

2019 EQ Leaderboard

The Equestrian Queensland (EQ) Leaderboard is an initiative introduced in 2017 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.

The response to the leaderboard in 2018 exceeded EQ's expectations with more than 36 dressage events, 12 jumping events and 12 eventing events, tripling the size of the leaderboard. There are some small changes for 2019 in the number of events each affiliated club can have on the leaderboard to ensure all clubs have an equal opportunity to host leaderboard events.

Dressage	Jumping	Eventing
Prep	40-50cm	EvQ45
Prelim	60-70cm	EvQ60 – EvQ65
Novice	80-90cm	EvA80
EQ reserves the right to remove any awards if there are not sufficient numbers participating		

Leaderboards

There are several awards within the EQ Leaderboard:

Participant awards are provided by EQ for each level within each discipline (total 9 awards). Prizes will be presented for 1st to 3rd places and to be presented at discipline awards night

- Results for the leaderboard are based on horse/rider combination
- Horse/rider combinations must have competed in at least 3 eligible competitions for that discipline/level. Eligible competitions will be listed on the EQ Leaderboard calendar. The classes that are eligible for the leaderboard will be listed on each competition schedule/program
- Each horse/rider combination's total number of points will be used to determine the leaderboard placings
- In the event of a tie, placings will be determined based on the relevant disciplines rules

NOTE: 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 receive 9 points for that class).

Inter Club Challenge award: one award across the combined disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and Eventing to recognise the club that has had members participating across all disciplines in the participant leaderboard (the 4 highest scoring horse/rider combinations who are 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. This means that your club team may consist of riders who competed in one or more disciplines, e.g. rider 1 competed in dressage & eventing, rider 2 competed in eventing only, rider 3 competed in dressage only, rider 4 competed in jumping only). Prize: club trophy & rosettes for team members

- Team members must also meet the eligibility criteria for the participant leaderboard
- Horse/rider combinations must have competed in at least 3 eligible competitions hosted by at least **2 different clubs**
- Participants are required to nominate which club they are representing. Participants may only represent one club for the duration of the 2019 inter club challenge (clubs will be asked to confirm membership of individuals)
- Inter Club Challenge will be presented at the EQ Awards Night

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. Affiliate clubs within SEQ can nominate a maximum of 2 events. Affiliate regional clubs can nominate 3 events. EQ reserves the right to accept/reject events. EQ will make every effort to not have events on the same date. Dressage & Eventing events should be approved by the relevant EQ Sport Committee prior to being included on the EQ Leaderboard
4. Affiliate clubs must nominate their dates by **28 February 2019**. The first draft of the calendar will be released at the end of January, and so event nominations received before this will be given **priority allocation of dates**. Additional events outside of this time frame may be added at EQ's discretion due to exceptional circumstances
5. One class per level per event will be eligible for the leaderboard (e.g. Prep A, Prelim 1A, Novice 2A). Where different categories of the same class are run at the competition (e.g. one Prep A is restricted to juniors) the class nominated by the club should be open to all riders. If there are limited events in regional areas, these clubs may be permitted to have 2 classes per level
6. Classes must be listed on the schedule/program as Participant Classes for dressage, or the relevant height class for eventing & jumping. Classes listed as anything other than "Participant" will not be included on the leaderboard. Schedules/programs should be sent to EQ prior to the event
7. Participant class results should be submitted to EQ within 2 weeks of the competition in an editable format (preferably excel)

Eligibility and Information for participants

1. All riders must be an EQ participant or competitor member. Open to junior and senior members equally.
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. Participants may enter multiple horses, however must meet the criteria on each horse
5. 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
6. 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
7. 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
8. Horse/rider combination must not have competed in the following in the current or previous leaderboard year (based on calendar year):
 - Dressage: 1* or above competition or any elementary or above classes (*exemptions may apply for Regional participant competitors*)
 - Eventing: EV95 and above
 - Jumping: 1.05m and above
9. 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. Grassroots competitors are those who are riding primarily at participant levels.