EQ Leaderboard & Interclub Challenge
2022 Criteria & Eligibility

The Equestrian Queensland (EQ) Leaderboard, is an initiative 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.

There are several awards across each of the following EQ Leaderboards:

Dressage	Jumping	Eventing
Preparatory	50 - 60cm	EvQ45
Preliminary	70 – 80cm	EvQ60/65
Novice	90 – 100cm	EvA80

Points

Eligible classes will be allocated 20 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 20th 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 2nd in a class, no rider will receive 19 points for that class).

In the event of a tie, placings will be determined based on the relevant discipline rules.

Eligibility Information for Clubs

1. Must be current EQ Affiliate.
2. Event must be run following EA rules utilising EA accredited officials.
3. Clubs within SEQ can nominate a maximum of 2 events. 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.
4. Clubs must nominate their dates by 28 February 2022 via the survey monkey online registration.
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 **must be open to all riders**.
6. EQ will provide Clubs with a graphic upon approval of eligible events which is to be included in the schedule/program (see example below).
7. **The EQ Leaderboard classes for the event must be listed on the schedule/program e.g. Class 2 (EQ Leaderboard Class). The classes need to be open to all riders and participant classes for dressage, or the relevant height class for eventing & jumping. Classes listed as anything other than "participant" will not be included.**
8. We strongly encourage Clubs to provide EQ with a program and entry check prior to their event.
9. Participant class results should be submitted to EQ within 2 weeks of the results being posted in an editable format (preferably excel). Results can be sent to results@equestrianqld.com.au.

10. **A representative is to attend the compulsory EQ Leaderboard Event Session via zoom on Monday 7 March 2022 7:00pm.**

This event includes classes eligible for the

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EQ LEADERBOARD

For more information on Criteria & Eligibility visit
www.qld.equestrian.org.au/eqleaderboard

Eligibility and Information for Participants

1. Must be an EQ participant or competitor member. Open to junior and senior members equally.
2. We 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, EQ 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 the points accrued at the higher level 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): i.e. 2022 and 2021
   - Dressage: 1* or above, Star Championships or at a State Dressage Championships event, or in 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. Grassroot riders are those who are riding primarily at participant levels. Riders will not be eligible for the EQ Leaderboard if they have (regardless of horse/rider combination) competed in any of the following:
   - Advanced Dressage or above
   - Eventing 2* or above
   - Show Jumping 1.20m or above
10. The rider must not derive income from sponsorship, breaking, training, riding or coaching any horse or rider.
11. Participants will be required to make a declaration that they are eligible for the EQ Leaderboard Final Overall Standings/Awards.

Interclub Challenge Award

The Interclub Challenge Award recognises an EQ Affiliated Club through their support and alignment of encouraging the growth and participation of grassroots riders, have the highest scored EQ/Club members participating across all disciplines in the EQ Leaderboard.

The 4 highest scoring horse/rider combinations who are club members across the multiple disciplines will form the team, with the 3 best scores to count. (The 4th scores will only be used in the event of a tie)

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.

Interclub Challenge Eligibility:

- Team members must meet the participant eligibility criteria for the EQ 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 for the 2022 Interclub Challenge. Participants that are eligible for more than one EQ Leaderboard may nominate a second club which they are a member of for the second discipline.
- Participants cannot change their club nomination after it has been submitted.
- The Interclub Challenge award will be presented at the EQ Annual Awards evening or as determined by EQ.