

INTERSCHOOL QUEENSLAND HANDBOOK



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INTERSCHOOL QUEENSLAND (IQ)

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INTRODUCTION

This handbook will provide the necessary information for all riders to enjoy an informed and successful competition year. Please feel free to contact Interschool Queensland if you are unable to source specific information from this handbook.

IQ is a Sports Committee of Equestrian Queensland Inc (EQ) and as such is supported administratively and financially by the EQ Board and State Office in the same manner as all EQ Sport Committees. Riders involved in IQ events are required to be members of EQ and gain all the rights and privileges that are attached to this membership.

To the best of our ability all information in this document is correct at time of printing however every eventuality cannot be provided for. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Discipline Convenor, in consultation with the Sport Committee, Technical Delegate or Ground Jury to make decisions in a sporting manner and as closely as possible within the intention of this Handbook.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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1 HISTORY OF THE INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

The first Inter High School Equestrian competition was run by Lorette Wigan at Pine Lodge in 1984. Interschool Equestrian has evolved through various forms to its current structure and is now recognised as Interschool Queensland (IQ).

Harry Le Bherz OAM was the first president of the committee in its original QISEA structure. He was passionate about all equestrian sports and as a FEI Official and a selector of Australian gold medal-winning Eventing Teams, he knew the elite end of the sport well. Harry was equally passionate about supporting young riders, and QISEA became the focus of Harry's energy over the last years of his life and he steered QISEA through a strong period of growth in membership.

The QLD Championships became more prominent and professional each year. In 2005 in recognition of their development they were awarded the 'Equestrian Queensland Event of the Year'. Harry was instrumental in developing the Inter-School competition outside Queensland. In 2005 he attended the first national planning meeting to establish The Australian National Inter-School Competition which was first hosted by Qld held in Toowoomba. This level of competition continues to this day.

2. INTERSCHOOL QUEENSLAND MISSION STATEMENT

'To develop the individual through the discipline of equestrian sport'

In order to achieve this the four main objectives are:

- To promote equine education and equestrian sport in school programs within Queensland.
- To provide a competition structure that will give opportunities for Queensland Interschool riders to progress to an Australian level with the aim of developing excellence in equestrian sport.
- To encourage the development of discipline, character, sportsmanship, teamwork and a sense of achievement in Interschool riders in Queensland; and
- To reward and educate riders in horsemanship and horse management with the aim of creating a competitive sporting environment that places the welfare of the horse at the fore.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

This section of the handbook provides general information about the structure of the Interschool Queensland (IQ) program and some general rules and regulations that apply to all participants, parents and entourage. This handbook should be used in conjunction with the EA Interschool Rules and EA Discipline Rules.

3.1.1 IQ Structure

Interschool Queensland is managed by a volunteer committee of elected representatives who hold a rotational three-year term of office. These positions, when vacant, are filled by member nominations who are voted on at the annual general meeting each year. Further information on the structure and elections of EQ sport committees can be found in the [EQ constitution](#) and [sport committee membership policy](#).

The IQ committee is responsible for the organisation of Interschool Events in Queensland, the annual State Championships and the selection of the Qld State Team which participates at the annual Interschool Nationals. The contact details of those currently holding positions on this committee can be found on the EQ website.

3.1.2 IQ Conflict of Interest

The Interschool 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) which states that:

- A conflict of interest is a conflict between public duty and private interests, which could influence the performance of official duties and responsibilities.
- A reasonable perception of a conflict of interest is where a fair- minded person, properly informed as to the nature of the interests of the decision maker, might reasonably perceive that the decision maker might be influenced in the performance of his or her official duties and responsibilities

IQ Committee members are committed to:

1. identifying, disclosing and/ or registering and;
2. managing conflicts of interest in all of the following categories: actual, potential, and perceived.

Identifying/disclosing/registering conflicts of interest will occur prior to any key decisions or decision-making processes – either at meeting or through out-of-session email.

Generally, once a conflict of interest has been identified, disclosed or registered, the action of managing the conflict of interest (regardless of whether it is actual, potential or perceived) would be automatically initiated. This action would include abstaining from voting on the matter and absenting him/herself from all deliberations relating to the matter.

3.2 Regions

As Queensland is such a large state, five regions have been defined to facilitate the coordination of interschool events and to ensure that sufficient opportunities for events, training and development are available for all interschool riders regardless of their location. Some regions are managed by Sub-Committees. These are volunteer groups generally consisting of parents and other experienced adults. They work closely with and report to the IQ committee to deliver events and to take advantage of training and other developmental opportunities. These groups are also responsible for running the relevant regional championship for that region.

3.2.1 *The Regions Defined*

The regions for IQ competition are based on the Queensland School Sport regions as detailed in table 3.2.3 below. If unsure which QSS region your school belongs to, please ask the administration at your school or check with the [Queensland School Sport website](#).

3.2.2 *Determining Your Region*

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 School Sport website](#).

1. Riders who attend boarding school in one region but live in another region, and who may therefore be unable to attend school based qualifying days during the school term, may attend the regional championships in any region to gain eligibility for the State Championships and to represent their school. In this event it is important to contact the EQ Sports Development Officer or Regional IQ Committee to register intent to compete in a specified regional championship (usually in the region in which you reside).
2. Interstate residents who are boarders at Qld schools may submit qualifying results from competitions in their home state at the discretion of the IQ Committee. Please discuss this with the discipline convenor first to ensure the events are considered suitable as qualifiers.
3. NSW riders who attend schools within 100km of the border are eligible to compete in the Queensland Interschool Competition provided they become an Equestrian Queensland member and their school registers for the QLD Interschool Program. The NSW rider will compete in the closest Queensland region to their NSW school.
4. Riders in *some* regions are permitted a reduced number of qualifiers in order to attend States. This is due to the reduced number of events available to riders in these regions. The table below outlines the regions and number of qualifiers required.
5. Riders who attend boarding school in a region requiring full qualifications, however who live in a region requiring reduced qualifiers may apply to the IQ committee to be eligible to submit the number of qualifiers required for their home region.

3.2.3 TABLE FOR REGIONS

<u>Regions</u>	<u>Sport Regions</u>	<u>Sport Districts</u>	<u>IQ Qualifiers Required</u>
South East	Metro East	<i>(the area bounded by the Bay Islands in the east, Brisbane River in the north, the M1 in the west and Logan City in the south)</i> Bayside, Composite, Logan, Lytton, Mt Gravatt, South	Full
	Metro North	<i>(the area Brisbane River North to the North Pine River and from Moreton Bay west to Mt Glorious)</i> City, Central, North, North West, North West Independent, Pine Rivers	Full
	Metro West	<i>(the western and south-western suburbs of Brisbane, through Ipswich and the Lockyer and Fassifern Valleys)</i> Brisbane Independent boys/girls, Central, Fassifern, Greenbank, Inala, Ipswich, Ipswich Independent, Karawatha, Lockyer, Lockyer Sec, Sunnybank, West Akuna, West Brisbane, West Taylor Bridge, Yagera	Full
Wide Bay	Sunshine Coast	<i>(from Redcliffe to Noosa and west to Kilcoy)</i> Caboolture, Coastal, Glass House, Nambour, Noosa, Redcliffe	Full
	Wide Bay	<i>(the districts of Bundaberg, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Maryborough, North Burnett and South Burnett)</i> Bundaberg, Maryborough, North Bundaberg, South Bundaberg, Gympie, Hervey Bay, North Burnett, South Burnett	Reduced
Central	Capricornia	<i>(extends from Miriam Vale in the south; to the Callide Valley and Central Highlands in the west; to Mackay and Northern Districts including Pindi Pindi in the north and the Capricorn Coast in the east)</i> Rockhampton, Port Curtis, Mackay, Central Highlands	Reduced
Far North	North West	<i>(extending to Mornington Island in the North, Birdsville in the West, Prairie in the East and Blackall in the South)</i> Gulf, Mid- West, Central West and Mt Isa	Reduced
	Northern	<i>(encompasses all the area from as far south as Proserpine, North to Ingham and west to Charters Towers)</i> Burdekin, Charters Towers, Herbert River, Thuringowa, Townsville, Whitsundays	Reduced
	Peninsula	<i>(spanning South to Cardwell, North to the islands in the Torres Strait and West to Croydon)</i> Atherton, Barron, Cairns, Cooktown, Douglas, Etheridge, Evelyn Tableland, Mareeba, Mulgrave, Silkwood, Torres Strait, Tully, Central Cape	Reduced
Darling Downs and South West	Darling Downs	<i>(covers the areas of Lockyer, Toowoomba, Southern Downs, Goondiwindi and Western Downs, as located in the Darling Downs South West Education Region)</i> Bunya, Inner Downs, Granite, Lockyer, MacIntyre, Southern Downs, Toowoomba central, Toowoomba Range, Toowoomba West	Full
	South West	<i>(extends from the Jandowae area in the east to Hebel in the south, west to Eromanga and north as far as Tambo – Taroom)</i> Balonne, Charleville, Chinchilla, Cunnamulla, Miles, Roma, Tara	Reduced

4. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

IQ membership and eligibility for competitions are based on 3 main principles:

- That the rider's school is a financially paid-up member (Section 4.1);
- That the rider is a member of EQ (Section 4.2);
- That all horses are registered with their state branch (Section 4.3):

4.1 School Membership

To participate in IQ events each school must be a current affiliated member of Equestrian Queensland. For riders to be eligible to participate, schools must renew this membership each year. The application form is available on the EQ website. Before accepting entries for IQ competitions all riders and schools will be checked to ensure they are financial members. EQ must be informed if riders change **or leave** school during the competition year. All riders participating in IQ events must be enrolled in school at the time of the event.

4.2 Rider Membership

Riders must be a Competitor member of EQ. Interschool regional events from Rockhampton and north only require EQ Participant membership. For the IQ State Championships and all other interschool events in Qld, they are classed as competitive activities and EQ Competitor membership is required.

4.2.1 Standard Uniform Requirements

Each member school shall register a uniform (or a range of uniforms) for their team at the time of their membership. The following uniform requirements are standard for all riders in all disciplines at IQ events:

Riders must compete in their school equestrian uniform which has been registered with EQ, as outlined below:

- A stock and tie pin and/or school tie may also be specified.
- Schools may specify a particular colour jodhpur/breeches (must be light coloured eg white, off white, beige etc). This colour may vary with different disciplines, however, must adhere to EA discipline rules.
- The uniform may also include a jacket, jumper, vest, or spray jacket which can vary with each discipline as determined by the school.
- Each School must specify a school saddle cloth which may include the school emblem
- No part of the competition uniform (including saddle cloth) can contain commercial/sponsorship representation (manufacturer's branding is excluded)
- Schools are reminded that an expensive or extensive uniform is not a requirement of IQ competition and may deter potential newcomers.

In addition to IQ uniform requirements, some individual disciplines specify rules pertaining to equipment and dress code, please refer to the EA website.

IQ riders participating at non-IQ (EA) competitions and tag-on days, should be aware that they must follow official discipline rules with regard to rider outfit and saddle cloth, unless school equestrian uniform is allowed at the discretion of the OC. The relevant program will contain this information.

4.3 Handler Membership and Rules

When competing in Show Horse and or Dressage Walk/Trot classes and a handler is required, the handler must be at least a Participant member of EQ.

4.4 Horse Membership and Rules

The following are some general principles that apply to horses being used for competitions in IQ events. These are in addition to the EA Interschool Rules and EA Discipline Rules.

1. As a minimum requirement all horses competing in IQ events must be EA Base Registered. EA Life Registration is required in any competitive or 'above the line'¹³ classes, as well as any class at the State Championships or National Championships.
2. Horses must be entered for events with their full registered names. The OC has the discretion to shorten the horse name in the draw for publication purposes.
3. It is recommended that all horse ownership and/or identity documents be brought to events in case verification is required. It is compulsory to bring these documents to State and National Championships.
4. If the horse has an EA grading, the rider must abide by the relevant EA discipline rules governing the level at which that horse may be entered.
5. Only horses entered in actual competitions are allowed in the warm-up and competition areas.
6. At events, horses are not to be ridden by anyone other than the rider nominated on the draw until the whole event is concluded except for as per point 7 & 8 below. This ruling applies even if a horse has completed its competitions at an event. Some disciplines have rules as to how long **before** commencement of competition a horse may only be ridden by the nominated rider. Please refer to discipline rules and event conditions of entry.
7. A horse can be ridden by more than one sibling rider at an event providing: it is in different disciplines; and the horse does not participate in more than the maximum number of tests/sections allowed in the day by EA discipline rules. This rule does not apply to the annual National Championships.
8. Where event programs allow, a rider may participate on more than one horse.
9. This is a school sport where the focus is on the rider/student performance and not the mount. Under prescribed circumstances substitution of horses is allowed for **IQ events only** but not substitution of riders which is the *opposite* of some official EA discipline rules (e.g. dressage). Programs for events will detail this ruling and how riders are to manage and notify the OC of any such changes.
10. At all times when considering participating in multiple disciplines and/or multiple classes, horse and rider welfare must be paramount.

¹³ Competitive or 'Above the line' classes are classified as Elementary and above for Dressage; 1.05m and above for Jumping and Preliminary (95cm) and above for Eventing. Refer to the [EA membership structure](#)

5.0 THE INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION STRUCTURE

All IQ events are run under EA and IQ Rules. IQ have a range of class levels to encourage all riders to participate at a safe level that will challenge their ability while providing a good standard for all. Some classes go to States and Nationals, while others do not. Refer to each discipline section within this handbook for which classes are qualifiers for State and National Championships.

Events are conducted throughout the year by schools, sport committees and EA affiliates. It is also important that riders and their families check the calendar of events regularly to inform themselves of events in their region. The online calendar, which is modified throughout the year, can be found at: <http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/interschool/events/calendar> a printable pdf version can be found at: <http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/interschool/information/calendar>

There are two types of competition in which Interschool riders can compete:

- **Interschool events**, where only interschool riders participate
- **IQ Tag on** events - these events are conducted by an EA affiliate and open to more than just IQ riders. Tag On events must be approved by the State Committee and listed in the IQ calendar for results to be accepted as qualifiers for the State Championships.

With 'Tag on' events it is important for Interschool riders to carefully read the event program to make sure that they select the appropriate IQ qualifying classes. Only the classes specified for IQ riders can be used as qualifiers for State Nominations.

Eventing Competitions are not individually hosted by individual schools or the Interschool committee. The competition schedule is found on the Equestrian Queensland Eventing calendar. All these competitions are interschool qualifiers for State nominations.

The state team is selected immediately after the state championships. Please refer to selection process and criteria in the relevant section of this handbook.

In addition, the EQ website is an important source of general information about Equestrian Sport. IQ qualifying events can be found on the EQ calendar. You will also find rules and information for each discipline as well as equestrian news at <http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/>

5.1 The Competition Year

The qualifying period for the 2022 State Championships will be from 7 June 2021 until close of nominations for the 2022 IQ State Championships.

5.2 Primary and Secondary Riders

Refer to the EA Interschool Rules for information about classification of Primary and Secondary riders, and Intermediate/Senior divisions.

5.3 Year 12 riders

In consideration of the significant school commitments of year 12 students, these riders may submit fewer results for each discipline for the State Championships. Please check each discipline's qualifying requirements.

5.4 Determining the Appropriate Level at Which to Compete

Every participant must abide by EA grading rules when applicable (see sections on each discipline for grading rules). If in doubt about the level of competition to enter, please seek advice of an EA qualified coach. The safety of both horse and rider is paramount and the IQ Committee discourages parents and/or coaches, from either coercing or inappropriately encouraging a rider to participate at a level beyond their capability or that of their mount.

5.5 Teams

Team competitions are offered at some qualifying events and at the State and Australian Championships. Each event program will outline whether a team competition is being offered and what prizes will be offered. Some events require a minimum number of teams before the awarding of team prizes and ribbons this should also be mentioned in the program.

It is suggested that team events at IQ Competitions should be scored as per the teams scoring rules for the IQ State Championships as below unless stated otherwise in the event program by the OC.

- Teams are not pre - nominated, they are determined at the completion of the event from the riders' placing points. Riders who are eliminated totally from a discipline cannot be a member of a team for that discipline.
- A team consists of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) **individual** riders from the one school. A rider may only be a member of one team per discipline. Rider's with more than one horse will have the horse with the highest point score counted towards team results. Schools may have multiple teams however the first 4 ranked riders make up the first team and the next 3 or 4 additional riders then count towards the second team and so on. A school cannot have 2 or more teams of only 3 riders.
- When calculating a team score, the points of the top three individuals within the team are counted. The fourth member's points (if there is one) are used only to determine the outcome in the case of a tie. See Section 14.7– Calculating Tied Team Scores

5.6 Para-Equestrian and Riders with a Disability

Riders with a disability are highly encouraged to participate at interschool level.

In order that any athlete with a disability may participate in Interschool classes on equal terms, riders may seek to be classified within the Equestrian Australia Para-Equestrian system and issued with a Para-Equestrian Identification (EA PE ID) card. Refer to the EA Interschool Rules for further information about exemption cards.

5.6.1 *Classes for Para-Equestrians and Riders with a Disability*

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 organizing committees should contact the Interschool Committee for further information. These classes will be eligible for points for championships and teams' competitions.

STANDARD RULES AND CODES OF CONDUCT

All members of IQ shall accept and be bound by the rules of EA, EQ & IQ. Competitions in each discipline are conducted in accordance with the [EA General Regulations](#) and the EA Discipline Rules with some additional rules as set out in this Handbook. All participants have a responsibility to abide by any sport specific Rules and Regulations.

Riders need to be familiar with the rules that apply to the particular discipline/s in which they intend to participate. Please refer to the current versions online as these rules are regularly updated. Current rules can be found at www.equestrian.org.au.

Refer to the EA Interschool Rules and EA website for Codes of Conduct, protection policies and information regarding disciplinary procedures and yellow cards.

Any abuse, either by a rider, parent or members of the rider's entourage, aimed at a volunteer acting as an official at any IQ event will not be tolerated and may be subject to disciplinary processes as per the EA Rules and Regulations.

6.1 Competition objections and disputes

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 at events **MUST** be made to the TD within thirty minutes of the event giving rise to the objection.

For information on protests and appeals refer to the EA General Regulations and EA sport rules for the relevant discipline. Individual riders or their parents/entourage **MUST NOT** approach the organising committee of an event or the technical delegate with an objection, rather they are to work through their nominated school representative on the day.

We remind riders that IQ events are organized 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 endeavouring 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.)

6.2 Competition presentations

The IQ committee provides competition 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 sponsors of the event is for riders to attend the presentation ceremonies at the conclusion of events.

In most cases it is an expectation that riders will remain for presentation regardless of whether or not they are being recognised with awards.

It is required that all riders attend presentations on the days that they compete at both **State and Regional Championships**. Failure to attend may result in penalties for future events including selection for the Queensland State 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. You must however complete your job quota prior to departing. In the case of emergencies, requests for exemption are to be made directly to the organising committee.

6.3 Scratching's and substitutions

Refunds are not generally made for scratching after the closing date for nominations for events unless accompanied by a veterinary/medical certificate supplied to the event coordinator. The event schedule/program will include the event policy on refunds and substitutions. It is important for riders to notify the organising committee (OC) in a timely manner if they are unable to attend the event as this may allow another participant to take their place. Substitutions are only possible with the permission of the OC.

It is only possible to substitute a horse and not a rider at an event. As the IQ competition is founded on the principle of unique horse/rider combinations it is important to ensure that all event paperwork correctly records the change for the results.

6.4 Volunteers

IQ events rely on volunteers to assist in the running of the events. 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 a number of disciplines.

It is the responsibility of the rider and their support people to check volunteer rosters and to complete the tasks allocated. If for some reason it is not possible to complete the task, then the rider **must** ensure a substitute helper is found and the OC informed. It is especially important to note that, if the rider is withdrawing from the competition (scratching/non-attendance), the associated helper must still complete the task allocated or contact the OC about finding a substitute. 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.

In some IQ events, failure to allocate a helper and/or to complete the task will result in disqualification from that event. Any placings will also be forfeited, and the rider will not be able to use the results as qualifying results 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.

6.5 Horse medication/swabbing

Horses and ponies ridden in EA competition must not compete under the influence of prohibited medications. The FEI defines what a prohibited substance is. The EA Anti-Doping and Medication Control By-Laws describe requirements for the drug testing of horses and ponies. These can be found in the [EA National Medication Control System & Swabbing Policy](#).

Participants should note that swabbing may occur at any event. Further information on Medication Control and Clean Sport can be found on the [EQ website](#) and [EA website](#).

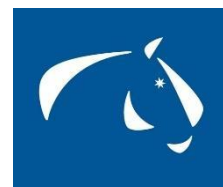
6.6 Safety at Competitions

It is compulsory for all Interschool riders to have their helmets tagged regardless of the discipline they are competing in.

A helmet tagging steward or designated person will be available at each IQ event to ensure all riders have the opportunity to have their helmet checked so that it complies with the specific standards as mandated by the EA rules. The EA tag does not verify that the helmet is safe or in working order. It only verifies that the helmet complies with the specific standards as mandated by the EA Rules: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/current-approved-safety-standards-helmets>.

Riders are strongly encouraged to check their helmet regularly (even if it is tagged). Riders must immediately replace their helmets if they have been damaged or impacted in a fall.

THE DRESSAGE COMPETITION



Currently the IQ State Championship Dressage Program includes classes from Preliminary to Intermediate I level.

7.1 Rules particular to Dressage

All IQ dressage events will be run in accordance with [EA and FEI Rules](#) using the most current EA dressage tests. The competition By-Laws of IQ will apply where EA Rules are not applicable.

- Please be aware that there are important differences between rules for EA/IQ dressage, Pony Club dressage, and Eventing/CT dressage.
- Callers are allowed at all levels except for Secondary competitions at State Championships.²⁴ Organizing committees of Regional Championships and school qualifying events can allow callers at their discretion. Callers are not allowed at any level at Australian Championships. It is important to read the competition rules carefully to see if callers are allowed or not at individual events.
- If a horse/pony has an official dressage grading please refer to EA Dressage Rules for the level/s at which this horse/pony may participate. Please contact the EQ office if unsure of a grading;
- Riders do not present to the judges unless requested to do so. They must ride past the judges with numbers clearly visible on both sides of the horse;
- IQ participants need to be aware that competition numbers allocated to the horse/rider combination for IQ events are different to EQ Competitive Dressage Bridle numbers.
- Organising committees may, with the approval of IQ, include Secondary Intermediate divisions in suitable classes.

7.2 Uniform Requirements particular to Dressage

It is strongly recommended that riders regularly visit the [National Dressage Rules](#) and current equipment annex to keep up to date with any amendments to permitted equipment.

7.3 Scoring in Dressage

Information regarding scoring can be found in the EA National Dressage Rules and EA Interschool Rules.

7.3.1 Champions and Reserve Champions for IQ Dressage

At certain events, where a class has two or more tests at that level, an overall Champion is awarded. Overall place getters for that class will be determined by adding the placing points from each test. If champion awards are to be presented in IQ events, then these are generally given for each **class** of competition.

The event schedule should nominate which tests are to be combined together as one class for champion and also for teams' points. Generally, the tests of the same level shall be counted for champions and team points.

²⁴ For an exemption to this rule, apply in writing to the IQ Committee attaching relevant supporting documents

At some qualifiers and Tag-on days, participants may be able to enter in three tests however if the third test is at a different level, this will only count for placings for that test but not towards champion points or team points.

To determine champions and reserve champions if tied points occur, EA National Dressage Rules will be followed.

7.4 Regional, State and National Championships

At this stage it is proposed that the State Championship Program will permit riders to nominate 2 horses in a maximum of two dressage classes each providing qualifying criteria are met for each class, and assuming scheduling allows. For riders entering two official classes on a horse, these classes must be at consecutive levels. Additionally, the EA National Dressage rule that a horse may enter and compete in no more than 3 tests in one day must also be observed. Horses can enter and compete in no more than 2 FEI-level tests per day. If competing in an FEI-level test horses can only compete in one other EA test on the day.

At regional championships, the number of permitted rides per rider and per horse is at the discretion of Regional Championship Organising Committee up to the maximum number of tests and levels per horse as per EA National Dressage Rules.

Table 1: Summary of Dressage Classes for Regional, State and Australian Championships

	Official classes for Regional Championships	State Championship Qualifier	Australian Championship Qualifier
PRIMARY CLASSES			
Preliminary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Novice	Yes	Yes	Yes
SECONDARY CLASSES			
Intermediate Preliminary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Senior Preliminary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intermediate Novice	Yes	Yes	Yes
Senior Novice	Yes	Yes	Yes
Elementary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Medium	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advanced/ PSG/ Inter I	Discretion of Organising Committee	Yes	Yes
Para	Yes (if required)	Yes (if required)	No
Freestyle	No	Unofficial Classes	Discretion of OC

7.5 State Qualifying Criteria

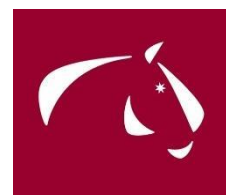
1. The qualifying period is the 12 months preceding the closing date of entries for State Championship. The Qualifying period for the State Championships 2022 will be from 7 June 2021 until the close of nominations for the 2022 IQ state Championships.

2. All riders should submit a minimum of 3 IQ test scores from at least 2 IQ events in the level at which they wish to participate (noting the exceptions in points 7 & 8). Riders are reminded that ONLY events listed on the IQ calendar are approved IQ qualifying events (noting the exception outlined below in the next point).
3. Riders competing at Advanced, PSG or Inter I must compete in at least one IQ event / IQ regional event in the state qualifying period. Three scores must be submitted with one from at least an IQ event, 2** competition score/s may also be used. Year 12 riders will require 2 scores, one of which must come from an IQ event or regional event and one may come from a 2** competition.
4. For Secondary Senior and Secondary Intermediate classes at the Preliminary and Novice level, riders require one score of at least 60% and two scores of at least 58%.
5. For Secondary Senior and Secondary Intermediate classes at Elementary level and above, all three scores are required to be a minimum of 55%.
6. Primary riders require one score of at least 58% and two scores of at least 55%.
7. Year 12 riders in Preliminary and Novice are required to have one score of at least 60% and one score of at least 58%. Elementary and above classes require two scores of at least 55%.
8. Regional riders in Preliminary and Novice require one score of at least 60% and one score of at least 58%. For elementary and above riders, both scores have to be at least 55%. One of a regional riders' results must be from an IQ school or regional event.
Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2.
9. Please note: Whilst all qualifying performances will be considered in the nomination process for the State Championships, this does not imply that riders with scores achieving the minimum standards are guaranteed a place. Balloting will be undertaken if entry numbers exceed class size limits. If a dressage class is balloted each rider's two highest submitted percentages will be combined and averaged. Each rider's averaged scores will then be balloted and the top 35 riders will be offered a position to ride in the class.
10. Classes will be limited to 35 riders however there may be fewer accepted at the discretion of the OC depending on scheduling constraints and entry standards. The OC reserves the right to refuse an entry if it is deemed to be of insufficient standard for the event and the level entered. If nominations exceed the quota set by the OC, a reserve list may be kept.
11. For riders who have not gained the correct qualifications for the State Championships and wish to apply for special consideration to participate, please see section 14.3 of the IQ handbook for further details.
12. Secondary riders will only be allowed to enter the freestyle class that corresponds with their nominated competitive class. In the event of excess nominations for the Freestyle classes riders will be balloted as per the dressage qualifying scores.

To be considered for the Qld Dressage State Team for Nationals all rider/ horse combinations must have competed at the 2022 IQ Jumping/Dressage/Show Horse State Championships. If an EOI is required to fill teams these applications will only be considered from rider/ horse combinations that have competed at this event.

8. THE JUMPING COMPETITION

IQ jumping events will include three jumping sections for all classes at State and Australian Interschool Championships. Qualifying events run by schools, regions or tag on days, may run a maximum of two jumping sections per day for each height. Horses may only start in two jumping sections per day.



Riders should take the time to determine the most appropriate riding height which should be both comfortable and challenging remembering that there will be a height rise in all jump offs. It is important to avoid 'over facing' either the horse or rider and safety should be paramount at all times. If you have questions regarding this, please contact the jumping convenor.

8.1 Jumping Classes

Events may run classes from 50cm for training purposes, however riders should be aware that not all height classes will qualify them for State Championships and should check which classes go to these events in the table below.

Table 2: Summary of Jumping Classes for Regional, State and Australian Championships

School Year Level	Starting Height	Official classes for Regional Championships	Official classes for State Championships	Official classes for Australian Championships
Primary 1-6	50 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Primary 1-6	60cm	Yes	Yes	no
Primary 1-6	70 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Primary 1-6	80 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Primary 1-6	90 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intermediate 7-9	90cm	Yes	Yes	TBA
Intermediate 7-9	100cm	Yes	Yes	TBA
Secondary 7–12	70 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Secondary 7–12	80 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Secondary 7-12	90 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7-12	100 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7-12	110 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7-12	120 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Please note – To be selected for the State Team 2022 – and because Nationals have not included separate Intermediate classes yet - ALL results from the Secondary and Intermediate 90cm and 100 cms classes will be pooled together respectively. The top 4 riders from these combined classes will be selected based on their results in each class. (Time and faults in the AM5 , A2 , 2 Phase or Special 2 Phase ie those in the top 4 placings based on clear and fastest times not on placings).

8.2 Recommended Jumping Competitions

Recommended jumping competitions are – 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). It is most important to state the Article numbers of all jumping sections on all programs.

8.3 Rules Particular to Jumping

All jumping events will be run in accordance with EA Jumping Rules found on the EA Jumping web pages <https://www.equestrian.org.au/jumping>. Please make yourself familiar with these rules. In addition to the specific rules and allowable tack rules of EA Jumping the following apply.

- There will be a height rise/increase of jump width in the jump off rounds for the Article 238.2.2 (AM5) and Article 274.1(Two-Phase) or Article 274.2 (Special Two-Phase) sections for all classes at all competitions (maximum of 10cm).
- EA Junior Rule applies to all classes of Jumping within IQ events.
- Riders who fall from their mounts in either the practice arena or jumping arena must present themselves to a first aid station to be cleared before they attempt to jump another obstacle. A fall during a round in the competition arena incurs elimination from that section. If the Ground Jury finds that after an accident either the athlete or horse is not fit to continue, they must impose elimination.
- Horse/rider combinations may try a higher height class and move back down to the lower height without penalty but once State qualification is reached at the higher height then that height will become the new, highest qualified height.

8.4 Number of Classes/Horses per Rider/Competition

Riders will be able to nominate 2 horses in a maximum of two show jumping classes per horse at the IQ state championships providing qualifying criteria are met for each class.

At school one day competitions athletes must only ride one class per horse entered. Athletes can still qualify for two consecutive height classes on the one horse by attending more qualifying events. EA rules allow horses to participate in two classes per day unless otherwise stated on the schedule (1 EA class is equivalent to 1 IQ section i.e. Article 238.2.2- AM5).

8.5 Uniform requirements particular to Jumping

Riders must adhere to the general uniform requirements for all disciplines as outlined in section 3.2.2. The wearing of back protectors whilst not compulsory is **strongly recommended**.

8.6 Scoring in Jumping

Scoring is done as per EA Jumping Rules.

8.6.1 Tied scores in Jumping Competitions – (refer to section 8.3) for each section of the jumping competition

In the event of tied scores at the completion of any of the above jumping sections, then both riders are awarded a tied place, the points for those places are shared and the next place is omitted. If, for example, two riders tie for a second place then they are both awarded second place and no third place is awarded. The next place would be a fourth place.

In the case of tied scores for a champion where the results from two or three jumping sections are all added together (depending on how many sections were included in the program), the following applies:

- (1) the athlete with the highest place in the longest competition (Article 238.2.2 (AM5)) will be declared the champion; then
- (2) the athlete with the highest place in the Article 274.1 (Two-Phase) or Article 274.2 (Special Two Phase); then
- (3) the athlete with the highest place in the Article 238.2.1 (One Round Table A).

8.7 State Championships qualification requirements for Jumping

For riders wishing to be accepted for selection to participate at the State Championships the following is required:

1. When nominating for State Championships riding- a) two horses - each horse must be nominated in the highest qualified class; b) one 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 horse in one class - must be the highest height qualified.

Should there be extenuating circumstances why a horse and rider combination requests to participate at the State Championships at a height lower than their highest qualified height they must apply to the State Committee for approval.

2. One result from the previous year's State Championships can be included.
3. Maximum of one IQ Tag on result can be used as qualifier.
4. The qualifying period is from the 7 June 2021 until the closing date of nominations for the 2022 State Championship (see section 14.2)
5. A minimum of **3** IQ results from a minimum of **2** IQ events with the following results in the first round for all **3** results:
 - A - a minimum of 2 of the results must be clear rounds (0 faults)
 - B - a maximum of 4 faults for the remaining results.

The first round refers to the first round in the Article 238.2.2 (AM5) or one round of the Article 238.2.1 (One Round Table A) or the first phase of the Article 274.1 (Two-Phase) or Article 274.2 (Special Two-Phase). Each performance may be from the same or different qualifying events in the same competition season.

6. Year 12 riders may nominate with only 2 qualifiers at the higher level (A) and these can be from the same competition. One of these qualifiers must be from an event not including the previous year's State Championships. Preference will be given to these being an Interschool Queensland event over a Tag on event.

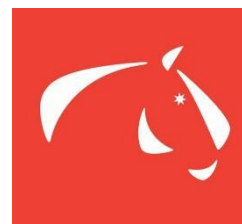
7. Riders from regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers may nominate with only 2 qualifiers at the higher level (A) these must be from 2 IQ events. Results will only be accepted from IQ events and IQ approved Tag on events, regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2. One of these qualifiers must be from an event not including the previous year's State Championships.
8. Riders wishing to use Tag on events as qualifiers for the State Championships are to ensure that these events are IQ approved Tag on events that appear on the IQ calendar.

For riders who have not gained the correct qualifications for the State Championships and wish to apply for special consideration to participate, please see section 14.3 of the IQ handbook for further details.

In the event of excessive nominations, the nominated results will be ranked on IQ events first, then results from approved IQ Tag on events.

To be considered for the Qld Jumping State Team for Nationals all rider/ horse combinations must have competed at the 2022 IQ Jumping/Dressage/Show Horse State Championships. If an EOI is required to fill teams these applications will only be considered from rider/ horse combinations that have competed at this event.

9. THE SHOW HORSE COMPETITION



Interschool Show Horse consists of classes for Show Horse, Show Hunter and Working Hunter. Each class has three (3) phases, excluding the Walk/ Trot Primary age group. All classes have an In-hand presentation, Rider Phase (judging the rider) and Ridden Phase (judging the horse). Working Hunter includes jumping into the ridden phase.

The same horse/athlete combination must complete all phases in the order specified in a timed draw as determined by the Organising Committee. The rules for Interschool Show Horse have been designed to correspond with the National Show Horse Rules wherever possible, however some variations have been necessary to meet Interschool competition requirements.

9.1 Interschool Show Horse Classes at State and National Championships

Please note; Walk/ Trot Primary classes are available in Queensland only. **This class does not go to Nationals.**

At Nationals, only Primary and Secondary classes will be offered. The total of the scores earned across all 3 phases determine the championship placing between Intermediate and Senior riders to determine the top 10 order for the National selection.

Class Name	Year Level	Phases
Non - National Class		
Show Horse and Show Hunter Walk/ Trot	Prep – year 6	Ridden and Rider *unofficial class No Perpetual Trophy
NATIONAL CLASSES		
Show Horse Primary	Prep- year 6	Ridden, Rider and Led
Show Hunter Primary	Prep- year 6	Ridden, Rider and Led
Working Hunter Primary	Prep- year 6	Ridden (jump 45cm), Rider and Led
<i>Intermediate and Senior scores are combined to determine the order for the top 10 National selection.</i>		<i>Championship placings will be awarded to both Intermediate and senior classes. These recipients do not necessarily represent the top 4 riders offered a National team selection.</i>
Show Horse Intermediate	Year 7- year 9	Ridden, Rider and Led
Show Hunter Intermediate	Year 7- year 9	Ridden, Rider and Led
Working Hunter Intermediate	Year 7- year 9	Ridden (jump 65cm), Rider and Led
Show Horse Senior	Year 10 – year 12	Ridden, Rider and Led
Show Hunter Senior	Year 10 – year 12	Ridden, Rider and Led
Working Hunter Senior	Year 10 – year 12	Ridden (jump 65cm), Rider and Led

Note: A horse may ONLY compete through the EQ season as EITHER a Show Horse or a Show Hunter for the duration of that qualifying period in ALL EQ and IQ events. A Working Hunter may compete as a Show Hunter at events ONLY where this class is not offered.

Riders must choose whether to compete in Walk/Trot Primary or Primary during the qualifying year. Riders may not compete in both divisions at events, although they can progress from Walk/Trot Primary to Primary during the year. When competing in Show Horse and or Dressage Walk/Trot classes and a handler is required, the handler must be at least a Participant member of EQ.

9.2 General Conditions

Judged under current EA NATIONAL SHOW HORSE RULES www.equestrian.org.au. Refer to EA Interschool Show Horse Rules for other General Conditions

9.3 Workouts

The Organising Committee will provide set workouts for all phases prior to the event. Competitors in Working Hunter will walk the course of the ridden jumping phase on the day of competition. Examples of Workouts (not necessarily the workout selected by the OC for an event) have been included in the [National Interschool Show Horse Rules](#) as a reference.

9.4 Conflict of Interest

Organising Committees will publish the appointed Judges' names in advance of the event. Participants are obliged to find out the appointed Judges for their classes. Conflicts of interest as outlined in the EA Show Horse Rules and EA Interschool Show Horse Rules must be declared.

9.5 Judges

Judges must be drawn from the EA accredited list available on the EA website.

9.6 Dress, Saddlery and Equipment

Will largely be as per EA Show Horse Rules with some exceptions specifically for Interschool Show Horse competitions. Refer to the EA Interschool Show Horse Rules for these.

9.7 Assistance

Timed Draws will assist tack and gear changes. Organising Committees have the right to hold phases in the order that best suits scheduling. At events when Organising Committees have tight time scheduling to uphold, parent/guardian assistance in relation to gear change between the phases will be allowed.

9.8 Categories of Competition

Refer to the National Show Horse Rules on the EA web site (www.equestrian.org.au) for full details. Organising Committees follow the National Show Horse Rules in most instances for this discipline, however some variations have been necessary to meet Interschool Competition. Organising Committees may determine the order that the phases are run, for Interschool it is not essential that all phases have to be completed sequentially.

The description of the judging expectations for each class can be found in the EA Interschool Show Horse Rules.

9.9 Judging and Scoring

Organising Committees may determine the order that the phases are run, it is not essential that all phases have to be completed sequentially. A timed draw will be made available for all participants in each phase, participants will present at their assigned time to complete their individual workouts.

For the purposes of scoring each phase should be referenced and scored as described in the EA Interschool Show Horse Rules. At State and Regional level, Organising Committees may determine the maximum number of participants in each class.

9.10 Judging and Scoring

Refer to the EA Interschool Rules and EA Interschool Show Horse Rules.

9.11 State Championships requirements for qualification for Show Horse

It is important to note that the IQ Show Horse competition requires that the qualifying results are valid for each unique horse/rider combination. This means that only results achieved by the IQ rider and that horse can be submitted for consideration as qualifying results. Results achieved by the IQ horse with another rider are not valid and horses cannot qualify for the State Championships if they have been ridden by another rider.

Qualification criteria is as follows:

1. Minimum of 2 results in the same class type from any IQ Show Horse competition including the previous year's state championships. One Show Horse qualifier from an EQ/ EA competition may be able to be used in the event that there is a clash of dates. Non-IQ events will be ranked lower in the case of a ballot for States.
2. The results will be ranked to allow for a balloting process (e.g. 1st place will receive 10 points down to 1 point for 10th place and 1 point per rider after 10th). The combinations ranking points will be added together to get a list of qualified riders in rank order to allow for this discipline to be capped at State Championships if required.
3. Year 12 riders may submit their best one (1) performance and it will be doubled to allow for ranking.

Riders from regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers - As per Year 12, however if no IQ competitions are run locally you can apply to the discipline convenor using Ag Show scores and EA Dressage Scores and Pony Club performances for special consideration to attend States. Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2

To be considered for the Qld Show Horse State Team for Nationals all rider/ horse combinations must have competed at the 2022 IQ Jumping/Dressage/Show Horse State Championships. If an EOI is required to fill teams these applications will only be considered from rider/ horse combinations that have competed at this event.

10. THE EVENTING COMPETITION

The Eventing competition is often considered the ultimate test of horse and rider 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.



All EA one, two, or three day events anywhere in Australia can be used as qualifying competitions for the IQ State Championships. These run under normal Eventing rules, and riders should ride using numbers allocated by the OC. There are no separate IQ Eventing classes at these events. The Eventing calendar can be found under 'events' here: <http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/eventing>.

Eventing is the only Interschool discipline that has age restrictions for classes see EA Eventing Rules (Eventing | Equestrian Australia).

Interschool only offers classes to 2*. Horses who have competed at higher levels than this are eligible to compete 2* at State and Australian competition levels if no higher levels are offered.

Table 4: Summary of Eventing Classes for Regional, State and Australian Championships

Classes	Regional Championships	State Championships	Australian Championships
Pre-Introductory	No	Yes	No
EvA 80	No	Yes	Yes
EvA 95	No	Yes	Yes
CCN1*-S	No	Yes	Yes
CCN2*-S	No	Yes	Yes

10.1 Rules particular to Eventing

All Events are run under the EA Eventing Rules, please read these rules as there are some differences between Eventing, Dressage and Show Jumping rules.

Riders will be scored and placed in competitions according to current EA Eventing Rules. At events where separate IQ places are awarded Interschool riders may also be placed for Interschool ribbons.

10.2 Uniform requirements particular to Eventing

All riders participating in Eventing must adhere to the general uniform requirements as outlined in EA Rules. The IQ Uniform must be worn at State and National Championships only. Uniform requirements specific to Eventing are noted below:

- As per EA Eventing rules, gloves are only compulsory for 2* level riders
- Back protectors **are compulsory** for the cross-country phase and highly recommended for the show jumping phase;
- Riders must wear their allocated **COMPETITION** number. This number must be displayed prominently on the horse at all times, and, on the horse AND rider during the cross - country Phase;

10.3 Judging and Scoring in the Eventing Competition

In Eventing, riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the 3 phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties over all three phases will be the winner. Scoring & judge requirements are as per EA Eventing Rules.

10.4 State Championships qualifying requirements for all classes including Pre-Intro (EVA60).

Two (2) horses per rider may be ridden at the Qld State Eventing Championships providing that each horse is qualified. However, only one rider/horse combination (the highest ranked) can be part of a team. Refer to Teams Rules in Section 5.5.

For selection a minimum of two (2), Eventing results are required. These results must be obtained during the period between concurrent IQ State Eventing championships. If there are less than 2 qualifiers in a region, please submit your nomination, however regional riders are encouraged to try to qualify at more than one ODE and preference may be given to those riders doing so. Events from previous State Championships may count as qualifiers if within the qualifying period.

The results must meet the following criteria:

1. A minimum of 2 eventing results from any EA competition. EvA 60 riders may use a CT 60cms result, obtained at an Interschool Queensland qualifying event, as their second qualifying result. This means they must compete at one EvA 60 event with minimum scores as per point 2A.
2. Riders must be competing at their appropriate level (see Eventing section 11 for specific rules on age requirements for Eventing levels) with 2 results that achieve the following minimums:
 - A- 50% dressage results (percentage not penalties) with 0 (clear) XC jumping penalties, no more than 36 XC time penalties and no more than 8 total show jumping penalties.
And a second result at the same or higher level that achieves at least:
 - B- 50% dressage result (percentage not penalties) no more than 20 XC jumping penalties, no more than 36 XC time penalties and no more than 16 total show jumping penalties.
3. Year 12 riders require only one qualifier at the higher level (A)
4. Riders from regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers require only one qualifier at the higher level (A). Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2
5. Where a horse/rider combination has qualified (as per above) for the State event over different levels, then it is expected that the combination will ride at the higher level at the State Championships. Exceptions to this ruling can be made by written request to the IQ committee prior to the event.

10.5 Australian Championships qualification requirements

If a rider has made the State team to compete in both Eventing and CT on the same horse, they must choose only one of the two events. CT is deemed to be the Primary School Eventing class.

To be considered for the Qld Eventing State Team for Nationals all rider/ horse combinations must have competed at the 2022 Qld Eventing and CT State Championships. If an EOI is required to fill teams these applications will only be considered from rider/ horse combinations that have competed at this event.

11. THE COMBINED TRAINING COMPETITION

The Combined Training competition, while not a true Olympic discipline, is run under the **EA Eventing Rules**. Particularly **Annexe A** and **Annexe I EA Combined Training**.



The competition requires skills in both Dressage and Jumping. IQ recognises the importance of such a competition which may encourage riders to widen their horizons by participating in a discipline that they would not normally enter.

Table 5: Summary of classes for Combined Training for Regional, State and Australian Championships

Class	Jumping Height (max)	Regional Championships	State Championships	Australian Championships
Primary	45 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Primary	60 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Primary	80cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Secondary	60cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Secondary	80cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Secondary	95cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Secondary	1*	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Eventing Dressage Test CCN1*A)

11.1 Combined Training Competition Format

In the combined training competition, the dressage phase must be completed before the Jumping phase. The Jumping phase may occur on a different day to the dressage phase. In Combined Training the jumping phase is run in reverse order for state qualifying classes where possible. This means that riders with the most penalties will jump first and riders with the least penalties will jump last. In training classes, riders may be required to jump in draw order rather than in reverse order.

11.2 Rules specific to Combined Training

- The same horse and rider combination must complete both phases of the competition. Elimination from one phase involves elimination from the competition;
- Please be aware that there are important differences between rules for EA/IQ Combined Training dressage and jumping and Pony Club Combined Training rules and other EA disciplines. Knowledge of the EA Eventing and Combined Training rules will be required;

- Rules for Combined Training are in the EA Eventing National Rules. Allowed gear is the same as for Eventing;
 1. Helmets at competitions must be inspected and tagged as per EA Eventing rules
 2. As per EA Eventing rules, gloves are only compulsory for 2* level riders
- Callers for the dressage phase may be allowed in **primary classes** only at the discretion of the event OC;

11.2.1 Uniform Requirements specific to Combined Training

All riders participating in Combined Training must adhere to the general uniform requirements as outlined in Section 0. Uniform requirements specific to Combined Training are as follows:

- As per EA Eventing rules, gloves are only compulsory 2* level riders
- The wearing of back protectors in the jumping phase of this event is **strongly recommended**
- The wearing of gloves in the dressage phase is optional.

11.3 Judging and Scoring in Combined Training competitions

The **dressage** tests are to be judged by one or two EA accredited judges. Scores are to be converted from percentages to penalty points under the formula used in Eventing scoring.

~~11.3.1 — Champions and Reserve Champions for Combined Training (if awarded)~~

Jumping is to be judged and scored under Table A rules (p29, Article 236 – Table A) of the EA Jumping Rules:

https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA_Jumping_Rules_MARKED_1_March_2022_Updated.pdf

To determine places in this discipline: If equality exists, please refer to (Annex J, page ~~140~~ 138) of the EA Combined Training Rules which will be used to decide:

~~<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian-Australia-National-Eventing-Rules-2021-Clean-updated-01-08-2021%20-0.pdf>~~

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian-Australia-National-Eventing-Rules-2022-Clean-updated-01-01-2022-Annex%20D.1%20Update.pdf>

The Champion in each class shall be the first placed combination and the Reserve Champion shall be the second placed combination.

11.4 State Championships qualifying requirements

1. Combined Training participants may nominate a maximum of two horses with each horse only being entered in one class provided qualifying criteria are met for each horse. The entries may be in the same or different classes;
2. For each horse entered riders need to submit one (1) competition result that has at least: 55% score or better in the dressage and 8 **total** faults or less in the Jumping phase in order to qualify for the State Championships. Qualifying selection for the State Championships will depend upon number of riders trying to qualify, with the possibility of numbers being capped;
3. Year 12 riders may nominate with only one (1) result from any IQ competition but they must still meet the above maximum penalties;
4. Riders from regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers may nominate with only one (1) result from any IQ competition but they must still meet the above maximum penalties. Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in section 3.2.2
5. For those riders who are not able to attend qualifying events due to distance or injury, results from official EA Show jumping and Dressage competitions may be forwarded, and these will be considered at the discretion of the Combined Training Convenor;
6. For Combined Training the previous year's State Championship results cannot be used as a qualifier. Qualifiers must come from the current year's qualifying period – see page 7 (5.1)

11.5 Australian Championships qualification requirements

If a rider has made the State team to compete in both Eventing and Combined Training on the same horse, they must choose only one of the two events. Combined Training is deemed to be the Primary School Eventing class. See State Team selection process for further clarification.

To be considered for the Qld CT State Team for Nationals all rider/ horse combinations must have competed at the 2022 Qld Eventing and CT State Championships. If an EOI is required to fill teams these applications will only be considered from rider/ horse combinations that have competed at this event.

12. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Most regions host an annual Regional Championship, and this allows riders from within that region to attain qualifying performances for the State Championships. The Regional Championships is often a competition run over 2 or 3 days 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.

Regional Championships allow riders to accrue individual points based on their performances for trophies and awards, as well as team points for their school and qualifying performances for the state championships.

12.1 Participation

All riders are eligible to compete in their respective Regional Championships provided they have the correct level of EQ membership and their school is affiliated with EQ for the purposes of Interschool participation.

Regional Championships are also open to riders from outside the region at the discretion of the organising committee and may be required to compete on a HC basis.

12.2 Awards at Regional Championships

At Regional Championships individual placings are generally awarded for each section as well as class champion, overall awards and teams awards for each discipline. The determination of Champions will differ slightly with each discipline and the detail is covered under the rules for each discipline.

Prizes awarded at each Regional Championship may be slightly different and will be advertised in their respective event programs.

13. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Queensland hosts the State Championship each year providing a high level of competition for all riders. This is the qualifying event for selection onto the annual State Team. States are held over two specified dates and the disciplines are split into:

- A) Dressage, Show Horse, Show Jumping and,
- B) Eventing and Combined Training.

They are held separately to allow riders to participate in multiple disciplines and to also consider horse and pony welfare.

The State Championships provides the opportunity for schools to further develop 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.

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 scratching. **It is critical that all riders check the qualifying requirements very carefully and that they contact the relevant discipline convenor if they are unsure of their qualification status.**

It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that qualifications submitted for State Championships are correct. It is not the discipline convenor's responsibility to seek these on your behalf, your nomination acceptance will be delayed until correct qualifications are submitted.

13.1 State Championships Entries

Riders may enter a maximum of 6 classes per horse across the State Championships. However, for scheduling reasons, riders may have to make a choice between classes if there is a time clash. The total classes allowed will not include Eventing or Combined Training as it is held at a separate event.

Horse welfare is paramount, and the organising committee reserves the right to discuss the number of entries for a horse/rider combination per day if they have concerns.

A rider can enter a maximum of two horses in each discipline providing that each horse/rider combination is qualified:

- **Dressage** - each horse can participate in a maximum of two classes. A class is two dressage tests at one level.
- **Jumping** - each horse can participate in a maximum of two classes. A class is three show jumping tests at one level.
- **Show Horse** - participants may enter a maximum of two horses.
- **Eventing**- each horse may only be entered in one class.
- **Combined Training**- each horse may only be entered in one class
- **Combined Training riders are not able to use results from the previous year's State Championships as qualifying results.**

13.2 Qualifying results

Nomination for a place in the State Championships requires riders to meet eligibility criteria as detailed under each discipline in the handbook.

To be eligible to participate at the State Championships the rider must include results **from at least two (2) endorsed events run by schools or from an IQ Regional Championship**. These may not be your best results or even a qualifying result, however they prove that you have supported school hosted events throughout the year. Riders from regions that do not offer qualifiers from schools or an IQ Regional Championship may apply for an exemption to the above. **Results from National Interschool Championships will not be accepted as qualifiers for States.**

The qualifying period for the 2022 State Championships will be from 7 June 2021 until close of nominations for the 2022 IQ State Championships. Results from outside this period will not be considered.

An IQ Competition – (please refer to 5.0 for detailed information) is an event run by our member schools or Young Riders Committee, or one that has been accepted as a TAG ON IQ qualifying event by the IQ committee and appears on the IQ calendar of events (NB:- if it is not on the calendar it does not count as a qualifier unless you are a rider in a regional area in which case other scores may be considered- see qualifying criteria for each discipline).

Riders who have access to these competitions but who are unable to attend, may submit results from outside the Interschool Program. Their submission will only be considered if there are any vacancies within the discipline after those, who have qualified through the correct channels, have been selected by the discipline convenor and the IQ Committee.

Specific qualifying requirements of each discipline are outlined in the discipline sections of this handbook.

13.3 Special Consideration for horse and riders who have not gained the correct qualifications for the state championships.

Horse/rider combinations that do not meet the qualifying criteria for nomination to the State Championships may apply to the State Committee for special entry consideration.

Consideration may be made for a variety of reasons including:

- location (e.g. regional riders)
- horse injury
- rider illness
- extenuating family circumstances

Requests for special consideration must be made to the IQ Committee secretary via email 2 weeks prior to close of entries (unless otherwise advised) using the form at the end of this handbook. Riders should disclose fully their IQ or other relevant results (including all qualifying and non-qualifying results) for the year and be able to demonstrate competence at the level they wish to nominate. They should also outline the circumstances that prevented them obtaining the necessary qualifications including, where appropriate, supporting documentation such as medical or veterinary certificates. These two elements will need to be satisfied for the Committee to consider the request.

If a rider already has a ride in the discipline for which they are applying for special consideration, then the second ride may not be granted. **The IQ State Committee will consider and ratify requests and their decision will be final.**

13.4 Qualifying Criteria Disputes

Using strict guidelines, the Discipline Convenor and State Committee will assess entries from all riders nominating to compete at the State Championships. These guidelines are in place to ensure access to the State Championships to riders from all regions. Any disputes will be considered by the IQ Sport Committee and forwarded to the event TD for a final ruling. The decision of the event TD will be final.

13.5 State Championship Perpetual Trophies and Scoring Information

These perpetual trophies will be presented at the completion of the presentation on the final day of the State Championships for that particular year.

The following trophies will be presented at the annual EQ Awards evening.

- Champion School for Secondary and Primary
- Individual Champions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary.
- School Spirit award

OVERALL SCHOOL TROPHIES

13.5.1 The Rita and Derek Dobson Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the secondary school whose riders achieve the highest average score (total points gained divided by number of starting riders) over all disciplines at State Championships. To be eligible for this trophy, a school must have a minimum of 2 riders from the school competing.

13.5.2 The Lorette Wigan Cup

Donated by the Equestrian Federation of Australia (Qld Branch), this trophy is awarded to the secondary school with the best aggregate result achieved at the State Championships. It is awarded on a points basis with riders accruing points for their school through their placings in each discipline during the State Championships.

13.5.3 The QISEA Primary School Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the primary school whose riders achieve the highest average score (total points gained divided by number of starting riders) over the six disciplines at State Championship level. To be eligible for this trophy, a school must have a minimum of 2 riders from the school competing.

13.5.4 The Harry LeBherz Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Harry LeBherz, this trophy is awarded to the primary school with the best aggregate result achieved at the State Championships. It is awarded on a points basis with riders accruing points for their school through their placings in each discipline during the State Championships.

13.5.5 The Summers / McDougall School Trophy

The Summers McDougall School Trophy is an award that builds the spirit of the Interschool Association. Both emerging and established schools can be considered for this award despite the number of riders attending events. The Trophy is awarded to the school that best reflects the ethos of Interschool through their commitment to the development of character, self- discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork, sense of achievement, presentation, respect and school team spirit. The selection for this award will be by the State Committee.

OVERALL INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

13.5.6 The Brett Family Perpetual Trophy

This trophy, donated by the Brett Family, is awarded to the Secondary Division Overall Champion Rider. This is determined as the rider who has achieved the best overall result as an individual for his/her school competing the same horse across all the secondary disciplines of Combined Training, Dressage, Eventing, Show Horse and Show Jumping. It is awarded on a points basis with the rider accruing points for placings in their secondary classes.

13.5.7 Finch Farms Perpetual Trophy

Donated in 2021 the Finch Farm Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the Overall Champion Intermediate rider from years 7,8 and 9. The rider accrues points for placings in the following Intermediate disciplines Combined Training, Dressage, Eventing, Show Horse and Show Jumping. The rider must compete on the same horse in all these disciplines to be awarded this Trophy.

13.5.8 The Kimberley Banks Perpetual Trophy

This trophy donated by the Banks Family is awarded to the Primary Division Overall Champion Rider. This is determined as the rider who has achieved the best overall result as an individual for his/her school using the same horse across all primary disciplines. It is awarded on a points basis with the rider accruing points for placings in primary classes.

13.5.9 QISEA Freestyle Artistic Award

Inaugurated in July 2018 this revived QISEA trophy is awarded to the freestyle rider who achieves the highest points score in their artistic element. It can be awarded to a rider in any class of the freestyle competition at the State Championships.

13.5.10 Moreton Bay College School Award

This trophy is awarded to the Primary rider who receives the highest percentage score from any one judge in any dressage class at the State Championships.

13.5.11 The Sailor Trophy

This trophy donated by the Coggan Family is awarded to the rider who achieves the closest to optimum time on the Cross- Country element of the Eventing Discipline.

13.6 Champion and Reserve Champions

These awards are determined as outlined under the information for each discipline.

Team events at IQ Competitions should be scored as per the teams scoring rules for the IQ State Championships unless stated otherwise in the event program by the OC.

13.7 Champion Teams – Calculating Tied Scores

Refer to EA Interschool Rules

13.8 Scoring of trophy and team points

Points will be allocated to riders in the following manner in each discipline to determine these trophies and other awards and champions:

- Riders will be ranked overall in each class. A rider placed first overall in a class will be allocated 35 points. Second will be allocated 34 points. Third will be allocated 33 points and so on to 35th or to the last placed rider if less than 35 in a class. Any places from 30th down will receive 1 point each. Ties will be allocated the same points as an outright placing at that ranking.
Examples:
 - Two riders ranking equal 7th will get 28.5 points each and the subsequent ranking will be 9th with 27 points.
 - Three riders ranking equal 7th will get 28 points each and the subsequent ranking will be 10th with 26 points etc.
- Scorers must ensure that all riders who nominated actually started or were not eliminated from the classes counted for these trophies.
- **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, for Show Horse, the ridden phase classes on one horse only plus the rider class.**
- In the event of equal points being gained by either individual riders or schools the rider or school which has achieved the highest result in the Combined Training section of the State Championships will be declared the champion rider or school.

14. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Australian Interschool Championships are run annually and are organised by a different state committee each year. They were inaugurated in 2008 and have been hosted annually by various states since then, to date the following Nationals have been hosted:

Queensland	2008, 2012, 2017, 2020 (cancelled due to Covid 19)
Victoria	2009, 2011, 2014, 2018, 2021 (cancelled due to Covid19)
New South Wales	2010, 2015 2016, 2019, 2022
Western Australia	2013

Refer to EA Interschool Handbook for classes that are included at the National events.

14.1 Interschool Queensland State Team Selection Process for Interschool Nationals

Riders who placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in a National Qualifying Class at the IQ State Championships automatically receive an offer to ride as a member of the annual Qld Team. A formal letter of offer will be presented to them at the Queensland State Championships.

QUEENSLAND HAS A RULE IN PLACE THAT RIDERS CAN ONLY ACCEPT A MAXIMUM OF 2 CLASSES AT NATIONALS EITHER ON THE SAME HORSE OR ON DIFFERENT HORSES.

This means that some riders must choose which 2 classes to accept if they finished in the top 4 in more than 2 classes at Queensland State Championships.

2. Should any of the top 4 riders not accept a position then the riders placed 5th – 10th will receive an offer in that order until the QLD places are filled. The State Team Discipline convenors will email a letter of offer to their respective team members.

Note: State Team members are required to accept or refuse their position on the state team by the date stated in the letter of invitation presented to them at the State Event. If they cannot meet this time frame, they should let their relevant convenor know so that other options for selecting and filling the team spot can be considered.

3. If there are still places vacant on the QLD team then these are offered to the next best placed rider from the current year's State Championship who is:

- A. Already on the team, and
- B. Does not already have 2 rides.

4. If after the above steps there are still vacancies on the Queensland team, an expression of interest may be sought from riders.

The form at the end of this handbook **must** be used to submit an expression of interest (page 36). It is emailed to the IQ secretary by the date stated. The state committee will consider all Expressions of Interest and the final decision will be made by Equestrian Queensland.

5. The Draft team will be published one week after the close of entries for the National Event. After this date, further team selection will be undertaken from within the existing team and no further EOIs will be undertaken.

An exemption to the rule may occur after this process if we have a space in a class or, we have low Primary numbers and do not fill classes. In this case there may be an opportunity for a 3rd class to be offered to a suitably qualified rider within the team. This will take into account the type of class, the total number of phases the horse will be required to do and how it will affect the schedule. The third ride will be offered to qualified riders starting at 1st and moving down to 10th place.

Notes:

Freestyles are not counted in the 2 classes as they are Unofficial classes and do not count towards team scores. Therefore, if you're riding a Freestyle, you can also accept 2 official classes.

14.2 Interschool Queensland State Team Uniform Requirements for Interschool Nationals

All members of the State Team are required to purchase items of the current State Team uniform, this information will be communicated to all team members.

The Queensland State Team Uniform compulsory items are:

- Team Cap / Team Jacket
- Team Tie (dependent upon discipline rules)
- Team Polo Shirt
- Team Saddle Blanket

14.3 State Team Officials

14.3.1 State Chef d'Equipe and State Team Manager for the Queensland team

After the Queensland State Championships expressions of interest will be sought for the positions of Queensland State Team Chef d'Equipe and Queensland State Team Manager. These will be presented to the state committee for perusal and selection at the next available IQ meeting.

14.3.2 Team Discipline Managers for Queensland Team

The team discipline managers are to be discussed at the next meeting after the State Championships. If the State Convenor is unable to fulfil the position a suitable replacement needs to be found.

14.3.3 Captains and Vice Captains for Queensland Team

The election process for overall Queensland State Captain, Vice - Captain, Discipline Captains and Vice Captains will start immediately after the State Events are completed and will be as follows-

- a) A letter of invite to nominate for a leadership position will be given to all year 12 and year 11 state competitors. **To apply for a leadership position, you must be on the state team.**
- b) To ensure the voting process reflects the nominee's interest there will be no prior discussion held.
- c) The voting slips will be prepared prior to the meeting and the voting starts with the State Captain.
- d) An independent person will be asked to count the votes and announce the results.
- e) On completion an email will be sent to all successful and their school principals. Unsuccessful candidates will also be thanked for their interest via email.
- f) Year 11 applicants will only be voted into a leadership position if there are insufficient year 12 applicants.
- g) Conflict of interest will be noted prior to the start of the vote.

15. EQUESTRIAN SKILLS PROGRAM – Future Pathways

Equestrian Australia, as part of its member education services, provides school based riders with access to their Introductory Riding and Introductory Horse Management workbooks at a discounted price for use in the Equestrian Skills program.

The **theory** components of EA training are delivered in a flexible home-study manner using comprehensive workbooks and recommended readings which can be supplemented using your own coach or through group training/assessment at Interschool Regional and State events.

Practical study may be done through the IQ Equestrian Skills program, otherwise students can undertake this individually with coaches, coach educators (CE) or skill specific training assessors (SSTA).

Maybe you aspire to work within the horse industry when you finish school or maybe you just want something to fill in your time over the school holidays. In all cases successful completion of modules are registered with the EA coordinator as they form part of the pathway to further education.

The minimum age for the EA national education courses is;

- *12 years for Intro Horse Management & Intro Riding*
- *15 Years for Level 1 Horse Management & Level 1 Riding*
- *18 years for a coaching award*

Assessments will be carried out by Coach Educators or SSTA's.

Riders 18 years and over can progress toward becoming an Introductory EA Coach with the purchase of the appropriate resource.

Once the Introductory Horse Management and Introductory Riding modules have been completed, the Level I Horse Management and Riding modules provide another opportunity for further study.



Request for special consideration for reduced qualifiers for IQ State Championships.

Date submitted: Click or tap here to enter text.

Rider Name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Email:	Click or tap here to enter text.
School attended:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Year level:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Horse name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Discipline/s requested	Click or tap here to enter text.
Class/es requested	Click or tap here to enter text.

Reason for special consideration:

Location Horse injury Rider injury Other

If other, please provide a brief description of the reason: Click or tap here to enter text.

If your request is due to location, what is the nearest Primary/Secondary school to your home address: Click or tap here to enter text. What region is this school in? Click or tap here to enter text.

If your request is due to horse/rider injury, please attach veterinary/medical certificate where applicable.

Evidence of support for interschool competitions:

What IQ events have you attended during this qualifying period or do you intend to attend prior to the State Championships:

1. Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Click or tap here to enter text.

What qualifiers have you gained for the requested classes on this horse (include non-IQ results if applicable):

1. Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there any further information you think will be useful to the IQ committee?

Click or tap here to enter text.



Expression of Interest for position on the Queensland State Team.

Date submitted: Click or tap here to enter text.

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Please note; applications will only be accepted once the IQ committee have called for EOI's for classes. Any EOI's received prior to formal notification by the IQ committee will not be considered.

Rider Name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Email:	Click or tap here to enter text.
School attended:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Horse name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Discipline requested	Click or tap here to enter text.
Class requested	Click or tap here to enter text.

Did this horse/rider combination compete in the Queensland State Championships for the discipline you are requesting?

Evidence of qualifications:

List 3 results from Interschool Events for the horse being entered that show the horse/rider combination are currently competing at the equivalent level to the class being requested:

1. Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Click or tap here to enter text.

Have you competed for the IQ State Team before? Yes / No

Year: Click or tap here to enter text.

Discipline: Click or tap here to enter text.

Class: Click or tap here to enter text.

Horse's name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there any further information you think will be useful to the IQ committee? ie results from events other than Interschool.

Click or tap here to enter text.

This application must be endorsed by the parent/guardian of the rider.

Parent Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Parent email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Parent contact number: Click or tap here to enter text.