

INTERSCHOOL QUEENSLAND HANDBOOK



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INTRODUCTION

This handbook will provide the necessary information for all riders to enjoy an informed and successful competition year. Please feel free to contact Interschool Queensland if you are unable to source specific information from this handbook.

IQ is a Sports Committee of Equestrian Queensland Inc (EQ) and as such is supported administratively and financially by the EQ Board and State Office in the same manner as all EQ Sport Committees. Riders involved in IQ events are required to be members of EQ and gain all the rights and privileges that are attached to this membership.

To the best of our ability all information in this document is correct at time of printing however every eventuality cannot be provided for. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Discipline Convenor, in consultation with the Sport Committee, Technical Delegate or Ground Jury to make decisions in a sporting manner and as closely as possible within the intention of this Handbook.

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1 HISTORY OF THE INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

The first Inter High School Equestrian competition was run by Lorette Wigan at Pine Lodge in 1984. Interschool Equestrian has evolved through various forms to its current structure. Once it came under the umbrella of the then EFAQ, it became known as the Queensland Inter-School Equestrian Association (QISEA). QISEA eventually became a Sports Committee of Equestrian Queensland with subsequent name changes to Interschool Equestrian Queensland. To be bought in line with EA sports committee naming protocols it is now known as Interschool Queensland (IQ).

The first president of the committee under the QISEA structure was the late Harry LeBherz OAM. Harry was passionate about all equestrian sports and as a FEI Official and a selector of Australian gold medal-winning Eventing Teams, he knew the elite end of the sport well. However, he was equally passionate about supporting young riders, and QISEA became the focus of Harry's energy over the last years of his life and he steered QISEA through a strong period of growth in membership.

The QLD Championships became more prominent and professional each year. In 2005 in recognition of their development they were awarded the 'Equestrian Queensland Event of the Year'. Harry was instrumental in developing the Inter-School competition outside Queensland. In 2005 he attended the first national planning meeting to establish The Australian National Inter-School Competition which was first held in 2008 in Toowoomba. This level of competition continues to this day.

2. INTERSCHOOL QUEENSLAND MISSION STATEMENT

'To develop the individual through the discipline of equestrian sport'

In order to achieve this the four main objectives are:

- To promote equine education and equestrian sport in school programs within Queensland;
- To provide a competition structure that will give opportunities for Queensland Interschool riders to progress to an Australian level with the aim of developing excellence in equestrian sport;
- To encourage the development of discipline, character, sportsmanship, teamwork and a sense of achievement in Interschool riders in Queensland; and
- To reward and educate riders in horsemanship and horse management with the aim of creating a competitive sporting environment that places the welfare of the horse at the fore.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

This section of the handbook provides general information about the structure of the Interschool Competition and some general rules and regulations that apply to all competitors and parents. This handbook should be used in conjunction with the EA Interschool Rules and EA Discipline Rules.

3.1 IQ Structure

Interschool Queensland is managed by a committee of elected representatives who hold a rotational three- year term of office. These positions, when vacant, are filled by member nominations who are voted on at the annual general meeting each year. Further information on the structure and elections of EQ sport committees can be found in the [EQ constitution](#) and [sport committee membership policy](#).

The IQ committee is responsible for the organization of Interschool Competitions in Queensland and the annual State Championships. The contact details of those currently holding positions on this Committee can be found on the EQ website.

3.2 Regions

As Queensland is such a large state, five regions have been defined to facilitate the coordination of interschool competitions and to ensure that sufficient opportunities for competitions, training and development are available for all interschool riders regardless of their location. Some regions are managed by Sub-Committees. These are volunteer groups generally consisting of parents and other experienced adults. They work closely with and report to the IQ committee to host competitions and to take advantage of training and other developmental opportunities. These groups are also responsible for running the relevant regional championships for that region.

3.2.1 The Regions Defined

The Regions for IQ competition are based on the Queensland School Sport regions as detailed below. If unsure which QSS region your school belongs to, please ask the administration at your school or check with the [Queensland School Sport website](#).

The South East Queensland Region incorporates the Queensland School Sport regions of Metropolitan East, Metropolitan West, Metropolitan North and South Coast.

The Darling Downs and South West Queensland Region incorporates the Queensland School Sport regions of Darling Downs and South Western.

The Wide Bay Region incorporates the Queensland School Sport regions of Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay.

The Central Queensland Region incorporates the Queensland School Sport region of Capricornia.

The Far North Queensland Region incorporates the Queensland School Sport regions of North Western, Northern and Peninsula.

3.2.2 Determining Your Region

The competition region you belong to is generally, determined by the location of the school you attend and not by your residential address. Details of schools and their regions can be found on the [Queensland School Sport website](#).

1. Riders who attend boarding school in one region but live in another region, and who may therefore be unable to attend school based qualifying days during the school term, may attend the regional championships in any region to gain eligibility for the State Championships and to represent their school. In this event it is important to contact the EQ Sports Development Officer or Regional IQ Committee to register intent to compete in a specified regional championship (usually in the region in which you reside).
2. Interstate residents who are boarders at Qld schools may submit qualifying results from competitions in their home state at the discretion of the IQ Committee. Please discuss this with the discipline convenor first to ensure the events are considered suitable as qualifiers.
3. NSW riders who attend schools within 100km of the border are eligible to compete in the Queensland Interschool Competition provided they become an Equestrian Queensland member and their school registers for the QLD Interschool competition. The NSW rider will compete in the closest Queensland region to their NSW school.

4. Riders in *some* regions are permitted a reduced number of qualifiers in order to attend States. This is due to the reduced number of competitions available to riders in these regions. The table below outlines the regions and number of qualifiers required.
5. Riders who attend boarding school in a region requiring full qualifications, but, who live in a region requiring reduced qualifiers may apply to the IQ committee to be eligible to submit the number of qualifiers required for their home region.

<u>Regions</u>	<u>Sport Regions</u>	<u>Sport Districts</u>	<u>IQ Qualifiers Required</u>
South East	Met East	Bayside, Composite, Logan, Lytton, Mt Gravatt, South	Full
	Met North	City, Central, North, North West, North West Independent, Pine Rivers	Full
	Met West	Brisbane Independent boys/girls, Central, Fassifern, Greenbank, Inala, Ipswich, Ipswich Independent, Karawatha, Lockyer, Lockyer Sec, Sunnybank, West Akuna, West Brisbane, West Taylor Bridge, Yagera	Full
Wide Bay	Sunshine Coast	Caboolture, Coastal, Glass House, Nambour, Noosa, Redcliffe	Full
	Wide Bay	Bundaberg, Maryborough, North Bundaberg, South Bundaberg, Gympie, Hervey Bay, North Burnett, South Burnett,	Reduced
Central	Capricornia	Rockhampton, Port Curtis, Mackay, Central Highlands	Reduced
Far North	North West	Gulf, Mid- West, Central West and Mt Isa	Reduced
	Northern	Burdekin, Charters Towers, Herbert River, Thuringowa, Townsville, Whitsundays	Reduced
	Peninsula	Atherton, Barron, Cairns, Cooktown, Douglas, Etheridge, Evelyn Tableland, Mareeba, Mulgrave, Silkwood, Torres Strait, Tully, Central Cape	Reduced
Darling Downs and South West	Darling Downs	Bunya, Inner Downs, Granite, Lockyer, MacIntyre, Southern Downs, Toowoomba central, Toowoomba Range, Toowoomba West	Full
	South West	Balonne, Charleville, Chinchilla, Cunnamulla, Miles, Roma, Tara	Reduced

4. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

IQ membership and eligibility for competitions are based on 3 main principles:

- That the rider's school is a financially paid up member (Section 4.1);
- That the rider is a member of EA (Section 4.2);
- That riders compete and record competition qualifications on the basis of a unique horse and rider number registered with IQ for each horse they intend to compete (Section 4.2.1);
- That all horses are registered with their state branch (Section 4.3).

4.1 School Membership

To compete in the IQ competition each school must be a current financial member and the membership fee needs to be accompanied by a signed membership application available from the [EQ website](#). Schools must renew their membership each year in order for riders to be eligible to compete. Organising committees will check that schools are financial members before accepting nominations from riders.

4.2 Rider Membership

Riders must be a Competitor member of EQ. Interschool regional events from Rockhampton and north only require EA Participant membership. For the IQ State Championships and all other interschool events in Qld, they are classed as competitive activities and EA Competitor membership is required.

4.2.1 IQ Numbers

Each horse and rider combination will be issued an IQ number which is used to identify that specific combination in competitions. IQ competitions are based on horse and rider combinations and it is important to avoid confusion between different numbers for the same rider/different horses.

In *all* disciplines these IQ numbers have to be attached to both sides of the horse (either on the saddlecloth or bridle) whenever competing on that horse with the exception of Eventing¹ and Show Horse² (see below). No rider can compete without their IQ number attached in any IQ competition. The IQ number should also be displayed on the horse at any time the horse is being ridden or lunged on the grounds at an event. The IQ number template can be found on the [website](#) or alternatives may be used (e.g. bridle or saddle cloth number holders).

Every horse and rider combination that competes in the Interschool competition must have a unique IQ number.

4.2.2 Standard Uniform Requirements

Each member school shall register a uniform (or a range of uniforms) for their team at the time of their membership. The following uniform requirements are standard for all riders in all disciplines at IQ events:

- Riders must compete in their registered school equestrian uniform.
- A stock and tie pin and/or school tie may also be specified.
- Schools may also specify a particular coloured jodhpur/breeches (must be light coloured ie white, off white, beige etc). This colour may vary with different disciplines, however must adhere to EA discipline rules.
- The uniform may also include a jacket, jumper, vest or spray jacket which can vary with each discipline as determined by the school.
- Each School may specify a school saddle cloth which may include the school crest or badge.
- Schools are reminded that an expensive or extensive uniform is not a requirement of IQ competition and may deter potential newcomers.

In addition to these standard uniform requirements, there are also some specific equipment requirements for individual disciplines and these are outlined in the rules pertaining to each discipline in EA discipline rules, EA Interschool rules and latter sections of this handbook.

Interschool riders should be aware that they must follow official discipline rules with regard to rider outfit and saddlecloths at non-IQ (EA) competitions and tag-on days unless school equestrian uniform is allowed at the discretion of the OC. The relevant program will contain this information.

¹For eventing competitions, riders are allocated with competition numbers for each event. Riders are to display these numbers in all phases of the event. IQ numbers can be displayed in addition but are not required. For more information about regulations specific to eventing see section 10.

²For Show Horse competitions, breast plate numbers may be used.

4.3 Horse Membership and Rules

The following are some general principles that apply to horses being used for competitions in IQ events. These are in addition to the EA Interschool Rules and EA Discipline Rules.

1. As a minimum requirement all horses competing in IQ events must be EA Base Registered. EA Life Registration is required in any competitive or 'above the line'³ classes, as well as any class at the State Championships or National Championships.
2. Horses must be entered for events with their full registered names and the correct IQ number for the horse/rider combination. The OC has the discretion to shorten the horse name in the draw for publication purposes.
3. It is recommended that all horse ownership and/or identity documents be brought to events in case verification is required. It is compulsory to bring these documents to State and National Championships.
4. If the horse has an EA grading the rider must abide by the relevant EA discipline rules governing the level at which that horse may be entered.
5. Only horses entered in actual competitions are allowed in the warm-up and competition areas.
6. Horses are not to be ridden by anyone other than the rider nominated on the draw at events until the whole event is concluded except for as per point 7 & 8 below. This ruling applies even if a horse has completed its competitions at an event. Some disciplines have rules as to how long **before** commencement of competition a horse may only be ridden by the nominated rider. Please refer to discipline rules and event conditions of entry.
7. A horse can be ridden by more than one sibling rider at an event providing: it is in different disciplines; each rider has their unique IQ number for that particular horse and the horse does not compete in more than the maximum number of tests/sections allowed in the day by EA discipline rules. This rule does not apply to the annual National Championships.
8. Where event programs allow, a rider may compete on more than one horse provided each horse and rider combination is registered with IQ.
9. This is a school sport where the focus is on the rider/student performance and not the mount. Under prescribed circumstances substitution of horses is allowed for **IQ events only** but not substitution of riders which is the *opposite* of some official EA discipline rules (e.g. dressage). Programs for events will detail this ruling and how riders are to manage and notify the OC of any such changes.
- 10. At all times when considering competing in multiple disciplines and/or multiple classes, horse and rider welfare must be paramount.**

³ Competitive or 'Above the line' classes are classified as Elementary and above for Dressage; 1.05m and above for Jumping and Preliminary and above for Eventing. Refer to the [EA membership structure](#)

5 THE INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION STRUCTURE

All IQ events are run under EA and IQ Rules. IQ have a range of class levels to encourage all riders to participate at a safe level that will challenge their ability while providing a good standard for all. Some classes go to States and Nationals, while others don't. Refer to each discipline section within this handbook for which classes are qualifiers for Regional, State and National Championships.

Competitions are generally conducted throughout the year by sport committees, schools and EA clubs. It is also important that riders and their families check the calendar of events regularly to inform themselves of competitions in their region. The online calendar can be found at: <http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/interschool/events/calendar> and a printable pdf version can be found at: <http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/interschool/information/calendar>

There are two types of competition in which Interschool riders can compete. The first are **interschool competitions** where only interschool riders compete and the second are "**tag on**" competitions where EA club competitions, open to more than just IQ riders, have been approved as IQ qualifying events. This means that scores from such events can count towards qualifying criteria for entry to the State Championships.

With the 'Tag on' events it is important for Interschool riders to carefully read the event program to make sure that they select the appropriate IQ qualifying classes. Sometimes only nominated classes are specified as IQ qualifiers. Interschool riders are also able to compete in other classes in these competitions however results from all tests will not automatically be able to be used as qualifying scores for nomination for the State Championships.

As Eventing Competitions are not individually hosted by the Interschool committee, the competition schedule is found on the Equestrian Queensland Eventing calendar. All these competitions are interschool qualifiers for State nominations.

The state team is selected immediately after the state championships. Please refer to selection process and criteria in the relevant section of this handbook.

In addition, the EQ website is an important source of general information about Equestrian Sport. IQ qualifying events can be found on the EQ calendar. You will also find rules and information for each discipline as well as equestrian news at <http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/>

5.1 The competition year

The official competition year which determines the qualifying period for the State Championships is the twelve months preceding the close of nominations for the State Championships.

5.2 Primary and Secondary Riders

Refer to the EA Interschool Rules for information about classification of Primary and Secondary riders, and Intermediate/Senior divisions.

5.3 Year 12 riders

In consideration of the significant school commitments of year 12 students, these riders may be required to submit fewer results for each discipline for the State Championships. Please check each discipline's qualifying requirements.

5.4 Determining the Appropriate Level at Which to Compete

Every competitor must abide by EA grading rules when applicable (see sections on each discipline for grading rules). If in doubt about the level of competition to enter, please seek advice of an EA qualified coach. The IQ Committee openly discourages parents and/or coaches, from either coercing or inappropriately encouraging a rider to compete at a level beyond their capability or that of their mount. Safety for both athlete and horse is paramount.

5.5 Teams

Team competitions are offered at some qualifying events and at the State and Australian Championships. Each competition program will outline whether a team competition is being offered and what prizes will be offered. Some competitions require a minimum number of teams before the awarding of team prizes and ribbons this should also be mentioned in the program.

It is suggested that team events at IQ Competitions should be scored as per the teams scoring rules for the IQ State Championships as below unless stated otherwise in the event program by the OC.

- Teams are not pre-nominated, they are determined at the completion of the competition from the riders' placing points. Riders who are eliminated totally from a discipline cannot be a member of a team for that discipline.
- A team consists of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) **individual** riders from the one school. A rider may only be a member of one team per discipline. Riders with more than one horse will have the horse with the highest point score counted towards team results. Schools may have multiple teams however the first 4 ranked competitors make up the first team and the next 3 or 4 additional riders then count towards the second team and so on. A school cannot have 2 or more teams of only 3 riders.
- When calculating a team score, the points of the top three individuals within the team are counted. The fourth member's points (if there is one) are used only to determine the outcome in the case of a tie. See Section 14.7– Calculating Tied Team Scores

5.6 Para-Equestrian and Riders with a Disability

Riders with a disability are highly encouraged to compete at interschool level.

In order that any athlete with a disability may compete in Interschool classes on equal terms, riders may seek to be classified within the Equestrian Australia Para-Equestrian system and issued with a Para-Equestrian Identification (EA PE ID) card. Refer to the EA Interschool Rules for further information about exemption cards.

5.6.1 *Classes for Para-Equestrians and Riders with a Disability*

These may be offered at IQ Dressage, Showman (3-Phase only) or Show Horse competitions and also may be offered at the State Championships in the applicable disciplines only. Any interested competitors, schools or organizing committees should contact the Interschool Committee for further information. These classes will be eligible for points for championships and teams' competitions.

6. STANDARD RULES AND CODES OF CONDUCT

All members of IQ shall accept and be bound by the rules of EA, EQ & IQ. Competitions in each discipline are conducted in accordance with the [EA General Regulations](#) and the EA Discipline Rules with some additional rules as set out in this Handbook. All participants have a responsibility to abide by any sport specific Rules and Regulations.

Riders need to be familiar with the rules that apply to the particular discipline/s in which they intend to compete. Please refer to the current versions online as these rules are regularly updated. Current rules can be found at www.equestrian.org.au.

Refer to the EA Interschool Rules and EA website for Codes of Conduct, protection policies and information regarding disciplinary procedures and yellow cards.

6.1 Competition objections and disputes

At every competition there is a possibility that there may be mistakes made in relation to scoring or the eligibility of riders to compete in that competition. Any objections at competitions must be made to the TD within thirty minutes of the event giving rise to the objection.

For information on Protests and Appeals refer to the EA General Regulations and EA sport rules for the relevant discipline. Individual riders or their parents **MUST NOT** approach the organising committee of an event or the technical delegate with an objection, rather they are to work through their nominated school representative on the day.

We remind riders that IQ events are organized and conducted by volunteers. These people invest many hours of their own time and make every effort to manage events in a professional manner. If errors occur, we request patience while endeavouring to correct any problems. Any abuse, either by rider, parent or associated persons, aimed at any volunteer acting as an official at an IQ event will not be tolerated and may be subject to disciplinary processes as per EA Rules and Regulations.

6.2 Competition presentations

The IQ committee attempts to provide competition for interschool riders that not only develop their skills as equestrians but also as team players and sportspeople. To this end sportsmanship and team spirit are encouraged. A way of demonstrating respect for competitors and support for school teams and sponsors of the event is for riders to attend the presentation ceremonies at the conclusion of events.

In most cases it is an expectation that riders will remain for presentation regardless of whether or not they are being recognised with awards. For this reason, the following expectations are noted for competition presentation etiquette.

It is **compulsory** for **all** riders to attend presentations on the days they compete at **Regional and State Championships, and is highly recommended for all other days**. Failure to comply with this rule at the State Championships will result in penalties for the rider, including possible elimination, that will affect their individual results and may affect their school teams' results. Riders who qualify for a Queensland team position for the Australian Championships may forfeit that position.

Exemptions to this ruling are possible. Riders need to make an application for exemption to the organising committee of the event prior to the commencement of the competition on the day they

wish to leave early. The reason for the request is to be detailed. The organising committee will discuss the request and communicate their decision to the rider. In the case of emergencies, requests for exemption are to be made directly to the head of the organising committee or the TD.

6.3 Scratchings and substitutions

Refunds are not generally made for scratching after the closing date for nominations for competitions unless accompanied by a veterinary/medical certificate supplied to the event coordinator. The event schedule/program will include the event policy on refunds and substitutions. It is important for riders to notify the organising committee in a timely manner if they are unable to attend the competition as this may allow another competitor to take their place.

Substitutions are only possible with the permission of the Organising Committee. It is only possible to substitute a horse and not a rider at a competition. As the IQ competition is founded on the principle of unique horse/rider combinations, substitutions are only possible where there is a correctly registered IQ number for the new Horse/Rider combination. It is important to ensure that all event paperwork correctly records the change for the results.

6.4 Volunteers

IQ competitions rely on volunteers to assist in the running of the events. Generally, it is a requirement for each rider to nominate for a volunteer job at any IQ competition attended. More than one job may be allocated for riders who compete over a number of disciplines.

It is the responsibility of the rider and their support people to check volunteer rosters and to complete the tasks allocated. If for some reason it is not possible to complete the task, then the rider **must** ensure a substitute helper is found and the organising committee informed. It is especially important to note that, if the rider is withdrawing from the competition (scratching/non-attendance), the associated helper must still complete the task allocated or contact the OC about finding a substitute. It is recommended that Organising Committees advise the IQ committee of any non-compliance in this regard so that appropriate steps are taken to prevent this re-occurring.

In some IQ competitions failure to allocate a helper and/or to complete the task will result in disqualification from that competition. Any placings will also be forfeited and the rider will not be able to use the results as qualifying results for nomination for the State Championships. Please check the program information carefully to avoid disappointment in this regard. OCs have the right to refuse entries from competitors who repeatedly do not fulfil helper requirements.

6.5 Horse medication/swabbing

Horses and ponies ridden in EA competition must not compete under the influence of prohibited medications. The FEI defines what a prohibited substance is. The EA Anti-Doping and Medication Control By-Laws describe requirements for the drug testing of horses and ponies. These can be found in the [EA National Medication Control System & Swabbing Policy](#). Competitors should note that swabbing may occur at any event.

Further information on Medication Control and Clean Sport can be found on the [EQ website](#) and [EA website](#).

6.6 Safety at competitions

Refer to EA Interschool Rules

7.0 THE DRESSAGE COMPETITION

Currently the IQ State Championship Dressage Program includes classes from Preliminary to Intermediate I levels.



7.1 Rules particular to Dressage

All IQ dressage competitions will be run in accordance with [EA and FEI Rules](#) using the most current EA dressage tests. The competition By-Laws of IQ will apply where EA Rules are not applicable.

- Please be aware that there are important differences between rules for EA/IQ dressage, Pony Club dressage, Showman dressage and Eventing/CT dressage.
- Callers are allowed at all levels except for Secondary competitions at Regional and State Championships.⁴ Organizing committees of school qualifying competitions can allow callers at their discretion. Callers are not allowed at any level at Australian Championships. It is important to read the competition rules carefully to see if callers are allowed or not at individual competitions.
- If a horse/pony has an official dressage grading please refer to EA Dressage Rules for the level/s at which this horse/pony may compete. Please contact the EQ office if unsure of a grading;
- Riders do not present to the judges unless requested to do so. They must ride past the judges with numbers clearly visible on both sides of the horse;
- IQ competitors need to be aware that competition numbers allocated to the horse/rider combination for IQ competition are different to Official dressage competition numbers.
- Organising committees may, with the approval of IQ, include Secondary Intermediate divisions in suitable classes.

7.2 Uniform Requirements particular to Dressage

- It is strongly recommended that riders regularly visit the [National Dressage Rules](#) and current equipment annex to keep up to date with any amendments to permitted equipment.

7.3 Scoring in Dressage

Information regarding scoring can be found in the EA National Dressage Rules and EA Interschool Rules.

7.3.1 Champions and Reserve Champions for IQ Dressage

At certain events, where a class has two or more tests at that level, an overall Champion is awarded. Overall place getters for that class will be determined by adding the placing points from each test. If champion awards are to be presented in IQ competitions, then these are generally given for each **class** of competition.

The event schedule should nominate which tests are to be combined together as one class for champion and also for teams' points. Generally, the tests of the same level shall be counted for champions and team points.

⁴ For an exemption to this rule, apply in writing to the IQ Committee attaching relevant supporting documents

At some qualifiers and tag-on days, competitors may be able to enter in three tests however if the third test is at a different level, this will only count for placings for that test but not towards champion points or team points.

To determine champions and reserve champions if tied points occur, EA National Dressage Rules will be followed.

7.4 Regional, State and National Championships

At this stage it is proposed that the State Championship Program will permit riders to nominate 2 horses in a maximum of two dressage classes each providing qualifying criteria are met for each class, and assuming scheduling allows. For riders entering two official classes on a horse these classes must be at consecutive levels. Additionally, the EA National Dressage rule that a horse may enter and compete in no more than 3 tests in one day must also be observed. Horses can enter and compete in no more than 2 FEI-level tests per day. If competing in an EA FEI test horses can only compete in one other EA test on the day.

At regional championships, the number of permitted rides per rider and per horse is at the discretion of Regional Championship Organising Committees up to the maximum number of tests and levels per horse as per EA National Dressage Rules.

Table 1: Summary of Dressage Classes for Regional, State and Australian Championships

	Official classes for Regional Championships	State Championship Qualifier	Australian Championship Qualifier
PRIMARY CLASSES			
Preliminary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Novice	Yes	Yes	Yes
SECONDARY CLASSES			
Intermediate Preliminary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Senior Preliminary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intermediate Novice	Yes	Yes	Yes
Senior Novice	Yes	Yes	Yes
Elementary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Medium	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advanced/ PSG/ Inter I	Discretion of Organising Committee	Yes	Yes
Para	Yes (if required)	Yes (if required)	No
Freestyle	No	Unofficial Classes	Discretion of Organising Committee

7.5 State Qualifying Criteria

1. The qualifying period is the 12 months preceding the closing date of entries for State Championship (see section 14.2).
2. All riders should submit a minimum of 3 IQ test scores from at least 2 IQ competitions in the level at which they wish to compete (noting the exceptions in points 7 & 8). Riders are reminded that

ONLY events listed on the IQ calendar are approved IQ qualifying events (noting the exception outlined below in the next point).

3. Riders competing at Advanced, PSG or Inter I may use qualifiers from any EA two-star events, due to a lack of IQ competitions with classes at these levels. However, if IQ competitions with classes at these levels are run, riders are encouraged to support them.
4. For Secondary Senior and Secondary Intermediate classes at the Preliminary and Novice level, at least one of these submitted scores is required to be 58% with the other scores being a minimum of 55%.
5. For Secondary Senior and Secondary Intermediate classes at Elementary level and above, all three scores are required to be a minimum of 55%.
6. For Primary classes, all three scores are required to be a minimum of 55%.
7. Year 12 riders may submit 2 test scores from any IQ competition at their chosen level. These scores will be divided by 2 for balloting purposes. At the Preliminary and Novice level, at least one of these submitted scores is required to be 58% with the other scores being a minimum of 55%. At Elementary level and above, both scores are required to be a minimum of 55%.
8. Riders from the regions allowing a reduced number of qualifiers may submit 2 test scores from any IQ competition at their chosen level. These scores will be divided by 2 for balloting purposes. Preliminary and Novice - at least one of these submitted scores is required to be 58% with the other scores being a minimum of 55%. Elementary and above - both scores are required to be a minimum of 55%. Results from EA Competitive and Participant competitions may be considered for riders from these regions. If riders do not have EA scores, they are encouraged to send in any scores they have for the IQ Convenor's consideration. Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2.
9. Please note: Whilst all qualifying performances will be considered in the nomination process for the State Championships, this does not imply that riders with scores achieving the minimum standards are guaranteed a place. Balloting will be undertaken if entry numbers exceed class size limits. If classes reach maximum numbers, and balloting is required, the 3 scores will be added together and divided by 3 to get an average score to allow for ranking of the top qualifiers, who will be invited to compete (average of 2 scores in the cases mentioned in points 7 & 8 above).
10. Classes will be limited to 35 riders however there may be fewer accepted at the discretion of the OC depending on scheduling constraints and entry standards. The OC reserves the right to refuse an entry if it is deemed to be of insufficient standard for the event and the level entered. If nominations exceed the quota set by the OC, a reserve list may be kept.

8. THE JUMPING COMPETITION



IQ jumping events will include three jumping sections for all classes at State and Australian Interschool Championships. Qualifying events run by schools, regions or tag on days, may run a maximum of two jumping sections per day for each height. Horses may only start in two jumping classes per day.

Riders should take the time to determine the most appropriate riding height which should be both comfortable and challenging remembering that there will be a height rise in all jump offs. It is important to avoid 'over facing' either the horse or rider and safety should be paramount at all times. If you have questions regarding this please contact the jumping convenor.

8.1 Jumping Classes

Competitions may run classes from 50cm for training purposes, however riders should be aware that not all height classes will qualify them for Regional or State Championships and should check which classes go to these events in the table below.

Table 2: Summary of Jumping Classes for Regional, State and Australian Championships

School Year Level	Starting Height	Official classes for Regional Championships	Official classes for State Championships	Official classes for Australian Championships
Primary 1-6	50 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Primary 1-6	60cm	Yes	Yes	no
Primary 1-6	70 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Primary 1-6	80 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Primary 1-6	90 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7–12	70 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Secondary 7–12	80 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Secondary 7-12	90 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7-12	100 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7-12	110 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7-12	120 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes

8.2 Recommended Jumping Competitions

Recommended jumping competitions are – ARTICLE 238.2.2 (AM5), ARTICLE 238.2.1 (ONE ROUND TABLE A) and ARTICLE 274.5.3 (Two-Phase). It is most important to state the Article numbers of all jumping sections on all programs.

8.3 Rules Particular to Jumping

All jumping events will be run in accordance with EA Jumping Rules found on the EA Jumping web pages (www.equestrian.org.au). Please make yourself familiar with these rules. In addition to the specific rules and allowable tack rules of EA Jumping the following apply.

- There will be a height rise/increase of jump width in the jump off rounds for the Article 238.2.2 (AM5) and Article 274.5.3 (Two-Phase) sections for all classes at all competitions (maximum of 10cm).
- EA Junior Rule applies to all classes of Jumping within IQ competitions.
- Riders who fall from their mounts in either the practice arena or jumping arena are encouraged to present themselves to a first aid station to be cleared before they attempt to jump another obstacle. A fall during a round in the competition arena incurs elimination from that section. If the Ground Jury finds that after an accident either athlete or horse is not fit to compete they must impose elimination.
- Horse/rider combinations may try a higher height class and move back down to the lower height without penalty but once State qualification is reached at the higher height then that height will become the new, highest qualified height.

8.4 Number of Classes/Horses per Rider/Competition

Riders will be able to nominate 2 horses in a maximum of two show jumping classes per horse at the IQ state championships providing qualifying criteria are met for each class.

At school one day competitions athletes must only ride one class per horse entered . Athletes can still qualify for two consecutive height classes on the one horse by attending more qualifying competitions. EA rules allow horses to compete in two classes per day unless otherwise stated on the schedule (1 EA class is equivalent to 1 IQ section eg. Article 238.2.2- AM5).

8.5 Uniform requirements particular to Jumping

Riders must adhere to the general uniform requirements for all disciplines as outlined in section 3.2.2. The wearing of back protectors whilst not compulsory is **strongly recommended**.

8.6 Scoring in Jumping

Scoring is done as per EA Jumping Rules.

8.6.1 Tied scores in Jumping Competitions – (refer to section 8.3) for each section of the jumping competition

In the event of tied scores at the completion of any of the above jumping sections, then both riders are awarded a tied place, the points for those places are shared and the next place is omitted. If, for example, two riders tie for a second place then they are both awarded second place and no third place is awarded. The next placing would be a fourth place.

In the case of tied scores for a champion where the results from two or three jumping sections are all added together (depending on how many sections were included in the program), the following applies: (1) the athlete with the highest place in the longest competition (Article 238.2.2 (AM5)) will be declared the champion; then (2) the athlete with the highest place in the Article 274.5.3 (Two-Phase); then (3) the athlete with the highest place in the Article 238.2.1 (One Round Table A).

8.7 State Championships qualification requirements for Jumping

For riders wishing to be accepted for selection to compete at the State Championships the following is required.

1. When nominating for State Championships riding- a) two horses - each horse must be nominated in the highest qualified class, b) one horse in two consecutive classes the horse/rider combination must have qualified in both heights and the nominated height must be the horse/rider combination's highest qualified height. Should there be extenuating circumstances why a horse and rider combination requests to compete at the State Championships at a height lower than their highest qualified height they must apply to the state committee for approval.
2. A minimum of **3** IQ results from a minimum of **2** IQ competitions with the following results in the first round for all **3** results:
 - A- a minimum of 2 of the results must be clear rounds (0 faults)
 - B- a maximum of 4 faults for the remaining results.

The first round means first round in the Article 238.2.2 (AM5) or one round of the Article 238.2.1 (One Round Table A) or the first phase of the Article 274.5.3 (Two-Phase). Each performance may be from the same or different qualifying events in the same competition season.

3. Year 12 riders may nominate with only 2 qualifiers at the higher level (A) and these can be from the same competition.
4. Riders from regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers may nominate with only 2 qualifiers at the higher level (A). EA run competitions will also be able to be considered in these regions. If riders do not have EA scores, they are encouraged to send in any performance scores they have for the IQ Convenor's consideration. Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2

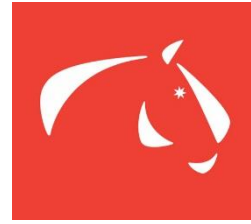
For riders who were unable to obtain correct qualifying criteria as set out above due to extreme circumstances - a letter containing full explanations must be forwarded to the IQ committee prior to closure of State Championship nominations for consideration.

In the event of excessive nominations, preference will be given to riders in the following order:

1. Horse/rider combinations nominating for Australian Interschool Championships qualifying classes with correct IQ qualifiers as listed above;
2. Horse/rider combinations nominating for non-qualifying classes with correct IQ qualifiers as listed above;
3. All other riders will be placed on a reserve list in order of qualifying results.

9. THE SHOWMAN COMPETITION

The Showman competition, originally derived from International Show Horse competitions, is unique to Interschool in Queensland. There is currently no National Championship competition for the discipline of Showman. The competition has been designed to reward the all-round equestrian with a well-developed capacity to present a horse under saddle and in-hand. This type of competition aims to promote rider development and also provides a basis from which riders can move into other disciplines.



The Interschool Showman competition offers riders a wide range of classes with both jumping and non-jumping options. Riders are to enter the class that best reflects their ability.

The competition consists of 3 or 4 phases of equal weighting (100 marks each). The same horse/rider combination must complete all phases in the correct order. All classes will have an EA dressage test, an individual ridden display and an in-hand presentation. Four phase classes will also include a working hunter (jumping) phase. The same horse/rider combination must complete all phases. Showman rules have been designed to correspond with the National Sport Rules of each of the disciplines represented.

A second horse/rider combination may be permitted to compete at the State competition if numbers and scheduling permits. This is dependent on the organising committee. Due to time constraints it is highly advised that the 2nd horse be in a different class.

The order in which the phases occur is as follows:

1. Phase 1 EA Dressage Test;
2. Phase 2 Individual Ridden Display;
3. Phase 3 Working Hunter (Jumping) – in four phase classes only;
4. Phase 4 In-Hand Presentation.

Table 3: Summary of Showman Classes for Regional and State Championships

Class	Division	Dressage Test	Working Hunter Jumping Height	Ridden Workout	In Hand Horsemanship
S3_P	Primary 3-Phase	EA Preliminary 1A	No	Yes	Yes
S4_P45	Primary 4-phase	EA Preliminary 1A	45cm	Yes	Yes
S3	Secondary 3-Phase	EA Preliminary 1A	No	Yes	Yes
S4_45	Secondary 4-phase	EA Preliminary 1A	45cm	Yes	Yes
S4_60	Secondary 4-phase	EA Preliminary 1B	60cm	Yes	Yes
S4_85	Secondary 4-phase	EA Preliminary 1C	85cm	Yes	Yes

9.1 Rules Particular to Showman

As the Showman competition is designed for a rider to progress through each phase in sequence the rider must compete in the same saddlery for all phases. Please be aware that while Showman follows the rules of the relevant EA disciplines, as all phases follow each other there are a few important differences in some of the equipment permitted.

The following rules will apply:

- Spurs may be worn but **must** be removed for the In-Hand phase;
- Only ordinary snaffle bridles are permitted. See EA Dressage Rules & Equipment Annex for snaffle bits permitted.
- Only Hanoverian (flash), drop or cavesson nosebands are permitted with snaffle bridles.
- Martingales, bearing, side or running reins of any kind are NOT permitted;
- Breast plates are permitted.
- Whip must not exceed 75cm. If used, the whip must accompany the rider through all phases of competition. This means whips cannot be added for the jumping phase alone nor can they be discarded for a particular phase.
- Boots (including over-reach boots) are permissible for the jumping phase only. AT NO OTHER TIME can a change of saddlery or gear be permitted.
- Safety vests may be worn in the jumping phase only.
- Callers are allowed for Primary Riders at local or regional competitions at the discretion of the organising committee in the dressage phase only. Please read the competition program or schedule closely to determine if callers are permitted. At State level no callers are allowed for Primary or Secondary Riders.
- Riders should present to the judges for each phase unless instructed otherwise.
- No Parent/Coach can enter or give assistance to the rider once they have been gear-checked and entered the competition arena. Stewards and/or marshals will assist athletes in moving from one phase to the next and with any adjustments to and removal of equipment. An exception may be made on local days when inexperienced riders present however this is at the organising committee's discretion in consultation with the IQ Committee and is not to be done at a regional or state championships.

9.2 Uniform Requirements Particular to Showman

Showman uniform follows the general uniform requirements as outlined in section 4.2.2. Additional uniform requirements are noted below.

- The wearing of gloves by riders is compulsory.
- Judges will be made aware that school equestrian uniform can be jackets, jumpers or school vests, so that riders are not disadvantaged because of their clothing.
- Only school saddlecloths can be used. No numnahs are allowed.

9.3 Scoring in Showman

In this discipline each of the three or four phases is scored equally out of 100 marks. Marks are then added to identify the winner who will have the highest overall marks.

Judges must be drawn from the EA Accredited Judges list at all events including local, regional and state championships.

- The Dressage is to be judged by an EA Accredited Dressage judge;
- The Ridden Display is to be judged by an EA Accredited Show Horse judge of Provisional, State or National level, with specific skills in judging Rider Classes;
- The Jumping phase is to be judged by an EA Accredited Jumping or Show Horse judge of State or National level (ideally with experience judging working hunters or equitation);
- The In-Hand phase must be judged by an EA Accredited Show Horse judge.

Elimination will occur for the following reasons:

- Completing the phases in the incorrect order;
- Elimination from one phase entails elimination from the class;
- Fall of horse or athlete;
- Leaving the designated competition arena before completing any of the phases;
- Performing the wrong work-out (ridden or in-hand).

9.3.1 Scoring for Phase I – Dressage (100 marks)

The dressage arena is the same as for Dressage and shall be 60m x 20m. The tests in the event program will be available from the EA website. The total score for the Dressage phase is recorded as a mark out of 100, which should be the percentage from the test.

9.3.2 Scoring for Phase II – Ridden Display (100 marks)

Once the Dressage phase has been completed, riders move directly to the second phase, the ridden display. This is judged as a rider class with the quality and type of the horse having no bearing on the result.

The test may be provided prior to the competition. It must be ridden from memory although the athlete may confirm the required elements and the pattern with the judge. It is judged on the athlete's position, invisible aids and ability to effectively present the horse. Attitude, conduct, presentation and showmanship form an important component of the marks given for this phase.

Compulsory movements in the ridden display include:

- Ten metres of walk (free walk may be included) / 10 marks;
- Trot on both reins, rising and sitting / 20 marks;
- Lengthen strides at the trot / 10 marks;
- Canter on both reins / 10 marks;
- Lengthen strides in canter / 10 marks;
- Two changes of lead (either simple or flying changes may be shown) / 20 marks;
- Halt / 10 marks;
- Presentation and showmanship / 10 marks.

9.3.3 Scoring for Phase III – Working Hunter (Jumping) (100 marks)

At the completion of the Ridden Display riders, if jumping, move directly to the Working Hunter Phase. There will be stewards available to assist with the fitting of jumping boots and back protectors. This phase is ridden in the style of a Working Hunter class, with marks awarded for the athlete's style, effectiveness, ability to maintain a suitable rhythm, and the horse's obedience, smoothness and confidence. Each jumping effort is marked out of 10 for approach, rhythm and tempo, jumping style

and the athlete's position and effectiveness. A further 20 marks may be earned for the athlete's ability to maintain a good rhythm and position between and over fences, to achieve a harmonious picture, and for showmanship, presentation and attitude.

Competitors may walk the course before the start of the first phase of the class. A warm-up area will be available as per usual for jumping. The course will have 8 obstacles, be inviting and flowing, and include one combination of one non-jumping stride. Refer to the Showman Annexure for an example of the style of course.

There are no set penalties for a rail down or for a disobedience, however these will be reflected in the mark given for that particular jumping effort.

Elimination will occur if a rider has three refusals on course/ rides the incorrect course/ jumps a jump after completion of course/ or falls anywhere on the course.

If eliminated due to a fall the athlete may not attempt another fence but must leave the arena immediately. Eliminated athletes may not complete the remaining phase of competition.

At the completion of the Jumping phase, athletes move directly to the holding area for the In-hand Horsemanship phase. Here, they are to safely dismount, remove the saddle and any other gear required to be removed prior to in-hand presentation. The athlete is then to await further direction from the in-hand judge.

9.3.4 Scoring for Phase IV – In-Hand Presentation (100 marks)

This phase is designed to test the knowledge and practical ability of the Showman athlete and the independence to handle a horse calmly and confidently.

No jumping boots, spurs or back protectors are allowed. Failure to do any of these will result in the rider receiving a penalty of 10 points.

The led phase will consist of the following:

- Presentation – 30 Marks
- Showmanship – 20 Marks
- Walk – 10 Marks;
- Turn & Halt – 10 Marks
- First Trot – 10 Marks
- Trot past Judge and Halt – 20 Marks

The competitor then will proceed to the start of the workout area and stand the horse for inspection by the judge. The presentation will be a standard triangular pattern, with the horse walked directly away from the judge, trotted out on a straight line, turned and trotted directly towards and past the judge, before being halted and re-presented to the judge. The ability to take direction from the judge, to stand the horse up for the judge, to control the horse's line and speed, to utilise the area provided, and to show the horse effectively will be assessed. When dismissed by the judge, the athlete must leave the competition area.

9.3.5 Tied Scores in the Showman Competition

In the event of a tie, the rider scoring the higher mark in the Working Hunter phase will be awarded the higher ranking. In the event of a further tie(s), or if there is no jumping phase in the class, the

ranking will be determined by the mark in the dressage phase, then by the ridden display, and then by the in-hand presentation in that order.

9.4 State Championships Qualification Requirements for Showman

To qualify for the State Championships:

- Riders are required to submit a minimum of 1 IQ Showman results at the same class level from any IQ Showman competitions
- Results will be ranked to allow for a balloting process (e.g. 1st place will receive 10 points, down to 1 point for 10th place and 1 point per rider after 10th). The combinations ranking points will be added together to get a list of qualified riders in rank order to allow numbers to be capped at the State Championships if required
- Riders from regions allowed a reduced number of qualifiers may submit alternative results if no IQ competitions are run locally. You can apply to the discipline convenor using Ag Show scores, EA Dressage scores and Pony Club performances for special consideration to attend States. Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2

10. THE SHOW HORSE COMPETITION

Interschool Show Horse consists of classes for Show Horse, Show Hunter and Working Hunter. Each class has three (3) phases, excluding the Mini Primary age group. All classes have an In-hand presentation, Rider Phase (judging the rider) and Ridden Phase (judging the horse). Working Hunter includes jumping into their ridden phase.



The points earned across all phases determine the championship placing. The same horse/athlete combination must complete all phases in the order specified in a timed draw as determined by the Organising Committee. The Rules for Interschool Show Horse have been designed to correspond with the National Show Horse Rules wherever possible, however some variations have been necessary to meet Interschool competition requirements.

10.1 Interschool Show Horse Classes at State and National Championships

Please note; Mini Primary classes are available in Queensland only. **These classes do not go to Nationals. Mini Primary refers to age of riders only, not to the type of horse.**

At Nationals, only Primary and Secondary classes will be offered. Riders in Intermediate and Senior divisions will qualify for Nationals through an additional Championship class at States combining years 7-12

Class Name	Year Level	Phases
Show Horse Mini	Prep – year 3	Ridden and Rider *unofficial class- does not go to Nationals
Show Hunter Mini	Prep – year 3	Ridden and Rider *unofficial class- does not go to Nationals
Show Horse Primary	Prep- year 6	Ridden, Rider and Led (This class goes to Nationals)
Show Hunter Primary	Prep- year 6	Ridden, Rider and Led (This class goes to Nationals)
Working Hunter Primary	Prep- year 6	Ridden (jump 45cm), Rider and Led (This class goes to Nationals)
Show Horse Intermediate	Year 7- year 9	Ridden, Rider and Led (Riders to qualify for Nationals through an additional championship class)
Show Hunter Intermediate	Year 7- year 9	Ridden, Rider and Led (Riders to qualify for Nationals through an additional championship class)
Working Hunter Intermediate	Year 7- year 9	Ridden (jump 55cm), Rider and Led (Riders to qualify for Nationals through an additional championship class)
Show Horse Senior	Year 10 – year 12	Ridden, Rider and Led (Riders to qualify for Nationals through an additional championship class at States)
Show Hunter Senior	Year 10 – year 12	Ridden, Rider and Led (Riders to qualify for Nationals through an additional championship class at States)
Working Hunter Senior	Year 10 – year 12	Ridden (jump 65cm), Rider and Led (Riders to qualify for Nationals through an additional championship class at States)

Note: A horse may ONLY compete through the EQ season as EITHER a Show Horse or a Show Hunter for the duration of that qualifying period in ALL EQ and IQ events. A Working Hunter may compete as a Show Hunter at events ONLY where this class is not offered.

Riders must choose whether to compete in Mini Primary or Primary during the qualifying year. Riders may not compete in both divisions at competitions, although they can progress from Mini Primary to Primary during the year. Mini Primary riders may be led (they do not have to stay led for the entire year).

10.2 General Conditions

Judged under current EA NATIONAL SHOW HORSE RULES www.equestrian.org.au. Refer to EA Interschool Show Horse Rules for other General Conditions

10.3 Workouts

The Organising Committee will provide set workouts for all phases prior to the event. Competitors in Working Hunter will walk the course of the ridden jumping phase on the day of competition. Examples of Workouts (not necessarily the workout selected by the OC for an event) have been included in the [National Interschool Show Horse Rules](#) as a reference.

10.4 Conflict of Interest

Organising Committees will publish the appointed Judges' names in advance of the event. Competitors are obliged to find out the appointed Judges for their classes. Conflicts of interest as outlined in the EA Show Horse Rules and EA Interschool Show Horse Rules must be declared.

10.5 Judges

Judges must be drawn from the EA accredited list available on the EA website.

10.6 Dress, Saddlery and Equipment

Will largely be as per EA Show Horse Rules with some exceptions specifically for Interschool Show Horse competitions. Refer to the EA Interschool Show Horse Rules for these.

10.7 Assistance

Timed Draws will assist tack and gear changes. Organising Committees have the right to hold phases in the order that best suits scheduling. At Events when Organising Committees have tight time scheduling to uphold, parent/guardian assistance in relation to gear change between the phases will be allowed.

10.8 Categories of Competition

Refer to the National Show Horse Rules on the EA web site (www.equestrian.org.au) for full details. Organising Committees follow the National Show Horse Rules in most instances for this discipline, however some variations have been necessary to meet Interschool Competition. Organising Committees may determine the order that the phases are run, for Interschool it is not essential that all phases have to be completed sequentially.

The description of the judging expectations for each class can be found in the EA Interschool Show Horse Rules.

10.9 Judging and Scoring

Organising Committees may determine the order that the phases are run, it is not essential that all phases have to be completed sequentially. A timed draw will be made available for all athletes in each phase, athletes will present at their assigned time to complete their individual workouts.

For the purposes of scoring each phase should be referenced and scored as described in the EA Interschool Show Horse Rules. At State and Regional level, Organising Committees may determine the maximum number of competitors in each class.

10.10 Judging and Scoring

Refer to the EA Interschool Rules and EA Interschool Show Horse Rules.

10.11 State Championships requirements for qualification for Show Horse

It is important to note that the IQ Show Horse competition requires that the qualifying results are valid for each unique horse/rider combination. This means that only results achieved by the IQ rider and that horse can be submitted for consideration as qualifying results. Results achieved by the IQ horse with another rider are not valid and horses cannot qualify for the State Championships if they have been ridden by another rider.

Qualification criteria is as follows:

- 1.** Minimum of 2 result at the same class level from any IQ Show Horse competition.
- 2.** The results will be ranked to allow for a balloting process (e.g. 1st place will receive 10 points down to 1 point for 10th place and 1 point per rider after 10th). The combinations ranking points will be added together to get a list of qualified riders in rank order to allow for this discipline to be capped at State Championships if required.
- 3.** Year 12 riders may submit their best performance and it will be doubled to allow for ranking.

Riders from regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers - As per Year 12, however if no IQ competitions are run locally you can apply to the discipline convenor using Ag Show scores and EA Dressage Scores and Pony Club performances for special consideration to attend States. Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2

11. THE EVENTING COMPETITION

The Eventing competition is often considered the ultimate test of horse and rider where horses are required to first complete a Dressage Test, and then complete a cross country course of obstacles in a specified time and a round of jumping. Either the cross country or the show jumping may form the last test. The competitions may be staged over 1 to 3 days.



Eventing is the only Interschool discipline that has age restrictions for classes see EA Eventing Rules.

Interschool only offers classes to 1*. Horses who have competed at higher levels than this are eligible to compete 1* at State and Australian competition levels if no higher levels are offered.

Table 4: Summary of Eventing Classes for Regional, State and Australian Championships

Classes	Regional Championships	State Championships	Australian Championships
Junior Pre-Introductory	No	Yes	No
EvA 80 Junior	No	Yes	Yes
EvA 95 Junior	No	Yes	Yes
EvA 105 Junior	No	Yes	Yes
CNC1*	No	Yes	Yes

11.1 Rules particular to Eventing

All Events are run under the EA Eventing Rules, please read these rules as there are some differences between Eventing, Dressage and Show Jumping rules.

Riders will be scored and placed in competitions according to current EA Eventing Rules. At events where separate IQ places are awarded Interschool riders may also be placed for Interschool ribbons.

All EA one, two or three day events anywhere in Australia are able to be used as qualifying competitions for the IQ State Championships.

11.2 Uniform requirements particular to Eventing

All riders competing in Eventing must adhere to the general uniform requirements as outlined in EA Rules. The IQ Uniform must be worn at State and National Championships only. Uniform requirements specific to Eventing are noted below:

- Back protectors **are compulsory** for the cross-country phase and highly recommended for the show jumping phase;
- Riders must wear their allocated **COMPETITION** number and **NOT** their IQ number. This number must be displayed prominently on the horse at all times, and, on the horse AND rider during the cross - country Phase;

11.3 Judging and Scoring in the Eventing Competition

In Eventing, riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the 3 phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties over all three phases will be the winner. Scoring & judge requirements are as per EA Eventing Rules.

11.4 State Championships qualifying requirements for all classes including Pre Intro (EVA60).

Two (2) horses per rider may be ridden at the Qld State Eventing Championships providing that each horse is qualified and each horse and rider combination is registered with an IQ number. However, only one rider/horse combination (the highest ranked) can be part of a team. Refer to Teams Rules in Section 5.5.

For selection a minimum of two (2), Eventing results are required. These results must be obtained during the period between concurrent IQ State Eventing championships. If there are less than 2 qualifiers in a region, please submit your nomination, however Regional riders are encouraged to try to qualify at more than one ODE and preference may be given to those riders doing so. Events from previous State Championships may count as qualifiers if within the qualifying period.

The results must meet the following criteria:

ALL QUALIFIERS MUST BE OBTAINED WHILST HOLDING CURRENT IQ HORSE/RIDER REGISTRATION.

1. A minimum of 2 eventing results from any EA competition. EvA 60 riders may use a CT 60cms result, obtained at an Interschool Queensland qualifying event, as their second qualifying result. This means they must compete at one EvA 60 event with minimum scores as per point 2A.
2. Riders must be competing at their appropriate level (see Eventing section 11 for specific rules on age requirements for Eventing levels) with 2 results that achieve the following minimums:
 - A- 50% dressage results (percentage not penalties) with 0 (clear) XC jumping penalties, no more than 36 XC time penalties and no more than 8 total show jumping penalties.
And a second result at the same or higher level that achieves at least:
 - B- 50% dressage result (percentage not penalties) no more than 20 XC jumping penalties, no more than 36 XC time penalties and no more than 16 total show jumping penalties.
3. Year 12 riders require only one qualifier at the higher level (A)
4. Riders from regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers require only one qualifier at the higher level (A). Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2
5. Where a horse/rider combination has qualified (as per above) for the State event over different levels, then it is expected that the combination will ride at the higher level at the State Championships. Exceptions to this ruling can be made by written request to the IQ committee prior to the event.

11.5 Australian Championships qualification requirements

If a rider has made the State team to compete in both Eventing and Combined Training on the same horse, they must choose only one of the two events. Combined Training is deemed to be the Primary School Eventing class.

12. THE COMBINED TRAINING COMPETITION

The Combined Training competition, while not a true Olympic discipline, is run under the **EA Eventing Rules**. Particularly **Annexe A** and **Annexe I EA Combined Training**.



The competition requires skills in both Dressage and Jumping. IQ recognises the importance of such a competition which may encourage riders to widen their horizons by participating in a discipline that they would not normally enter.

Table 5: Summary of classes for Combined Training for Regional, State and Australian Championships

Class	Dressage Test	Jumping Height (max)	Regional Championships	State Championships	Australian Championships
Primary	EA 1A	45 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (Dressage test TBC)
Primary	EA 1B	60 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (Dressage test TBC)
Primary	EA 1C	80cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (Dressage test TBC)
Secondary	EA 1C	60cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (Dressage test TBC)
Secondary	EA 1C	80cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (Dressage test TBC)
Secondary	EA 1C	95cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (Dressage test TBC)
Secondary	EA 2A EA 2B	105cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (Dressage test TBC)

12.1 Combined Training Competition Format

In the combined training competition, the dressage phase must be completed before the Jumping phase. The Jumping phase may occur on a different day to the dressage phase. In Combined Training the jumping phase is run in reverse order for state qualifying classes where possible. This means that riders with the most penalties will jump first and riders with the least penalties will jump last. In training classes, riders may be required to jump in draw order rather than in reverse order.

12.2 Rules specific to Combined Training

- The same horse and rider combination must complete both phases of the competition. Elimination from one phase involves elimination from the competition;
- Please be aware that there are important differences between rules for EA/IQ Combined Training dressage and jumping and Pony Club Combined Training rules and other EA disciplines. Knowledge of the EA Eventing and Combined Training rules will be required;
- Rules for Combined Training are in the EA Eventing National Rules. Allowed gear is the same as for Eventing;
- Callers for the dressage phase may be allowed in **primary classes** only at the discretion of the event OC;

12.2.1 *Uniform Requirements specific to Combined Training*

All riders competing in Combined Training must adhere to the general uniform requirements as outlined in Section 0. Uniform requirements specific to Combined Training are as follows:

- The wearing of back protectors in the jumping phase of this event is **strongly recommended**;
- The wearing of gloves in the dressage phase is optional.

12.3 **Judging and Scoring in Combined Training competitions**

The dressage tests are to be judged by one or two EA accredited judges. Scores are to be converted from percentages to penalty points under the formula used in Eventing scoring.

12.3.1 *Champions and Supreme Champions for Combined Training (if awarded)*

To determine places in this discipline: If equality exists, rule 7.3.1 will be used to decide. The Champion in each class shall be the first placed combination and the Reserve Champion shall be the second placed combination.

12.4 **State Championships qualifying requirements**

1. Combined Training Competitors may nominate a maximum of two horses with each horse only being entered in one class provided qualifying criteria are met for each horse. The entries may be in the same or different classes;
2. For each horse entered riders need to submit one (1) competition result that has at least: 55% score or better in the dressage and 8 **total** faults or less in the Jumping phase in order to qualify for the State Championships. Qualifying selection for the State Championships will depend upon number of riders trying to qualify, with the possibility of numbers being capped;
3. Year 12 riders may nominate with only one (1) result from any IQ competition but they must still meet the above maximum penalties;
4. Riders from regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers may nominate with only one (1) result from any IQ competition but they must still meet the above maximum penalties. Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2
5. For those riders who are not able to attend qualifying events due to distance or injury, results from official EA Show jumping and Dressage competitions may be forwarded, and these will be considered at the discretion of the Combined Training Convenor;

12.5 **Australian Championships qualification requirements**

If a rider has made the State team to compete in both Eventing and Combined Training on the same horse, they must choose only one of the two events. Combined Training is deemed to be the Primary School Eventing class. See [State Team selection process](#) for further clarification.

13. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Most regions host an annual Regional Championships, and this allows riders from within that region to attain qualifying performances for the State Championships. The Regional Championships is often a competition run over 2 or 3 days and can be a great experience for riders and their families. They provide wonderful opportunities for the development of school spirit and for school teams to compete.

Regional Championships allow riders to accrue individual points based on their performances for trophies and awards, as well as team points for their school and qualifying performances for the state championships.

13.1 Participation

All riders are eligible to compete in their respective Regional Championships provided they are riding EA members and have a registered IQ number for the rider/horse combination and their school is a financial member of IQ.

Regional Championships are also open to riders from outside the region at the discretion of the organising committee. Riders from outside a particular region may be required to compete on a HC basis, again at the discretion of the OC.

13.2 Awards at Regional Championships

At Regional Championships individual placings are generally awarded for each section as well as class champion, overall awards and teams awards for each discipline. The determination of Champions will differ slightly with each discipline and the detail is covered under the rules for each discipline. Prizes awarded at each Regional Championship may be slightly different and will be advertised in their respective event programs.

14. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Queensland hosts the State Championship each year providing a high level of competition for all riders. This is the qualifying competition for selection onto the State Team. States are held over two specified dates and the disciplines are split into:

A) Dressage, Show Horse, Show Jumping, Showman, and,

B) Eventing and Combined Training.

They are held separately to allow riders to compete in multiple disciplines and to also consider horse and pony welfare.

The State Championships provides a great opportunity for schools to compete and for the development of a strong equestrian team spirit. Riders who do not qualify for competition are encouraged to attend to support their school teams and to assist in the running and operation of the event.

Qualifying criteria will apply and classes may be capped in size. Riders may be ranked on their qualifying performances to identify the top qualifiers to accept into the event. This means that although riders may meet the minimum requirements for eligibility, they may not be offered a place at the Championships. For some classes, a reserve list will be published of those riders who did not make the main draw but may still be offered a place in the competition if there are cancellations or scratching.

It is critical that all riders check the qualifying requirements carefully and that they contact the relevant discipline convenor if they are unsure of their qualification status.

14.1 State Championships Entries

Riders may enter a maximum of 6 classes per horse across the State Championships. However, for scheduling reasons, riders may have to make a choice between classes if there is a time clash. The total classes allowed will not include Eventing or Combined Training as it is held at a separate event. Show Horse and Showman will count as one class for each horse/rider combination competing in the discipline.

Riders are asked to consider the welfare of the horse when considering their state classes. The organising committee reserves the right to discuss the number of entries for a horse/rider combination per day if they have concerns.

A rider can enter a maximum of two horses in each discipline providing that each horse/rider combination is qualified:

- **For Dressage-** each horse can compete in a maximum of two classes. A class is two dressage tests at one level.
- **For Jumping-** each horse can compete in a maximum of two classes. A class is three show jumping tests at one level.
- **For Showman** - Competitors may enter a maximum of two horses .
- **For Show Horse** - Competitors may enter a maximum of two horses.
- **For Eventing-** Each horse may only be entered in one class.
- **For Combined Training-** Each horse may only be entered in one class .

Show Horse, Showman and Combined Training riders are not able to use results from the previous year's state championships as qualifying results.

14.3 Qualifying results

Nomination for a place in the State Championships requires riders to meet eligibility criteria as detailed under each discipline in the handbook.

To be eligible to compete at the State Championships you must include results from at least two (2) endorsed qualifiers run by schools or from an IQ Championship. These may not be your best results or even qualifying results, however they prove that you have supported school hosted events throughout the year. Riders from regions that do not offer qualifiers from schools or an IQ Championship may apply for an exemption to the above. Results from National Interschool Championships will not be accepted as qualifiers for States.

The qualifying period for the State Championships is the **twelve months preceding the close of nominations for the State Championships**. Results from outside this period will not be considered.

An IQ Competition is an event run by our member schools or Young Riders Committee, or one that has been accepted as a "TAG ON" IQ qualifying event by the IQ committee and appears on the IQ calendar of events (NB:- if it is not on the calendar it does not count as a qualifier unless you are a rider in a regional area in which case other scores may be considered- see qualifying criteria for each discipline)

Those who have access to these competitions but who are unable to attend may submit results from outside the school system but their submission will only be considered if there are any vacancies within the discipline once those who have qualified through the correct channels have been selected by the discipline convenor in conjunction with the IQ Sport Committee.

Specific qualifying requirements of each discipline are outlined in the discipline sections of this handbook. ALL qualifying results must be obtained whilst the horse/rider combination hold a current IQ registration.

14.4 Qualifying Criteria Disputes

The Discipline Convenor and Sport Committee will assess entries from all riders wishing to compete at the State Championships using very strict guidelines. These guidelines are in place to ensure access to the State Championships to riders from all regions. Any disputes will be considered by the IQ Sport Committee and forwarded to the event TD for a final ruling. The decision of the event TD will be final.

14.5 State Championship Perpetual Trophies and Scoring Information

These perpetual trophies will be presented at the completion of the presentation on the final day of the State Championships for that particular year. The Primary Division Overall Champion Rider and the Secondary Division Overall Champion Rider will also have their trophies represented at the EQ Annual Awards Evening.

14.5.1 *The Rita and Derek Dobson Trophy*

This trophy is awarded to the secondary school whose riders achieve the highest average score (total points gained divided by number of starting riders) over all disciplines at State Championships. To be eligible for this trophy, a school must have a minimum of 2 riders from the school competing.

14.5.2 The Lorette Wigan Cup

Donated by the Equestrian Federation of Australia (Qld Branch), this trophy is awarded to the secondary school with the best aggregate result achieved at the State Championships. It is awarded on a points basis with riders accruing points for their school through their placings in each discipline during the State Championships.

14.5.3 The Brett Family Perpetual Trophy

This trophy, donated by the Brett Family, is awarded to the Secondary Division Overall Champion Rider. This is determined as the rider who has achieved the best overall result as an individual for his/her school using the same horse across secondary disciplines. It is awarded on a points basis with the rider accruing points for placings in secondary classes.

14.5.4 The QISEA Primary School Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the primary school whose riders achieve the highest average score (total points gained divided by number of starting riders) over the six disciplines at State Championship level. To be eligible for this trophy, a school must have a minimum of 2 riders from the school competing.

14.5.5 The Harry LeBherz Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Harry LeBherz, this trophy is awarded to the primary school with the best aggregate result achieved at the State Championships. It is awarded on a points basis with riders accruing points for their school through their placings in each discipline during the State Championships.

14.5.6 The Kimberley Banks Perpetual Trophy

This trophy donated by the Banks Family is awarded to the Primary Division Overall Champion Rider. This is determined as the rider who has achieved the best overall result as an individual for his/her school using the same horse across primary disciplines. It is awarded on a points basis with the rider accruing points for placings in primary classes.

14.5.7 The Summers/McDougall School Trophy

The Summers McDougall School Trophy is an award that builds the spirit of the interschool association. Both emerging and established schools can be considered for this award despite the number of riders attending events.

Each Regional committee is asked to submit in writing the school who they consider to be eligible for this award to the State Committee prior to the annual State Championships. The criteria for this award will include the following-

- Spirit and Presentation
- Teamwork /competing in multi discipline
- Hosting Interschool Competitions

The final selection will be made by nominated officials at the event ie TD, Stewards.

14.5.8 QISEA Freestyle Artistic Award

Inaugurated in July 2018 this revived QISEA trophy is awarded to the freestyle rider who achieves the highest points score in their artistic element. It can be awarded to a rider in any class of the freestyle competition at the State Championships.

14.5.9 West Moreton Anglican School Award

This trophy is awarded to the Primary rider who receives the highest percentage score from any one judge in any dressage class at the State Championships.

14.6 Champion and Reserve Champions

These awards are determined as outlined under the information for each discipline.

Team events at IQ Competitions should be scored as per the teams scoring rules for the IQ State Championships unless stated otherwise in the event program by the OC.

14.7 Champion Teams – Calculating Tied Scores

Refer to EA Interschool Rules

14.8 Scoring of trophy and team points

Points will be allocated to riders in the following manner in each discipline to determine these trophies and other awards and champions:

- Riders will be ranked overall in each class. A rider placed first overall in a class will be allocated 35 points. Second will be allocated 34 points. Third will be allocated 33 points and so on to 35th or to the last placed rider if less than 35 in a class. Any places from 30th down will receive 1 point each. Ties will be allocated the same points as an outright placing at that ranking.
Examples:
 - Two riders ranking equal 7th will get 28.5 points each and the subsequent ranking will be 9th with 27 points.
 - Three riders ranking equal 7th will get 28 points each and the subsequent ranking will be 10th with 26 points etc.
- Scorers must ensure that all riders who nominated actually started or were not eliminated from the classes counted for these trophies.
- **In the case of riders competing in more than one class per discipline, only one class per discipline will count towards trophies. This will be the class in which the rider achieves the highest score or, for Show Horse, the ridden phase classes on one horse only plus the rider class.**
- In the event of equal points being gained by either individual riders or schools the rider or school which has achieved the highest result in the Combined Training section of the State Championships will be declared the champion rider or school.

15. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Australian Interschool Championships are run annually and are organised by a different state committee each year. To date the following Nationals have been hosted:

2008 in Toowoomba hosted by equestrian Queensland

2009 at Werribee Park hosted by Equestrian Victoria.

2010 at The Sydney International Equestrian Centre hosted by Equestrian New South Wales.

2011 at Werribee Park hosted by Equestrian Victoria.

2012 at Toowoomba Showgrounds hosted by Interschool Queensland.

2013 in Perth hosted by Western Australia.

2014 at Werribee Park hosted by Equestrian Victoria.

2015 and 2016 at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre hosted by New South Wales.

2017 in Toowoomba hosted by Interschool Queensland.

2018 at Werribee Park hosted by Equestrian Victoria.

In 2019 Nationals will be held at SIEC

Only members of the current years' State Team can wear the State Team badge. It is to be worn on the pocket of their competition jacket.

Refer to EA Interschool Handbook for classes that are included at the National events.

15.1 Interschool Queensland State Team Selection Process

1. The top 4 placed riders at the IQ State Championship event in the NATIONAL CLASSES receive an offer to ride at nationals in their event. This offer will be provided via a formal letter presented to them at the Queensland State Championships.

QUEENSLAND HAS A RULE IN PLACE THAT RIDERS CAN ONLY ACCEPT A MAXIMUM OF 2 CLASSES AT NATIONALS EITHER ON THE SAME HORSE OR ON DIFFERENT HORSES.

This means that some riders must choose which 2 classes to accept if they finished top 4 in more than 2 classes at States.

2. Should any of the top 4 riders not accept a position the riders in 5th – 10th place will receive an offer in that order until the QLD spots are full in the class. The discipline convenor for each individual discipline will be responsible for providing each member offered a place on the Queensland state team with a letter of offer.

3. If we still have spots vacant on the confirmed QLD team we then offer them to the next best placed rider from a state Championship who is:

A. Already on the team

And

B. Does not already have 2 rides.

Notes:

Freestyles are not counted in the 2 classes as they are Unofficial classes and do not count towards team scores. So if you're doing a Freestyle you can also accept 2 official classes.

Another exemption to the rule may be where we have a space in a class after this entire process or if we have low Primary numbers as in previous years and do not fill classes. In this case there may be an opportunity for a 3rd class to be offered to a suitably qualified rider within the team. This will

take into account the type of class and number of phases the horse will be required to do in total and how it will affect the Schedule.

If there is a class that does not have a full quota of QLD riders for any reason after this process a suitably qualified rider who is not on the team can apply to fill the spot. This must be done in writing to the IQ Chair and it will be considered by the EQ CEO and EQ Board.

15.2 State Team Officials

15.2.1 State Chef d'Equipe and State Team Manager for the Queensland team

After the Queensland state championships are completed expressions of interest will be sought for the positions of Queensland State Team Chef d'Equipe and Queensland State Team Manager. These will be presented to the state committee for perusal and selection at the next available IQ meeting.

15.2.2 Team Discipline Managers for Queensland Team

The team discipline managers are to be discussed at the July meeting. If the State Convenor is unable to fulfil the position a suitable replacement needs to be found.

15.2.3 Captains for Queensland Team

The election process for overall Queensland State Captain, Vice Captain, Discipline Captains and Vice Captains will start immediately after the State Events are completed and will be as follows-

- a) Letter given to all year 12 riders at both State events inviting them to nominate for a leadership position. Letter includes relevant questions for applicant to consider.
- b) Year 12 who are interested in a leadership position must email their application to the committee member noted in the letter.
- c) Copy of each nominees' letter give to state committee at a time to be agreed upon by the State Committee(either at the meeting or a specified time prior to the meeting).
- d) To ensure individual voting occurs that reflects the nominees' interest there should be no prior discussion held or discussion in meeting room prior to vote.
- e) Independent person from committee to count votes. Voting slips prepared prior to the voting start.
- f) Voting performed via preferential system for all positions in the following order – State Captain, State Vice Captain, Discipline Captains, Discipline Vice Captains. Announcements made per positions' vote as will affect subsequent votes.
- g) Post voting - email sent to all successful applicants announcing positions. Email sent to non - successful applicants thanking them for their interest.
- h) Relevant school Principals informed of elections.
- i) If positions cannot be filled then Committee to discuss and ask appropriate year 11 to fill spaces.
- j) Conflict of interest will be noted prior to the voting commencing.

16. “SPIRIT OF IQ” RIDER AWARDS SCHEME

The “Spirit of IQ” Rider Awards scheme was introduced to recognize the achievements and efforts of IQ riders. To be eligible for this award all applicants must demonstrate support throughout the Interschool competition season. The awards will be forwarded to the school principals for presentation and recognition in a formal assembly.

Riders must complete the Spirit of IQ Rider Award Nomination Form and submit it to the IQ committee after the State event. They must be signed off by the discipline convenor as having personally completed a certain number of designated jobs⁶ at either a Regional or State Championship, or a combination of the two.

South East Queensland	All other areas	REGIONAL AND/OR STATE EVENT
7 Interschool events plus their regional championships.	5 Interschool events	2 Jobs

Eligible events are

- All Interschool Competition days.
- All Eventing Queensland competitions.
- Regional / State Events are each considered 1 event.
- Tag on competition days are not eligible.

Riders from regions with limited IQ run events are invited to submit their application with the IQ qualifiers they have attended, however it is strongly recommended that at least one IQ run event be listed (States may be accepted in this instance).

Applications for this Award must be submitted with the permission of the applicants’ parent or guardian.

⁶**Designated jobs:** Set up and pull down will be signed off by the Regional President or IQ Committee as a designated job. There may also be other requests for help during the event from the OC.

THE ROSTERED JOB WILL STILL HAVE TO BE COVERED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.