



HORSELAND

2026

**Australian
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PRE EVENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2026 Horseland Australian Interschool Championships. We look forward to welcoming competitors from across the country to Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre later this year. A full event schedule will be released in late July. In the meantime, this pre-event information booklet has been prepared to support states, team managers, competitors, parents and support crews as you begin planning for the championships.

ENTRY DETAILS

Entry Platform: Event Secretary

Enter Here: <https://eventsecretary.com.au/equestrian/21504>

Entries Open: 10.00am EST Wednesday 12th August

Entries Close: 11.00pm EST Sunday 30th August

Team Managers will submit Team & Reserve Lists – entries will be checked.

VENUE & FACILITIES

Venue Address: WPNEC, 170 K Road, Werribee South 3030

Facilities Bookings: Opens at 10:00am on Wednesday 19th August. An online booking link will be provided closer to the event. Please note that bookings cannot be made directly with the venue.

Facilities:

- 90x80 Martin Collins waxed fibre general purpose arena
- 5 Outdoor Dressage Arenas with Martin Collins cloph fibre
- 2 Martin Collins Wax fibre Indoor Arenas
- Generous general-purpose grass arena
- International level cross country course
- Permanent stables and yards are available on site with additional portable stables provided for the event.

Team managers will be allocating the state stables and yards from their allocated blocks. Booked yards located adjacent to camping areas will be available, and designated Day Stay yards will be provided in a separate area. Horses may leave the grounds and stay off-site in accordance with each State Team's requirements.

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BUMP IN

Saturday 26th 8am – 5pm

Sunday 27th September 7am – 12noon

All horses will be required to have a Horse Health Declaration Form with pre arrival temperature checks and horse inspection. Forms will be provided prior to event.

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POOL HORSES – WA & NT

Equestrian Victoria will provide a list of available horses for use by NT & WA riders. The cost for a pool horse is \$900 (paid to owner) plus all expenses pertaining to the care and management as negotiated with the owner along with all entry costs and associated facility fees.

Equestrian Victoria has no involvement in the allocation or pooling of horses and arrangements are strictly between the rider and the owner. Owner of the pool horse must be a member of EA. Horse must be registered with EA.

Eligible Classes:

- Show Horse/Hunter
- Preliminary Dressage
- Novice Dressage
- Showjumping to 90cm
- Combined Training to EvA95

Riders who source horses by private arrangement will be responsible for all arrangements and payments in collaboration with the horse owner. Equestrian Victoria will not be involved in any aspect of private arrangements.

ONLINE EDUCATION

All riders and parents will be required to complete the online Interschool Education module prior to arrival. Team Managers will share more information closer to the event.

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COMPETITION – DRAFT TIMETABLE

**Subject to change

DAY / DISCIPLINE	SHOW HORSE	DRESSAGE	EVENTING	COMBINED TRAINING	SHOW JUMPING
SUNDAY 27TH SEPT	OPENING CEREMONY 4PM INDOOR				
MONDAY 28 TH SEPT	Primary Intermediate Senior All Abilities	All Abilities PSG Pas de deux	Dressage	Dressage Primary Secondary	
TUESDAY 29 TH SEPT		Preliminary Primary Elementary Inter I	Cross Country	Show Jumping Primary Secondary	Round 1 Primary Secondary
WEDNESDAY 30 TH SEPT		Novice Primary Intermediate Senior Medium	Trot Up 2* TBC Show Jumping		Round 2 Primary Secondary
THURSDAY 1 ST OCT		Preliminary Inter Senior Advanced			Round 3 Primary Secondary
	CLOSING CEREMONY				
FRIDAY 2 ND OCT	ALL HORSES TO VACATE VENUE BY 9AM				



FEES & PARTICIPATION

- Riders may compete in a maximum of three classes across the following disciplines: Show Horse, Dressage (up to two levels), Show Jumping (up to two heights), and Combined Training.
- Eventing riders may use the same horse to compete in Show Horse/Hunter, Preliminary and Novice Dressage, and Show Jumping up to 90cm. Participation will be subject to horse welfare considerations and timetabling requirements.
- Classes will incur a set entry fee, along with administrative and medical levy. A full schedule of entry and facility fees will be released in July.

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PAS DE DEUX

Pas de Deux combinations will be submitted through the State Teams. The final number of combinations is still to be confirmed. Riders must be part of their nominated State Team to be eligible.

SHOW HORSE

Show Horse will have three rings; Primary, Intermediate and Senior.

Judges will be rotated. Led and ridden classes will have heats on the circle followed by individual workouts. Rider classes will have individual rider times.

Workouts can be found on the Australian Interschool Championships webpage: <https://ausequestrianinterschoolchamps.org.au/>

SHOW JUMPING

Show Jumping rounds will use the following articles (may not run in this order)

- One Round 238.2.1 (New 220.2.1.1)
- Special Two Phase 274.2.5 (New 222.2.3)
- Jump Off Class 238.2.2 (New 220.2.1.2)

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ALL ABILITIES

ELIGIBILITY

- Riders must hold a current EA Interschool Exemption Card or Para or Virtus classification.
- States to provide any relevant information regarding rider needs or accommodations.

KEY INFORMATION

- Each state may nominate a team of four All Abilities riders, consistent with other disciplines.
- States are responsible for allocating riders to their qualified classes.
- Riders may compete in both All Abilities Dressage and All Abilities Show Horse, subject to state selection, timetable feasibility and horse / rider welfare.
- Four levels will be offered in both Dressage and Show Horse.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Dressage Championship: Awarded as Para, with riders ranked by percentage within their level.
- Show Horse Championship: Ranked on total points across the three phases.
- If points are tied, the Rider Class score determines the winner.
- If still tied, both riders will be awarded Champion.
- Championship points for State Teams may be taken from either the All Abilities or Open classes.

CROSS ENTRY RULES

- Riders competing All Abilities Dressage Levels 3 & 4 may also compete in Open Dressage.
- Riders competing in Open Show Horse and All Abilities Show Horse must ride All Abilities Level 4 (Advanced).
- Riders who compete in both Open Show Horse and All Abilities Show Horse are not permitted to also ride two All Abilities Dressage tests when both disciplines occur on the same day. (This year, the timetable will result in this restriction applying)

EVENTING

Eventing will run as follows:

- Day 1 – Dressage
- Day 2 – Cross Country
- Day 3 – Show Jumping

At this stage, both 2* and 1* classes will include a trot-up. Permission to use this format has been granted by the EA Eventing Discipline.**

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DRESSAGE

As per Interschool National Rules:

Primary riders competing in Preliminary and Novice tests may have their tests called. Secondary, Intermediate and Senior riders must ride their tests without a caller unless they hold a current EA Interschool Exemption permitting the use of a caller.

PRESENTATIONS

Jumping – Ribbons will be presented in the ring.

A photo wall will be on site.

Alternatives to facilitate the efficiency of presentations are being considered in Show Horse and Dressage. Full details will be advised closer to event.

OTHER KEY DETAILS

- Tagging of helmets with current yellow or green tags. Not required for open Show Horse, but helmets may be inspected to ensure compliance.
- No e-scooters are permitted at WPNEC. Exemption: Mobility scooter.
- Swabbing will be as per EA rules.
- Whips: Eventing & Combined Training as per the 2026 discipline rules, the use of whips and the calling of tests to EvA80 is permitted. No calling at EvA95. Etiquette when calling tests must be followed.
- Rider numbers will be allocated based on postcode: Example Victoria 301, 302.

To ensure a more equitable allocation of State Team points across all disciplines, points will be awarded based on overall Championship rankings, rather than individual phases. The number of points allocated per discipline is as follows:

- Show Horse – 6
- Show Jumping – 10
- Dressage – 10
- Horse Trials – 4
- Combined Training – 8
- All Abilities Dressage – 1
- All Abilities Show Horse – 1

All queries must be directed through each State or Territory Chef d'Équipe or Team Manager.

The Australian Interschool Champs website will be updated regularly and provides competitors with important information.

Please visit: <https://ausequestrianinterschoolchamps.org.au/>