes enrolled in years 7, 8 and 9. Senior divisions are for those athletes enrolled in years 10, 11 and 12 in the current year.

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HORSES

All horses entered in the Australian Interschool Championships must have full EA registration at the time of entry and a microchip meeting Australian Standard AS5018/5019 inserted. Horses must be entered for events in their full registered names and their registered EA number must be provided. Owners of horses must have current state based membership.

EA Registration papers/identification documents must be produced on arrival at the venue. Horses entered in the Event may only be ridden and schooled by the athlete competing the horse. This applies for the entire event.

Only the nominated athlete competing in any given discipline may ride the nominated horse, on or off the grounds, for the duration of the event - horses may not leave the grounds without the permission of the Organising Committee during the Championships. Lunging by someone other than the nominated athlete is permitted where there may be a safety issue. Lunging is only permitted in areas designated by the organising committee.

AGE OF HORSES

All horses and ponies must be four years of age or older to compete in Interschool competitions. Horse ages are assessed from 1 August of the year of birth.

NUMBER OF HORSES/CLASSES PER ATHLETE

Athletes may compete with more than one horse and in multiple disciplines, as long as National Discipline Rules are followed regarding the number of test/classes that may be contested.

Interstate riders may compete with more than one horse and in multiple disciplines with a recommendation of two classes per rider, or a maximum of three classes. However, the OC may request the rider to make a choice where three classes cannot be accommodated for scheduling or horse welfare considerations.

NOTE:- Primary and Secondary school riders that choose to compete in Eventing are ineligible to compete in Combined Training on the same horse.

It is the responsibility of the State Chefs D'Equipe to ensure that discipline rules are followed and those riders with multiple horses are able to compete without the question of any welfare issues arising. This should be done before they enter the competition in consultation with team members. Once all entries are closed, each State Chefs D'Equipe will receive a list for review.

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Coordination of Entries

The State EA Branch or the Chefs D'Equipe shall be responsible for coordinating the team, including substitutions and shall be responsible for verifying the eligibility of competitors and shall be able to provide evidence of eligibility to the OC upon request.

Riders MUST attend the Opening Ceremony to be eligible to compete in the Championships. Riders are expected to remain for the duration of the event; however, they may request permission through their State Chef D'Equipe to leave early.

Entries (all class, stabling/camping fees) shall be submitted online via Event Secretary by the qualified rider's parent or guardian or by the EA State Branch or Chefs D'Equipe, depending on the process agreed by each State.

All entries must be done online:

- Entries are to be made online via Event Secretary by the close of entries.
- On the close of entries, each State will be provided with a report by the OC to validate the entries received.
- Where entries are received from ineligible riders, these will be refunded less a \$25 administration fee.
- Stable allocations and camping will be undertaken in State blocks after entries have closed. No requests will be catered for. Each State will be allocated Permanent and portable stables.
- Payments for pool horses will be by private arrangement between the rider and the owner of the horse.
- All entries require a parent or guardian's email address and mobile phone number. No student emails or phone numbers are to be used.

Entries received from individual riders not endorsed via the State Branch will not be accepted.

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Entry Fees

The following entry fees must be paid at time of entry and are inclusive of GST:

Show Horse:	\$220 per horse per class
Eventing:	\$220 per horse per class
Show Jumping:	\$220 per horse per class
Dressage:	\$220 per horse per class
Combined Training:	\$220 per horse per class
Pas De Deux:	\$80 per combination
Administration Fee:	\$25 per horse
Medical Fee:	\$55 per rider
Day Stay Fee:	\$25 per horse

The Pas De Deux is to be organised through the State Chef D'Equipe/Team Manager, not Event Secretary. Each state will be eligible to enter 4 combinations for the Pas De Deux. The entries for the Pas De Deux will be organised through the Event Office.

AUSTRALIAN INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITOR RUGS:

This year, competitors will have the opportunity to purchase an Australian Interschool Championships Competitor Rug. This rug is able to be personalised with the competitor's name.

<https://www.aricon.com.au/australianinterschoolcompetitorrugs>

Please note: Orders must be made through the link above and close at **5pm 11th August 2023**.

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REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS

Prior to Close of Entries

- A full refund less a \$25 administration fee will be arranged for any entry withdrawn prior to the close of entries.

After Close of Entries

- CLASS Entry fees/Admin Fees/Medical Fees will NOT be refunded after the Close of Entries. State teams may substitute a rider as per substitution conditions.

Stabling and Camping

- Any withdrawals before and including the 8th of September (11:59pm) will receive a full refund, providing they are accompanied by a Medical or Veterinary Certificate within 7 days of the date of the withdrawal.
- Any withdrawals from the 9th of September to the 22nd of September (11:59pm) will receive a full refund less a \$150 administration fee, providing they are accompanied by a Medical or Veterinary Certificate within 7 days of the date of the withdrawal.
- Any withdrawals from the 23rd of September will NOT be refunded.

SUBSTITUTION

Should a nominated competitor or horse be unable, for whatever reason, to compete after close of entries, the relevant State Chef D'Equipe may substitute a suitably qualified competitor/horse providing the following conditions are met:

- A veterinary or medical certificate must be provided to prove the qualified horse's/rider's unavailability; and
- The substitute horse must be eligible for the grade/level as per EA rules.
- The rider must be suitably qualified to compete in the level of competition.
- Approval of the OC and the relevant EA Branch is obtained.
- The substitution combination of horse and rider must already be entered or be on the State reserve list to compete at the event. This may include a change to a qualified reserve horse by an entered team member.

Closing date of entries is **Monday 28 August**. After this date, any rider replacing a scratching is at the discretion of each state or territory Chef D'Equipe/Team Manager.

A withdrawn rider may be replaced with a rider/horse combination from within the entered team, with a listed state reserve rider combination or a change to a qualified reserve horse by an entered team member. If replacing with a reserve rider not already entered in another class, there will be a \$25 administration fee.

Relevant membership and horse registration checks are the responsibility of the State or Territory Team Manager. Any reallocation of camping or stables is the team responsibility. Rider/mount combination reserves must be qualified through their state or territory interschool selection criteria and meet any discipline rules or MERS (please note Dressage PSG and Inter 1 and Horse Trials).

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The final date for substitutions is **Wednesday 27 September** when final draws will be updated. The substitution of riders from within each State or Territory team may be granted up until commencement of the competition with rider/horse combination from within the entered team at the discretion of the organising committee.

Substitutions may only be made up until the OFFICIAL START of the competition being 12 Noon Friday 29 September 2023.

CLASS Entry fees will NOT be refunded after the Close of Entries. State teams are responsible for arranging the class refund/payment of fees between substituted riders and the rider who has paid the entry for the class.

Stabling and Camping fees for the rider that has withdrawn will be refunded less a \$25 administration fee, only if a Medical or Veterinary Certificate is presented within 7 days or the date of withdrawal.

Facilities and Venue

THE LOCATION

Located approximately half an hour from Melbourne (approx 40km), Werribee Park is one of Victoria's premier tourist attractions. The park is home to Shadowfax Winery, Werribee Mansion Hotel & Spa, Werribee Golf Club, and the Werribee Open Range Zoo, as well as the National Equestrian Centre.

Werribee is the closest shopping /business area and is located only 10 minutes from WPNEC. There are shopping centres, restaurants, hotels, entertainment etc.

Avalon Airport is located only 30km from WPNEC or Melbourne Airport is located 46km from WPNEC.

During September, Werribee has an average high temperature of 19°C, an average low temperature of 6°C and average 10 raining days for the month.

LOCAL EVENTS

- Royal Melbourne Show – Thursday 21 September to Sunday 1 October 2023.
- Or non-horse events – Australian Rules Football Finals – throughout September with Grand Final on Saturday 30 September. Check out other local events at <https://www.visitwerribee.com/>

WERRIBEE PARK NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE (WPNEC) FACILITIES

For venue maps and more details go to <http://www.wpneec.com.au>. At a snapshot the venue includes:

- 2 x Indoor arenas with Martin Collins Wax surface
- 3 Sand and 2 Martin Collins Cloph surface dressage arenas
- 1 Sand and 1 Martin Collins Wax surface jumping arenas
- Cross country course suitable for all abilities
- 390 Yards
- 181 stables (extra portable stables will be made available. All states will be allocated both permanent and portables stables.
- Wash bays
- 135 powered campsites (generator sites will be available if required)
- Central amenities block; including meeting rooms, toilets and showers
- Event catering, kiosks, food and coffee vans
- Warm-up areas
- Car and float parking

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Accommodation

The following accommodation list provides a selection of options within close vicinity to WPNEC.

ACCOMMODATION

- Quest Werribee – 69 Synnot St, Werribee VIC 3030 – (03) 8744 6000
- Holiday Inn – 22 Synnot St, Werribee VIC 3030 – (03) 8731 3030
- Lancemore Mansion Hotel Werribee Park – Escarpment Rd, Werribee South VIC 3030 – (03) 9731 4000
- Werribee Park Motor Inn – 112-126 Duncans Rd, Werribee VIC 3030 – (03) 9741 7222
- Werribee Motel & Apartments – 6 Tower Rd, Werribee VIC 3030 – (03) 9741 9944

Hire Caravan companies include:

- Eastern Caravan Hire – 0400 679 744
- Caravan for Hire – (03) 5250 5132
- Bay City Caravans – (03) 5250 2595

STABLES & CAMPING

Stables and camping will be allocated in State sections and must be booked at time of entry. Every horse must have either a stable booked, or day stay paid if eligible, at time of entry. Arrangements can be made for Pool Horses to attend on a day basis if required. This should be communicated to the Pool Horse co-ordinator.

Stables will contain your allocation of shaving bales on arrival and will need to be unlocked and checked off by the stable manager. Stables are to be booked for the duration of the Event. Yards will also need to be unlocked and checked off by the stable manager.

Stables	\$375 for 5 nights block booking (including 6 bags of shavings, cleaning fee and facility fee) Additional stable nights may be booked and are \$55 per night (during Interschool competition)
Camping	\$150 for 5 nights block booking.
Yards	\$100 for 5 nights block booking.
Shavings	Additional shaving can be purchased from the event office for \$13.50. Please note, straw cannot be used in yards.

Camping will be allocated in State sections.

Each Competitor is responsible for the safety of their own tack and personal items.

Additional horses not officially participating at the Event cannot be brought to the venue under any circumstances.

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Arrival and Departure of Horses

- Horses being stabled must be on site and inspected by 1pm Friday 29th September 2023
- Arrival Days/Times are listed below:
 - Thursday 28th September: 9am to 1pm – 1:30pm to 5pm
 - Friday 29th September: 8am to 12pm
- The Vet Team will be at the venue at these times to conduct health checks.
- Any horse not inspected by a vet will not be allowed to compete.
- It is mandatory for riders to attend the opening ceremony to be eligible to compete in the Championships.
- Riders are expected to remain for the duration of the event, however, each state may give pre approval for a competitor to depart the venue earlier.
- Health declarations, biosecurity paperwork and horse registrations will be required on arrival to access WPNEC.
- Earlier or later arrivals/departures may be possible for those travelling from interstate. Arrangements **MUST** be made with the Organising Committee prior to arrival.
- Departure – stables must be vacated by 10am Wednesday 4th October 2023 (unless prior arrangements made).
- Full arrival procedures will be provided closer to event date.

HORSE TRUCKS AND FLOATS

Parking of all vehicles and trailers is to be in the designated areas only.
Vehicles not used for camping will need to be parked in the designated car parks.

GOLF CARTS

Only the Organising Committee and Officials will be permitted to use Golf Carts at the Event. This is due to safety/risks associated with vehicles/pedestrians and horses. Any exemption request **MUST** be made to the OC prior to the competition. If approved the individual will be responsible for organising their own vehicle.

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Bicycles must not be ridden without an approved helmet. WPNEC is a very large venue and bicycles are a great idea however some of the roads are public roads and road rules apply. 1 person only per bike/scooter. Parents are responsible for ensuring children ride in a safe manner and do not frighten horses or leave bicycles on the ground where they may be a hazard to people or horses.

Bicycles and scooters are prohibited in the Stable area and are not to be left at entrance to arenas.

E-SCOOTERS

Public use of e-scooters is illegal in VIC. As such **e-scooters are not permitted at this event.**

STABLE SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

WPNEC has strict stable safety guidelines and risk management policy which must be adhered to and accepts no liability for the loss of, or damage to, vehicles, or any other goods or articles. The full details are listed here: <http://wpnec.com.au/safety/>

Approved helmets must be worn at all times.

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DOGS

WPNEC is a Parks Victoria owned property, and dogs must be on a leash at all times. The owner of any dog found off a lead anywhere on the venue or course will be fined. Dog waste must be picked up and placed in a bin. Please note that dogs are not allowed in the Civenex paddock (the paddock behind Indoor 2 where the cross country is run).

BioSecurity Policy

It is impossible to keep horses separate at events, so make sure your horse is in full health before leaving your property. Events are prime places for your horse to catch an infectious disease.

A: Entrants, owners or persons in charge of the horse(s) at the Event acknowledge and agree:

- a. not to bring sick horses to the event. Sick animals may get worse during transport and infect other horses. Visually inspect horses to be transported and check rectal temperatures on the morning of the event. If in doubt, ask your vet to examine the horse.
- b. to provide truthful, accurate information to all officials and vets as required
- c. to complete a Biosecurity Horse Health Declaration form (BHHD). This will be provided to competitors before the event and must be handed to the Vet on arrival for the vet check.
- d. to carry out instructions from the event committee or officials
- e. to monitor their horse's health throughout the event and notify the event committee if they see any signs of illness.
- f. if you notice strange behaviour or signs of disease in your horse, or any horse, to report it immediately to the event organiser so they can determine the risk to other horses. Do not move the horse.
- g. to take your horse's rectal temperature 3 days prior to arrival at the venue and log this on the BHHD form to be handed to the vet. If travelling begins more than 3 days before arrival, it is recommended to begin tracking temperature 3 days prior to departure. A rectal temperature above 38.5 degrees suggests disease. It is recommended to continue to track horse's rectal temperature throughout the event.
- h. not to share tack and equipment between horses
 - i. to ensure each horse has its own water and feed bucket
 - j. not to use communal water troughs
- k. to minimise contact between horses
 - l. to minimise contact between other people and your horse(s). Discourage people from touching your horse as this is a key way for disease to spread from horse to horse.
- m. Not to allow horses to eat any other horses feed
- n. To take home any leftover feed or place in designated areas

B: Entrants further acknowledge and agree that for the Event:

- a. All horses must be accompanied by a completed Biosecurity Horse Health Declaration (BHHD) form. This must be handed to Vet on arrival for the vet check.
- b. The Committee for the Event encourages vaccination of all horses from (i.e. that normally reside/compete/train) from the specific designated "EA Known Hendra Virus Endemic Regions of Northern NSW and QLD for HEV (HENDRA VIRUS) VACCINATION.
- c. It is an Equestrian Australia RECOMMENDATION THAT ALL OTHER HORSES are vaccinated against HEV disease before coming to the event, however it is NOT a requirement and there is no mandatory requirement for horses, that are attending horse events in Victoria, to be vaccinated against Hendra.
- d. Any sick horses may be isolated or removed from the contact with other horses
- e. However, if there is a change to the ruling regarding Hendra vaccinations by Equestrian Australia between now and the event in September 2023, the Committee may change the guidelines in this regard.

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C: Entrants further acknowledge and agree that in submitting an entry to participate in this event:

YOU WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO SEEK COMPENSATION OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER, WHETHER ON YOUR OWN BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF ANY OTHER PERSON, FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA OR WERRIBEE PARK NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, OR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, SERVANTS OR AGENTS or howsoever otherwise AND HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THEM, AND EACH OF THEM, HARMLESS for any loss, injury or other damage of whatsoever character, arising in any way whatsoever, directly or indirectly from the presence of the Hendra virus in any horse or person attending the event or from any person or animal contracting any illness or disability, including death, from the Hendra virus, whether directly or indirectly or howsoever otherwise.

Practice Areas and Team Allocations

Practice arenas and their availability will be allocated prior to the event. The training areas are controlled by stewards and each team's Chef D'Equipe.

STEWARDED OF PRACTICE ARENAS

The Chief Steward must ensure that all practice arenas are adequately stewarded when they are officially open. They must also ensure that these arenas are subject to random control when they are officially closed. In addition, Chefs D'Equipe must ensure a state based representative is appointed to supervise all training sessions.

MEETING OF CHEFS D'EQUIPE

A meeting of all State Chefs D'Equipe will occur at a time to be advised on Friday 29th September 2023. A schedule of further meetings will be advised at this time.

VOLUNTEERING

This event will rely heavily on volunteers to assist in running events. The phone app Sign Up will be used to enable volunteers to select from all available jobs, those early to respond will get first preference of the jobs. The jobs will not be allocated on a state basis, every job will be available to volunteers to select from, it is expected that all states participate.

Should all required jobs not be filled by 25th September 2023 the Volunteer Co-ordinator will allocate unfilled jobs to State teams who have not had an appropriate number of volunteers "signup". It will be the responsibility of the Chefs D'Equipe to fill these duties within their team and update helper contact name and details.

The Sign Up app will be activated soon after the draft draws are issued.

The willingness of state teams to volunteer will be considered when determining the team spirit award.

Prizes and Awards

CLASS PRIZES

Placings to 6th place will be awarded in all classes.

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INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Individuals will receive points in each class. Points are allocated based on the maximum possible number of competitors in each class (i.e. 28, 27, 26, 25...1). The points received in each class are totalled to decide the Champion, Reserve Champion individuals and 3rd to 6th place prizes.

Equality in class and sub class placings will be resolved for places 1st to 6th. If equality cannot be resolved, riders will be awarded equal placing and share points. For example, one rider may be awarded 6th place and receive 23 points, two riders may be awarded 7th place so each will be awarded 21.5 points, then the next placed rider would be awarded 9th and 20 points. Champion points are awarded only where an athlete has completed all phases/sections of a class without elimination or disqualification.

CHAMPION TEAMS

When calculating a State team score, the total individual points of the top three individuals within the team are counted. The fourth member's points (if there is a 4th member) are used only to determine the outcome in the case of a tie.

Rosettes will be awarded to the Champion Team in each discipline.

AWARDS

Riders will be presented with the perpetual trophy and an annual trophy they will retain. Perpetual trophies will be inscribed with the winning rider's name and remain with the Organising Committee's State Branch.

Tammy Rhodes Dressage Trophy: Presented to the athlete with the highest accumulated points across a level. Class champions with a minimum average higher than 60% across both tests will be considered for this award.

Closest to Ideal Time Eventing Trophy: Presented to the athlete who returns the closest to optimum time (under time) on the cross country with 0 jumping penalties. Only the Class Champions are considered for this award. Where riders have equal optimum times, the rider in the higher level competition is awarded the trophy.

Combined Training Trophy: Presented to the athlete with the fewest penalty points in Combined Training. All Class Champions are considered for this award. The rider with the lowest total is awarded the trophy. Where riders have equal points the rider in the higher level is awarded the trophy.

Finch Farms Show Jumping Trophy: Presented to the athlete with the best overall result in Show Jumping, with at least a clear round in Phase 3 – article 238.2.2.

Show Rider Trophy: Presented to the athlete with the least penalty points (maximum available points per class, less total points earned) in Show Horse, Show Hunter and Working Hunter championships. All Class Champions are considered for this award. Where riders have equal points the rider with the highest score in the rider phase of their class is awarded the trophy.

EA Australian Interscholastic Championships Teamwork Trophy: To be awarded to the State showing the best team spirit and teamwork. To be judged on the following considerations:

- Team uniforms and colours worn throughout the event
- Team work – helping team mates to prepare for their performances
- Team spirit – supporting team mates on the sidelines
- Tidiness and decoration of stable area with team colours
- Volunteering – number of team members committed to jobs on Signup
- State Based Team challenge events throughout the competition

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Please note - stables can be decorated within reason, keeping in mind horse and rider safety. Stables and stable blocks must not be permanently marked in anyway - i.e. with paint, permanent markers etc. - and all decorations must be cleaned and tidied away by the last day of competition. Fines will apply for states that do not leave their stable block in a clean and tidy manner or cause damage to the stables. Stable aisles to be kept clear at all times.

OVERALL TROPHY

The **Harry le Bherz Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the state with the highest accumulated points across all team riders in all classes.

PRESENTATIONS

Attendance at presentations is compulsory for all athletes receiving prizes, should an athlete not be present prizes will be forfeited. No rider substitution is allowed in prize giving ceremonies. Competitors to wear full competition riding uniform.

The Organising Committee will advise the schedule of presentations.

OPENING CEREMONY– SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Friday 29th September 2023 commencing at 4.00pm with the Unmounted Parade March Assembly. It is essential that all horse/competitors must be onsite by 1pm Friday day to have horses and camping arrangements settled before attending the Opening Ceremony which will be followed by an Opening BBQ Celebration from 6pm – 8pm for all competitors/families and officials.

Other social events will be announced closer to the event.

RESULTS

Live scoring will be available throughout the event and the final results will be posted online through Event Secretary.

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Competition Schedule

This is a provisional timetable only and is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

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	Saturday 30th	Sunday 1st	Monday 2nd	Tuesday 3rd
SHOW HORSE	All Classes			
DRESSAGE	Pas De Deux	Novice Medium PSG	Preliminary	Elementary Advanced Inter 1
SHOW JUMPING		All heights Phase 1	All heights Phase 2	All heights Phase 3
EVENTING	Dressage	Cross Country see 502.1.7	Jumping	
COMBINED TRAINING	Dressage	Jumping		

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Show Horse Championships

Entry Cost \$220 per Class

CLASS	CLASS NAME	MUST COMPLETE ALL PHASES
SH1	Show Horse Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH2	Show Hunter Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH3	Working Hunter Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden (45cm)
SH4	Show Horse Intermediate	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH5	Show Hunter Intermediate	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH6	Working Hunter Intermediate	Led, Rider Class and Ridden (55cm)
SH7	Show Horse Senior	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH8	Show Hunter Senior	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH9	Working Hunter Senior	Led, Rider Class and Ridden (65cm)

Show Horse –

Will comprise of three separate phases:

- Phase 1 – In hand
- Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)
- Phase 3 – Ridden workout (judging the horse as a show horse)

Show Hunter –

Will comprise of three separate phases:

- Phase 1 – In hand
- Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)
- Phase 3 – Ridden workout (judging the horse as a show hunter)

Working Hunter –

Will comprise of three separate phases:

- Phase 1 – In hand
- Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)
- Phase 3 – Ridden (judging the horse as a working hunter with inclusion of jumping obstacles)

**Phases are most likely to commence in the order of Phase 3, Phase 2, Phase 1.
To be confirmed when draw is released.**

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Show Horse Championships

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Judged under EA National Show Horse Rules (effective 1 July 2023) in conjunction with the Interschool Show Horse Rules (effective 1 Jan 2017).

- Conflicts of Interest MUST be submitted in writing only to the Organising Committee.
- Judging and scoring as per EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules.
- Riders must complete all three phases in the class on the same horse.
- Each class will have a timed draw, and all riders will complete an individual workout.
- The Championship (total points earned over all phases) will determine the overall ranking of riders
 - Ribbons will be awarded for Led, Rider and Ridden classes and Championship (combined score across phases)
 - Rider and horse/pony combination may compete in one class only and must choose between Show Horse, Show Hunter or Working Hunter.
- State emblem/logo must be displayed on the riders' jacket
- State browband may be worn in all classes, including hunter/working hunter, without penalty
- Numnah and breastplates can be worn.
- Hunter Jackets can be worn in Show Hunter and Working Hunter classes.

SCORING

As per EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules.

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Dressage Championships

Entry Cost \$220 per Class except Prix St Georges and Intermediate I which are \$110 per class and Pas De Deux which is \$80.

DRESSAGE TESTS

CLASS NO	CLASS	TESTS
D1	Primary Preliminary	Preliminary 1.2, Preliminary 1.3 (2023)
D2	Primary Novice	Novice 2.2, Novice 2.3 (2023)
D3	Secondary Intermediate Preliminary	Preliminary 1.2, Preliminary 1.3 (2023)
D4	Secondary Intermediate Novice	Novice 2.2, Novice 2.3 (2023)
D5	Secondary Senior Preliminary	Preliminary 1.2, Preliminary 1.3 (2023)
D6	Secondary Senior Novice	Novice 2.2, Novice 2.3 (2023)
D7	Secondary Elementary	Elementary 3.2, Elementary 3.3 (2023)
D8	Secondary Medium	Medium 4.2, Medium 4.3 (2023)
D9	Secondary Advanced	Advanced 5.2, Advanced 5.3 (2023)
D10	Secondary Prix St Georges	Prix St Georges (2009, updated 2022)
D11	Secondary Intermediate 1	Intermediate 1 (2009, updated 2022)
D12	Pas De Deux	TBC

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Dressage Championships

The Pas De Deux is to be organised through the State Chef D'Equipe/Team Manager, not Event Secretary. Each state will be eligible to enter 4 combinations for the Pas De Deux. The entries for the Pas De Deux will be organised through the Event Office (jamieharding@equestrianvictoria.com.au)

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Dressage will be run in accordance with EA Dressage Competition Rules. Dressage tests (updated January 2023) and the Dressage Rules can be downloaded from the EA website: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules>

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- All horses must be four years of age or older.
- Gloves are compulsory and preferably white.
- Test to be ridden from memory. No callers allowed.
- Starting order will be according to a random draw.
- All Dressage tests will be run in accordance with Current EA Rules in the EA Dressage Competition Rules, which can be obtained from the EA website.
- Riders are permitted to enter two consecutive levels per horse.
- Whips are permitted (not exceeding 1.2m, including tassel for horses and 1.0m for ponies)
- Whips are not allowed in FEI classes.
- Horses may not compete below their graded level (if an official dressage grading applies). However, horses graded FEI are permitted to compete in Advanced if no FEI classes are offered.
- Only snaffle bits are allowed unless competing at Medium or above.
- Use of spurs as per Dressage Discipline Rules.
- Bridle numbers must be worn and are the allocated 3-digit competition number. State-issued dressage bridle number used in official competitions are not to be used.

EXEMPTION CARDS AND RIDERS WITH A DISABILITY IN DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

To assist riders with a disability to compete on equal terms, exemption to the EA Dressage Rules can be considered for riders who:

- Are members of Equestrian Australia
- Have a diagnosed disability supported by medical documentation or but who are not eligible for Para-Equestrian classification or would be eligible for Para-Equestrian classification but do not wish to be classified for PE competition
- Exemptions may be approved for the use of special equipment or allowances which are considered reasonable and necessary to enable the rider to ride the horse in a dressage test. A copy of the Exemption Card must be provided to the OC at the time of entry and should be carried by the rider throughout the competition

SCORING

As per EA National Dressage Rules.

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Eventing Championships

Entry Cost \$220 per Class

CLASS NO	CLASS	TESTS
E1	EvA 80cm	Eventing Test B 80cm (2020)
E2	EvA 95cm	Eventing Test B 95cm (2020)
E3	CCN1*	Eventing Test B CCN1* (2020)
E4	CCN2*	EA CCN2* Test (2019)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Riders competing in Eventing are NOT able to enter the Combined Training classes on the same horse.
- All horses must be 4 years of age or older.
- State teams can submit up to 4 riders per class.
- Qualification: Horses and riders must be qualified to compete at the relevant level as per EA Eventing Rules.
- Dressage Test to be ridden from memory. No Callers allowed.
- Dress and Saddlery: According to EA National Eventing Rules.
- Starting order: By draw as per EA Eventing Rule 533.2 for dressage and cross country.
- Course specifications as per EA National Eventing Rules.
- No Pool or borrowed horses are allowed in Eventing.
- Bridle or saddle blanket number compulsory for dressage and jumping and back number for Cross Country.

Age of Riders

- EvA80 Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 8.
- EvA95 Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 10. Riders under the age of 13 must have completed three EvA80 events.
- One Star (CCN1*) Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 13.
- Two Star (CCN2*) Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 14.

SCORING

According to EA National Eventing Rules. The winner is the competitor with the lowest total of penalty points. Riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the 3 phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties when penalties from the dressage, cross country and jumping phases are added will be the winner.

The jumping phase will be run in reverse order of the interim placings after the cross country phase (with exceptions to riders on multiple horses or in multiple classes).

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Combined Training Championships

Entry Cost \$220 per Class

CLASS NO	CLASS	TESTS/HEIGHTS
CT1	Primary 45cm	Eventing Test A 45-60 (2020)
CT2	Primary 60cm	Eventing Test B 45-60 (2020)
CT3	Primary 80cm	Eventing Test B 80 (2020)
CT4	Secondary 60cm	Eventing Test B 45-60 (2020)
CT5	Secondary 80 cm	Eventing Test B 80 (2020)
CT6	Secondary 95cm	Eventing Test B 95 (2020)
CT7	Secondary 105cm	Eventing Test B CCN1* (2020)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- All horses must be 4 years of age or older.
- Age of Riders: as per National IS rules and specific Equestrian Australia Sport rules .
- Riders competing in Combined Training classes are not eligible to compete in Eventing classes on the same horse.
- Dressage Test to be ridden from memory. No Callers allowed.
- Dress and Saddlery: According to EA National Eventing Rules.
- Course Specifications as per EA National Eventing Rules.
- Bridle or saddle blanket number compulsory for dressage and jumping.
- Riders are only permitted to compete in one level per horse.
- The same horse and rider combination must complete both phases of the competition. Elimination from one phase involves elimination from the competition.
- No whip is allowed in the dressage phase, however whips of no more than 75cm are allowed in the jumping phase.

SCORING

Scoring Method: According to EA Eventing Rules.

- As combined training runs under Eventing rules, riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the 2 phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties when penalties from the dressage and jumping phases are added will be the winner.
- In the case of tied scores for placings in a class the rider with the best dressage score (least penalties) will be the higher placed. If equality still exists, the closest to the optimum time (under the time set) in the jumping element will be the higher placed. If there is still a tie, then the placings will be shared and the subsequent place not awarded. For example, if there is a tie for second place then no third place will be awarded and the points for second and third will be added together and then divided equally between the two tied riders.

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Jumping Championships

Entry Cost \$220 per Class

CLASS NO	CLASS	PHASES
SJ1	Primary 80cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.1.5.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ2	Primary 90cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.1.5.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ3	Intermediate 90cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.1.5.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ4	Senior 90cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase 2- 274.1.5.2, Phase 3- 238.2.2
SJ5	Intermediate 100cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.1.5.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ6	Senior 100cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase 2- 274.1.5.2, Phase 3- 238.2.2
SJ7	Secondary 110cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.1.5.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ8	Secondary 120cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.1.5.2, Phase3- 238.2.2

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- All Jumping will be run in accordance with current EA Rules updated 1st January 2023 in the EA Jumping Competition Rules.
- Horses must be 4 years of age or older.
- Riders may compete in consecutive heights.
- Saddlery as per EA National Jumping Rules
- Course inspections are only permitted during designated times in official riding dress. Jumping courses will be open for inspection prior to the start of the competitions and re-opened between each class for approximately 15 minutes.
- Riders must ride in the order of the draw and must not hold up proceedings on the day.
- Course plans will be posted at the entry gate.

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Jumping Championships continued

JUMPING CLASSES

Phase 1 - One Round Table A (Also called A2) Article 238.2.1

Athletes with equality of penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the time taken to complete the round. In the event of equality of penalties and time for first place, there may be a jump-off over a shortened course over obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread in accordance with the provisions of the schedule. Please note- this is only if faults and times are exactly the same and so is a rare occurrence.

Phase 2 – Special Two-Phase Article 274.1.5.2

- This Competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.
- The first phase is a course of five to seven obstacles with or without combinations. The total number of obstacles in both phases is a minimum of 11 and maximum of 13 obstacles. The second phase may include one combination.
- Athletes completing the first phase may continue in the second phase.
- The second phase finishes after crossing its finishing line.
- This Competition must be judged in accordance with the following formula:

FIRST PHASE	SECOND PHASE	PLACING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table A • Not against the clock • Minimum 5 – Maximum 7 obstacles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table A • Against the clock • Remaining obstacles (total of minimum 11 and maximum 13 obstacles in both phases) 	<p>According to the aggregate penalties in both phases (faults on obstacles and penalties for exceeding the time allowed in both phases) and, if necessary, according to the time of the 2nd phase.</p>

Phase 3 - AM5 Article 238.2.2

This is a competition against the clock, but in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other athletes are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round. All Riders who Jump Clear in the first round will be invited back to complete the second round at a raised height (approx. 5cm).

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Miscellaneous

OBJECTIONS/COMPLAINTS

No competitors or parents are to directly approach any judges, stewards, course designers or any other officials or volunteers with disputes complaints or queries at penalty of disqualification.

PROTESTS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION OF COMPETITION RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Protests may be lodged against any person or body involved in any capacity in an Event or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of EA, including for failure to observe the Constitution and By-Laws, Regulations or Rules or violation of the common principles of behaviour, fairness, or accepted standards of sportsmanship, whether occurring during or in connection with an EA event or at any other time.
2. Protests must be lodged with the Organising Committee for the attention of the Appeal Committee during its period of jurisdiction for failing to observe the Constitution and By-Laws, Regulations or Rules in the organisation or conduct of a competition, including the matters referred to in paragraph 4 below.
3. Protests must be in writing, signed by the authorised person making the protest, and presented personally by the Chefs D'Equipe with a fee of \$250, together with any supporting evidence and the names of witnesses.
4. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, protests against any of the following matters may only be lodged with the Ground Jury and within the following time limits:
 - a. Protests concerning the eligibility of a competitor or horse or the conditions of the arena: no later than 30 minutes before the start of the relevant competition;
 - b. Protests concerning an obstacle or the plan or length of the course for a jumping competition: not later than 15 minutes before the start of the competition; and
 - c. Protests concerning irregularities or incidents during a competition or the classification of a competition: not later than 30 minutes after the announcement of the results.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING ABUSE OF HORSES OR PERSONS

Mistreatment of a horse, a competitor or an official should be reported immediately to the Organising Committee for the attention of the Ground Jury, who will take appropriate action on the day and will if deemed necessary, refer the matter to the EA StateBranch Manager of the relevant EA State Branch in accordance with EA Disciplinary By-Laws.

ABUSE OF THE HORSE

No person may abuse a horse during an event or at any other time. "Abuse" means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse, including without limitation any of the following:

- To whip or beat a horse excessively;
- To subject a horse to any kind of electric shock device;
- To use spurs excessively or persistently;
- To jab the horse in the mouth with the bit or any other device;
- To compete using an exhausted, lame or injured horse;
- To "rap" a horse;
- To abnormally sensitise or de-sensitise any part of a horse;
- To leave a horse without adequate food, drink or exercise; and
- To use any device or equipment which may cause excessive pain to the horse upon knocking down an obstacle

Any person witnessing an abuse must report it in the form of a protest without delay. Persons witnessing an abuse should where possible endeavor to stop the abuse.

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EVENT ORGANISATION

In exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the Chefs D'Equipe and the GroundJury, the OC reserves the right to modify the schedule in order to clarify any matters arising from an omission or due to unforeseen circumstances. Any such changes must be notified to all competitors and officials as soon as possible and they must be reported to the EA by the Event Director.

CANCELLATION OF EVENT

If special circumstances demand it, the OC reserves the right to take all necessary actions including cancellation of the event. Refunds may or may not be paid depending on the circumstances.