

Inter Club Challenge

This is an initiative of Equestrian Queensland (EQ) to encourage participation of grassroots level riders and to increase support of participation 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). Combinations will be allocated 10 points for a 1st place, down to 1 point for 10th place at eligible events. Points will be added to the Inter Club Challenge leaderboard and will count towards the individual and team awards.

Eligible discipline levels:

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

Awards

There are several awards within the Inter Club Challenge:

- Class awards at Inter Club Challenge are at the discretion of the event organiser. Ribbons are recommended. No additional prizes/prize money are required to be presented
- End of Year Team awards: Dressage, Jumping and Eventing (4 highest scoring team members across the different levels for each club will count towards the team awards). Prize: club trophy, individual prizes for team members- to be presented at EQ Annual Awards
- End of Year Overall Team award: across the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and Eventing to recognise the club that has participated across all disciplines (4 highest scoring team members across the different levels for each discipline for each club will count towards the overall team award). Prize: club trophy
- End of Year Individual awards for each level within each discipline. Prize: Trophy and rug for 1st place. Prizes for 2nd & 3rd place- to be presented at discipline awards night
- Club Spirit award: all participating riders will be invited to complete a questionnaire about the inter club challenge events they have participated in. These results will be collated by Equestrian Queensland to determine which club has shown the best 'Club Spirit'
- All end of year prizes are provided by EQ

Information for clubs

1. All participating clubs must be current EQ affiliates
2. There is no minimum or maximum number of club team members required per event to make a club team, however event organisers may cap numbers if required due to scheduling
3. Inter Club Challenge classes may be held in a number of ways:
 - Nominate existing classes within a participant/club event to be included in the challenge (placings for leaderboard will only take into consideration Inter Club Challenge participants. E.g. horse/rider combination may come 3rd overall in class but be highest placing Inter Club Challenge participant and so will be awarded 10 points for 1st place)
 - Host separate classes within a participant/club event for the challenge
 - Host an Inter Club Challenge competition day

4. Where classes are held on participant days, dress code is as per EA discipline rules. Where classes are held on club days, club shirts may be worn
5. All classes must be run following EA rules using EA judges/officials
6. Clubs may nominate one discipline or multiple disciplines (either on separate days or the same day)
7. EOI's must be submitted by clubs wishing to host inter club challenge events. In the event that high numbers of EOI's are received, a balloting process may be implemented

Information for participants

1. All riders must be a member of an EQ affiliated club and EQ participant member or higher
2. Riders are required to nominate which club they are representing, and may only represent one club for the duration of the inter club challenge (clubs will be asked to confirm membership of individuals)
3. Open to junior and senior members equally
4. Participants may enter multiple horses however must meet the criteria below, and if an event requires balloting due to large class numbers may be asked to select one horse to compete
5. Horse/rider combinations may compete in multiple disciplines, however may compete in only one level per discipline 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 awards
6. Results for the inter club challenge are based on horse/rider combination
7. Where the horse/rider combination have competed over more than one level in the previous 12 months (either at a club, participant or competitive event), they must compete at the higher level within the inter club challenge
8. Horse/rider combination must not have competed at a 1* or above competition in the previous 12 months for dressage, or in any competitive (also known as above the line/official) competition for jumping/eventing
9. Participants must be amateur riders. An amateur rider must not have sponsorship, or 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