

2026 EVENT SCHEDULE



Horseland Australian Interschool Championships

28 September - 1 October 2026

Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre

Entries Open: 10:00am EST Wednesday 12 August
<https://eventsecretary.com.au/equestrian/21504>

Entries Close: 11:00pm EST Sunday 30 August

Facilities Bookings at WPNEC

Open: 10:00am EST Wednesday 19 August



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

Welcome & Congratulations

A message from Equestrian Victoria CEO, Derek O'Leary

Welcome to the 2026 Australian National Interschool Equestrian Championships.

On behalf of Equestrian Victoria, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome riders, families, coaches, officials, and supporters to the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre for the 2026 Australian National Interschool Equestrian Championships.

This prestigious event represents the pinnacle of school-based equestrian sport in Australia. Competitors that have reached this stage should be proud of their remarkable achievement. Every rider competing has demonstrated exceptional dedication, perseverance, and passion to qualify and represent their school and state on the national stage.

We look forward to witnessing outstanding sportsmanship, athletic excellence, and the extraordinary bond between horse and rider across Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Show Horse, Combined Training and All Abilities. Beyond the competition, this event is a celebration of community—bringing together young athletes from every corner of the country to build lifelong friendships and shared memories.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our host venue, Werribee Park, as well as our tireless volunteers, judges, organising committee, and generous sponsors. Without your unwavering support and hard work, an event of this magnitude would not be possible. To the parents, families and supporters who dedicate countless hours to supporting our young athletes: thank you for your ongoing commitment to our sport.

To all our competitors: be proud of how far you have come, ride with integrity, support your teammates, and above all, enjoy every moment of this incredible experience.

We wish you all the best of luck for a safe, exciting, and successful championships!

Warm regards,
Derek O'Leary
Chief Executive Officer
Equestrian Victoria

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Event Personnel

Event Director: Peter Hurley Secretary: Kathleen Kindler EV Office	Safety Officer: Michelle Debenham EV Office
Jumping Coordinator: Helen Ashby	Dressage Coordinator: Moya Jess & Kathleen Kindler
Eventing Coordinator: Michelle Clough	Show Horse Coordinator: Kim Joblin
Combined Training Coordinator: Moya Jess & Helen Ashby	Pool Horse Coordinator: Evie Mitchell
Child Safety Officers: Evie Mitchell & Michelle Debenham	Sponsorship & Trade: Kathleen Kindler
Medical Services: Raceday Medical	Veterinary Services: Werribee Equine Centre

The 2026 Australian Interschool Championships will be led by Event Director Pete Hurley, supported by Equestrian Victoria staff, volunteer organisers, officials, and representatives from the Equestrian Victoria disciplines.

All event-related enquiries must be directed through your State Team Manager or Chef d'Équipe. They will liaise with the Organising Committee on your behalf where required.

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General Information

The 2026 Horseland Australian Interschool Championships (the Event) is being hosted by Equestrian Victoria (EV), on behalf of Equestrian Australia (EA), at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, WPNEC, from Monday 28th to Thursday 1st October, 2026.

We once again welcome Horseland on board as our naming rights sponsor for this spectacular event.

Entries open at 10:00am EST, Wednesday 12th August 2026, and close at 11:00pm EST on Sunday 30th August 2026.

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](#)
- [EA National Interschool Rules \(1 Jan 2026\)](#)
- [EA National Dressage Rules \(1 Jan 2026\)](#)
- [EA National Eventing Rules \(1 Jan 2026\)](#)
- [EA National Jumping Rules \(1 Jan 2026\)](#)
- [FEI Eventing Rules \(1 Jan 2026\)](#)
- [EA National Show Horse Rules 2026](#)

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](#)
- 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

Further to policies and rules above, this event will have an additional Code of Conduct specific to this event. More information can be found on the [AIC webpage](#) and within 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.**

Conditions of Entry

For all purposes, the duration of the event will be from 8am Saturday, 26th September to 8pm on Thursday, 1st October, 2026. The Opening Ceremony will be held on Sunday, 27th September and the competition will commence on Monday, 28th September 2026.

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Conduct

All athletes/riders 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 all service providers (providing treatment to horses/humans)
- 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 the time of entry, you will be required to confirm you have read and agree to the Codes of Conduct. This event will require a parent / guardian of each rider to sign and agree to the event Code of Conduct on arrival/prior to first class.

Reservation of Rights

The OC reserves the rights to:

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

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 acknowledgement 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 and or publications to promote a range of initiatives for EV and EA. EA and EV agree 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 rider 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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Gear Check

EA Stewards may complete the checks either prior to entering the warm-up or at the completion of the phase. **Dressage gear check** is compulsory after the riding of each dressage test. Not having a dressage gear check completed will result in elimination. Gear check is in line with discipline rules. Stewards may gear check at any time or at the request of a judge.

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.)
- 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:
- All helmets must be tagged and display a current yellow or green sticker **if applicable for the discipline**. Please refer to the EA [New Helmet Standards](#)
- Random checks of helmet standards may occur.
- Designated EV approved helmet taggers will be onsite for helmets that require tagging. The EV Office team are also available to tag helmets.
- 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 General Regulations.
- 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 their competition clothing or saddlecloth. No squad or sponsors logos are permitted.
- Saddlecloths – dressage or jumping cut saddle cloths must be worn. 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.
- Numnahs are permitted in Show Horse

RIDER NUMBERS

Numbers (3 digit) will be allocated to each horse /rider combination. It is the rider's responsibility to provide their own number holders/number for the bridle or the saddlecloth. Numbers 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.

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Sampling for Prohibited Substances

Medication Control: This event will be run under current FEI Equine Anti Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (2010 and amendments) and the Equestrian Australia National Medication Control Policy. www.equestrian.org.au/medication-control. If you have any queries about these rules please email the EV Branch Medication Control Officer at jancsmith@bigpond.com. In accordance with Article 137 of the EA General Regulations, a copy of a horse's registration papers should be available at the event (electronic or hard copy)

Veterinary Examination and Horse Identification

VETERINARIANS

Upon arrival on the competition grounds, all veterinarians are requested to sign in 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/unfit during the competition or from competing.

These will be carried out in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1031 on arrival to WPNEC from Saturday 26th September.

Extracts of the FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1031 are provided below.

Definitions:

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.

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.

Horses **MUST** have their EA Registration papers in order to compete. **Members can now provide evidence of their horse's registration by logging into their JustGo account on their phone and show their horse registration. Alternatively, if they prefer a hard copy, they can download and print their horse registration certificate to bring with them.**

A Horse Health Declaration form will be used by competitors to record their horse's temperature for a minimum of 3 days. It is important that competitors become familiar with their horse's temperature and what is normal for their horse.

Nationals Team Temperature Log: <https://ausequestrianinterschoolchamps.org.au/all-competitors/>

The temperature log must be used to record the examination and horse details.

Horse identity will be checked, horse temperature will be taken by the horse owner or parent and the horse may be required to trot when presenting to the vet.

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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.
- d. 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 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.

Sensory Hairs

As outlined under Article 141 of EA's General Regulations (within the Protection of Horses provisions) a horse's sensory hairs may not be clipped, shaved or otherwise modified, and hair inside the ears may not be removed or shortened within the rims of the auricle. The penalty for a breach is elimination from the competition.

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/reminder-ear-hair-and-sensory-hair-rules>

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Entry Timetable

Competitors entries 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.

ENTRIES OPEN: 10AM EST Wednesday August 12, 2026

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: 11PM EST Sunday August 30, 2026.

The names of the competitors and horses must be indicated and all entries completed online via Eventsecretary

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

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.

DRAFT DRAW:

**Friday 11
SEPTEMBER 2026**

PROVISIONAL DRAW:

**Friday 18
SEPTEMBER 2026**

FINAL DRAW:

**Friday 25
SEPTEMBER 2026**

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**Any clashes or omissions to be advised by the State
Chefs D'Equipe by 16 September 2026.**

Any substitutions may only be made up until 5pm Friday September 25, when final draws are updated. Substitutions may only be made in line with the substitution rules and at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Any further requests for substitution after this date will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

Pool horses may be substituted up until 5pm Saturday 26th September (bump in day).

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 competitor who has withdrawn will be refunded less a \$50 administration fee, only if a Medical or Veterinary Certificate is presented within 7 days or the date of withdrawal.

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Pool Horses

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

Pool horses will only be allowed for the following levels: SHOW HORSE, DRESSAGE - Preliminary & Novice, JUMPING-up to 90cm and CT - up to and including 95cm.

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 regarding 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 life registered, and their grading will be checked for eligibility. All horses must undertake a vet inspection upon 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 \$900 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 and delivery of the horse to the venue.

The Pool Horse rider will be required to book and pay for all stabling fees for the horse for the duration of the event unless approved by the OC, 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.

Qualifying criteria for Pool Horses:

- Pool Horses are not permitted for Eventing classes.
- Pool Horses will only be allowed for the following levels: SHOW HORSE, DRESSAGE - Preliminary & Novice, JUMPING -up to 90cm and CT - up to and including 95cm.
- 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 are permitted to compete in multiple disciplines with a recommendation of two classes per horse, but may compete in a maximum of three classes per horse at the owner's agreement.
- Where a pool horse is unable to be sourced the Organising Committee will refund the entry amounts paid by the competitor.
- If the required number of pool horses is not reached, then balloting may be required.

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Eligibility

Riders 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 and six (6) riders in the discipline of Eventing only. Each State may have a maximum of 4 All Abilities riders who may compete in either Dressage or Show Horse, or both

Riders are to compete in classes that they have qualified for and are confident in 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

Riders must be currently enrolled in a registered primary or secondary school or registered with the state or territory's education system in the case of home schooling or distance education. Secondary school riders may compete in their final year of secondary study (Year 12) or up to the end of the year they turn 19, whichever comes first.

Primary competition is restricted to riders 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 riders enrolled in years 7, 8 and 9. Senior divisions are for those riders enrolled in years 10, 11 and 12 in the current year.

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.

Horses may not leave the grounds without the knowledge of the State Team Manager 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.

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NUMBER OF HORSES/CLASSES PER ATHLETE

Riders may compete with more than one horse and in multiple disciplines, as long as National Discipline Rules are followed regarding the number of tests/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 who choose to compete in Eventing are only eligible to compete in Show Horse, Preliminary, and Novice Dressage, and Jumping to 90cm 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.

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.
- It is an expectation that all riders attend the Opening Ceremony.
- Riders may leave the event after their competition day(s) are finished if granted permission by their State Team Manager.
- Riders are expected to attend the prize giving ceremonies for their discipline and for other disciplines if they are on site.
- Victorian riders who live in proximity to WPNEC and riders staying off site, are encouraged to return for daily ceremonies and the closing ceremony.
- Entries (all class, medical etc fees) shall be submitted by the qualified rider's parent or guardian or by the EA State Branch or Chef d'Equipe, depending on the process agreed by each State.
- Stabling/camping fees shall be submitted online via CONFIRM

All entries must be done online:

- Entries are to be made online via <https://eventsecretary.com.au/equestrian/21504> by the close of entries.
- At the close of entries, each State will be provided with a report by the OC to validate the entries and check the correct classes for the entries received.
- Where entries are received from ineligible riders, these will be refunded less a \$55 administration fee.
- Stable allocations and camping will be undertaken in State blocks after entries have closed. No individual requests will be catered for. Each State will be allocated permanent, portable stables and yards.
- 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:	\$245 per horse per class
Eventing:	\$245 per horse per class
Show Jumping:	\$245 per horse per class
Dressage:	\$245 per horse per class (Inter 1 & PSG \$120 per class)
All Abilities:	\$245 per horse per class
Combined Training:	\$245 per horse per class
Pas De Deux:	\$120 per combination
Administration Fee:	\$55 per entry
Medical Fee:	\$35 per rider
Facility Fee (payable via nominate to WPNEC)	\$20 per horse / per day or \$80 for duration of the event
EADMC Fee	\$15 per horse

*The Pas De Deux is to be organised through the State Chef D'Equipe/Team Manager.
Each state will be eligible to enter 4 combinations for the Pas De Deux.
The entries for the Pas De Deux will be made through Eventsecretary.
Entries will open Monday 7th September.*

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REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS

Prior to Close of Entries

- A full refund less a \$55 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 - WPNEC

- Any withdrawals before and including the 11th of September (11:59pm) will receive a full refund less a \$50 administration fee, providing they are accompanied by a Medical or Veterinary Certificate within 7 days of the date of the withdrawal.
- Any withdrawals after the 11th 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 should 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.

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 \$55 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 Eventing).

Facilities and Venue

THE LOCATION

The Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre is a state of the art facility located in Werribee. It is situated in the Werribee precinct next door to the Werribee Mansion, Werribee Open Range Zoo and many other sights of interest.

Local shops, cafes, restaurants, hotels and motels are located a short 5-minute drive from the facility.

Melbourne Airport is approximately 35-minute drive from the centre.

WERRIBEE PARK INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE (WPNEC) FACILITIES

WPNEC is the largest facility of its kind in Victoria, comprising two large indoor arenas, multiple outdoor arenas, general purpose grass arena and two polo fields, 181 stables, 396 day yards, 375 campsites, amenities, administration buildings and an international level cross country course.

For venue maps and more details go to <https://www.wpneec.com.au/>

Accommodation

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

ACCOMMODATION

Local Accommodation

- Mansion Hotel - K Road Werribee (03) 9731 4000
- Holiday Inn - Synot Street Werribee (03) 87313030
- Quest - Synot Street Werribee (03) 8744 6000
- Werribee Park Motor Inn - Duncans Road Werribee (03) 9741 7222
- Werribee South Caravan Park - 39 Beach Road Werribee South (03) 9742 1755

Hire Caravan companies include:

- Eastern Caravan Hire - 0400 679 744
- Caravan For Hire - (03) 525 05132

All Abilities

All Abilities riders must hold a current EA Interschool Exemption Card, Para or Virtus classification, and States must supply any relevant information about rider needs.

Each State may have a team of four All Abilities Show Horse riders in line with other disciplines.

These States allocate the riders to the qualified classes they do not have grading on their EA Interschool Exemption Card.

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Stables & Camping

STABLES & CAMPING - WPNEC

Stables and camping will be allocated in State sections.

Stabling and camping bookings will open August 19th. Every horse must have a stable or yard booked before the close of facilities bookings on September 2, 2026, via <https://www.nominate.com.au> if staying at the venue.

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.

Arrival and Departure of Horses

- Arrival Days/Times are listed below:
 - Saturday 26th September: 12:00pm to 5pm
 - Sunday 27th September: 7am to 2pm
 - Monday 28th September: 7am to 10am
 - Tuesday 29th September: 7am to 10am
 - Wednesday 30th September: 7am to 10am
 - Thursday 1st Oct: 7am to 9am
- 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.
- **Bio security, Horse registrations will be required on arrival.**
- Full arrival procedures will be provided closer to event date.

All horses must vacate the venue by 9am Friday 2nd October.

HORSE TRUCKS AND FLOATS

Parking of all vehicles and trailers is to be in the designated areas only. Day stay floats and vehicles will be in a designated area adjacent to day yards. Vehicles not used for camping will need to be parked in the designated car parks.

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Bicycles must be ridden with a helmet.

WPNEC is a 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. Helmets must be worn at all times.

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

E-scooters are banned at WPNEC please do not bring them with you.

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DOGS

Dogs are allowed on site, they must either be on a lead with their owner or tied up or in a cage/pen at the vehicle. Owners MUST clean up after their dogs!

No dogs are allowed in or around the competition arena/s at any time.

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 Horse Health Declaration form (HHD). 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 HHD 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 Horse Health Declaration (HHD) form. This must be handed to Vet on arrival for the vet check.
- b. Any sick horses may be isolated or removed from the contact with other horses

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Practice Areas and Team Allocations

Practice arenas and separate lungeing pens and their availability will be allocated prior to the event. The training areas will be overseen by stewards and each team's Chef d'Equipe/State Team representative.

MEETING OF CHEFS D'EQUIPE

A meeting of all State Chefs d'Equipe will occur before the event via Zoom at a time to be advised. A schedule of further meetings, during the event, will be advised.

VOLUNTEERING

This event will rely heavily on volunteers to assist in running events. SignUp 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 23rd September 2026 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 event SignUp will be activated when the provisional 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.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Individuals will receive points in each class. Points are allocated in each class from 1st place (i.e. 35,34,33,32,...1). The points received in each class are totalled to decide the Champion, Reserve Champion and 3rd to 6th individual 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 30 points, two riders may be awarded 7th place so each will be awarded 28.5 points, then the next placed rider would be awarded 9th and 27 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. Points are only allocated for Championship placings.

Rugs will be awarded to the Champion Team (4 riders) in each discipline.
Medals will be awarded to teams placing Reserve & 3rd.

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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 220.2.1.2

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 Interschool 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

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 TROPHIES

The **Harry le Bherz Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the state with the highest accumulated points across all team riders in all classes. In order to have a more equitable application of State Team points across disciplines, the State Team points will be awarded on the Championship rankings not individual phases: Dressage (10), Show Horse (6), Show Jumping (10), Horse Trials (4), Combined Training (8), All Abilities Dressage (1), All Abilities Show Horse (1)

The **Equestrian Australia Interschool Trophy:** This is awarded to the state with the highest accumulated points with less than 50 riders. Points counted per class for state riders same as for the overall and then divided by the number of riders in that state to give the total.

Attendance at presentations is compulsory for all riders 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. All daily presentations are unmounted. NOTE: **Placings will be awarded in the ring for Show Jumping phases.**

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OPENING CEREMONY– SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Sunday 27th September 2026 commencing at 4.00pm with the Unmounted Parade March Assembly. It is essential that all horse/competitors must be onsite by 3 pm Sunday to have horses and camping arrangements settled before attending the Opening Ceremony. This will be followed by a family welcome BBQ.

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 EventSecretary. We encourage you to download the link for ease of accessing results.

Competition Schedule

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

	Saturday 26th	Sunday 27th	Monday 28th	Tuesday 29th	Wednesday 30th	Thursday 1 Oct
SHOW HORSE	Bump In	Bump In	Primary Inter & Senior			
DRESSAGE	Bump In	Bump In	PSG Pas De Deux	Preliminary Primary Elementary Inter 1	Novice Prim Inter Sen Medium	Preliminary Inter Sen Advanced
SHOW JUMPING	Bump In	Bump In		All heights Round 1	All heights Round 2	All heights Round 3
EVENTING	Bump In	Bump In	Dressage	Cross Country	Jumping	
COMBINED TRAINING	Bump In	Bump In	Dressage	Jumping		
ALL ABILITIES	Bump In	Bump In	Show Horse & Dressage			

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Show Horse Championships

Entry Cost \$245 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	Show Horse Intermediate	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH4	Show Hunter Intermediate	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH5	Show Horse Senior	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH6	Show Hunter Senior	Led, Rider Class and Ridden

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)
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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)
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All Abilities – Riders must have a current EA Interschool Exemption Card to compete

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 suitable for All Abilities rider)

Show Horse workouts are available on the AIC Website: ausequestrianinterschoolchamps.org.au

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Show Horse Championships

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Judged under EA National Show Horse Rules (effective 1 January 2025) in conjunction with the Interschool Show Horse Rules (effective 1 Jan 2026).

- Conflicts of Interest MUST be submitted in writing through State Team Managers, to the Event Organisers when the judges' list is released.
- Judging and scoring as per EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules.
- Riders must complete all three phases in the class on the same horse.
- **Led and Ridden phases** will have a timed block draw, and all riders will complete an individual workout. There will be a final line up where all competitors are expected to present to the judge for final judging.
- Rider classes will have an individual workout time.
- 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 or Show Hunter.
- State emblem/logo must be displayed on the riders' jacket
- State browband may be worn in all classes, including Show Hunter, without penalty
- Numnah and breastplates can be worn.
- Hunter Jackets may be worn in Show Hunter classes.

SCORING

As per EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules.

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Show Horse Championships

SHOW HORSE - ALL ABILITIES

All Abilities Show Horse will comprise 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 suitable for an All-Abilities rider)

To be eligible for any Championship, riders must compete in all three phases.

Workouts can be accessed via the AIC website [HERE](#)

Minor Championships will be awarded in each category. Riders must compete in each phase to be eligible for a Championship. The Show Horse Championship for State Team points will be ranked on total points over the three phases for all riders. If points are equal, the rider class score is used. If this is equal, both riders will be awarded Champion.

Championship points for State teams will be used for either the All Abilities or Open Show Horse classes

Any rider also competing in Open Show Horse, at the competition, must ride Category 4 Advanced

CLASS	CLASS NAME	MUST COMPLETE ALL PHASES
SH7	Introductory	Walk Only Workouts as A
SH8	Developing	Walk-Trot Workouts as B no canter
SH9	Progressive	Walk-Trot-Canter Workouts as B
SH10	Advanced	Walk-Trot-Canter Workouts With Technical Elements as C

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Dressage Championships

Entry Cost \$245 per Class

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 Prelim	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	Open Elementary	Elementary 3.2, Elementary 3.3 (2023)
D8	Open Medium	Medium 4.2, Medium 4.3 (2023)
D9	Advanced	Advanced 5.2, Advanced 5.3 (2023)
D10	Prix St Georges*	FEI Prix St Georges (2009, updated 2026)
D11	Inter 1*	FEI Intermediate 1 (2009, updated 2026)
D12	Pas De Deux	Test as per AIC website

*PSG & Inter 1 will be awarded as FEI Small Tour. Riders must compete & post a score in both classes to be eligible for the Championship.

Dressage Championships

DRESSAGE TESTS - ALL ABILITIES

If riders choose not to ride both tests, they will be ineligible for the Championship.

For Neurodevelopmental/Virtus eligible riders, as per the Virtus Dressage tests, the first halt at the beginning of the test is not required.

All Abilities riders must hold a current EA Interschool Exemption Card, Para or Virtus classification, and States must supply any relevant information about rider needs. Each State may have a team of four All Abilities Show Horse riders in line with other disciplines.

These States allocate the riders to the qualified classes they do not have grading on their EA Interschool Exemption Card.

Tests can be accessed via the AIC website found [HERE](#)

CLASS NO	CLASS	TESTS
D1A	Category 1 (Introductory-Walk-Only)	EA PD Grade I Preparatory Test (20x40m Arena) - 1/7/23
D1B	Category 1 (Introductory-Walk-Only)	EA PD Grade I Preliminary Test (20x40m Arena) - 1/7/23
D2A	Category 2 (Developing-Walk-Trot)	EA PD Grade III Novice Test (20x40m Arena) - 1/7/23
D2B	Category 2 (Developing-Walk-Trot)	EA PD Grade III Elementary Test (20mx40m Arena) - 1/7/23
D3A	Category 3 (Progressive-Walk-Trot-Canter)	EA PD Grade IV Preliminary Test (20mx60m Arena) - 1/7/23
D3B	Category 3 (Progressive-Walk-Trot-Canter)	EA PD Grade V Preliminary Test (20mx60m Arena) - 1/7/23
D4A	Category 4 (Advanced-Walk-Trot-Canter)	EA PD Grade V Novice Test (20x60m Arena) - 1/7/23
D4B	Category 4 (Advanced-Walk-Trot-Canter)	EA PD Grade V Elementary Test (20x60m Arena) - 1/7/23

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Dressage Championships

The Pas De Deux is to be organised through the State Chef D'Equipe/Team Manager. 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 <https://eventsecretary.com.au/equestrian/21504> when indicated by the host State. Tests will be available on the AIC website.

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Dressage will be run in accordance with EA Dressage Competition Rules.

Dressage tests (updated January 2026) 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.
- **Primary riders may have Preliminary and Novice tests called.** No callers permitted at other levels without an EA Exemption.
- Starting order will be according to a random draw.
- All Dressage tests will be run in accordance with the 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).
- Only snaffle bits are allowed unless competing at Medium or above.
- Use of spurs as per Dressage Discipline Rules.
- Bridle numbers must be worn on both sides of the horse and are the allocated 3-digit competition number. State-issued dressage bridle numbers used in official competitions are not to be used.
- Those who have used hoof black in Show Horse on Monday will not be penalized.

ALL ABILITIES EA INTERSCHOOL EXEMPTION CARDS-DRESSAGE AND SHOW HORSE

In order that any athlete with additional needs may compete in Dressage and Show Horse, an exemption scheme has been established by EA. The card does not mention the rider's disability; however, it does provide Stewards and Judges with information about specific exemptions from various rules.

Either an EA Interschool Exemption Card, a Para Equestrian Classification Card or a Virtus Classification Card is acceptable. Once the card is issued, the rider is permitted to have alternative equipment and/or conditions as mentioned on their identification card at Interschool competitions in open or specific All Abilities classes in Australia.

Applications for the EA Interschool Exemption Card: <https://form.jotform.com/260550730416046>

SCORING

As per EA National Dressage Rules.

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Eventing Championships

Entry Cost \$245 per Class

CLASS NO	CLASS	TESTS	LINK TO TEST
E1	EvA 80cm	Eventing Test B 80cm (2025)	EV Test B 80cm 2025
E2	EvA 95cm	Eventing Test B 95cm (2020)	6.Ev-Test-B-95-2020.pdf
E3	CCN1*	CCN 1* B Test (2020)	EvTestB CCN1* 2020
E4	CCN2*	FEI 2026 2* C Test	FEI 2026 2* C test

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Riders competing in Eventing may enter other disciplines as stated in the rules, on the same horse. This is subject to scheduling and horse welfare.
- All horses must be 4 years of age or older.
- State teams can submit up to 6 riders per class.
- Horses and riders must be qualified to compete at the relevant level according to the EA Interschool & Eventing Rules.
- EvA80-Callers and the use of whips are permitted in the Dressage phase, as National Eventing rules**
- Dress and Saddlery: According to EA National Eventing Rules.
- Starting order: By draw as per EA Eventing 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 numbers for dressage and jumping, back numbers 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.

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Combined Training Championships

Entry Cost \$245 per Class

CLASS NO	CLASS	TESTS/HEIGHTS	LINK TO TEST
CT1	Primary 50cm	Eventing Test A 45-60 (2020)	EvA 45 & 60cm Test A (2020)
CT2	Primary 65cm	Eventing Test B 45-60 (2020)	EvA Test B 45-60 2020
CT3	Primary 80cm	Eventing Test A 80 (2020)	EvA 80cm Test A (2020)
CT4	Secondary 65cm	Eventing Test B 45-60 (2020)	EvA 45 & 60cm Test B (2020)
CT5	Secondary 80 cm	Eventing Test B 80 (2025)	EvA Test B 80 2025
CT6	Secondary 95cm	Eventing Test C 95 (2026)	EvA Test C 95 2026
CT7	Secondary 105cm	Eventing Test B CCN1* (2020)	EvA Test B CCN1* 2020

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- All horses must be 4 years of age or older.
- Age of Riders: as per National Interschool 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 Tests: Callers are permitted up to and including EvA80cm as per national Eventing rules
- 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.
- **Whips are** allowed in the dressage phase up to and including EvA80cm. 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 \$245 per Class

CLASS NO	CLASS	Article Numbers for Event
SJ1	Primary 70cm	Article 220.2.1.1 & Article 222.2.3 & Article 220.2.1.2
SJ2	Primary 80cm	Article 220.2.1.1 & Article 222.2.3 & Article 220.2.1.2
SJ3	Primary 90cm	Article 220.2.1.1 & Article 222.2.3 & Article 220.2.1.2
SJ4	Intermediate 90cm	Article 220.2.1.1 & Article 222.2.3 & Article 220.2.1.2
SJ5	Senior 90cm	Article 220.2.1.1 & Article 222.2.3 & Article 220.2.1.2
SJ6	Intermediate 100cm	Article 220.2.1.1 & Article 222.2.3 & Article 220.2.1.2
SJ7	Senior 100cm	Article 220.2.1.1 & Article 222.2.3 & Article 220.2.1.2
SJ8	Secondary 110cm	Article 220.2.1.1 & Article 222.2.3 & Article 220.2.1.2
SJ9	Secondary 120cm	Article 220.2.1.1 & Article 222.2.3 & Article 220.2.1.2

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- All Jumping will be run in accordance with current EA Rules updated 1st January 2026 in the EA Jumping Competition Rules.
- Horses must be 4 years of age or older.
- Riders may compete in two 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 height class for approximately 15 minutes.
- Riders must ride in the order of the draw, unless permission is granted by the Jumping Coordinator, and must not hold up proceedings on the day.
- Course plans will be posted at the entry gate.
- Final draw will indicate which article number will be run on each day for each height, as these may vary between days.

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Jumping Championships continued

JUMPING CLASSES

One Round under Table A Article 220.2.1.1 (Old 238.2.1)

Riders 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.

Special Two-Phase Article 222.2.3 (Old 274.2)

- 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.
- Riders 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
• Table A • Not against the clock • Minimum 5 – Maximum 7 obstacles	• Table A • Against the clock • Remaining obstacles (total of minimum 11 and maximum 13 obstacles in both phases)	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.

One Round with Jump off under Table A Article 220.2.1.2 (Old 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 riders 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 The Event Code of Conduct must be signed by all parents/guardians

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 Event Organisers 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 \$200, 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 Event Organisers 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 State Branch Manager of the relevant EA State Branch in accordance with EA Disciplinary By-Laws.

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Miscellaneous

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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 excessively or beat a horse;
- 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 desensitise any part of a horse;
- To leave a horse without adequate food, drink or exercise; and
- To use any device or equipment that 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.

EVENT ORGANISATION

In exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the Chefs d'Equipe and the Ground Jury, 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 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.