2018 EQ Leaderboard

This is an initiative of Equestrian Queensland (EQ) to encourage participation of grassroots level riders and to increase support of participant level classes and EQ Affiliated Clubs in the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping & Eventing.

Participants may compete in multiple disciplines (but limited to one level per discipline for each horse/rider combination). All eligible classes will be allocated 10 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 10th place. Where a rider who is not eligible for the EQ Leaderboards has placed in the class, points will not be reallocated (e.g. if an ineligible rider places 2nd in a class, no rider will received 9 points for that class). Points will be added to the EQ Leaderboard and will count towards the Participant and Inter Club Challenge awards.

Eligible discipline levels:

Dressage	Jumping	Eventing
Prep	60cm	EvQ60
Prelim	80cm	EvA80
Novice	100cm	

Leaderboards

There are several awards within the EQ Leaderboard:

- **Participant awards** for each level within each discipline (total 8 awards). Prize: Trophy and rug for 1st place. Prizes for 2nd & 3rd place- to be presented at discipline awards night
  - o Results for the leaderboard are based on horse/rider combination
  - o Horse/rider combinations must have competed in at least 3 classes at a minimum of 2 eligible competitions for that discipline/level
  - o In the event of a tie, placings will be determined based on the relevant disciplines rules
- **Inter Club Challenge award**: across the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and Eventing to recognise the club that has had club members participating across all disciplines in the participant leaderboard (the 4 highest scoring club members across the different disciplines will form the team, with the 3 best scores to count. The 4th scores will only be used in the event of a tie). Prize: club trophy & rosettes for team members
  - o Team members must also meet the eligibility criteria for the participant leaderboard
  - o Horse/rider combinations must have competed in at least 3 classes at a minimum of 2 eligible competitions hosted by at least **2 different clubs**
  - o Prior to the end of the year, eligible riders will be asked to nominate which club they are representing. Participants may only represent one club for the duration of the 2018 inter club challenge (clubs will be asked to confirm membership of individuals)
- All end of year prizes are provided by EQ. Participant awards will be presented at the discipline end of year awards night, and the Inter Club Challenge will be presented at the EQ Awards Night
- EQ reserves the right to remove any awards if there are not sufficient participants
- Participants must meet the above leaderboard requirements as well as the eligibility criteria

Eligibility Information for clubs

1. All participating clubs must be current EQ affiliates
2. All classes must be run following EA rules using EA judges/officials
3. Selected participant competition classes listed on the DQ & EvQ calendars are eligible and will be noted on the relevant calendars and EQ website. Jumping competitions will be advised and listed on the EQ website
4. Schedules & competition entry checks should be sent to EQ prior to the event
5. Classes must be listed on the schedule/program as Participant Classes for dressage, or the relevant height class for eventing & jumping (junior/senior divisions may be specified). Classes listed as anything other than "Participant" may not be included on the leaderboard
6. Participant class results should be submitted to EQ within 2 weeks of the competition in an editable format (preferably excel)
7. No competitive or closed club classes are eligible for this leaderboard

Eligibility Information for participants

1. All riders must be an EQ participant or competitor member (please note; recreational members are not eligible to compete in EQ competitions)
2. We strongly encourage participants to EA Base or Life Register horses
3. All riders who compete in eligible classes will be automatically included on the EQ Leaderboard unless they do not meet the eligibility criteria or notify EQ that they do not wish to be part of the leaderboard
4. Open to junior and senior members equally
5. Participants may enter multiple horses however must meet the criteria on each horse
6. Horses may appear on the leaderboard under multiple riders but must meet the criteria and the rules of the sport regarding multiple riders while competing
7. Horse/rider combinations may compete in multiple disciplines, however will only be eligible for one level per discipline on the leaderboard and must not exceed the maximum number of starts per day as per EA rules. If a rider moves up a level during the year, only points accrued at the higher level points will be counted towards the leaderboard
8. Where the horse/rider combination have competed over more than one level in the current leaderboard year (either at a club, participant or competitive event), they must compete at the higher level within the EQ leaderboard
9. Horse/rider combination must not have competed in the following in the current or previous leaderboard year (based on calendar year):
   o Dressage: 1* or above competition or any elementary or above classes
   o Eventing: EvA95 and above
   o Jumping: 1.05m and above
10. The spirit of this leaderboard is intended for grassroots amateur competitors. An amateur rider must not receive remuneration (excluding prize money) above the value of $500/annum for any services connected with the breaking, training and riding of any horse or pony in the last 3 years. An amateur rider's principle source of income is not obtained from sponsorship, breaking, training, riding or coaching any horse or rider