



EQ Leaderboard & Interclub Challenge 2024 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
Preliminary Novice	70 – 80cm 90 – 100cm	EvQ60/65 EvA80

Points

Jumping

Classes will be allocated 20 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 20th place. The Jumping Leaderboard will be awarded to the rider/horse combination with the highest six (6) points will count towards your total. If there is an equality of points at the end of the year, the rider/horse combination with the most consistent high placings throughout the year will become the winner.

Eventing and Dressage

Classes will be awarded places according to a combination's average of their best three (3) scores. All eligible riders will appear on their current EQ Leaderboard on the EQ Website, listed up to 20 places. 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. All Clubs may nominate up to 2 events per discipline. EQ reserves the right to accept/reject events and will endeavour to have events spread across all the regions. EQ will make every effort to not have events on the same date.
4. Clubs must nominate their dates by 31 January 2024 via the survey monkey online registration.
5. One class per level per event will be eligible for the leaderboard (e.g. Prelim 1.1, Novice 2.1). Where different categories of the same class are run at an EQ Leaderboard event (e.g., one Prelim 1.1 is restricted to juniors), the class nominated by the club **must be open to all riders, unrestricted**.
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) and promotion.
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.
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 admin@equestrianqld.com.au.
10. Events submitted for the 2024 EQ Leaderboard calendar must be within the period 1 January 2024 – 31 October 2024.



Eligibility and Information for Participants

1. Must be an EQ participant or competitor member. Open to junior and senior members equally.
2. We request participants to EA Base or Life Register horses.
3. All riders who participate in one eligible class, 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.
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, they must not exceed the maximum number of starts per day as per EA rules.
7. A horse/rider combination can participate over more than one level in the current leaderboard year and be eligible for more than one leaderboard.
8. To accumulate eligible points for the EQ Leaderboard, a rider must compete in the advertised EQ leaderboard classes, at an event that has been advertised on the EQ Leaderboard Calendar.
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 top 20 participants will be required to make a declaration that they are eligible for the EQ Leaderboard Final Overall Standings/Awards & nominate a club they wish to represent.

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.

The 4 highest scoring horse/rider combinations who are club members across any discipline 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 any discipline at an EQ Leaderboard event for 2024.

Interclub Challenge Eligibility:

- Team members must meet the participant eligibility criteria for the EQ Leaderboard.
- Participants are required to nominate which club they are representing for the 2024 Interclub Challenge and they cannot change once it has been submitted. (The nomination link is on the EQ Leaderboard webpage)
- Only EQ Affiliated Clubs who have held EQ Participant Leaderboard classes in 2024 are eligible.
- All nominations by riders wanting to represent the club, must be received by 31 October 2024.
- The Interclub Challenge award will be presented at the EQ Annual Awards evening or as determined by EQ.