

## EQ Leaderboard 2021 Criteria & Eligibility

The Equestrian Queensland (EQ) Leaderboard, an initiative introduced in 2017 is to encourage growth and participation of grassroots riders and to support EQ Affiliated Clubs and participant level classes in the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and Eventing.

Surprisingly during 2020, despite the COVID-19 outbreak we still had 18 dressage events, 6 jumping events and 7 eventing events.

Whilst the EQ Leaderboard initiative has increased participation across the disciplines of Dressage and Eventing, we acknowledge that further engagement with our Affiliate Jumping Clubs is required to achieve the same success in the discipline of Jumping. We will endeavour to continue to ensure growth and development across all three disciplines and for 2021 have made some slight changes to the EQ Leaderboard criteria\*.

### 2021 EQ Leaderboards

There are several awards within the EQ Leaderboard:

Dressage	Jumping	Eventing
Prep	40-50cm	EvQ45
Prelim	60-70cm	EvQ60/65
Novice	80-90cm	EvA80
<b>EQ reserves the right to remove/change any awards if there are not sufficient numbers participating</b>		

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

- Results for the leaderboard are based on horse/rider combination
- Horse/rider combinations must have participated in at least 3 eligible events for that discipline/level.  
\*The exception to this, where there is a situation with no riders participating in 3 leaderboard events, Equestrian Queensland reserves the rights to reduce the qualification criteria
- Eligible events will be listed on the EQ Leaderboard calendar. The classes that are eligible for the leaderboard will be listed on each event schedule/program
- Each horse/rider combination's total number of points will be used to determine the leaderboard placings
- In the event of a tie, placings will be determined based on the relevant discipline rules

**NOTE:** All eligible classes will be allocated 20 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place down to 1 point for 20<sup>th</sup> place. Where a rider who is not eligible for the EQ Leaderboard has placed in the class, points will not be reallocated (e.g. if an ineligible rider places 2<sup>nd</sup> in a class, no rider will receive 19 points for that class).

**Interclub Challenge award:** one award across the combined disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and Eventing to recognise the club that has had members participating across all disciplines in the participant leaderboard (the 4 highest scoring horse/rider combinations who are club members across the different disciplines will form the team, with the 3 best scores to count. The 4<sup>th</sup> scores will only be used in the event of a tie. This means that your club team may consist of riders who participated in one or more disciplines, e.g. rider 1 participated in dressage & eventing, rider 2 participated in eventing only, rider 3 participated in dressage only, rider 4 participated in jumping only). Prize: club trophy & rosettes for team members

- Team members must also meet the eligibility criteria for the participant leaderboard
- Horse/rider combinations must have participated in at least 3 eligible events hosted by at least **2 different clubs**
- Participants are required to nominate which club they are representing. Participants may only represent one club for the duration of the 2021 Interclub Challenge (clubs will be asked to confirm membership of individuals)
- The Interclub Challenge award will be presented at the EQ Annual Awards evening or as determined by EQ.

### Eligibility Information for clubs

1. All participating clubs must be current EQ affiliates
2. All classes must be run following EA rules using EA judges/officials
3. Affiliate clubs within SEQ can nominate a maximum of 2 events. Affiliate regional clubs can nominate 3 events. **\*definition of regional is 400km from CBD.** EQ reserves the right to accept/reject events. EQ will make every effort to not have events on the same date. Dressage & Eventing events should be approved by the relevant EQ Sport Committee prior to being included on the EQ Leaderboard
4. Affiliate clubs must nominate their dates by 31 January 2021 via the survey monkey online registration. Event nominations received by this date will be given **priority**. Additional events outside of this time frame may be added at EQ's discretion due to exceptional circumstances.
5. One class per level per event will be eligible for the leaderboard (e.g. Prep A, Prelim 1A, Novice 2A). Where different categories of the same class are run at an EQ Leaderboard event (e.g. one Prep A is restricted to juniors), the class nominated by the club should be open to all riders. If there are limited events in regional areas, these clubs may be permitted to have 2 classes per level.
6. Classes must be listed as **EQ Leaderboard** on the schedule/program and be Participant Classes for dressage, or the relevant height class for eventing & jumping. Classes listed as anything other than "Participant" will not be included on the leaderboard. Schedules/programs should be sent to EQ prior to the event.
7. Affiliates clubs, where possible are required to provide an entry check to EQ.
8. Participant class results should be submitted to EQ within 2 weeks of the results being posted in an editable format (preferably excel)

### Eligibility and Information for participants

1. All riders must be an EQ participant or competitor member. Open to junior and senior members equally.
2. We strongly encourage participants to EA Base or Life Register horses
3. All riders who participate in eligible classes will be automatically included on the EQ Leaderboard unless they do not meet the eligibility criteria or notify EQ that they do not wish to be part of the leaderboard. Horse/rider combinations must participate in at least 3 EQ Leaderboard events for that discipline/level. The exception to this, where there is a situation with no riders participating in 3 leaderboard events, Equestrian Queensland reserves the rights to reduce the qualification criteria.
4. Participants may enter multiple horses, however, must meet the criteria on each horse
5. Horses may appear on the leaderboard under multiple riders but must meet the criteria and the rules of the sport regarding multiple riders while participating
6. Horse/rider combinations may participate in multiple disciplines, however will only be eligible for one level per discipline on the leaderboard and must not exceed the maximum number of starts per day as per EA rules. If a rider moves up a level during the year, only points accrued at the higher level points will be counted towards the leaderboard
7. Where the horse/rider combination have participated over more than one level in the current leaderboard year (either at a club, participant or competitive event), they must participate at the higher level within the EQ leaderboard
8. Horse/rider combination must not have participated in the following in the current or previous leaderboard year (based on calendar year):
  - Dressage: 1\* or above event or any elementary or above classes (*exemptions may apply for Regional participant competitors definition of regional is 400km from CBD.*)
  - Eventing: EvA95 and above
  - Jumping: 1.05m and above
9. The spirit of this leaderboard is intended for **grassroots amateur riders**. An amateur rider must not receive remuneration (excluding prize money) above the value of \$500/annum for any services connected with the breaking, training and riding of any horse or pony in the last 3 years. An amateur rider's principle source of income is not obtained from sponsorship, breaking, training, riding or coaching any horse or rider. Grassroots riders are those who are riding primarily at participant levels.
10. Leaderboard Participants will be required to make a declaration that they are eligible for the EQ Leaderboard Final Overall Standings/Awards.