



2019 Horseware Australia Victorian Interschool Equestrian State Championships

10th – 14th April 2019
Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre

EVENT SCHEDULE **Update V3 24.2.19**

Entries open: 6th February 2019 and close Thursday 28th February 2019 10pm
Enter online only www.nominate.com.au

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Welcome to the 2019 Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships

Thank you to all riders, supporters and sponsors of the 2018 State Championships and Australian Interschool Championships. It was a very busy and exciting year for both seasoned riders and the many new riders entering competitions.

Hopefully you all have/will achieve your participation qualification so you can compete at the 2019 Victorian Interschool State Championships. As a reminder each rider/horse as a combination must have participated at an Interschool event (excluding Aust Champs) since the 9th April 2018 up to and including 26th February 2019. You do not have to have competed in every discipline or achieve specific scores, you just need to have attended an interschool event (see further details in conditions of entry)

The 2019 has some changes including:

- Stabling and camping bookings will be made online at time of entry and there will be a minimum booking of 4 nights, there is a process to allocate stables which is described in the attached rider communication in detail
- Volunteers are crucial to run this event; we shall offer the option for riders to pay \$50 at time of entry to eliminate the need for them to volunteer. This money will then be used to subsidise the cost of paid volunteers. Events simply cannot run without huge resources
- The timetable for events has changed please check the dates in the schedule.
- Show jumping will all be conducted on the all-purpose grass area
- Gear checking will be conducted by EA stewards throughout the event
- Class sizes will be capped at 75 riders, see further details in schedule
- Remember that the Dressage Tests all changed on 1st February, please ensure you use the correct test

We again plan to have our unique merchandise which will feature the names of all the riders and a dinner event On Thursday 11th is in the planning.

Please read the General Rules and Conditions before you enter, it is also your responsibility to know the discipline rules. The Organising Committee looks forward to welcoming you all to the event and hope you have a great time catching up with friends, enjoying your horses, representing your school and achieving personal bests.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Lisa Hocking on behalf of EV Interschool Committee





PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

(Subject to Change)

Wednesday 10th April

Jumping

Secondary Phase 1 - 238.2.1 (One Round Stakes)
Secondary Phase 2 – 274 .5.3 (Power and Speed)

Combined Training

Primary CT Dressage and Jumping
Secondary CT 60cm Dressage and Jumping

Thursday 11th April

Jumping

Primary Phase 1 – 238.2.1 (One Round Stakes)
Secondary Phase 3 - 238 2.2 (AM5)

Combined Training

Secondary CT 80cm, 95, Pre-Nov, 1* Dressage and Jumping

Dressage

Primary Preparatory, Primary Preliminary,
Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced Freestyles, Pas De Deux

Friday 12th April

Jumping

Primary Phase 2 – 274 .5.3 (Power and Speed)
Primary Phase 3 - 238 2.2 (AM5)

Novelties/ Handymount

Primary Novelties, Primary Handymount, Secondary Novelties, Secondary Handymount

Dressage

Primary Novice, Secondary Intermediate Preliminary, Secondary Elementary

Saturday 13th April

Show Horse

Show Horse Primary and Show Hunter Primary
Show Horse Secondary and Show Hunter Secondary
Working Hunter Primary and Working Hunter Secondary

Dressage

Secondary Senior Preliminary, Medium, PSG, Intermediate Novice

Sunday 14th April

Dressage

Secondary Senior Novice, Advanced, Inter 1

PLEASE NOTE

This is a Provisional timetable only, and is subject to change once all entries have been received and draws have been finalised. Please note that classes may start as early as 8am and finish as late as 6 pm each day.

Please be prepared for this. For the most up to date information on the timetable, please check our website www.vic.equestrian.org.au. And follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/InterschoolsVictoria>

Special Conditions

1. This Equestrian Victoria (EV) event is governed by the Equestrian Australia (EA) General Regulations, applicable EA Sports Rules and all relevant EA Codes, policies, bylaws, rules and regulations. The EA Sports rules (i.e. the National Rules for each EA sport or discipline) and regulations may be accessed on the EA website "Discipline Rules & Regulations" page via the following link_ <http://www.equestrian.org.au/rules>.

The EA Codes, Policies etc. may be accessed on the EA website "Policies & Bylaws" page via the following link <http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>.

2. To be eligible to participate in this event you must be a current EV member or current member of an EA state branch. You must also satisfy any further membership or registration requirement (including those for any horse entered) referred to in the General Conditions of Entry for the event (**Conditions of Entry**) and individual disciplines
3. The EA National Sports Rules applicable to the event are referred to in the Conditions of Entry.
4. All EA and EV events are subject to the EA Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct). The Code of Conduct can be accessed on the EA website via the following link <http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>

It is important that all members understand that the Code of Conduct also covers parents, guardians and spectators in respect of any activity held or sanctioned by EV or an EA state branch. A key aim of the Code of Conduct is to respect the rights of everyone involved, to abide by all EA rules and requirements, to be fair, considerate, honest and professional in all aspects of the sport.

5. EA and EV are committed to the protection and welfare of its members. The EA Member Protection Policy (MPP) can be accessed on its website via the following link <http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>

The EA Social Media Policy, which can be accessed via the following link,

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>

Should be read in conjunction with the MPP. These are important documents designed to ensure the safe and fair conduct of the event for everyone involved. They should be read, understood and complied with.

6. EA and EV events are also subject to various codes and regulations designed to protect the horse, the welfare of which is paramount (Horse Welfare Provisions). Entrants and Competitors must familiarise themselves with the Horse Welfare Provisions and ensure that they are complied with. These Provisions may be accessed on the EA website via the following link_ <http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>.
7. As the event is conducted at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre (WPNEC) the WPNEC Risk Management Conditions shall apply to the event. The Risk Management Conditions can be accessed via the following link_ <http://wpnec.com.au/risk-management/>.

Entrants and Competitors bound by EA documents

Entrants and Competitors must familiarise themselves with the provisions of the EA documents referred to above (EA documents) and ensure that they comply with them.

By submitting an entry for the event you agree to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the EA documents, these Special Conditions and the Conditions of Entry.

If you are the parent or guardian of a participant or competitor under the age of 18 years, by submitting an entry for the event you consent to their participation in the event and undertake to the best of your ability to ensure that they understand and comply with the provisions of the EA documents, these Special Conditions and The Conditions of Entry.

If there is any conflict in the interpretation between the provisions of the General Regulations and any of the EA documents, these Special Conditions or the Conditions of Entry, the General Regulations will take precedence. If there is any conflict in the interpretation between the provisions of these Special Conditions and the Conditions of Entry, the Special Conditions will take precedence.

Organising Committee

The Organising Committee for the event is referred to in the Conditions of Entry. The Organising Committee may at its absolute discretion, decline to receive any entry or return any fee without being liable for any compensation: General Regulation, Article 116.11. The Organising Committee's decision in relation to any entry for the event shall be final and binding.

Cancellation and Refund

EV or the Organising Committee may cancel the event due to catastrophic conditions, disease or force majeure, or for any other reason at its absolute discretion.

If the event is cancelled after it has commenced there will be no refunds. If the event is cancelled prior to commencement the entrant may be entitled to a proportional refund of the entry fees paid. Any such refund will be determined at the absolute discretion of EV, having regard to the direct or fixed costs for the event.

Entrants who have provided with their entry an email address and/or mobile phone number will be notified of event cancellation by email and/or text message.

The refund policy for withdrawal, scratching or change of an entry is set out in the Conditions of Entry

Release and Indemnity

You acknowledge that horse riding, working with or being around horses can be dangerous. Horses can act in sudden and unpredictable ways, especially if frightened or hurt. As a consequence, there is a real risk of damage to property, serious injury or even

death. In consideration of acceptance of your entry and participation in the event you agree to release and forever discharge EA, EV, their servants and agents and the Organising Committee and each member thereof from all claims, proceedings or demands for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.

In consideration of acceptance of your entry and participation in the event, you agree to indemnify and keep indemnified EA, EV, their servants and agents and the Organising Committee and each member thereof against all claims, proceedings or demands brought by or on behalf of any participant or competitor named in your entry form for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.

Conditions of Entry

Codes of Conduct for EA Conducted Equestrian Events

Codes of Conduct for competitors, spectators and volunteers as well as other relevant Codes and Policies relating to the conducting of an equestrian event under EA rules are available at the EA website. At time of entry you will be required to confirm you have read and agree to the Codes of Conduct.

Discipline Rules and Regulations

It is the responsibility of all riders supported by, team managers and parents/guardians to ensure you understand the rules relating to the classes you are entering. Discipline rules can be found here <http://www.equestrian.org.au/sports>

Social Media

Internet social networks such as Instagram, SnapChat, YouTube, Facebook and other forums have proven to be a great way for people to share information, ideas and opinions, and keep in touch with family and friends.

We ask that all Interschool riders and families treat their fellow riders, officials, judges and coaches with respect by ensuring the language and comments they use are respectful, treating others, as they would like to be treated.

It has come to our attention that in the past some people may have posted disparaging and inappropriate comments and materials. It is important to remember that such conduct is absolutely unacceptable and is not in line with

Interschool values and EA Codes of Conduct. Breaches of the Codes of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action.

We would also like to remind competitors and support members of the potential risks that posting your personal information in the public domain may pose to you, your family and friends. Remember many of these sites have features that allow you to restrict access to your information to trusted people. Loading photos of you and your friends, listing your school or work, where you will be going and other personal details in the public domain where the information can be seen by anyone, has the potential to impact your own personal security. Please be aware of this when communicating in such public forums and be careful.

Smoke-free Environment: In accordance with the EA recommends that the following policies be applied to all sporting and social events that we hold or endorse:

- No smoking shall occur at or near sporting events involving children and young people under the age of 18. This policy shall apply to coaches, athletes, officials and volunteers.
- Social events shall be smoke-free, with smoking permitted at designated outdoor smoking areas.
- Coaches, officials, volunteers and athletes will refrain from smoking and remain smoke-free while they are involved in an official capacity in our sport.

Evidence of Participation to Enter State Championships

The 2019 Victorian Interschool State Championships require that rider/horse combinations have participated at an Interschool event since the 9th April 2018 up to and including 25th February 2019.

The event must: have been on the VEIS calendar, one of the 6 EV Interschool Horse Trial Qualifying events in 2018, Elmore or Scotts College, Macarthur 2018, Stratford Interschool events or Interschool classes at Young Rider Dressage Championships (Jan 2019). Competing at the State or Australian Interschool championships in 2018 is not included.

Riders that enter without having competed at an Interschool event will have their entries returned less \$25 administration fee, please do not enter if you are not eligible to compete.

Number of Classes you may enter

Riders entering classes MUST bear in mind the welfare of the rider, horse and the relevant EA rules for the discipline relating to number of starts

per day. Riders are only allowed to enter 2 consecutive dressage levels on the same horse. i.e. Prelim/Novice or Novice/Elem. Riders in preparatory tests are NOT allowed to enter any other Dressage level or Show Jumping Class. Riders in Showjumping may only enter one height class per horse. Show horse riders must choose to compete in one section, show horse, show hunter or working hunter. Combined Training riders may only compete in one class per combination.

Preparatory Dressage and Combined Training

Preparatory tests are for children that are in the early years of primary school and are beginners and inexperienced riders, please do not enter these classes if the rider:

- is graded or has competed higher than PCAV 5
- can canter confidently
- has ever competed in jumping classes with starting height above 45cm
- competes regularly and independently in showing classes
- placed 1-6th in preparatory dressage or a showing class at any Interschool State championship or placed 1-6th in any VEIS grand final in preparatory
- Riders cannot compete in any Show Jumping class if they wish to compete in Preparatory CT or Preparatory Dressage
- Riders cannot compete in both Preparatory and Preliminary dressage
- Please note that entries will be checked for compliance

Class Definitions

PRIMARY

Primary competition is restricted to athletes up to and including grade/year 6.

SECONDARY

Secondary competition is for those students who are in years 7,8,9,10,11 and 12 and 18 years of age and under.

SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE DRESSAGE

In dressage, Secondary Senior and Intermediate divisions are offered.

Senior is for those athletes in years 10,11 and 12.

Intermediate is for athletes in year 7, 8 and 9.

Entries

2019 entries will be ONLY accepted online via nominate at www.nominate.com.au Please do not leave entries to the last minute. In the event that entries are required to be capped, entries will be accepted in order of date received. **Please note** there is a credit card processing

fee when entering on Nominate which goes directly to Nominate not to Equestrian Victoria.

Close of Entries

**Entries close 10pm Thursday 28th February 2019.
No late entries will be accepted.**

Australian Championships

The first and second place getters in Dressage and Showjumping classes for each of the National qualifying events (these are marked by "Nat " in schedule) are eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Championships to be held in Sydney in the October 2019 school holidays. Placing 3rd and 4th in those events will be the team reserves in Dressage and Showjumping.

In Show Horse, place getters 1st to 4th in National qualifying events (these are marked by "Nat " in schedule) will be eligible to represent Victoria, 5th and 6th will be reserves.

In combined training, where there is one division of the class placing 5th and 6th in those events will be the team reserves. In the event that a class has 2 divisions, the riders placed 1st and 2nd in each division will be qualified and riders placed 3rd in each division will be the reserves.

In the event of qualified or reserve riders being unable to attend the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships, the remaining places will be filled at the discretion of the Interschool Committee.

Qualifications are based on the combination of horse and rider, there will be **no substitution of horses or riders in qualified combinations.**

At the Australian Championships riders will be limited to competing in 2 classes, they may still compete on 2 horses, but the limitation of 2 classes per rider will remain. Eg 1 horse in 2 levels of dressage, or combined training and 1 dressage class, show horse and 1 dressage class, 2 horses in 2 different show jumping heights. For the purpose of clarity Class in the Australian Championship schedule refers to 2 dressage tests at the same level, 3 phases of show horse, 3 show jumping competitions at the same height.

Specifically should a rider/horse combination qualify in Show Jumping or Eventing and also in dressage and/or show horse, riders will need to decide which class to compete in when the Australian Championship schedule has eventing or show jumping scheduled first in the competition. Riders cannot compete in jumping

competitions prior to competing in dressage or show horse.

Eventing Team Selection

There are six (6) opportunities on the EV eventing calendar

http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au/eventing/sites/default/files/VicCalendar%20Dates_2019_2020.pdf at which riders can earn points. The riders three (3) best event scores will be used on the leader board, the top four (4) riders in each level will qualify for the Interschool Australian Championships.

In the event that a rider competes on the same horse in different levels the points remain at the level they are earned, eg, if earned 4 points at Prelim and then commence competing at EVA105, the 4 points stay at Prelim.

Subject to achieving a (MER) see below, placing in Interschool section of class will earn the following points:

>>> 1st =4pts
>>> 2nd= 3pts
>>> 3rd = 2pts
>>> 4th = 1pt

Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) to earn points.

- Minimum of 50% in dressage
- Clear of XC jumping penalties (you may have time penalties and in one MER you can have 20 XC penalties)
- No more than 16 Show jumping penalties

Interstate Competitors

Competitors from states other than Victoria are eligible to compete in the Equestrian Victoria Interschool Championships. As these are interschool events, rather than general EA young rider or junior events, riders will be representing their schools and therefore will very likely have to qualify in the state jurisdiction of their school.

As schools are largely funded by their state Department of Education, there are not likely to be many instances where a school would be happy for a national representative to represent a state that does not fund the school.

Parents may wish to inquire with their schools what their policy is if they are very close to the border. It is likely the schools have dealt with these issues before and can provide some form of clarification to parents about their policies on student representation.



Interstate competitors will require a letter of permission from their school acknowledging that should an interstate competitor qualify for the Australian Championships, the competitor will represent Victoria at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships, and not the state in which they attend school.

Refund Policy

Withdrawal of entries prior to the close of entries will have a refund of entry fees less a \$25 administration fee.

There will be no refund of entry fees after close of entry, a substitution can only be made within 3 weeks of close of entry subject to the substituted horse /rider being qualified to compete. Facility fees will be refunded on production of a vet or doctors certificate within 7 days of the end of the event

Requests for refunds of camping and stabling costs will be at their discretion of the Organising committee

A minimum 80% of entry fees will be refunded if any competition is cancelled in its entirety due to any circumstances beyond the control of the organising committee.

Reservation of Right

The Organising Body reserves the right:

- To cancel any class or event
- To divide any class
- To transfer competitors between sections of a class
- To alter the advertised times
- To refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason

Dress

Riders are to wear their school shirt (and tie) with school jumper, light coloured jodhpurs and smooth-soled, low-heeled boots (short or long, refer discipline rules). Gloves are compulsory for Dressage, preferably light coloured. Gaiters and long boots may be worn in all disciplines **except Show Horse**, where top boots and gaiters can only be worn by competitors 18 years and over in rider phases.

Helmets

Riders must wear an approved helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times. Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked.
- New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked.
- Current American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked, or standard SNELL E2001.
- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked.
- Interim European Standard VG1 (01.040:2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark.

Membership

To be able to participate in State and National Interschool Championships, **athletes must be current, "COMPETITIVE" members of their State Branch of EA.** (Participant Members are not eligible to compete.) Riders holding current EV memberships should enter their current membership number at time of entry those riders that are not EV members at time of entry will need to take out membership before the start of the competition. At time of entry, new members enter the membership number as 99999 and contact the EV Office for more information on membership or process a new membership online via <http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au>.

Without a current EV Competitive Membership riders will not be allowed to compete.

There is a comprehensive membership check done prior to the event to ensure no rider competes without the relevant membership insurance. It is the entrant's responsibility to meet this criteria.

School Teams

All riders from the same school are considered to be in the school team. At time of entry all riders must enter the school name in the correct format. The top four individual rider's scores for each school are considered for the team aggregate score. No composite teams are allowed.

If a rider has two horses, then each is treated as a separate combination for point scoring and only one can count in the top 4 riders for the school points. Trophy Rugs will be awarded to 4 highest placed riders of the winning school team, with rosettes to all members of first – third placed teams.

Individual Riders

Schools that cannot field a team of four or more competitors are encouraged to enter riders as individuals, provided they are endorsed by the school. School uniform rules apply to individuals as well as teams. Individual riders can qualify for the Australian Interschool Championships.

Award - The Nan McArthur Perpetual Trophy

The Nan McArthur Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Champion Individual Rider for both Primary and Secondary Riders. The overall Individual Primary and Secondary Champion will have points accrued from their best four events only. In the case of equality of points the rider achieving the highest points in the highest levels will be declared champion. ie. if a Secondary rider wins 2 prelim tests and 2 x 75cm jumping events this rider will place lower via the countback than a rider who wins 2 elementary tests and 2 x 120cm jumping events.

Presentation of Nan McArthur and team awards will be performed at the winning rider's school after the event, no announcement will be made at the event

Award – Racing Victoria Off the Track Award

Racing Victoria sponsor the best performed retired racehorse in the disciplines of dressage, show jumping, eventing, combined training, show horse and games/handymount.

The winners will receive an embroidered rug. In the case of equality of points in a discipline the horse achieving the highest points in the highest level class will be declared winner. Horses must be nominated for this award at time of entry and the horses racing name provided.

Individual rider and school point's allocation

The scoring system has now been simplified

Each phase/test in a class will have 35 points allocated from 1st receiving 35 points down to 35th receiving 1 point. If there are more than 35 riders in a class they receive no points beyond 35th place. Rosettes will be awarded to first – sixth place getters in all phases.

Championships will be placed 1st to 6th and will be determined based on the points earned across the phases/tests in a class eg. points earned in both novice dressage tests are added together to determine the championship. If you enter showjumping and jump in 3 phases you will receive the points for every phase where a rider places 1st to 35th. **Championship placings, Freestyles and Pas De Deux classes, do not earn points for individual or team awards.**

Champion points are awarded only where an athlete has completed all phases of a class without elimination or disqualification.

Equality in class placings will be resolved for places 1st to 6th. If equality cannot be resolved, riders will be awarded equal placing and share points. For example one rider may be awarded 6th place and receive 30 points, two riders may be awarded 7th place so each will be awarded 28.5 points, then the next placed rider would be awarded 9th and 27 points.

The individual rider points are determined by accumulating only the best 4 scores for each rider, so the maximum possible points per rider is 140, the championship points are not included only phases/tests.

Team Managers

Team Managers are the point of contact between riders and any Interschool Officials. Team Managers are responsible for distributing/discussing relevant competition information. They are also responsible for ensuring that riders are aware of and adhere to the Codes of Conduct and that team members are ready to compete on time, in the correct arena. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to obtain individual medical information for riders. All queries and complaints can only be made through Team Managers (not via parents or friends of riders) to the Ground Jury. Team Managers are responsible for

ensuring that nominated helpers report for their duties.

Every rider must nominate a team manager for the school, if there is only one rider from the school that rider must nominate a parent as the team manager.

Horses

All horses and ponies must be four (4) years of age or over at the time of nomination based on 1 August birthdate.

Stallions are NOT permitted at ANY Interschool Event as per the EA National Interschool rules.

A rider may nominate to compete with up to three (3) horses at State Championships. Riders need to be aware this may cause schedule clashes that cannot be resolved. Parents are also reminded to consider child and animal welfare when entering classes.

Rider Number

Each horse must wear a bridle or saddle number on each side of bridle or saddle cloth. This must be worn at all times. Competitors are to provide their own number holders.

Gear Check

Gear check is the responsibility of the Team Manager/rider however EA Stewards this year will also conduct checks. Discipline rules can be found on the EV or EA website. Judges have the right to eliminate a rider if they compete in the incorrect gear.

Objections and Disputes

No competitors or parents are to directly approach any judges, stewards, course builders or any other officials or volunteers before, during or after the competition with disputes or complaints. Objections must be made in writing to the Organising Committee within thirty

(30) minutes of completion of the class giving rise to the objection. **A formal protest requires a deposit of \$200.00 that will be forfeited unless the objection is upheld.**

All objections must be made through the Team Manager to the Ground Jury and the decision of the Jury will be final and no other discussions will be entered into. No objections will be accepted through

parents.

General questions can be asked in relation to errors on results or in relation to the running of the event through the event office.

Volunteers and Helpers

The running of equestrian events relies heavily on volunteers. At the Interschool Championships, volunteers will include numerous parents and other supporters. Abuse by a rider, parent or associated person that is aimed at any volunteer or official at an EA Interschool event will not be tolerated. Incidents of this nature will result in immediate elimination of the rider.

Many of our helpers are experienced, others are not. Be sure to ask for assistance if you are unsure of what to do. To keep the event on time, it is crucial for helpers to report to the Volunteer Coordinator 15 minutes before their scheduled duty begins. Helpers who do not perform their designated duty risk the elimination of their corresponding competitor. It is the responsibility of your helper to notify the Volunteer Coordinator and find a replacement if they are unable to fulfil their allocated duty.

We would be grateful if you could please advise whether any helper or volunteer is a Veterinarian, Doctor, Farrier etc.

In 2019 we will offer the option to **pay \$50 at time of entry if parents do not wish to perform a volunteer job for a minimum of 2.5 hours**, this fee will allow us to employ appropriate persons to fill the roles of volunteers.

Facility Fee, Camping, Stables and Yards

The WPNEC facility fee of \$16 per horse is compulsory and will automatically be charged based on days you are competing at time of entry.

At the time of entry on Nominate you will book your stable and camping if required, it is not compulsory and you may use a yard for free. All bookings will be for a minimum of 4 nights, you may extend the number of nights if required.

There will be no stable/camp site change overs during the event that are booked or managed by the organising committee or Werribee Park Management. If riders wish to organise sharing of the stable for the week then you will need to make private arrangement with another rider and manage changeovers yourself. Schools may see this as an option to share stables.

At close of entries all riders that requested stable bookings will be sorted by school and then a group of stables will be allocated by school based on priority of entry date of the last rider from the school. Therefore, if one school has a rider enter very late the school will be prioritised based on the date the last rider entered. This will not disadvantage any school as long as all their riders enter early.

Where there is only 1 rider from the school, the stable booking will be prioritised based on the entry date.

There will only be limited barn stables (these must be requested on booking) once that allocation is filled, permanent stables will be allocated and then portable stables if required. There is no need for you to select stables or camp site numbers, this will be done during the allocation process.

With camp sites the powered sites will be allocated first, followed by the generator sites. Camp sites will be allocated in school blocks the same as the stables using the order of entry priority.

We cannot offer advance bookings for yards but they will be available for use at no charge, on a first come, first served basis. Yards must be cleaned on departure and you may book and pay for shavings prior to arrival, please no Straw to be used.

Organising Committee members that have riders will get priority booking for stables and camping, no other exceptions will be allowed.

There is absolutely no option for riders to make requests to be stabled with anyone other than their school team members, if there is only one rider from a school they are just allocated a stable/camp site based on priority of entry (big schools get no advantage over small schools, everyone needs to just be organised to enter early)

All stable fees include shavings already in stables and cleaning, riders can order additional shavings if required.

Fees:

A to E Block stables \$280 (4 nights) extra night \$37

Portable stable \$280 extra night FREE

F Block (Barn): \$320 extra night \$40

Powered campsites \$80 4 nights, extra night \$20

Bale of Shavings for yards \$12.50

Yards are free

No camp/open fires of any type are permitted

Horses must not be exercised during non-daylight hours. All horse must be in yards or stables during non-daylight hours.

Accommodation

Caravans can be hired and placed on site from, Dean Dyson at www.caravanforhire.com.au

(03) 5250 5132

Quest Werribee PH (03) 8744 6000

www.questapartments.com.au

Rubbish

Bins will be placed around the grounds. Please use them and take care not to leave rubbish loose on the ground, particularly plastic bags that can spook horses when flying in the wind.

Horse Welfare

The welfare of the horse is paramount. Instances of cruelty or mistreatment should be reported to the Organising Committee.

Unsoundness – Judges are required to satisfy themselves regarding soundness of all horses and therefore have the authority to stop an unsound horse during competition. At other times a horse that is stopped or reported by an official who considers it to be unsound must attend the Veterinary Surgeon before continuing on in competition.

Medication Control – Any competitor requested by an official from the Organising Committee to attend for sample testing must present to the official Veterinary Surgeon as directed.

Important Etiquette

Please respect other riders and horses by not yelling, running or interrupting when they are competing or in the stable or warm-up areas. Remember to pass riders left side to left side in warm up arenas.

Spectators must enter the indoor arenas quietly or wait until the competitor is finished. Dogs are not permitted in the indoor arenas. Offices on the grounds are rented by businesses, so please be courteous by not running or yelling near the offices.

Swabbing

The use of prohibited substances in your horse is not tolerated and riders must be aware that swabbing of horses may occur at random and will be conducted at this event.

Event Merchandise

The 2019 Interschool State Championship Polo and back by popular demand the Hoodie featuring the

names of all competitors will be available.
Merchandise should be ordered on line
<http://www.wini.com.au/> up until 29 February 2019

Reporting and Safety Measures

In order to ensure that the event runs as close to schedule as possible, we will need the cooperation of Team Managers and parents to make sure riders are on time for their classes. Allocated rider times may vary slightly, but the draw order will not. Stewards and officials are present to help the event run smoothly and on time. For the safety of competitors and spectators, please obey any directions given by a steward or official.

Bicycles and Motorised bikes and scooters

Bicycles must not be ridden without a helmet. Parents are responsible to ensure children ride in a safe manner and do not frighten horses or leave bicycles on the ground where they may be a hazard to people or horses. No bicycles in Stable area.

Motorised bikes and scooters ARE NOT permitted .

Dogs

Dogs must be under effective control at all times and are not allowed in marshalling or competition areas, including any part of the indoor arenas.

Alcohol

As this is an elite sporting event for under age athletes, adults please be mindful of the example you are setting. Any rider under 18 years of age drinking alcohol will be eliminated from the event. It is also an offence to supply alcohol to under age persons and will result in your rider being eliminated.

Image Consent

By entering this event you give your consent to EV to copy or reproduce images of yourself as EV may determine, without acknowledgement of yourself and without your entitlement to any remuneration or compensation now or in the future. The images may be used by EV in multimedia productions, publications, brochures and on the website to promote a range of initiatives for EV. EV agrees not to use any image that may be deemed adverse, or defamatory to the person entering this event.

Liability

Riders and/or owners whose entries have been accepted will undertake to indemnify the Organizing Body against all claims, losses, suits, and damages made against or suffered by the Organising Body by reason of any negligent act or omission on the part of

any rider, trainer or attendant whilst attending, riding or otherwise handling a horse, and agrees that act or omission on the part of such rider or attendant found in any action against the Organising Body to be negligent shall be deemed to have been negligent for the purpose of any claim under this indemnity.

Arrival Times

Stables may be booked for arrival after 2pm on Tuesday 9th April 2019, when our Stable Manager will be available.

Remember only the rider competing may ride the horse from the time of arrival at WPNEC.

Please check your entry details and the receipt you receive back from Nominate, errors in names, use of capital letters, email addresses, dates of birth etc all require considerable time to correct, so please help ensure your entries are accurate.



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Ashford Park Dressage Championships

\$60.00 per horse/per class except

\$30.00 for one Freestyle and for classes D11 and D12

\$15 per rider in Pas De Deux test



Prizes for Dressage 1st – 6th Rosettes in each Test Overall 1st-6th Rosettes in each Level

No	Class	Tests	Day	State	Nat
D1	Primary Preparatory	Prep A 2013 & E 2015	Thursday	Yes	No
D2	Primary Preliminary	Prelim 1B, 1C	Thursday	Yes	Yes
D3	Primary Novice	Novice 2B, 2C	Friday	Yes	Yes
D4	Secondary Intermediate Preliminary	Prelim 1B, 1C	Friday	Yes	Yes
D5	Secondary Senior Preliminary	Prelim 1B, 1C	Saturday	Yes	Yes
D6	Secondary Intermediate Novice	Novice 2B, 2C	Saturday	Yes	Yes
D7	Secondary Senior Novice	Novice 2B, 2C	Sunday	Yes	Yes
D8	Secondary Elementary	Elem 3B, 3C	Friday	Yes	Yes
D9	Secondary Medium	Med 4B, 4C	Saturday	Yes	Yes
D10	Secondary Advanced	Adv 5B, 5C	Sunday	Yes	Yes
D11	Secondary PSG	PSG	Saturday	Yes	Yes
D12	Secondary Inter 1	Inter 1	Sunday	Yes	Yes
D13	Novice Freestyle	2016 Novice Freestyle	Thursday	No	Optional
D14	Elementary Freestyle	2016 Elementary Freestyle	Thursday	No	Optional
D15	Medium Freestyle	2016 Medium Freestyle	Thursday	No	Optional
D16	Advanced Freestyle	2016 Advanced Freestyle	Thursday	No	Optional
D17	Pas De Deux	See EV web site	Thursday	No	No

Interschool Championship Dressage Rules

- All Dressage tests will be run in accordance with Current EA Rules that were updated 1.1.2019 in the EA Dressage Competition Rules, which can be obtained from <http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules>
- Riders are permitted to enter two consecutive levels per horse.
- **Each class will be limited to a maximum of 75 riders based on order of entry and if there are more than 35 entries per class there will be two divisions. A waitlist based on order of entry will be used and places will be offered when withdrawals occur only. Please note, some classes exceeded capacity in 2018.**
- Intermediate is for riders in years 7, 8 and 9, Senior is for riders in year 10,11 and 12, Secondary is years 7-12 inclusive
- Whips are permitted (not exceeding 1.2m including tassel for horses and 1.0m for ponies)
- Horses may not compete below their graded level (if an official dressage grading applies) unless H.C. However horses graded FEI are permitted to compete Advanced if no FEI classes are offered. Horse/rider combinations must have achieved a minimum of 60% or above on 2 occasions at Official Dressage or VEIS qualifier events prior to entering PSG and Inter 1
- Only snaffle bits are allowed unless competing at Medium or above
- Tests cannot be called except for Preparatory
- Refer to the EA web site for guidelines on Freestyles
- Preparatory tests – please read special conditions of entry on Page 6
- A pas de deux is two ponies/horses in your own choreographed dressage test accompanied by music.

The first and second place getters of the National qualifying events based on the Championship results (these are marked by "Nat column " in schedule) are eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Championships. Placing 3rd and 4th in those events will be the team reserves.



Dressage Tests

These can be downloaded from <http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules>

Dress

Refer to Dress rules in general conditions. Freestyle and Pas De Deux can optionally be ridden in costume

Scoring System

Championships will be decided as per rule 3.19 of the EA Dressage Competition Rules on the following basis:

- Overall Level Championships are to be decided on points system based on the combined results of two tests at each level
- In each test the first placed horse will get 35 points, second will get 34 points, third will get 33 points and so on down to 30th horse receiving 1 point, if there are more than 30 riders in a class they receive no points beyond 31st place.
- If there are more than 35 entries per class, classes will be split into separate divisions and a ride-off will be required to determine the Championship. The top placed riders in each division will ride the highest test at the level, the scores from this ride-off test will be used to rank the Championship. A maximum of 6 riders will participate in the ride-off, therefore if there are 2 divisions, the top 3 riders from each division will be in the ride-off.
- If there is equality in scores in a ride-off after application of the EA scoring rules– if riders on equal scores came from the same championship division, the placing order from the championship will determine the overall placings. If riders were in separate divisions, riders will need to submit their best 3 results for selection by independent person.
- These points are used to determine special Individual and Team Awards
- Pas de deux and freestyles do not earn points towards individual or team awards.

Off the Track Thoroughbred Combined Training Championships

\$60.00 per horse/per level

Prizes For Combined Training Overall 1st-6th Rosettes in each class



No	Class	Tests/Height	Day	State	Nat
CT1	Primary 35cm	DR Preparatory A, 35cm	Wednesday	Yes	No
CT2	Primary 45cm	Eventing Test A 45-60cm 2019	Wednesday	Yes	Yes
CT3	Primary 65cm	Eventing Test B 45&60 2019	Wednesday	Yes	Yes
CT4	Primary Intro 80cm	Eventing Test B 80cm 2019	Wednesday	Yes	Yes
CT5	Secondary 60cm	Eventing Test B 45&60 2019	Wednesday	Yes	Yes
CT6	Secondary 80cm	Eventing Test B 80cm 2019	Thursday	Yes	Yes
CT7	Secondary 95 cm	Eventing Test A 95cm 2019	Thursday	Yes	Yes
CT8	Secondary 1* 105 cm	EA Eventing 2018 FEI 1* Test	Thursday	Yes	Yes
CT9	Secondary 2*	EA CCN 2* 2019 115 cm	Thursday	Yes	No

Interschool Championship Combined Training Rules

The Combined Training will run in accordance with EA Rules in the Current EA National Eventing Rulebook, which can be obtained from the website, and contains dressage and jumping phases only.

- Riders are only permitted to compete in one class per horse, The same horse and rider combination must complete both phases of the competition. Elimination from one phase involves elimination from the competition.
- **Each class will be limited to a maximum of 75 riders based on order of entry and if there are more than 35 entries per class there will be two divisions. A waitlist based on order of entry will be used and places will be offered when withdrawals occur only. Please note, some classes exceeded capacity in 2018.**
- Eventing riders cannot enter combined training at a level lower than they are currently eventing at. Jumping riders should ride at the equivalent height eg, secondary riders jumping 75 cm should enter 80 cm CT not 60 cm.
- No whip is allowed in the dressage phase, however whips of no more than 75cm are allowed in the jumping phase.
- The first to fourth place getters of the National qualifying events (these are marked by "Nat column " in schedule) are eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Championships. Where there is one division of the class placing 5th and 6th in those events will be the team reserves. In the event that a class has 2 divisions, the riders placed 1st and 2nd in each division will be qualified and riders placed 3rd in each division will be the reserves.
- **Primary 35cm** please read special conditions of entry on Page 6

Scoring System

- As combined training runs under Eventing rules, riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the 2 phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties when penalties from the dressage and jumping phases are added will be the winner. Dressage penalties are calculated by subtracting the average percentage from 100 and multiplying it by 1.5. The result is always rounded to one decimal point. Jumping penalties are calculated in the normal manner as per Jumping.
- In the case of equal scores for placings in a class, the rider with the best dressage score (least penalties) will be the higher placed. If equality still exists, the closest to the optimum time (under the time set) in the jumping element will be the higher placed. If there is still a tie, then the placings will be shared and the subsequent place not awarded.
- In each class the first placed horse will get 35 points, second will get 34 points, third will get 33 points and so on down to 35th horse receiving 1 point, if there are more than 35 riders in a class they receive no points beyond 35th place. These points are used to determine special Individual and Team Awards.



Dressage Tests – PLEASE NOTE AMENDED 19.2.19 due to new EA Tests

These can be downloaded

http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/NATIONAL_EVENTING_RULES_1_JAN_2019_CLEAN_24.1.19.pdf go to page 87 and click on test link.

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/Eventing-Dressage-tests>

Stegbar Jumping Championship

\$60.00 per horse (includes three Jumping classes)

Prizes for Jumping 1st – 6th Rosettes in each Phase Overall

1st-6th Rosettes in each Class



No	Class	Competitions	Day	State	Nat
SJ1	Primary 45cm	Phase 1-238 2.1 , Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 – 238.2.2	Thurs/Fri	Yes	No
SJ2	Primary 60cm	Phase 1-238 2.1 , Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 – 238.2.2	Thurs/Fri	Yes	No
SJ3	Primary 80cm	Phase 1-238 2.1 , Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 – 238.2.2	Thurs/Fri	Yes	Yes
SJ4	Primary 90cm	Phase 1-238 2.1 , Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 – 238.2.2	Thurs/Fri	Yes	Yes
SJ5	Secondary 75cm	Phase 1-238 2.1 , Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 – 238.2.2	Wed/Thurs	Yes	No
SJ6	Secondary 90cm	Phase 1-238 2.1 , Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 – 238.2.2	Wed/Thurs	Yes	Yes
SJ7	Secondary 100cm	Phase 1-238 2.1 , Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 – 238.2.2	Wed/Thurs	Yes	Yes
SJ8	Secondary 110cm	Phase 1-238 2.1 , Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 – 238.2.2	Wed/Thurs	Yes	Yes
SJ9	Secondary 120cm	Phase 1-238 2.1 , Phase 2- 274.5.3, Phase 3 – 238.2.2	Wed/Thurs	Yes	Yes

Phase 1 -One Round Table A Article 238.2.1

Athletes with equality of penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the time taken to complete the round. In the event of equality of penalties and time for first place, there may be a jump-off over a shortened course over obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread in accordance with the provisions of the schedule. Please note- this is only if faults and times are exactly the same so is very rare that this second round jump off is ever run.

Phase 2 - Two-Phase Article 274 5.3

This competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.

The first phase is a course of 7 to 9 obstacles with or without combinations (Table A against the clock). The second phase takes place over 4 to 6 obstacles, which may include one combination (Table A against the clock).

Athletes penalized in the first phase are halted by ringing the bell after they have jumped the last obstacle or when the time allowed for the first phase has been exceeded, after crossing the finishing line of the first phase. They must stop after crossing the first finishing line. Placing is according to the penalties and time in the second phase and, if necessary, to the penalties and time in the first phase. Athletes stopped after the first phase may only be placed after athletes who have taken part in both phases. In the event of equality for first place, the tied athletes will be placed equal first.

Phase 3 -AM5 Article 238.2.2

This is a competition not against the clock, but in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other athletes are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round. All Riders who Jump Clear in the first round will be invited back to complete the second round at a raised height. (approx. 5cm)

Interschool Championship Jumping Rules

- Each class will be limited to a maximum of 75 riders based on order of entry and if there are more than 75 entries per class there will be two divisions. A waitlist based on order of entry will be used and places will be offered when withdrawals occur only. Please note, some classes exceeded capacity in 2018.
- All Jumping will be run under the current FEI Jumping Rules and National Jumping Rules. These can be obtained from the EV website and it is the responsibility of riders to know the rules.
- Riders must ride in the order of the draw and must not hold up proceedings on the day.
- Riders are only permitted to compete in one height class per horse (i.e. a rider may not compete in the 80cm class and the 90cm class on the same horse).
- Riders cannot compete in any Show Jumping class if they wish to compete in Preparatory CT or Preparatory Dressage
- The first and second place getters of the National qualifying events based on the Championship results



(these are marked by “Nat column “ in schedule) are eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Championships. Placing 3rd and 4th in those events will be the team reserves.

- After the start of competition if riders wish to change height classes, this must be notified by 7am on day of competition, the rider will then compete HC in subsequent classes and be ineligible for points or placing
- Rosettes to be presented at the conclusion of each phase at the ring

Walking the Course

Course plans will be posted at the entry gate. The course will be opened for walking 20 minutes prior to class start time. Riders are to listen for announcements that their class is running to schedule, early or late and present when required.

Scoring System

- In each phase the first placed horse will get 35 points, second will get 34 points, third will get 28 points and so on down to 35th horse receiving 1 point, if there are more than 35 riders in a class they receive no points beyond 31st place The total points earned across the three phases will determine the championship placings.
- Classes may be split depending on entry numbers and placings and points awarded within each phase and division, however all divisions will be combined to determine the championship.

Pryde's Show Horse Championships

\$60.00 per class (includes 3 phases, led, rider and ridden)

Prizes for Show Horse 1st – 6th Rosettes in each Class phase. Overall 1st-6th Rosettes in each Class

No	Class	Must complete all phases	Day	State	Nat
SH1	Show Horse Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden	Saturday	Yes	Yes
SH2	Show Hunter Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden	Saturday	Yes	Yes
SH3	Working Hunter Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden 45cm jumping	Saturday	Yes	Yes
SH4	Show Horse Secondary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden	Saturday	Yes	Yes
SH5	Show Hunter Secondary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden	Saturday	Yes	Yes
SH6	Working Hunter Secondary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden 65 cm jumping	Saturday	Yes	Yes

Interschool Championship Show Horse Rules

The Show Horse Classes run under current Interschool Show Horse Rules 2018 found here

http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA_National_Interschool_Rules_CLEANversion_01012018.pdf

Riders must complete all three phases in the class on the same horse.

- Each class will have a timed draw and all riders will complete an individual workout.
- The Championship (total points earned over all phases) will determine the overall ranking of riders, the top 4 riders in each class qualify for Nationals.
- Rosettes will be awarded for led, rider and ridden classes and championship (combined score across phases)
- Rider and horse/pony combination may compete in one class only, must choose between show horse, show hunter or working hunter.
- The first to fourth place getters of the National qualifying events (these are marked by "Nat column " in schedule) are eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Championships. Placing 5th and 6th in those events will be the team reserves.

Show Horse

Will comprise of three separate phases:

Phase 1 – In hand

Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)

Phase 3 – Ridden workout (judging the horse as a show horse)

Show Hunter

Will comprise of three separate phases:

Phase 1 – In hand

Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)

Phase 3 – Ridden workout (judging the horse as a show hunter)

Working Hunter

Phase 1 – In hand

Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)

Phase 3 – Jumping & workout (judging the horse as a working hunter) 65cm for secondary and 45 cm jumping for primary

Scoring System for Individual and Team Scores for Show Horse

Each phase will be scored based on a points system, the riders will then be ranked based on the scores within each phase, the total points earned across the three phases will determine the Championship Ranking.

Each phase points will count towards individual and team scores, the championship points are not included.

Handy Mount

\$15.00 per class

Prizes for Handymount 1st – 6th Rosettes in each Class.

No	Class	Day	State	Nat
HM1	Primary Year 0-2	Friday	No	No
HM2	Primary Year 3-4	Friday	No	No
HM3	Primary Year 5-6	Friday	No	No
HM4	Secondary Year 7-8	Friday	No	No
HM5	Secondary Year 9-10	Friday	No	No
HM6	Secondary Year 11-12	Friday	No	No

Interschool Championship Handy Mount Rules

This discipline is designed to test a riders horsemanship skills and the willingness of the horse or pony. It is not a race - the focus is on how the rider completes the tasks. The judges will be looking for rhythm, calmness and straightness, similar to a dressage test with obstacles. This class is not judged on time however there is a time limit of 3 minutes, with no bonus points for finishing under this time. If you do go over the time limit you are regarded as finished and will need to leave the arena. The points you have earned in this time will be your score. You may pick your own pace unless a pace is specified for a specific task; however the judge will acknowledge the degree of difficulty required for faster paces. If you have a problem with a task, we recommend that you move on to the next task.

Dress

Refer to Dress rules in conditions of entry

No martingales, whips or spurs may be used; use of the baton, reins or other article as a whip shall incur elimination of the rider from the event. Bits must be plain snaffle with straight bar or a single joint in the middle. The mouth piece must be smooth all round. Bitless bridles (including the hackamore) are NOT permitted

Novelties

\$15.00 per class

Prizes for Novelties 1st – 6th Rosettes in each Class.

No	Class	Day	State	Nat
NV1	Primary Year 0-2	Friday	No	No
NV2	Primary Year 3-4	Friday	No	No
NV3	Primary Year 5-6	Friday	No	No
NV4	Secondary Year 7-8	Friday	No	No
NV5	Secondary Year 9-10	Friday	No	No
NV6	Secondary Year 11-12	Friday	No	No

Interschool Championship Novelties Rules

This discipline is designed to test the horse and riders agility. It is judged on time. The class is designed to incorporate novelty games in the one event - for example, it may include Bending, Flag & Barrel, Key-hole, Mug Race and some poles.

The reins must be OVER and not under the horse's neck. If the reins are knotted, they must be undone at the buckle end

Dress

Refer to Dress rules in conditions of entry.

No martingales, whips or spurs may be used; use of the baton, reins or other article as a whip shall incur elimination of the rider from the event. Bits must be plain snaffle with straight bar or a single joint in the middle. The mouth piece must be smooth all round. Bitless bridles (including the hackamore) are NOT permitted