

Summary of Changes to Interschool Queensland Handbook 2026

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
Page 4	Glossary and Definitions	<p>Removal of IQ Tag Ons.</p> <p>Adding EA competitive events that can be used as one qualifying result.</p>	<p>IQ Event Interschool (IQ) events, where ONLY interschool riders participate and <u>are</u> conducted throughout the year by the IQ state and regional committees, EQ school and club affiliates. This is an event that is usually run by an EQ school affiliate (occasionally an EQ club affiliate), regional or state committee and is open only to IQ competitors. IQ competition rules apply.</p> <p>IQ Tag On From 2026 there will no longer be IQ Tag on events. See competition structure for further information. An event that is run by an EQ affiliate that is an open EA event that riders of any age can attend. IQ competition rules do not apply, the event is run under EA discipline rules only. IQ Tag On events only apply to the discipline of Jumping.</p>
Article 1.1	School Membership	<p>Updating correct information.</p> <p>Adding registration for school teams and uniforms.</p> <p>Adding information for School Event Affiliations.</p>	<p>To participate in Interschool Queensland (IQ) events each school must be an affiliate of Equestrian Queensland (EQ) and renew their affiliation annually. New EQ school affiliations are now managed through the new Equestrian Australia (EA) Membership Platform (JustGo). Each school will have an appointed administrator (primary contact) who can manage the school's profile and receive relevant communications from EQ and EA. LINK application forms are available on the EQ website. Before accepting entries for IQ competitions, all riders and EQ school affiliates will be checked to ensure they are members. EQ must be informed if riders change or leave during the competition year. All riders participating in IQ events and the IQ Eventing leaderboard must be enrolled as at an Interschool Interschool EQ Affiliated School at the time of the event. School teams and competition uniforms (refer to Article 3 for Uniform Guidelines) are required to be registered annually via this LINK.</p> <p>To host an event under the IQ banner, your school will need to become an EQ school <u>event</u> affiliate. To become an EQ school event affiliate, the required application form is to be submitted with payment annually. For a copy of this application form, email interschool@equestrianqld.com.au. This affiliation provides the event with EQ's public liability insurance cover, access to EA sport rules and EA accredited officials.</p>

<p>Article 1.4</p>	<p>Horse Membership</p>	<p>Re-worded to clarify when EA Full Life Registration is required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA Full Life Registration is required for the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IQ State Championships ○ Eventing EvA95 and above ○ Dressage Elementary and above ○ Jumping 1.05m or above ○ Australian Interschool Championships.
<p>Article 2</p>	<p>Regions</p>	<p>Correction and update to Regions to align with the Queensland Education Maps. Added descriptions for location details. Added Figure 1: Map of Regions and link to PDF maps and Interactive Online Search function.</p>	<p>There are six five regions that have been defined to facilitate the coordination of IQ events and qualification requirements for the State Championships.</p> <p>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 Education Maps. Queensland School Sport website-</p>
<p>Article 2.1</p>	<p>Boarders, Distance Education and Interstate Competitors</p>	<p>For record keeping and compliance.</p>	<p>Riders who attend a boarding school in a region requiring full qualifications, but who live in a region allowing reduced qualifiers, must submit an application for reduced qualifiers subject to the IQ committee’s approval by 1 February each calendar year. The application form can be found HERE.</p>
<p>Article 5</p>	<p>Competition Structure</p>	<p>Removal of IQ Tag Ons. Adding EA competitive events that can be used as one qualifying result. Adding IQ Eventing Leaderboard</p>	<p>There are three types of competition in which Interschool riders can participate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interschool (IQ) events (Dressage, Show Horse, Jumping and Combined Training), where ONLY interschool riders participate and <u>are conducted throughout the year by the IQ state and regional committees, EQ school and club affiliates.</u> In regional areas only, EQ school and club affiliates may apply to the IQ committee to host IQ events that are run in conjunction with an EA open event. Separate classes must be for IQ riders only. • EA competitive (official) dressage, show horse and jumping events - these events are conducted by an EA affiliate and open to all EA riders. Tag-On events must be approved by the IQ committee and listed on the IQ calendar for results to be accepted as qualifiers for the State Championships. Club or Participant dressage days are NOT Competitive (official) dressage events. If you are unsure, please contact the EQ

			<p>office for clarification. For the requirements, refer to Annex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IQ Eventing Leaderboard - Eventing competitions are not hosted by schools or the Interschool committee. The competition schedule is found on the EQ Eventing calendar. The IQ committee conducts an IQ Eventing Leaderboard for the discipline of Eventing. The leaderboard determines the overall State placings and State team members. For more information, refer to Section 9. <p>Most classes go to States and Nationals, while some do not. Refer to each discipline section within this handbook for which classes are qualifiers for the State and Australian Championships.</p>
<p>Article 5.1</p>	<p>Regional Championships</p>	<p>Update to Regions to align with the Queensland Education Maps. Removal of unnecessary wording.</p>	<p>Regional Championships allow riders from within that region (), to attain qualifying performances for the State Championships. The event is often run over 2 or 3 days covering the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping, Combined Training and Show Horse 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.</p> <p>Currently there are four Regional Championships each year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central (Capricornia) IQ Regional Championships • Darling Downs & South-West Qld IQ Regional Championships • South-East Qld IQ Regional Championships • North Coast (Wide Bay) IQ Regional Championships <p>There is no qualification requirement to participate at Regional Championship level.</p> <p>To determine your region, refer to section 2.</p> <p>Regional championships may also open to riders from outside their region at the discretion of the OC, riders may be required</p>

			<p>to participate on a HC basis, to however can still obtain qualifications for the State Championships.</p> <p>For the purpose of regional championships participation, all riders must have EQ Competitor – Junior membership, horses must be base registered, and schools affiliated with EQ.</p>
<p>Article 5.2</p>	<p>State Championships</p>	<p>Removing information that was duplicated under each discipline qualifying sections.</p> <p>Including qualifying period.</p> <p>Removing exemption.</p>	<p>Queensland hosts a State Championship event each year providing a high level of competition for all riders. This is the qualifying event for selection onto the Queensland State team for the Australian Championships.</p> <p>The State Championships provides the opportunity for schools to further develop a strong team spirit and ethos. Riders who do not qualify to participate are encouraged to attend, support their school teams and to assist in the running and operation of the event.</p> <p>Qualifying criteria applies and classes may be capped in size. Riders will 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 State 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 scratchings.</p> <p>To qualify for the IQ State Championships, results must be obtained during the qualifying period: From the previous IQ State Championships <u>close of entries date</u> to the upcoming IQ State Championships <u>close of entries date</u>.</p> <p>Specific qualifying requirements of each discipline are outlined in the discipline sections of this handbook.</p> <p>Results from the Australian Interschool Championships will not be accepted as qualifiers for the State Championships.</p> <p>Riders from regions that do not offer qualifiers from school, or an IQ Regional Championship may apply for an exemption to the above.</p>

			<p>It is the competitor's responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keep a record of all your qualifying results • ensure all qualifying criteria is met • provide the full correct information when nominating
Article 5.5.1	Transitioning From Primary to Secondary Rider	Adding information	<p>If a Year 6 rider is planning on competing at the same level for the rest of this year and the start of next year (to gain qualifiers for States) then they can continue riding for the remainder of Year 6 as a primary rider, and move into secondary classes when they move into Year 7. Providing they are riding at the same level, qualifying scores from both primary classes and secondary classes will be accepted as State qualifiers for these competitors.</p> <p>However, if they are planning on competing at next year's State Championships at a level that is ONLY available for secondary riders (for example 100cm jumping) they can begin competing in secondary classes for the remainder of this year in order to gain sufficient qualifying scores for next years States.</p> <p>Please remember that Eventing is based on age, not year level. For the minimum ages for Eventing, refer to the National EA Eventing Rules.</p>
Article 5.6	All Abilities Pathway	To align with the EA National Interschool rule changes.	<p>ALL ABILITIES PATHWAY FOR RIDERS WITH ADAPTIVE NEEDS Para-Equestrian and Riders with Disabilities Riders with a disability (RWD) are highly encouraged to participate at interschool events level.</p> <p>To support the inclusion of athletes with additional needs in Interschool competitions, Equestrian Australia (EA) has established the All Abilities pathway, including a rider classification and exemption scheme. This aims to allow eligible riders to compete on equitable terms in Interschool Dressage, the Dressage phases of Interschool Eventing and Combined Training, as well as in specific Interschool All Abilities Dressage and Show Horse classes.</p> <p>In order that any athlete with a disability may compete in Dressage on equal terms, an exemption scheme has been established by EA. This applies to Interschool athletes competing in Dressage. The card does not mention the rider's</p>

			<p>disability; however, it does provide Stewards and Judges with information about specific exemptions from various rules. Either an EA Exemption Card or a Para-Equestrian Classification Card is acceptable.</p> <p>Refer to the EA National Interschool Rules for further information.</p> <p>5.6.1 EXEMPTION CARDS The EA Exemption Card application form is found HERE.</p> <p>Once the application is received by EA, all information will be forwarded to the EA Exemption Committee for consideration. The rider is then notified by EA in writing if approved or not approved.</p> <p>Once the card is issued, the rider is permitted to have alternative equipment and/or conditions as mentioned on their identification card at any IQ competition.</p> <p>5.6.2 EA PARA-EQUESTRIAN CLASSIFICATION Riders may seek to be classified within the Equestrian Australia Para-Equestrian system and issued with a Para-Equestrian Identification (EA PE ID) card (must be 12 years of age or older).</p> <p>For further information, refer to EA Para-Equestrian.</p> <p>5.6.3 ALL ABILITIES CLASSES FOR RIDERS WITH ADAPTIVE NEEDS FOR PARA-EQUESTRIANS AND RWD</p> <p>These may be offered at IQ Dressage or Show Horse competitions and also may be offered at the State Championships in the applicable disciplines only. Any interested competitors, schools or organising committees should contact the Interschool committee for further information. These classes will be eligible for points for championships and teams' competitions.</p> <p>To participate in IQ All Abilities Dressage or Show Horse classes, riders RWD are required to complete this FORM before nominating for IQ RWD classes.</p>
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<p>Article 6.2</p>	<p>General Rules In Particular to Dressage</p>	<p>To align with the EA National Interschool rule changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Interschool Championships: Callers permitted for Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium and Advanced Dressage Classes only, for both Primary and Secondary riders. Australian Interschool Championships: Callers permitted for Preliminary & Novice Dressage classes for Primary riders only.
<p>Article 6.5</p>	<p>State Championships Dressage Qualifying Information</p>	<p>Update to Dressage qualifications to assist with riders nominations and entry checking / scheduling.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is an expectation that the horse is entered in the highest level qualified. Horses can enter and compete in no more than two (2) FEI-level tests per day. <p>———— The State Championship program permits riders to nominate two (2) horses in a maximum of two (2) dressage classes each, providing qualifying criteria are met for each class, and scheduling allows. Riders entering two (2) classes on a horse, these classes must be at consecutive levels. Additionally, as per the EA National dressage rule, a horse may enter and compete in no more than two (2) tests in one day, must also be observed.</p>
<p>Article 6.5 Table 3</p>	<p>State Championships Dressage qualifying requirements</p>	<p>Clearer heading to show Elementary and Medium classes are open to primary and secondary riders.</p>	<p>PRIMARY & SECONDARY OPEN CLASSES</p>
<p>Article 6.5</p>	<p>State Championships Dressage qualifying requirements</p>	<p>To assist riders in regions that have reduced qualifiers.</p>	<p># In regions that have reduced qualifiers, in the event that there are no IQ events run, riders may use a 2nd Official EA qualifying result.</p>
<p>Article 7.1</p>	<p>Competition format – Jumping</p>	<p>Changing Recommended to Approved. Adding Article 238.2.2 & 2.5.3 (AM7) to the list of approved IQ jumping competitions.</p>	<p>At IQ jumping events, classes consist of sections i.e. Articles. One (1) EA class is equivalent to one (1) IQ section i.e. Article 238.2.2 - AM5.</p> <p>Qualifying events run by schools, and regions may run a maximum of two jumping sections (Articles) per day for each height.</p> <p>Each class at the State and Australian Interschool Championships includes three jumping sections (Articles). for all classes. Horses may only start in two jumping sections per day.</p> <p>Approved Recommended jumping sections competitions are – Article 238.2.2 & 2.5.3 (AM7), Article 238.2.2 (AM5), Article 238.2.1 (ONE ROUND TABLE A) and Article 274.1 (Two-Phase) or Article 274.2 (Special Two-Phase). Article 238.5.1 (Optimum Time) is allowable.</p>

<p>Article 7.2</p>	<p>General Rules in Particular to Jumping</p>	<p>To avoid confusion.</p>	<p>EA Junior Rule applies to all jumping classes within IQ events.</p>
<p>Article 7.4.1</p>	<p>Tied Scores in Jumping</p>	<p>To include Article 238.2.2 & 245.3 (AM7)</p>	<p>(2) the athlete with the highest place in the Article 238.2.2 & 245.3 (AM7)</p>
<p>Article 7.5</p>	<p>State Championships Jumping qualifying information</p>	<p>Removal of the word must and replaced with - it is an expectation that each horse is nominated in the highest qualified class.</p> <p>Removal of Tag Ons.</p>	<p>When nominating for State Championships riding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) two (2) horses – it is an expectation that each horse must be is nominated in the highest qualified class; b) one (1) 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, they must be consecutive heights; c) one (1) horse in one (1) class – it is an expectation that the horse is entered in must be the highest height qualified. d) each horse can participate in a max of two (2) classes (a class is 3 jumping tests at one height/level). <p>Whilst all qualifying performances will be considered in the nomination process for the State Championships, this does not imply that riders with results achieving the minimum standard are guaranteed a place.</p> <p>Balloting will be undertaken if entry numbers exceed class size limits.</p> <p>Nominated results will be ranked: IQ events first, then results from approved EA qualifying IQ Tag-On events (preference will be given to results being from an IQ event over an EA Tag-On event).</p>
<p>Article 7.5 Table 5</p>	<p>State Championships Jumping qualifying requirements</p>	<p>Removal of Tag Ons.</p>	<p>FULL QUALIFIERS</p>

		Secondary 7-12 (110cm) reduced qualification requirements.	<p>Min. of 3 results[^] from the first round of at least 2 IQ events* (1 x Official EA jumping result permitted - must meet Article number and height requirements)</p> <p><u>REGIONAL RIDER**</u></p> <p>Min. of 2 results[^] from the first round of at least 1 IQ event* (1 x Official EA jumping result permitted - must meet Article number and height requirements)#</p> <p><u>Year 11 & 12</u></p> <p>Min. of 2 results[^] from the first round of at least 1 IQ event* (1 x Official EA jumping result permitted - must meet Article number and height requirements)#</p> <p><u>FULL QUALIFIERS</u> 1 x clear & 2 x 4 fault</p> <p><u>REGIONAL RIDER** & Year 11 & 12</u> 1 x clear & 1 x 4 fault</p>
Article 8	Classes at Regional, State & Australian Championships	Removal of Working Hunter to align with EA National Interschool rule changes	Removal of all Working Hunter Classes the State & Australian Championships. Working Hunter Classes at IQ Events / Regional Championships at OC Discretion.
Article 8.5	State Championships Show Horse qualifying information	Addition of accepting one EQ Show Horse Qld result for Full Qualifying requirements.	<u>FULL QUALIFIERS</u> Min. of 2 results [^] in the same class type from at least 1 IQ event. (1 x EQ Show Horse Qld result may be used).
Article 9 Table 5	Eventing - Awards for State and Australian Championships	Removal of Regional Championship awards and updated State Championship to IQ Eventing Leaderboard.	

<p>Article 9.1</p>	<p>Competition format</p>	<p>Adding wording from EA National Interschool rules.</p>	<p>Eventing consists of three tests (phases) – dressage, jumping and cross country, which may take place on one day but should preferably be held over two days. The dressage test always takes place first. Either the cross country or the jumping may form the last test for 1* and below. For 2* and above, the dressage test is followed by the jumping test with the cross-country test last - this may be varied with the express permission of the EAEC. 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 jumping may form the last test. The competitions may be staged over 1 to 3 days.</p>
<p>Article 9.2</p>	<p>General Rules in particular to Eventing</p>	<p>Added wording from EA National Eventing Rules.</p>	<p>Dressage Tests for Eventing, as per the EA National Eventing Rules – Annex A 3. EA Dressage Tests for Eventing https://www.equestrian.org.au/Eventing-Dressage-test</p>
<p>Article 9.4</p>	<p>State Team Eventing Qualifying Information</p>	<p>Added wording.</p>	<p><u>A qualifying result must come from within 4 months of the final qualifying period for selection on the Queensland state team to prove fitness of the rider/horse combination.</u></p>
<p>Article 9.5</p>	<p>Australian Championships Eventing Information</p>	<p>Update to MER requirements as per EA National Interschool rules.</p>	<p>Eventing will be conducted according to the EA National Eventing Rules and run as a CCN-S event – a National One Day Event equivalent to an EA approved official event.</p> <p>Interschool only offers classes to 2*. Horses who have competed at higher levels than this are eligible to compete 2* if no higher levels are offered.</p> <p>Number of riders selected for the State Team will be a <u>minimum</u> of 4 riders per level, as determined by the current OC of the AIC (Nationals).</p> <p>Horse/Rider combinations are required to have 2 MER's at the level entered by the close of entries. up to 1* are required to have 2 MERS at entered level by the close of entries, and Horse/Rider combinations for 2* are required to have 3 MERs at entered level by the close of entries. Only EA sanctioned events are to be counted as MERS.</p>
<p>Article 10</p>	<p>Combined Training</p>	<p>Class height changes as per EA National Interschool rules.</p>	<p>Primary CT5045, Primary CT6560 and Secondary CT6560</p>

<p>Article 10.1</p>	<p>Competition Format</p>	<p>Update to Dressage Tests for combined training as per EA National Eventing rule changes.</p>	<p>Combined Training is run under Eventing Rules, with Dressage and Show Jumping phases only. Further information is available in the EA National Eventing Rules Annex J, Combined Training.</p> <p>The O.C. can choose to use the current Eventing Discipline tests or Dressage Discipline tests per Annex A – Dressage Tests for Combined Training Eventing, or as per the EA National Eventing Rules – Annex A 3. Dressage Tests for Eventing.</p> <p>https://www.equestrian.org.au/Eventing-Dressage-test</p>
<p>Article 10.2</p>	<p>General Rules in Particular to CT</p>	<p>To align with the EA National Interschool rule changes</p>	<p>Callers are permitted up to and including 95cm for the dressage phase at the State or Australian Championships.</p>
<p>Article 10.5</p>	<p>State Championships CT Qualifying Requirements</p>	<p>To assist with riders nominating and entry checking.</p>	<p>It is an expectation that the horse is entered in the highest level qualified.</p>
<p>Article 10.5 Table 7</p>	<p>State Championships CT Qualifying Requirements</p>	<p>Class height changes as per EA National Interschool rules.</p> <p>Removal of Secondary CT2* 115cm to align with EA National Interschool rule changes</p>	<p>Primary CT5045, Primary CT6560 and Secondary CT6560</p> <p>For Primary CT50 to Secondary CT1* - Min 55% in dressage & max 8 total penalties in jumping faults</p> <p>Removal of Secondary CT2* from the State & Australian Championships</p> <p>Secondary CT2* at IQ Events / Regional Championships at OC Discretion.</p> <p>^ for those riders who are not able to attend qualifying events due to distance or injury, results from official EA jumping and dressage competitions may be forwarded, and these will be considered at the discretion of the IQ committee (Eventing results will not be considered).</p>
<p>Article 11.1</p>	<p>Volunteering / Compulsory Helper Jobs</p>	<p>Rewording for better clarification.</p>	<p>IQ events rely on volunteers to assist in the running of the events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is compulsory for each rider to nominate a helper for the event. Each rider is required to sign up for 1 job per class entry - maximum of 3 jobs per family. It is the responsibility of the rider and their support people to check volunteer rosters and to complete the tasks allocated. It is especially important to note that, If for any reason a helper role cannot be completed i.e. due to the rider is withdrawing from the

			<p>competition (scratching/non-attendance), the associated helper must still complete the task allocated or contact the rider must ensure a substitute helper is found and the OC is informed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In some IQ events, Failure to allocate complete a helper role and/or to complete the task will may result in disqualification from that event, any placings/prizes will also be forfeited, and the rider will not be able to use the results as qualifying results may be forfeited. 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 participants who repeatedly do not fulfil helper requirements. <p>Generally, it is a requirement for each rider to nominate for a volunteer job at any IQ event attended. More than one job may be allocated for riders who participate over multiple disciplines.</p> <p>It is recommended that the OC advises the IQ committee of any non-compliance in this regard so that appropriate steps are taken to prevent this re-occurring.</p>
<p>Article 11.2</p>	<p>Maximum Starts</p>	<p>To align with the EA National Interschool rule changes.</p>	<p>Riders may compete with more than one horse and in multiple disciplines, as long as National Discipline</p> <p>Rules are followed regarding the number of test/classes that may be contested.</p> <p><u>No horse is to undertake more than three (3) competitive starts per day across disciplines.</u></p> <p>Horses are restricted to the following starts per day and must be in accordance with National Discipline Rules and regardless of the disciplines these are offered under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dressage; may compete in three dressage tests up to and including Advanced level as per EA

			<p>National Dressage rules per day only. (3 Dressage tests = 3 starts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eventing; may compete in one level only. • Combined Training; may compete in one level only (Dressage phase = 1 start, Jumping phase = 1 start). • Jumping; may compete in two consecutive heights only per day (each height article number = 1 start). • Show Horse; may compete in one class only (this equals 1 start). <p>Each horse may enter a maximum of four (4) classes across the at a Regional or State Championship event which includes the disciplines of Combined Training, Jumping, Show Horse and Dressage. However, each riders may enter a maximum of six (6) classes across the State Championships.</p>
<p>Article 11.3</p>	<p>Competition objections and disputes</p>		<p>We remind riders that IQ events are organised 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 endeavoring to correct any problems. Any abuse, either by rider, parent or members of the rider’s entourage, 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.</p> <p>No competitors or parents are to directly approach any judges, stewards, course designers or any other officials or volunteers with disputes, complaints or queries at penalty of disqualification.</p> <p>At every event there is a possibility that there may be mistakes made in relation to scoring or the eligibility of riders to participate in that competition. Any objections or disputes at events MUST be made to the TD within thirty (30) minutes of the event giving rise to the objection.</p>
<p>Article 11.4</p>	<p>Competition presentations</p>		<p>The IQ committee provides competitions 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 participants and support for school teams and</p>

			<p>sponsors of the events is for riders to attend the presentation ceremonies at the conclusion of events.</p> <p>In most cases, it is an expectation that riders will remain for presentation, regardless of whether or not they are being recognised with awards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is required that all riders attend presentations on the days that they compete at both State and Regional Championships regardless of whether the rider is a place getter or not. Failure to attend the presentation at any IQ and Regional events may result in forfeiting of prizes and qualifications. penalties for future events including selection for the Queensland State Team. Failure to attend at the State Championships presentation for all disciplines that the rider has competed in, will result in the forfeiting of placing and prizes and selection on Queensland Team. Should you require an early departure, written communication must be submitted to the respective organising committee for assessment and approval. If accepted, you will be allowed to leave without penalty. In the case of emergencies, requests for exemption are to be made directly to the organising committee for approval. You must complete your job quota prior to departing. To request early departure for the State Championships, please refer to the process outlined in the event schedule.
<p>Article 12.1.3</p>	<p>Eventing Perpetual Trophy</p>	<p>Missing from the Handbook</p>	<p>Donated by Somerset College, this trophy is awarded to the champion school team on the IQ Eventing Leaderboard. It is awarded on a points basis with riders accruing points for their school through their overall placings on the leaderboard. For the team criteria, refer to Article 12.3.</p>
<p>Article 12.2.4</p>	<p>IQ Eventing Leaderboard Highest Scoring Primary Rider Perpetual Tophy</p>	<p>Missing from the Handbook</p>	<p>This trophy is awarded to the primary division overall eventing champion rider on the IQ Eventing Leaderboard. This is determined as the rider who has achieved the best overall result as an individual for his/her school using the same horse on the IQ Eventing Leaderboard. Rider must obtain a minimum of THREE MER results to be eligible for this award. In the event of equality of points, the rider that has competed at the highest level is awarded the higher ranking. If equality still</p>

			remains, the rider with the lowest individual event score is awarded the higher ranking.
Article 12.2.7	The Sailor Trophy	New criteria due to Eventing no longer being included as a State Championships competition.	This trophy donated by the Coggan Family was originally is awarded to the rider who achieves the closest to optimum time on the cross-country element of the eventing discipline. . In 2024 and 2025 The Sailor Trophy was awarded to the rider with the lowest penalty score from any event on the IQ Eventing Leaderboard. From 2026 this trophy will be awarded to the rider with the lowest average three MERs result on the IQ Eventing Leaderboard. In the event of equality of points, the rider that has competed at the highest level is awarded the higher ranking. If equality still remains, the rider with the lowest individual event score is awarded the higher ranking.
Article 12.5	Scoring of trophy and team points	Moved section.	Where a rider has competed in more than one championship in a discipline, only the highest championship score is counted e.g. if a rider competes in elementary and novice dressage championships then the championship that has accrued the highest points counts. 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,
Article 13.1	IQ State Team Selection Process for the AIC	To assist with capacity issues at the AIC.	Should any of the top 4 placegetters <u>not</u> accept a position, then those placed 5th – 6th 10th at the IQ State Champs and 5th – 8th on the IQ Eventing Leaderboard in national qualifying classes will receive an offer <u>in that order</u> until the team places are filled.
	IQ Structure	Moved to the front of the IQ Handbook	
	IQ Conflict of Interest	Removal of section and added wording to IQ structure and refers to the EQ Conflicts of Interests Policy.	The IQ committee is committed to appropriately managing all actual, potential, and perceived Conflicts of Interest. Guidance can be drawn from the EQ Conflicts of Interests Policy (EQ0017) .
Article 14	Education	To align with Equestrian Australia Education Pathway	Removal of the IQ Equiskills program and addition of EA Horse Management & Riding Course information

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Annex B	EA Interschool Qualifying Event Requirements	Added to assist competitors and EQ affiliates with the requirements.	See Annex B Table.
Annex C	IQ Event Requirements	Added to assist EQ school affiliates and IQ Regional Sub-Committees with running an IQ event.	See Annex C