



# **2015 Pryde's EasiFeed Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships**

28<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

Sydney International Equestrian Centre

New South Wales

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

Entries open: 31 July 2015 and close: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Enter online! [www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- The event will be run in accordance with:
- EA General Regulations (1 July 2015)
- EA National Interschool Rules 2015 (1 September 2015)
- EA National Dressage Rules 2015 (1 August 2015)
- EA National Eventing Rules 2015 (1 January 2015)
- EA National Jumping Rules 2015 (1 January 2015)
- FEI Eventing Rules 2015
- FEI Jumping Rules 2015
- EA National Show Horse Rules 2015 (1 August 2015)
- EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules
- FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations 2010
- EA Member Protection Policy
- Special Conditions as set out in this Schedule
- Extracts from the FEI Veterinary Regulations as set out in this schedule
- An arbitration procedure is provided for in this schedule

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Event hosted by Equestrian New South Wales  
PO Box 7077 Wetherill Park BC NSW 2164  
Web: <http://www.nsw.equestrian.org.au/>

Questions may directed to the relevant event committee members contact details below.

### Event Committee Members

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Dinner Event	TBA	e:
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Rebecca Andrews	
Stabling and Camping	Sandy O'Callaghan/Clinton Hedger	
Scoring	Nominate/Snafflebytes	
General Committee	Bruce Farrar	Vicki Burgess
	Andrea Webb	Elysha Sargent
	Sue Birch	Jane Frankum
	Charlotte Inglis	



## OFFICIALS

Event Veterinarian/s (trot up): On-Call Veterinarian:	Agnes Banks Equine Centre TBA
Chief Steward/Stewards	TBA
Appeal Committee	TBA
Ground Jury	TBA
Technical Delegate - Event Jumping	TBA Course Designer: John Vallance Sport Convenor: Jane Frankum
Dressage	Sport Convenor: Sue Birch
Eventing and Combined Training	Assistant Technical Delegate: Ian Menzies Course Designer (C/C): Darryl Burgess Course Designer (Jumping): John Vallance Sport Convenor: Vicki Burgess
Show Horse	Course Designer: John Vallance – Working Hunter Sport Convenor: Elysha Sargent
First Aid, Ambulance, Doctor Farrier	Health Services International Notices will be at the Event Office with details of local farriers

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

For all purposes the duration of the event will be considered from 9 am 28th September to 6 pm 2nd October 2015

## CONDUCT

All Chefs D'Equipe, competitors, horse owners, employees/grooms, representatives and accompaniments are obliged, from the moment of arrival on the grounds, to acknowledge and keep within the "Code of Conduct". Violation of this code will be dealt with by the respective Ground Jury or Appeal Committee, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the EA.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

As per the Equestrian Australia 2015 National Interschool Rules, it is expected that athletes and their support teams will adhere to the rules of the competitions in which they participate and that they will show respect for other competitors, their horses, officials, judges and administrators in their actions and their words.

There are formal mechanisms for requesting clarity of committee decisions and for disputing results. Whilst each discipline has rules and regulations specific to that discipline available for download from the EA website, the conduct of members of the sport overall is controlled by the Member Protection Policy.

There are also general competition codes of conduct that apply to ALL Interschool competitions. Breaches of these general conduct practices will result in disqualification from the competition and depending on the severity of the offence, the athlete and/or their associates may face disciplinary action.

At an Interschool event, the Organising Committee, the Technical Delegate/s, the Ground Jury and Officials are responsible for ensuring Horse Welfare guidelines and EA Codes of Conduct are observed.

The following EA Codes of Conduct must be observed by all competitors and their parents/guardians, during any activity held or sanctioned by EA – including Interschool events – or as an athlete/participant in any activity held by or under the auspices of the organisation or one of its affiliates:

### Codes of Conduct:

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

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

Neither the Organising Committee of any event to which these rules apply nor Equestrian Australia accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, athletes, ground, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.

## SMOKING

Under Section 6A of the Smoke Free Environment Act 2000, smoking is banned in spectator areas at public sports grounds and other recreational areas in NSW when an organised event is being held.

This ban also includes training or practice sessions to prepare for participation in an organised underage sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training or practice session. Please refer to SIEC conditions.

## RESERVATION OF RIGHT

The Organiser reserves the right:

- To cancel any class or event
- To divide any class
- To transfer competitors between sections of a class
- To alter advertised times
- To refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason

## DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Neither the Organising Committee of any event to which these rules apply nor Equestrian Australia accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury, or illness to horses, athletes, group, spectators or any person or property whatsoever.

## IMAGE CONSENT

By entering the event you give your consent to Equestrian New South Wales to copy or reproduce images via streams of social media, print media, and multimedia of yourself as determined by ENSW without your acknowledgement of yourself and without your entitlement to any remuneration or compensation now or in the future.

## DRESS AND SADDLERY

### GEAR CHECK

Gear Check is compulsory before each class and/or phase, but only if the phases are held on different days.

### DRESS AND SADDLERY

- Riders must compete in attire required under EA rules. Jackets and ties or stocks, not school jumpers.
- Teams may coordinate state colours (e.g. ties, brow bands etc.)
- In the event of hot weather, the Organising Committee may permit riders to compete without riding coats.
- Shirts must have long or short sleeves but may not be sleeveless and must be worn with a tie.
- Helmets of AS/NZS 3838-2006 or EN 1384 or ASTN F1163 must be worn at all times whilst mounted
- Back Protectors are compulsory under EA Eventing Rules.
- Random checks of helmet standards may occur.
- The Organising Committee authorises competitors to carry an emblem or logo of their state team and/or of their personal sponsor on their clothing or saddlecloth. All sponsor logos may not exceed 20cm square in total on each side of the saddlecloth.

### RIDER NUMBERS

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

Rider back numbers for the cross country phase of Eventing will be available in the Event Office.

Penalty for not adhering to these rules may be disqualification

### SADDLECLOTHS

Saddlecloths – dressage or all-purpose must be worn. No shaped saddlecloths are permitted except in Show Horse where numnahs are permitted. Saddlecloths may have the state team logo or emblem embroidered on them.

## PROTESTS, REPORTS AND APPEALS

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

Objections must be made to the Organising Committee within 30 minutes of the publication of results for the class. Upon the receipt of any objection, the OC must pass the same immediately to the TD/Ground Jury for determination.

Individual athletes or their parents must not approach the Organising Committee or the Technical Delegate with an objection – they are to work with the nominated Team Representative. Athletes and their parents must ensure that an appropriate Team Representative is nominated at the commencement of each competition and that the office of the event is notified whom that person is. At Australian Interschola Championships, the Team Representative will be the State's Chef D'Equipe.

## VETERINARY ASPECTS

### APPROVED LABORATORY

Details of EA/FEI Approved Laboratory appointed to carry out analyses on samples collected at this event

**Name:** Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory

**Address:** Randwick Racecourse, Randwick NSW 2031

**Phone:** 03 8344 5000

### VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS, HORSE IDENTIFICATION

These will be carried out in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations Art. 1031 and the form attached will be used to record the examination and horse details.

Extracts of FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1031. Not all clauses were relevant or included here.

#### Definitions:

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

## VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS

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

The object of the Veterinary Examination is to:

- a) Verify the identity of each horse from its paperwork;
- b) Check that the animal has not been in contact with other animals suffering from infectious or contagious disease (e.g. strangles) or has come from an establishment that is not free of such disease (VR Art 1032.2); and
- c) Carry out a clinical examination to ensure that the horse is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease. This examination may include the palpation of limbs and body, monitoring heart and respiratory rate, body temperature and any other pertinent clinical parameters necessary. The limbs may be palpated or lifted to examine a suspected abnormality. However, an examination for any lameness (i.e. flexion tests or a trot-up) is not part of this examination. A record of the clinical findings must be made which should follow the horse through successive examinations and inspections.

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

Following a Veterinary Examination:

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

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## HORSE INSPECTIONS

A Horse Inspection has been scheduled 24 hours prior to the start of competition at the Australian Interschola Championships:

- To identify horses
- To ensure soundness and health of horses
- To provide a learning opportunity for junior athletes

The aim of the Horse Inspection is to ensure the “fitness to compete” of horses taking part in competitions by providing the same objective protocol for all disciplines. At the Australian Interschola Championships the Horse Inspections on Day One may also be used to establish the identity of horses taking part in the competition (more usually carried out during the Veterinary Inspection upon arrival to the stables at an FEI event) and is specifically intended to give athletes experience in presenting their horse at an inspection under the conditions they will encounter at FEI events.

At Australian Interschola Championships there may be more than one Horse Inspection scheduled, due to the number of horses participating. Should this be the case, groups will be arranged by discipline or age group of riders. Horses will not be presented in more than one Horse Inspection. In the case of a horse competing in more than one discipline, it must be presented in the discipline group that it will be competing in first.

### Rules for Horse Inspection

- Horses are to be presented in a snaffle bridle with ID number
- Handlers are to be neatly dressed and wearing enclosed shoes
- No rugs or bandages
- No dye or paint on horses
- Hooves must not be blackened or coloured in any way
- Whips are not allowed (unless permission is given by the President of the Ground Jury)

The person responsible (the nominated athlete of the horse) should present the horse for inspection unless prior permission to have a substitute lead the horse has been granted by the Inspection Panel (through the Chief Steward/Organising Committee). The handler must stand the horse correctly at the spot indicated, preferably in front of, and facing the horse. Should the athlete not be able to safely hold the horse in a specified manner they may stand next to the horse’s near side.

The veterinarian will walk around the horse to carry out a brief visual inspection of the horse. The horse will be compared to its identification papers. After the visual inspection, the horse will be walked for a short distance (about 5 metres/10 paces) and then trotted on a loose rein for 30-40 metres, with the handler on the left side of the horse. The veterinarian watches the horse from the center of the inspection track. The horse is then walked and turned to the right around the marker at the end of the track before being trotted back towards the Inspection Panel.

The Inspection Panel then makes a decision, taking into account the opinion of the veterinarian to accept, to not accept, or to refer the horse to the holding box for examination and re-inspection. The responsibility for accepting or not accepting horses to



competes is shared between the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate, but should be based on the professional opinion of the veterinarian.

The decision of the Inspection Panel is final and there can be no appeal.

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## HORSE IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION

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

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## SAMPLING FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Medication control sampling (swabbing) is compulsory at all Australian Interschool Championships. A minimum of three horses or 3% of horses taking part (whichever is the greater) will be sampled.

Competitors should refer to the EA Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control Rules (<http://www.equestrian.org.au/medication-control>) and discuss any treatment for their horses with their veterinarian.

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## VETERINARIANS

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

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## SOUNDNESS

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

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## HENDRA VIRUS STATEMENT

Hendra virus is a virus carried by flying foxes, that can spread to horses and then to people. Symptoms are similar to colic.

The likelihood of contracting Hendra virus is rare but the consequences can be fatal. To date, most cases have been reported in coastal Queensland and the north coast of NSW. A small number of people have been infected with Hendra virus, resulting from very close contact with infected horses (either sick horses or during autopsies). There have been no reported cases of human-to-human, bat-to-human, or human-to-horse spread of Hendra virus.

The NSW DPI states in its Primefact 970 “vaccination is the single most effective way of reducing the risk of Hendra virus infection in horses”.

Equestrian NSW, which is staging the 2015 Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships, has a duty under Workplace Health and Safety legislation to provide a safe competition. Welfare of our horses is also the founding principle under FEI and Equestrian Australia rules.

How Equestrian NSW will manage the risk of the Hendra virus and other biosecurity risks, to be as low as reasonably practical, is detailed in the Event Biosecurity Plan sent to all Team Managers for distribution.

If a Hendra virus case does occur at the event, insurance cover can't be guaranteed as a Hendra virus case has not occurred at an Equestrian Australia sanctioned competition, so there hasn't been any precedent established.

Equestrian NSW gives notice, that in submitting your entry to participate in the event, YOU WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO SEEK COMPENSATION OF ANY TYPE FROM EQUESTRIAN NSW, SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, OR ANY OF THEIR OFFICERS, SERVENTS OR AGENTS FOR ANY LOSS, INJURY OR OTHER DAMAGE ARISING IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE HENDRA VIRUS IN ANY HORSE OR PERSON ATTENDING THE EVENT OR FROM ANY PERSON OR ANIMAL CONTRACTING ANY ILLNESS OR DISABILITY, FROM THE HENDRA VIRUS, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OR HOWSOEVER OTHERWISE.





## RIDERS AND HORSES

### ENTRY TIMETABLE

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

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

#### **POOL HORSE REQUESTS: FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015 5.00 PM**

WA, TAS and NT qualified and state endorsed riders that would like to compete on a pool horse should lodge the 'Pool Horse Request' Form as early as possible with the Organising Committee in order that the process can commence.

#### **CLOSE OF ENTRIES: FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2015 5.00 PM**

The names of the competitors and horses must be indicated and all entries completed online via Nominate. WA, TAS and NT riders that have not yet been allocated a Pool Horse, should state "Pool Horse" under horse name. WA, TAS and NT riders that have made private arrangements to borrow a horse must provide full details of the horse on the entry form.

#### **DRAFT DRAW: THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2015**

Any clashes or omissions to be advised by the State representative by 11th September 2015.

#### **FINAL DRAW: TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2014**

### ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must be:

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

Each State may nominate a maximum of four (4) riders per discipline/class. In Eventing only, a maximum of 5 riders per class may be nominated by each State.

Riders who have qualified for more than one discipline (either on separate horses or the same horse) shall be permitted to enter. However, the OC may request such a rider to make a choice where scheduling or horse welfare considerations cannot accommodate the rider. A rider may compete in two (2) consecutive levels of dressage.

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

Riders are to compete in classes that they have qualified for and are competent of their own and their horse's abilities. In sports where "grading" or "qualification" applies, the EA rules for eligibility must be adhered to. The level or grade of the horse or horse/rider combination is as at the time of the qualifying competition. Horses or horse/rider combinations which subsequently upgrade during the year may still compete at the level at which they qualified.

Parents/Guardians of Junior Members engaging in Australian Interschola Championships will be required to sign a Waiver/Release form stating that they agree to be bound by the Codes of Conduct applicable to Members of Equestrian Australia. This means Parents/Guardians are protected by Equestrian Australia Member Protections Policies and will be responsible for observing the Codes of Conduct.



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## RIDERS AGE

### PRIMARY

Primary competition is for those students who are in Year 1 to Year 6.

### SECONDARY

Secondary competition is for those students who are in Year 7 to Year 12.

### INTERMEDIATE

Intermediate division in Dressage is offered. Intermediate is defined as those athletes turning 12 (if in Secondary School), 13 and 14 years of age in the current year.

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## HORSES

All horses entered in the Australian Interschool Championships must be EA registered and must have a microchip meeting Australian Standard AS5018/5019 inserted. Horses must be entered for events in their full registered names and their registered EA number must be provided.

EA Registration papers/identification documents must be produced at the Horse Inspection on Day One of the competition. Horses entered in the Championships may only be ridden and schooled by the athlete competing the horse. This applies for the entire event.

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

Only competition horses are allowed in the warm-up and competition areas.

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## NUMBER OF HORSES PER ATHLETE

Athletes may compete with more than one horse and in multiple disciplines, as long as National Discipline Rules are followed regarding the number of test/classes that may be contested. Riders may enter more than one horse per discipline class, however, the OC may request such a rider to make a choice where scheduling or horse welfare considerations cannot accommodate the rider.

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

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## AGE OF HORSES

As per National Sport Rules for each discipline: For Jumping and Eventing, competitions, all horses and ponies must be four years of age or older. For Dressage and Show Horse competitions, horses and ponies must be three years or older.

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## BORROWED/POOL HORSES

The Organising Committee will make Pool Horses available for riders representing Western Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory only. Riders eligible for a pool horse must lodge their 'Request for Pool Horse' form with their State Branch by 31st July 2015. Every endeavor will be made to appropriately match riders with pool horses.



Riders from WA, TAS and NT may also source a privately borrowed horse for the event and all conditions and regulations will apply to the horse as if it was the riders own. Full details must be provided at time of entry.

Riders of Pool Horses will pay \$600 for the use of their horse for the competition. Pool horse owners are required to provide all saddlery/rugs and equipment for their horse as well as all feed for the duration of their stay.

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

## CO-ORDINATION OF ENTRIES

The State EA Branch or the Team Manager shall be responsible for coordinating the team, including substitutions and shall be responsible for verifying the eligibility of competitors and shall be able to provide evidence of eligibility to the OC of the Australian Championships upon request.

Entries shall be submitted online via Nominate <https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Event.aspx?event=5370&eventlist=5> either by qualified riders or by the EA State Branch or Team Manager depending on the process agreed by each State. All entries must be done online:

- 1: Entries to be made online via Nominate by close of entries.
- 2: On close of entries each State will be provided a report by the OC to validate the entries received.
- 3: Where entries are received from ineligible riders these will be refunded less a \$50 administration fee.
- 4: Riders to submit Stable and Camping requirements via the online system.
- 5: Payments for pool horses will processed separately via a payment request to the riders after close of entries.

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

## SUBSTITUTIONS

Each state shall nominate four (4) riders per discipline per class, except for Eventing, where five (5) riders per State are permitted.. In order to fill the state's quota, the state may, before the date of draft draw, make substitutions. Once the draft draw has been published, should a nominated competitor be unable for whatever reason to compete, the relevant State Co-ordinator may substitute a suitably qualified competitor providing the following conditions are met:

- 1: A veterinary or doctor's certificate must be provided to prove the qualified horse's/rider's unavailability; and
- 2: The rider must show proof of competition performance at the relevant level on the substitute horse, and
- 3: The substitute horse must be eligible for the grade/level as per EA rules.

States may choose to substitute the horse/rider combination with another suitably qualified combination.

Between the date of entry close and horse health inspection, substitutions of competitors and/or horses can be made with the approval of the Organising Committee and the relevant EA Branch. No substitution will be considered after Trot Up has been completed.

## ENTRY FEES

The following entry fees must be paid at time of entry:

Show Horse:	\$140 per horse per class
Eventing:	\$180 per horse per class
Show Jumping:	\$140 per horse per class
Dressage:	\$140 per horse per class
Combined Training:	\$140 per horse per class
Freestyle:	\$70 per horse

## REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS

Entry fees will not be refunded after the Close of Entries. Exemptions on medical or veterinary grounds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee and will require documentary evidence certified by a recognised and qualified medical practitioner/veterinarian and must be specific and relevant to the request for an exemption. Up to 50% of entry fees will be retained to help defray administration costs.

A written statement giving reasons for any withdrawal must be handed to the Secretary of the Event prior to the commencement of the Championships. No request for an exemption will be considered after commencement of the relevant competition. Withdrawal of entries prior to the close of entries will have a refund of entry fees less a \$50 administration fee.

## FACILITIES AND VENUE

### THE LOCATION

The Sydney International Equestrian Centre is a world-class venue featuring state-of-the-art design in a rural environment. It is set on 96 hectares of magnificent parkland in Western Sydney, just 45km from Sydney's central business district and its famous harbour.

The site boasts 10km of trails, Indoor Arena, a number of outdoor arenas, conference room and Riders Retreat, a superb cross-country course and steeplechase track, stables and accommodation.

### LOCAL EVENTS

Looking to combine the Interschool Australian Championships with other events then maybe you might like to consider:

- **NSW Show Horse Championships** – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at SIEC. Open, newcomer, Rider and Junior classes. Entries open via <https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Event.aspx?event=5324&eventlist=3>
- **Saddleworld Australian Youth Show Jumping Festival** – Bi Centennial Park, Camden – 3-5<sup>th</sup> October. Entries close 25 September. Entries via link below. [http://www.globalentriesonline.com.au/equestrian\\_show\\_jumping/details/?eventId=318&eventDetailId=3300](http://www.globalentriesonline.com.au/equestrian_show_jumping/details/?eventId=318&eventDetailId=3300)

Or non-horse events

- Visit Sydney <http://www.visitnsw.com/events>

### SIEC FACILITIES

For venue maps and more details go to <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/equestriancentre/about.asp>

The site's facilities include:

- Main Arena – seating up to 2000 spectators, PA System, kiosk, judges areas and accessible amenities
- Indoor Arena – covered seating for nearly 1200 spectators as well as fully serviced offices, conference centre, PA system, general amenities
- Outdoor Arenas – 12 Sand arenas and two grass arenas
- Cross Country Course
- Steeple Chase Track
- Accommodation Blocks
- Conference Room
- Riders Retreat
- Warm-up areas
- Three stable blocks (accommodating up to 300 horses)
- Camping Area including 40 cabins, 69 powered sites and approximately 60 unpowered sites which includes toilet/shower facilities.
- Car and float parking

In addition portable stables will be available to ensure all horses can be accommodated at SIEC during the event.

## STABLES

Stabling will be allocated in state sections, there are 3 stable blocks and additional portable stables will be available.

Stabling	\$130 minimum of 5 day booking, each additional night \$25. A bond of \$75 is payable and refundable
Bedding	\$15 per bale of shavings (min 6 for each stable) – Total \$90.00. Additional may be purchased at \$15.00 per bale
Stable bond	\$75 will be charged, if you leave your stable clean you will have the \$75 refunded to the State Office
Facility fee	\$18 per horse per day – total 5 days = \$90.00
Camping	\$140.00 minimum of 5 nights camping. Additional Nights will be charged at \$30.00 per night. State teams will be allocated camping areas as a whole.

Please observe the following stable safety requirements:

- Smoking is strictly prohibited in the entire stable area – please see previous rules regarding smoking on site
- Open fires are not permitted at SIEC at any time
- Horses are not to enter the designated camping areas at any time
- Stable lights will be turned off at 10 pm and are not to be turned on until at least 5 am each day
- Please ensure walkways and doors are not obstructed. Tack boxes will be provided for each State

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF HORSES

- Horses may arrive from midday Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and must be on the venue by the Trot Up time.
- Health declarations, biosecurity paperwork and horse registrations will be required on arrival to access SIEC
- Earlier or later arrivals/departures may be possible to those travelling from interstate only. Arrangements MUST be made seven (7) days prior to arrival.
- Departure – Stables must be cleaned and vacated by 4pm Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015.
- Departures prior to the Official Closing must seek permission from the Organising Committee via their State Coordinator or Team Manager and written withdrawal from the competition will be required.
- Full arrival procedures will be provided closer to event date.

## FEED AND STABLING OF HORSES

- The participating horses must be stabled on the grounds where possible.
- Special stabling requests must be made by the closing date of entries to the OC.
- Riders may purchase feed through the event supplier.
- Requests to purchase additional bedding can be made to the Stable Manager during the competition.
- Additional horses not officially participating at the Australian Championships cannot be brought to the venue.
- Pool horse owners are responsible to provide all feed for their horses, bedding can be ordered via the online system.
- A separate tack and feed storage facility will be available for each state.

## HORSE TRUCKS AND FLOATS

Parking of all vehicles and trailers is to be in the designated areas only, there are limited powered sites available. Camp sites are allocated and the allocation must be adhered to. Where possible the states will be allocated a group camping location. Vehicles not used for camping will need to be parked in designated car park.

## ACCOMMODATION

Due to the restricted number of cabins at SIEC, each State will be allocated a small number of cabins. Please check with your Team Coordinator regarding availability. Individual bookings for cabins will not be permitted.

Families can source local or private accommodation.

Caravans can be hired from:

Baby Boomers – 1300 171 312

Great Escape Caravan Hire – 0450 211 171

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

### Accommodation

- Alpha Hotel Corner of Braham and Peter Brock Drive, Eastern Creek (02) 8889 7700
- Atura Blacktown 32 Cricketers Arms Road, Prospect (02) 9421 0000
- Blacktown Travelodge Reservoir Road, Blacktown (02) 8822 2000
- Blue Cattle Dog Motel Mamre Rd (cnr Banks Rd), St Clair (02) 9670 3050
- Chifley Hotel Mulgoa Road, Penrith (02) 4721 7700
- Ibis Budget 437 Hume Highway, Casula (02) 9822 2777
- Ibis Budget 377-383 Great Western Highway, Wentworthville (02) 9769 1240
- Hunts Motor Inn Corner Hume Highway and York Streets, Casula (02) 9601 5088
- Mecure Hotel 424 – 458 Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool (02) 8777 0600
- Novotel 33 Railway Street, Rooty Hill (02) 9832 3888
- Quest Campbelltown Serviced Apartments 1 Rennie Road, Woodbine (02) 4622 4900
- Rydges Old Menangle Road, Campbelltown (02) 4645 0500
- St Marys Park View Motel 465 Great Western Highway, St Marys (02) 9623 1227
- Voyager Motel 863 Great Western Hwy, Minchinbury (02) 9625 9902

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### STABLE SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT

SIEC has strict stable safety guidelines and risk management policy which must be adhered to, but please be aware of these important conditions. The Sydney International Equestrian Centre is a part of the Western Sydney Regional Park. Visitors are asked to adhere to the following:

As a condition of entry to the SIEC, persons:

1. Agree to follow the direction and instruction of SIEC staff at all times whilst at the SIEC
2. Agree to adhere to all directions displayed on signage at the SIEC
3. Agree they will not do any of the following within the SIEC:
  - (a) use indecent, obscene, insulting or threatening language
  - (b) behave in an offensive or indecent manner
  - (c) ride a horse without a safety helmet and without appropriate clothing and footwear
  - (d) ride a horse bareback
  - (e) ride a horse that is rugged and/or unbridled
  - (f) light any fire
  - (g) bring or attempt to bring into the SIEC any alcohol or glass without the written approval of the SIEC
  - (h) bring a dog to the SIEC without a lead. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times whilst at the SIEC
  - (i) take animals into any building at the SIEC
  - (j) leave any personal or animal waste at the SIEC, except if that waste is left in the appropriate bins allocated
  - (k) use any fire hoses at SIEC. Penalties will apply
  - (l) interfere with or harm any wildlife at the SIEC
  - (m) smoke in or around any SIEC building. All SIEC buildings are smoke free - Smoking and Smoke Free Areas at SIEC
  - (n) break, damage, deface, obliterate or cover any structure, machinery, equipment, sign, descriptive plate or label.

### Smoke Free Areas (NO SMOKING) ALL THE TIME:

- All buildings (rider retreat, cabins, admin building, conference room, west and east towers, judges boxes, event office, machinery shed);
- The stable complex's;
- Indoor arena;
- Event square;
- All arena fields of play;
- Smoking should be 4 meters from a doorway/entries exit from any building.

Smoke Free Areas during events, clinics and including **warm up**:

- Main Arena seated area covered and uncovered;
- The two portable grandstands.

Additional smoking guidelines;

- A smoker cannot smoke in spectator areas and will be asked to move from that area if the cigarette smoke is affecting other non-smokers. e.g. If a smoker is standing on the fence of the hacking area and there are other people and children within breathing distance of the smoke they should be asked to **move away from that area**;
- If a smoker is on the cross country course with other people who are smoking and the smoke is not affecting other spectators or competitors, they can stay in that location and smoke.

Electronic Cigarettes are to be treated the same as cigars, cigarettes and pipes etc.

4. Must comply with all NSW Road Rules and related legislation. All roads are designated public carriage ways and NSW legislation and Road Rules apply. In addition, the following applies:
  - (a) only registered vehicles (including motorcycles and four wheel bikes) are permitted to be used at the SIEC
  - (b) riders of motorcycles, bicycles including electric powered and four wheel bikes must wear Australian standard approved helmets at all times
  - (c) bicycles or any vehicles must not be used after dark without front & rear lights
  - (d) golf carts must have current conditional registration in accordance with RTA legislation. Golf carts are only permitted to carry the specified number of passengers, no overloading will be permitted. Golf carts may only be operated by licensed drivers. Golf carts must not be driven whilst the driver is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Between sunset and sunrise all golf carts are to be parked in a central location, specified by the SIEC, and keys are to be removed. No golf carts are to be driven on site after dark unless authorised in writing
  - (e) all SIEC road signage and speed limits are to be adhered to at all times
  - (f) all vehicles, except those so authorised, must park in designated car or truck parking areas and must only use bitumen roads.
5. Acknowledge that the SIEC accepts no liability for the loss of, or damage to, vehicles, or any other goods or articles
6. If camping, agree to camp only in designated areas. Power leads must be tagged and tested, and installed in a safe manner and must not cross roads or paths
7. Must stable horses if the horses are staying overnight
8. Must be respectful of horse riders and other SIEC users
9. Must use all designated horse paths at ALL times. Roads are not to be used when moving from the stabling area to arenas.
10. Must ensure persons under the age of 18 are supervised by an adult at all times
11. Must report all incidents, accidents and damages to SIEC venue management

The SIEC may refuse admission to, or cause to be removed from, the SIEC any person that is, in the opinion of SIEC staff, intoxicated or any person that fails to abide with these conditions of entry or any other written signage at the SIEC. Persons must not remain on any part of the SIEC after having been requested to leave by a SIEC staff member.

## TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

### PRACTICE ARENAS AND PRACTICE OBSTACLES

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

#### STEWARDING OF PRACTICE ARENA

The Chief Steward must ensure that all practice arenas are adequately stewarded all the time that they are officially open. They must also ensure that these arenas are subject to random control when they are officially closed.

#### MEETING OF CHEFS D'EQUIPE

A meeting of all state Chefs D'Equipe will occur at a time to be advised on 28th September 2015. A schedule of further meetings will be advised at this time.

#### HELPER DUTIES

This event will rely heavily on volunteers to assist in running events. Each state will be allocated a set number of helper duties which will be provided by the OC to the Chefs D'Equipe after the final draw has been published. It is the Chefs D'Equipe responsibility to fill these duties within their team and submit helper contact name and details to the Volunteer Co-ordinator by 4pm on 25th September, 2015.

Details of the duties and schedules will be provided closer to the event date.



## PRIZES AND AWARDS

### CLASS PRIZES

Prizes will be provided for 1-6<sup>th</sup> in each class and championship.

### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Individuals will receive points for placings in each class. Points are allocated based on the maximum possible number of competitors in each class (i.e. 28, 27, 26, 25...1). The points received in each class are totaled to decide the Champion and Reserve Champion individuals. Eventing and Combined Training have one section (with multiple phases); Dressage has two sections, while Jumping and Show Horse has three sections. Champion points are awarded where an athlete has completed all phases/sections of a class without elimination or disqualification. Any fifth team member if applicable does not contribute to this score, nor to the possible maximum number of competitors.

### CHAMPION TEAMS

Total individual points are converted to the scale used for each section eg 1<sup>st</sup> = 28 point, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 27 points. Equality in class and sub class placings will be resolved for places 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. If equality exists in 6<sup>th</sup> place, riders will be awarded equal placing and share points. For example one rider may be awarded 6<sup>th</sup> place and receive 23 points, two riders may be awarded 7<sup>th</sup> place so each will be awarded 21.5 points, then the next placed rider would be awarded 9<sup>th</sup> and 20 points.

If a state has a fifth rider competing in a class, that rider is eligible for individual class awards but no points to go towards the team championships.

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

### AWARDS

**Tammy Rhodes Dressage Trophy:** Presented to the highest dressage class champion that has achieved a minimum average higher than 60% across both tests. Freestyle results are not included.

**Closest to Ideal Time Eventing Trophy:** Presented to the athlete who returns the closest to optimum time on the cross country

**Combined Training Trophy:** Presented to the athlete with the fewest penalty points in Combined Training

**Finch Farms Show Jumping Trophy:** Presented to the athlete with the best overall result in Show Jumping

**Show Rider Trophy:** Presented to the Rider with the least penalty points in Show Horse, Show Hunter and Working Hunter classes

**Special Awards:** based on the highest aggregate individual points across all disciplines for the nominated horse/pony. In the case of equality of points the horse/pony achieving the highest points in the highest level class will be declared winner. For OTT awards, provide the horses registered Racing name and number if known.

- **Off the Track Award** - The best performed retired racehorse in the disciplines of dressage, show jumping, eventing and show horse. Horses must be nominated for this award at time of entry and the horses racing name provided.

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## TEAMWORK TROPHY

To be awarded to the state showing the best team spirit and teamwork. To be judged on the following considerations:

- Tidiness and decoration of stable area with team colours
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- Team uniforms and colours worn throughout the event
- Team work – helping team mates to prepare for their performances
- Team spirit – supporting team mates on the sidelines
- This will be judged by secret judges who will observe teams throughout the Championships.

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

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## OVERALL TROPHY

The **Harry le Bherz Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the state with the highest score across all four sports.

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## PRESENTATIONS

Attendance at presentations is compulsory for all athletes. The organising committee will advise the schedule of presentations. Mounted presentations will not be held the Australian Interschola Championships.

## COMPETITIONSCHEDULE

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

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30 am – 1.00 pm	Rider and Horse arrival (if not prior as arranged)
	TBA	Chef D'Equipe meeting
	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Trot Up
	6.00 pm	Opening Ceremony
	7.00 pm	Welcome BBQ hosted by New South Wales
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	Show Horse – Led Phase and Rider Phase Jumping –Day 1 Eventing – Dressage Combined Training – Dressage
	6.00 pm	Event Dinner for all States
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am - 4.00 pm	Combined Training -Jumping Show Horse – Ridden Phase Eventing – Cross Country Jumping – Day 2
	5.00 pm	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show Horse Champions</li> <li>• Show Horse Teams</li> <li>• Combined Training Champions</li> <li>• Combined Training Team</li> </ul>
	Evening	Dressage –Freestyle Competition – Indoor
Thursday 1st October	8.00 am to 4.00 pm	Jumping – Day 3 Eventing – Show Jumping Dressage – Primary Prelim (1.2) Dressage – Primary Novice (2.2) Dressage – Secondary Novice (2.2) Dressage – Intermediate Novice (2.2) Dressage – Elementary (3.2) Dressage – Medium (4.2) Dressage – Advanced (5.2)
	5.00 pm	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show Jumping Champions</li> <li>• Show Jumping Team</li> <li>• Eventing Champions</li> <li>• Eventing Team</li> </ul>
	Evening	To Be Scheduled



Friday 2nd October

8.00 am - 3.00pm

Dressage – Primary Prelim (1.3)  
Dressage – Primary Novice (2.3)  
Dressage – Secondary Novice (2.3)  
Dressage – Intermediate Novice (2.3)  
Dressage – Elementary (3.3)  
Dressage – Medium (4.3)  
Dressage – Advanced (5.3)  
Dressage – PSG & Inter I

4.00 pm

Presentations

- Dressage Champions
- Dressage Team
- Special Awards
- Champion State
- Closing Ceremony

## SHOW HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Class No	Class Name	Must complete all phases
SH1	Show Horse Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH2	Show Hunter Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH3	Working Hunter Primary	Led, Rider Class, Ridden and Jumping 45cm
SH4	Show Horse Secondary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH5	Show Hunter Secondary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH6	Working Hunter Secondary	Led, Rider Class, Ridden and Jumping 65cm

**Entry cost \$140 per horse**

### Show Horse

Will comprise of three separate phases:

Phase 1 – In hand

Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)

Phase 3 – Ridden workout (judging the horse as a show horse)

### Show Hunter

Will comprise of three separate phases:

Phase 1 – In hand

Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)

Phase 3 – Ridden workout (judging the horse as a show hunter)

### Working Hunter

Will comprise of three separate phases:

Phase 1 – In hand

Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)

Phase 3 – Jumping & Ridden (judging the horse as a working hunter)

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Judged under EA National 2015 Show Horse Rules effective 1 September 2015 in conjunction with the Interschool Show Horse Rules 2014
- Judging and scoring as per EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules
- Riders must complete all three phases in the class on the same horse.
- Each class will have a timed draw and all riders will complete an individual workout.
- The Championship (total points earned over all phases) will determine the overall ranking of riders
- Ribbons will be awarded for led, rider and ridden classes and championship (combined score across phases)
- Rider and horse/pony combination may compete in one class only, must choose between Show Horse, Show Hunter or Working Hunter.
- State emblem/logo must be displayed on riders jacket
- State brow band may be worn in all classes including hunter/working hunter without penalty
- Judging arena to be advised

## SCORING

As per EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules

## DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Class No	Class	Tests
D1	Primary Preliminary	Prelim 1.2, 1.3
D2	Primary Novice	Novice 2.2, 2.3
D3	Secondary Intermediate Novice	Novice 2.2, 2.3
D4	Secondary Senior Novice	Novice 2.2, 2.3
D5	Secondary Elementary	Elem 3.2, 3.3
D6	Secondary Medium	Med 4.2, 4.3
D7	Secondary Advanced	Adv 5.2, 5.3
D8	Secondary PSG	PSG
D9	Secondary Inter 1	Inter 1

Entry cost \$140 per horse

Prix St George and Inter I class entry fee \$70.00 per horse

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Gloves are compulsory, and preferably white.
- Test to be ridden from memory
- Starting order will be according to a random draw
- All Dressage tests will be run in accordance with Current EA Rules in the EA Dressage Competition Rules, which can be obtained from the EA website
- Riders are permitted to enter 2 consecutive levels per horse.
- Whips are permitted (not exceeding 1.2m including tassel for horses and 1.0m for ponies)
- Whips are not allowed in FEI classes
- Horses may not compete below their graded level (if an official dressage grading applies). However horses graded FEI are permitted to compete Advanced if no FEI classes are offered.
- Only snaffle bits are allowed unless competing at Medium or above
- Spurs can be used at all levels

### SCORING

As per EA National Dressage Rules

## FREESTYLE DRESSAGE – UNOFFICIAL COMPETITION

Class No	Class	Tests
F1	Novice Freestyle	2014 Novice Freestyle
F2	Elementary Freestyle	2014 Elementary Freestyle
F3	Medium Freestyle	2014 Medium Freestyle
F4	Advanced/PSG Freestyle	2014 Advanced Freestyle

Entry cost \$70.00 per horse

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Only riders accepted in the dressage classes are eligible to compete in the freestyle classes
- Gloves are compulsory, and preferably white.
- Test to be ridden from memory
- Starting order will be according to a random draw
- All Freestyle Dressage tests will be run in accordance with Current EA Rules in the EA Dressage Competition Rules, which can be obtained from the website or EA National Office.
- Whips are permitted (not exceeding 1.2m including tassel for horses and 1.0m for ponies)
- Horses may not compete below their graded level (if an official dressage grading applies). However horses graded FEI are permitted to compete Advanced if no FEI classes are offered.
- Only snaffle bits are allowed unless competing at Medium or above
- Spurs can be used at all levels
- May be ridden in costume
- Unofficial class, but horses must not compete at a level below their current official grading
- Riders to provide music on CD

### SCORING

As per EA National Dressage Rules

No individual or State Team points will be awarded

## EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP

No	Class	Tests
E1	EvA 80cm	Eventing 1.3(2015)
E2	EvA 95cm	Ev Prelim P1 (2011)
E3	EvA 105cm	EA Novice 2.2 (2014)
E4	CNC 1*	2015 1* B (2015)

Entry cost \$180 per horse

### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- Age of Riders:
  - EvA80 Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 8
  - EvA95 Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 8. Riders under the age of 13 must have completed three x EvA80.
  - EvA105 Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 13.
  - One Star (CNC\*) Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 14 until the end of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 18.
- Primary Riders competing in Eventing are not able to enter the Combined Training classes.
- Qualification: Horses and riders must be qualified to compete at the relevant level as per EA Eventing Rules 520
- Five combinations per state will be allowed
- Dressage Test to be ridden from memory
- Dress and Saddlery: According to EA National Eventing Rules 2015
- Starting order: By draw as per EA Eventing Rule 533.2 for dressage and cross country, Jumping phase will be in reverse order of placing's after the dressage and cross country phases for all classes.
- Course specifications as per EA National Eventing Rules
- No Pool or borrowed horses are allowed in Eventing
- Bridle or saddle blanket number compulsory for dressage and jumping and back number for Cross Country.

### SCORING

- According to EA National Eventing Rules
- The winner is the competitor with the lowest total of penalty points.

According to EA Eventing Rule 20, In the case of a tie, the winner or place-getter will be the one with the best cross-country obstacle score (total of jumping and time penalties). If there is still a tie, the winner or place-getter will be the one whose cross-country time was the closest to the optimum time. If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour of the competitor with the best score in the jumping test (time and obstacles). If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour with the best time (fastest) in the Jumping test. If there is still equality the classification will be decided in favour of the competitor with the best percentage score in the Dressage test. If there is still equality, the tie will remain in the Final Classification.



## COMBINED TRAINING CHAMPIONSHIP

No	Class	Tests/Height
CT1	Primary 45cm	Eventing Prelim 1.1 (2015), 45cm
CT2	Primary 60cm	EA Prelim 1.1 (2014), 60cm
CT3	Primary Intro 80cm	EA Prelim 1.3 (2014), 80cm

Entry cost \$140 per horse

### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- Age of horses: 4 years or over
- Age of Riders: as per National IS rules and specific Equestrian Australia Sport rules for Primary School
- Riders competing in Combined Training classes are not eligible to compete in Eventing classes.
- Dressage Test to be ridden from memory
- Dress and Saddlery: According to EA National Eventing Rules
- Scoring Method: According to EA Eventing Rule Annex I
- Starting order by random draw for dressage and jumping will be in reverse order of placings after the dressage
- Course Specifications as per EA National Eventing Rules
- Bridle or saddle blanket number compulsory for dressage and jumping
- Riders are only permitted to compete in one level per horse.
- The same horse and rider combination must complete both phases of the competition. Elimination from one phase involves elimination from the competition.
- No whip is allowed in the dressage phase, however whips of no more than 75cm are allowed in the jumping phase.

### SCORING

Scoring Method: According to EA Eventing Rules

- As combined training runs under Eventing rules, riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the 2 phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties when penalties from the dressage and jumping phases are added will be the winner. Dressage penalties are calculated by subtracting the average percentage from 100 and multiplying it by 1.5. The result is always rounded to one decimal point. Jumping penalties are calculated in the normal manner as per Eventing Jumping Rules. 1 penalty per second over time.
- In the case of tied scores for placings in a class the rider with the best dressage score (least penalties) will be the higher placed. If equality still exists, the closest to the optimum time (under the time set) in the jumping element will be the higher placed. If there is still a tie, then the placings will be shared and the subsequent place not awarded. For example, if there is a tie for second place then no third place will be awarded and the points for second and third will be added together and then divided equally between the two tied riders.

## JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

No	Class	Phases
SJ1	Primary 80cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 -238.2.2
SJ2	Primary 90cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 -238.2.2
SJ3	Secondary 90cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 -238.2.2
SJ4	Secondary 100cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 -238.2.2
SJ5	Secondary 110cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 -238.2.2
SJ6	Secondary 120cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 -238.2.2

Entry cost \$140 per horse

### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- The Jumping competition will be conducted under the National Sporting Rules for Jumping
- Age of horses: must be at least 4 years old
- Saddlery as per EA National Jumping Rules
- Course inspections are only permitted during designated times in the official riding dress. Jumping courses will be open for inspection prior to the start of the competitions and re-opened between each class for approximately 15 minutes
- Riders must ride in the order of the draw and must not hold up proceedings on the day.
- Course plans will be posted at the entry gate

### JUMPING CLASSES

#### Phase 1 -One Round Table A Article 238.2.1

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

#### Phase 2 - Two-Phase Article 274 5.3

This competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.

#### Phase 3 -AM5 Article 238.2.2

This is a competition not against the clock, but in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other athletes are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round. All Riders who Jump Clear in the first round will be invited back to complete the second round at a raised height (approx. 5cm).

The first phase is a course of 7 to 9 obstacles with or without combinations (Table A against the clock). The second phase takes place over 4 to 6 obstacles, which may include one combination (Table A against the clock).

Athletes penalized in the first phase are halted by ringing the bell after they have jumped the last obstacle or when the time allowed for the first phase has been exceeded, after crossing the finishing line of the first phase. They must stop after crossing the first finishing line. Placing is according to the penalties and time in the second phase and, if necessary, to the penalties and time in the first phase. Athletes stopped after the first phase may only be placed after athletes who have taken part in both phases. In the event of equality for first place, the tied athletes will be placed equal first.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### SOCIAL EVENTS (TBA)

### OBJECTIONS/COMPLAINTS

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

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

1. Protests may be lodged against any person or body involved in any capacity in an Event or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the EA including for failure to observe the Constitution and By-Laws, Regulations or Rules or violation of the common principles of behavior, fairness, or accepted standards of sportsmanship, whether occurring during or in connection with an EA event or at any other time
2. Protests must be lodged with the Organising Committee for attention of the Ground Jury during its period of jurisdiction for failing to observe the Constitution and By-Laws, Regulations or Rules in the organisation or conduct of a competition, including the matters referred to in paragraph 4 below.
3. Protests must be in writing, signed by the authorised person making the protest, and presented personally by the Team Manager with a fee of \$200 together with any supporting evidence and the names of witnesses.
4. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, protests against any of the following matters may only be lodged with the Ground Jury and within the following time limits:
  - a) Protests concerning the eligibility of a competitor or horse or to the conditions of the arena: not later than 30 minutes before the start of the relevant competition;
  - b) Protests concerning an obstacle, or the plan or length of the course for a jumping competition: not later than 15 minutes before the start of the competition; and
  - c) Protests concerning irregularities or incidents during a competition, or the classification of a competition: not later than 30 minutes after the announcement of the results.

## COMPLAINTS RE ABUSE OF HORSES, COMPETITORS, OFFICIALS

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

#### ABUSE OF THE HORSE

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

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

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

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## RESULTS

Individual score sheets and competition result sheets will be available from the event office approximately 1 hour after the publication of the results.

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## EVENT ORGANISATION

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

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## CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT

If special circumstances demand it, the OC reserves the right to take all necessary actions including the cancellation of the event by repaying the entry fee, with the approval of the EA.

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## EVENT IMAGERY

The OC reserves the right, to make use of all photographs, images and videos made on behalf of the OC during the event or on the show grounds for their own commercial purposes, without explicit consent of the person/competitor illustrated.