

# VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM NATIONAL SELECTION POLICY

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## 1. OVERVIEW

The Victorian Interschool Team is selected under the jurisdiction of Equestrian Victoria. In selecting of the Victorian Interschool Team, the safety of the rider and the welfare of the horse will be taken into consideration.

Riders may only compete in two events at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships.

- A horse can only complete in one level of jumping (three jumping classes)
- A horse can compete in two consecutive levels of dressage e.g., Novice and Elementary, but not Prelim and Elementary (2 tests per level)
- A horse can only compete in one level of Combined Training
- A horse can only compete in one type of Show Horse class
- A horse can only compete at one level of Horse Trials and may not compete in other classes (see Horse Trials selection document)

Riders may compete on two different horses or in two divisions on the same horse, for example:

- a rider may take one (1) horse and compete in one (1) Show Horse event and one (1) Dressage event, this complies with the maximum rider events and the maximum horse events
- A rider can ride one horse in Jumping 90cm and can ride another horse in the Jumping 1.00m
- A rider can ride one horse in a Combined Training event and the same horse in a jumping event, assuming the schedule allows for this under national horse welfare and discipline rules

### 1.1 SUBSTITUTIONS

After the closing date of entry to the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships, changes or substitutions will only be made through the Victorian Team Manager, in collaboration with the relevant Discipline Coordinator and an independent person qualified to assess riding abilities for example the Team coach. In the event of a conflict of interest, the substitution will be referred to the relevant Equestrian Victoria Discipline Committee.

- Team reserves may be selected and substituted after the closing date of entries, up to 3 weeks prior to the competition.
- After this time substitution riders will be selected from the existing team. In the event of a rider scratching, substitution(s) will be made after consideration of riders who may have also ridden at State Championships or the VEIS series in the level or discipline.

- The rider who is selected to replace the withdrawing rider is responsible to pay the associated class entry fee(s).

## **2. SELECTIONS**

### **2.1 DRESSAGE SELECTION**

Dressage levels at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships:

- Primary Preliminary
- Primary Novice
- Secondary Intermediate Preliminary
- Secondary Senior Preliminary
- Secondary Intermediate Novice
- Secondary Senior Novice
- Elementary
- Medium
- Advanced
- PSG
- Inter 1

Selection Criteria for the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships:

- First and second placegetters at the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships
- Champion and Reserve Champion from the VEIS series
- If the Champion or Reserve Champion in the VEIS Series is also the first or second placegetter in the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships, the third placegetter from the VEIS Series and the third placegetter in the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships will be eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships. Reserve team members will alternate from VEIS/State Championships. Combinations must have scored over 58% as an average across the two tests competed in at that level in the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships or VEIS competition.
- Freestyle tests are optional at National Championships. If they are run by the hosting state, riders will be selected from the State Championships results with consideration to other classes already being ridden in.

### **2.2 JUMPING SELECTION**

Jumping levels at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships:

- Primary 80cm
- Primary 90cm
- Secondary 90cm
- Secondary 100cm
- Secondary 110cm
- Secondary 120cm

Selection Criteria for the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships:

- First and second placegetters at the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships
- Champion and Reserve Champion from the VEIS series
- If either the first or second placegetters in the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships is also the Champion or Reserve Champion in the VEIS series, the third

placegetter in the VEIS series will be eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships

- If either the Champion and Reserve Champion from the VEIS Series is also the first or second placegetter in the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships, the third placegetter from the VEIS Series and the third placegetter from the Victorian Interschool State Champs will be eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Championships. Selected team members will alternate from VEIS/State Championships, starting with the VEIS third placegetter.
- Combinations must have attained a satisfactory MER as determined by the selection committee

### **2.3 COMBINED TRAINING SELECTION**

Combined Training levels at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships:

- Primary 45cm
  - Primary 60cm
  - Primary 80cm
  - Secondary 60cm
  - Secondary 80cm
  - Secondary 95cm
  - Secondary 1\*
- The first to fourth place getters from the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships are eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships. Where there is one division of a class, placing 5th and 6th in those events will be the team reserves.
  - If the competition in a class has 2 divisions, the riders placed 1st and 2nd in each division will be selected and riders placed 3rd in each division will be the team reserve.

### **2.4 SHOW HORSE SELECTION**

Show Horse classes at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships:

- Primary Show Horse
  - Primary Show Hunter
  - Primary Working Hunter
  - Secondary Show Horse
  - Secondary Show Hunter
  - Secondary Working Hunter
- The first to fourth placegetters from the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships are eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships. Placing 5th and 6th in those events will be the team reserves.

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