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Introduction

The Interschool Queensland (IQ) Handbook and IQ webpage aim to provide useful and necessary information about participation in Interschool competitions. Please feel free to contact Interschool Queensland (IQ) if you are unable to source specific information from these resources.

IQ is a sports committee of Equestrian Queensland (EQ), this committee is comprised of volunteers and is supported administratively and financially by the EQ Board and State office.

IQ maintains a central calendar and offers support of organisers and schools in the planning and running of events across Queensland.

All IQ events are run under Equestrian Australia (EA) Discipline, EA Interschool and IQ Rules.

Our website is:

<https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/interschool>

Mission Statement

‘To develop the individual through the discipline of equestrian sport’

Working together with EQ, families, organisers and volunteers our four main objectives are:

- To promote equine education and equestrian sport in school programs within Queensland.
- To provide a competition structure that will give opportunities for Queensland Interschool riders to progress to an Australian level with the aim of developing excellence in equestrian sport.
- To encourage the development of discipline, character, sportsmanship, teamwork, and a sense of achievement in participants; and
- To reward and educate riders in horsemanship with the aim of creating a competitive sporting environment that places the welfare of the horse at the fore.



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Our history

The first Inter High School Equestrian competition was run by Lorette Wigan at Pine Lodge in 1984. Interschool Equestrian has evolved through various forms to its current structure and is now recognised as Interschool Queensland (IQ).

Harry Le Bherz OAM was the first president of the committee in its original QISEA structure. He was passionate about all equestrian sports and as a FEI Official and a selector of Australian gold medal-winning Eventing Teams, he knew the elite end of the sport well. Harry was equally passionate about supporting young riders, and QISEA became the focus of Harry's energy over the last years of his life, and he steered QISEA through a strong period of growth in membership.

Harry was instrumental in developing the Inter-school competition outside Queensland. In 2005 he attended the first national planning meeting to establish The Australian National Inter-School Competition which was first hosted by Queensland held in Toowoomba. This level of competition continues to this day.



1. General information

This section of the handbook provides general information about the structure of the IQ program and some general rules and regulations that apply to all participants, parents, and entourage. This handbook should be used in conjunction with the [EA Interschool Rules](#) and [EA Discipline Rules](#).

1.1.1 IQ Structure

IQ is managed by a volunteer committee of elected representatives who hold a rotational three-year term of office. These positions, when vacant, are filled by member nominations who are voted on at the EQ annual general meeting each year. Further information on the structure and elections of EQ sport committees can be found in the [EQ Constitution](#) and [Sport committee membership policy](#).

The IQ committee is responsible for the organisation of IQ events in Queensland, the annual State Championships and the selection of the Queensland State Team which participates at the Australian Interschool Championships.

1.1.2 IQ Conflict of Interest

The IQ committee is committed to appropriately managing all actual, potential, and perceived Conflicts of Interest. Guidance can be drawn from the [EQ Conflicts of Interests Policy](#) (EQ0017) which states that:

- A conflict of interest is a conflict between public duty and private interests, which could influence the performance of official duties and responsibilities.
- A reasonable perception of a conflict of interest is where a fair-minded person, properly informed as to the nature of the interests of the decision maker, might reasonably perceive that the decision maker might be influenced in the performance of his or her official duties and responsibilities.

IQ Committee members are committed to:

1. identifying, disclosing and/ or registering and;
2. managing conflicts of interest in all the following categories: actual, potential, and perceived.

Identifying/disclosing/registering conflicts of interest will occur prior to any key decisions or decision-making processes - either at a meeting or through an out-of-session email.

Generally, once a conflict of interest has been identified, disclosed, or registered, the action of managing the conflict of interest (regardless of whether it is actual, potential or perceived) would be automatically initiated. This action would include abstaining from voting on the matter and absenting him/herself from all deliberations relating to the matter.

1.2 Membership Information

IQ membership and eligibility for competitions are based on 3 main principles:

- That the rider's school is an **financially paid-up affiliate of EQ** (Section 1.2.1)
- That the rider is a member of EQ (Section 1.2.2)
- That all horses are registered with their state branch (Section 1.2.4)

1.2.1 School Membership

To participate in IQ events each Interschool affiliate must be a current affiliated member of EQ. For riders to be eligible to participate, schools must renew this membership each year. The application form is available on the [EQ website](#). Before accepting entries for IQ competitions all riders and Interschool Affiliates will be checked to ensure they are members. EQ must be informed if riders change or leave during the competition year. All riders participating in IQ events and the IQ Eventing leaderboard must be enrolled as an Interschool Affiliate at the time of the event.

1.2.2 Rider Membership

Riders must be a Competitor - Junior member of EQ. Interschool regional events from Rockhampton and north only require EQ Participant membership. The IQ State Championships and all other IQ events in Qld, are classed as competitive activities and EQ Competitor membership is required.

1.2.3 Handler Membership

When competing in Show Horse and or Dressage walk/trot classes and a handler is required, the handler must be at least a Participant member of EQ.

1.2.4 Horse Membership and Rules

The following are some general principles that apply to horses being used for competitions in IQ events. These are in addition to the EA Interschool Rules and EA Discipline Rules.

- As a minimum requirement all horses competing in IQ events must be EA Base Registered. EA Life Registration is required in any EvA class 95cm and above, Elementary dressage and above, Jumping 1.05m or above, as well as any class at the State Championships or Australian Interschool Championships.
- Horses must be entered for events with their full registered names. The OC has the discretion to shorten the horse's name in the draw for publication purposes.
- It is recommended that all horse ownership and/or identity documents be brought to events in case verification is required. It is compulsory to bring these documents to State and National Championships.
- If the horse has an EA grading, the rider must abide by the relevant EA discipline rules governing the level at which that horse may be entered.
- Only horses entered in actual competitions are allowed in the warm-up and competition areas.
- At events, horses are not to be ridden by anyone other than the rider nominated on the draw until the whole event is concluded except for as per point below. This ruling applies even if a horse has completed its competitions at an event. Some disciplines have rules as to how long before commencement of competition a horse may only be ridden by the nominated rider. Please refer to discipline rules and event conditions of entry.

- A horse can be ridden by more than one sibling rider at an event providing: it is in different disciplines; and the horse does not participate in more than the maximum number of tests/sections allowed in the day by EA discipline rules. This rule does not apply to the Australian Interschool Championships. **(The intent of this rule is to allow siblings to share one horse due to them not having a horse each to participate on. Siblings are not to be used to warm up horses before classes at IQ events for the other sibling.)**
- Where event programs allow, a rider may participate on more than one horse.
- This is a school sport where the focus is on the rider/student performance and not the mount. Under prescribed circumstances substitution of horses is allowed for IQ events only but not substitution of riders which is in conflict of some official EA discipline rules (e.g. dressage). Programs for events will detail this ruling and how riders are to manage and notify the OC of any such changes.
- At all times when considering participating in multiple disciplines and/or multiple classes, horse and rider welfare must be paramount. **No horse is to undertake more than three competitive starts per day across disciplines.**
- The horse must have the competitor number displayed on both sides of the horse when competing. Those competing in show horse classes can have a breast plate number holder instead, if preferred.



Horse Medication Control Program (Swabbing)

Horses and ponies ridden in EA competition must not compete under the influence of prohibited medications. The FEI defines what a prohibited substance is. The EA Anti-Doping and Medication Control By-Laws describe requirements for the drug testing of horses and ponies.

These can be found in the [EA National Medication Control System & Swabbing Policy](#). Participants should note that swabbing may occur at any event. Further information is available on the following links - [Medication Control](#) and [Clean Sport](#).



First Time Competitors' Guide

Interschool competitions have different classes to suit those beginning their interschool journey through to the more experienced riders who are moving into open equestrian levels.

- Check the [IQ calendar](#) and find an event that suits your discipline/s and is a venue closest to you (and that you are familiar with).
- Once you have chosen the event, go to the platform used by IQ events - [Nominate](#) and select Inter School from the 'Interest' drop down menu. This is where you will find more event information and nomination details (if the event is up on Nominate, otherwise continue to check back).
- You need to ensure that your school is registered or 'affiliated' with EQ. You can do this by contacting the EQ office on 07 3891 6611 or enquiries@equestrianqld.com.au.
- When nominating for your first IQ event it is best to start in a class or level that you're confident in. Please consult with your coach to ensure that you have chosen the appropriate starting level.
- Before you nominate for an event, you will need to ensure that you are a member of EQ with the right level of membership. Please refer to pages 5&6 for more information. Otherwise, feel free to contact the EQ office.
- We always recommend that you Base register your horse with EQ, this ensures that your horse's name is secured on the database (no need for name changes down the track) and your results are accurately recorded. Please ensure you use the horse's EQ registered name when nominating for events.
- Before the competition, make sure you learn and practice your workouts and/or dressage tests. Dressage tests can be found [HERE](#), Show horse workouts can be found [HERE](#). Further information about Jumping article numbers is available on pages 20-22.
- Check the school team uniform requirements listed on page 11.
- The draw (order of competition and times you ride) is usually emailed out to riders a few days before the event. Once you have received the draw, check that all your information is correct. Please contact the event organisers for any changes that may need to be made, straight away.
- The draw will include your horse/rider competition number for that event. You must ensure that this number is displayed on both sides of your horse when competing. You can make a laminated number to pin onto your saddle cloth or use a bridle number holder. If in a show horse class, a breast plate number holder is sufficient.
- Show horse & dressage horses must be plaited for competition, jumping is optional.
- Make sure your helmet is [EA compliant](#), your helmet is required to be tagged. Check that there will be a tagger at the event. Do not ride in your helmet at the event until it is tagged.
- You must have a completed [Horse Health Dec.](#) and hand it in at the event office on arrival.
- Biosecurity requirements for EA/IQ events can be found [HERE](#).
- Make sure you present to ring marshall/gear check 15 mins before your ride time.
- Results will be displayed for 30 mins before presentations, sometimes this will be on paper near the event office or online on Nominate (be sure to download the Nominate app). Please check for any errors and politely advise accordingly.
- When attending presentation, competition uniform is to be worn.
- It is an expectation that you complete a volunteer job during the event.
- Be sure to thank volunteers for donating their time and all their effort.

Remember to have fun!

2. Regions

As Queensland is such a large state, five regions have been defined to facilitate the coordination of IQ events and to ensure that sufficient opportunities for events, training and development are available for all interschool riders regardless of their location. Some regions are managed by sub-committees. These are volunteer groups generally consisting of parents and other experienced adults. They work closely with and report to the IQ committee to deliver events and to take advantage of training and other developmental opportunities. These groups are also responsible for running the relevant regional championship for that region.

2.1 Determining Your Region

The competition region you belong to is generally determined by the location of the school you attend and not by your residential address. Details of schools and their regions can be found on the [Queensland School Sport website](#).

1. Riders who attend boarding school in one region but live in another region, and who may therefore be unable to attend school based qualifying days during the school term, may attend the regional championships in any region to gain qualification for the State Championships and to represent their school. In this event it is important to contact the EQ Sport Development Officer or regional IQ committee to register the intent to compete in a specified regional championship (usually in the region in which you reside).
2. Interstate residents who are boarders at Qld schools may submit qualifying results from competitions in their home state at the discretion of the IQ Committee. Please discuss this with the discipline convenor first to ensure the events are considered suitable as qualifiers.
3. NSW riders who attend schools within 100km of the border are eligible to participate in IQ events provided they comply with section 2.2 - Membership Information. The NSW rider will compete in the closest Queensland region to their NSW school.
4. Riders who attend boarding school in a region requiring full qualifications, but who live in a region allowing reduced qualifiers, may apply to the IQ committee to be eligible to submit the number of qualifiers required for their home region.
5. Riders who attend school via distance education determine their region by where they reside, not where their school is located.
6. Riders in some regions are permitted a reduced number of qualifiers in order to attend the state championship. This is due to the reduced number of events available to riders in these regions. Table 1 outlines the regions and number of qualifiers required.



TABLE 1: School Regions

Region	Sport Region	Sport District	IQ Quals Required
South-East	Metro East	(the area bounded by the Bay Islands in the east, Brisbane River in the north, the M1 in the west and Logan City in the south). Bayside, Composite, Logan, Lytton, Mt Gravatt, South	Full
	South Coast	The South Coast region extends from the Shailer Park / Beenleigh in the north to Coolangatta in the south, west to Beaudesert and east to the coastline.	Full
	Metro North	(the area Brisbane River North to the North Pine River and from Moreton Bay west to Mt Glorious). City, Central, North, North West, North West Independent, Pine Rivers	Full
	Metro West	(the western and south-western suburbs of Brisbane, through Ipswich and the Lockyer and Fassifern Valleys) Brisbane Independent boys/girls, Central, Fassifern, Greenbank, Inala, Ipswich, Ipswich Independent, Karawatha, Lockyer, Lockyer Sec, Sunnybank, West Akuna, West Brisbane, West Taylor Bridge, Yagera	Full
Wide Bay	Sunshine Coast & Gympie	(from Redcliffe to Gympie and west to Kilcoy) Redcliffe, Caboolture, Coastal, Glass House, Nambour, Noosa, Gympie	Full
	Wide Bay	(the districts of Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Maryborough, North Burnett and South Burnett) Bundaberg, Maryborough, North Bundaberg, South Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, North Burnett, South Burnett	Reduced
Central (Capricornia)	Capricornia	(extends from Miriam Vale in the south; to the Callide Valley and Central Highlands in the west; to Mackay and Northern Districts including Pindi Pindi in the north and the Capricorn Coast in the east) Rockhampton, Port Curtis, Mackay, Central Highlands	Reduced
Far North	North West	(extending to Mornington Island in the North, Birdsville in the West, Prairie in the East and Blackall in the South) Gulf, Mid- West, Central West and Mt Isa	Reduced
	Northern	(encompasses all the area from as far south as Proserpine, North to Ingham and west to Charters Towers) Burdekin, Charters Towers, Herbert River, Thuringowa, Townsville, Whitsundays	Reduced
	Peninsula	(spanning South to Cardwell, North to the islands in the Torres Strait and West to Croydon) Atherton, Barron, Cairns, Cooktown, Douglas, Etheridge, Evelyn Tableland, Mareeba, Mulgrave, Silkwood, Torres Strait, Tully, Central Cape	Reduced
Darling Downs & South-West	Darling Downs	(covers the areas of Lockyer, Toowoomba, Southern Downs, Goondiwindi and Western Downs, as located in the Darling Downs South West Education Region) Bunya, Inner Downs, Granite, Lockyer, MacIntyre, Southern Downs, Toowoomba central, Toowoomba Range, Toowoomba West	Full
	South West	(extends from the Jandowae area in the east to Hebel in the south, west to Eromanga and north as far as Tambo - Taroom) Balonne, Charleville, Chinchilla, Cunnamulla, Miles, Roma, Tara	Reduced
NSW	Northern NSW	Reside within 100kms of the Qld/NSW border	Reduced Full

3. Uniform requirements

Each member school shall register a uniform (or a range of uniforms) for their team at the time of their membership. The following uniform requirements are standard for all riders in all disciplines at IQ events, alongside EA discipline requirements - [EA Website](#)

Riders must compete in their school equestrian uniform which has been registered with EQ, as outlined below:

- Schools are reminded that an expensive or detailed uniform is not a requirement of IQ participation and may deter potential newcomers.
- Schools may specify a particular light coloured jodhpur/breeches.
- The uniform may also include a jacket, jumper, vest, spray jacket.
- Each school must specify a school saddle cloth/pad, which should include the school emblem
- No part of the competition uniform (inc. saddle pad/cloth) can contain commercial/sponsorship representation (manufacturer's branding is excluded)
- EA compliant and tagged helmet - [EA helmet standards](#)
- The wearing of back protectors in jumping, whilst not compulsory is strongly recommended.
- School team competition uniforms are to be registered via this [LINK](#)

4. Standard rules and codes of conduct

All members of IQ shall accept and be bound by the rules of EA, EQ & IQ. Events in each discipline are conducted in accordance with the EA General Regulations and the EA Discipline rules with some additional rules as set out in this Handbook. All participants have a responsibility to abide by any sport specific rules and regulations. Please ensure you are familiar with the rules that apply to the discipline/s in which you intend to participate.

Any abuse, either by a rider, parent or members of the rider's entourage aimed at a volunteer acting as an official at any IQ event will not be tolerated and may be subject to disciplinary processes as per the EA Rules and Regulations. Refer to the EA Interschool Rules and EA website for Codes of Conduct, protection policies and information regarding disciplinary procedures and yellow cards.

Riders who fall from their mounts in either the practice arena or competition arena must be cleared by the medical service provider before remounting.



5. Competition structure

IQ events have a range of class levels to encourage riders to participate at a safe level that will challenge their ability while providing a good standard for all. Some classes go to States and Nationals, while others do not. Refer to each discipline section within this handbook for which classes are qualifiers for State and National Championships.

Events are conducted throughout the year by schools, sport committees and EA affiliates. It is also important that riders and their families check the calendar of events regularly to inform themselves of events in their region.

The IQ calendar is located [HERE](#)

There are three types of competition in which Interschool riders can participate in:

- **Interschool (IQ) events**, where only interschool riders participate [these can be hosted by a school or club.](#)
- **IQ Tag On jumping events** - these events are conducted by an EA affiliate and open to all EA riders. Tag On events must be approved by the IQ committee and listed on the IQ calendar for results to be accepted as qualifiers for the State Championships.
- **EA Competitive (official) dressage events** - these events are conducted by an EA affiliate and open to all EA riders. Competitive dressage rules apply with regards to rider membership, horse registration, competition bridle number/license and attire. (Club or Participant dressage days are NOT Competitive (official) dressage events.) If you are unsure, please contact the EQ office for clarification.

Eventing competitions are not hosted by schools or the Interschool committee. The competition schedule is found on the [EQ Eventing calendar](#). In 2025, the IQ committee will be conducting an IQ Eventing Leaderboard for the discipline of Eventing. The leaderboard will determine the overall State placings and State team members.

5.1 Tag On event Information

With 'Tag On' events it is important for Interschool riders to carefully read the event program to make sure that they select the IQ qualifying classes. Only the classes specified for IQ can be used as qualifiers for the State Championships.

Interschool riders participating at open EA competitions and IQ Tag On days, should be aware that they must follow official discipline rules regarding dress requirements, unless the school equestrian uniform is allowed at the discretion of the OC. The event program will contain this information.

5.1 Primary and Secondary Riders

Refer to the [EA Interschool Rules](#) for information about classification of primary and secondary (inc. intermediate and senior) riders.

5.2 Teams

Team competitions are offered at some qualifying events and at the State and National Championships. Each event program will outline whether a team competition is being offered and what prizes will be offered. Some events require a minimum number of teams before the awarding of team prizes and ribbons this should also be mentioned in the program.

It is suggested that team events at IQ events should be scored as per the teams scoring rules for the IQ State Championships as below, unless stated otherwise in the event program by the OC.

- Teams are not pre-nominated; they are determined at the completion of the event from the riders' placing points. Riders who are eliminated totally from a discipline cannot be a member of a team for that discipline.
- A team consists of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) individual riders from the one school. A rider may only be a member of one team per discipline. Riders with more than one horse will have the horse with the highest point score counted towards team results. Schools may have multiple teams however the first 4 ranked riders make up the first team and the next 3 or 4 additional riders then count towards the second team and so on. A school cannot have 2 or more teams of only 3 riders.
- When calculating a team score, the points of the top three individuals within the team are counted. The fourth member's points (if there is one) are used only to determine the outcome in the case of a tie. See Section 12.3 - Calculating Tied Team Scores

5.3 Para-Equestrian and Rider with a Disability

Riders with a disability (RWD) are highly encouraged to participate at interschool level. In order that any athlete with a disability may participate in Interschool classes on equal terms, riders may seek to be [classified](#) within the Equestrian Australia Para-Equestrian system and issued with a Para-Equestrian Identification (EA PE ID) card (must be 12 years of age or older). Refer to the EA Interschool Rules for further information about exemption cards.

RWD are required to complete this [FORM](#) before nominating for IQ RWD classes.

5.3.1 Classes for Para-Equestrians and RWD

These may be offered at IQ Dressage or Show Horse competitions and also may be offered at the State Championships in the applicable disciplines only. Any interested competitors, schools or organizing committees should contact the Interschool committee for further information. These classes will be eligible for points for championships and teams' competitions.

5.4 Competition objections and disputes

At every event there is a possibility that there may be mistakes made in relation to scoring or the eligibility of riders to participate in that competition. Any objections at events MUST be made to the TD within thirty (30) minutes of the event giving rise to the objection.

For information on protests and appeals refer to the [EA General Regulations](#) and [EA sport rules](#) for the relevant discipline. Individual riders or their parents/entourage MUST NOT approach the OC of an event or the TD with an objection, rather they are to work through their nominated school representative on the day.

We remind riders that IQ events are organized and conducted by volunteers. These people invest many hours of their own time and make every effort to manage events in a professional manner. If errors occur, we request patience while endeavoring to correct any problems. (Any abuse, either by rider, parent or members of the rider's entourage, aimed at any volunteer acting as an official at an IQ event will not be tolerated and may be subject to disciplinary processes as per EA Rules and Regulations.)

5.5 Competition presentations

The IQ committee provides competition for interschool riders that not only develop their skills as equestrians, but also as team players and sportspeople. To this end, sportsmanship and team spirit are encouraged. A way of demonstrating respect for participants and support for school teams and sponsors of the events is for riders to attend the presentation ceremonies at the conclusion of events.

In most cases, it is an expectation that riders will remain for presentation, regardless of whether or not they are being recognised with awards.

It is required that all riders attend presentations on the days that they compete at both State and Regional Championships. Failure to attend at IQ and Regional events may result in forfeiting of prizes and penalties for future events including selection for the Queensland State Team. Failure to attend at the State Championships will result in the forfeiting of placing and prizes and selection on Queensland Team.

Should you require an early departure, written communication must be submitted to the respective organising committee for assessment and approval. If accepted, you will be allowed to leave without penalty. You must however, complete your job quota prior to departing. In the case of emergencies, requests for exemption are to be made directly to the organising committee. *To request early departure for the State Championships, please refer to the process outlined in the event schedule.*

5.6 Scratchings and substitutions

Refunds are not generally made for scratching after the closing date for nominations for events unless accompanied by a veterinary/medical certificate supplied to the event coordinator. The event schedule/program will include the event policy on refunds and substitutions. It is important for riders to notify the organising committee (OC) in a timely manner if they are unable to attend the event as this may allow another participant to take their place. Substitutions are only possible with the permission of the OC.

It is only possible to substitute a horse and not a rider at an event. As the IQ competition is founded on the principle of unique horse/rider combinations it is important to ensure that all event paperwork correctly records the change for the results.

Volunteers

IQ events rely on volunteers to assist in the running of the events. Generally, it is a requirement for each rider to nominate for a volunteer job at any IQ event attended. More than one job may be allocated for riders who participate over multiple disciplines.

It is the responsibility of the rider and their support people to check volunteer rosters and to complete the tasks allocated. If for some reason it is not possible to complete the task, then the rider must ensure a substitute helper is found and the OC informed. It is especially important to note that, if the rider is withdrawing from the competition (scratching/non-attendance), the associated helper must still complete the task allocated or contact the OC about finding a substitute. It is recommended that the OC advises the IQ committee of any non-compliance in this regard so that appropriate steps are taken to prevent this re-occurring.

In some IQ events, failure to allocate a helper and/or to complete the task will result in disqualification from that event. Any placings will also be forfeited, and the rider will not be able to use the results as qualifying results for nomination for the State Championships. Please check the program information carefully to avoid disappointment in this regard. OCs have the right to refuse entries from participants who repeatedly do not fulfil helper requirements.



Useful Terms

IQ	Interschool Queensland
EQ	Equestrian Queensland (State Sporting Organisation)
EA	Equestrian Australia (National Sporting Organisation)
TD	Technical Delegate
OC	Organising Committee
MER	Minimum Eligibility Requirement (Eventing)
Championship	(Overall) A culmination of a number of classes in the same level usually awarded with ribbons and prizes
HC	Competing without gaining a placing ie. no points or prizes will accrue toward either the individual event results or the team or individual championships
School region	As determined by Table 1 (page 10)
IQ Tag On	An event that is run by an EQ affiliate that is an open EA event that riders of any age can attend. IQ competition rules do not apply, the event is run under EA discipline rules only. IQ Tag On events only apply to the discipline of Jumping.
IQ Event	This is an event that is usually run by a school (occasionally an EQ affiliate) and is open only to IQ competitors. IQ competition rules apply.
EA Steward	Attends EA/IQ events and wears a yellow vest. They can assist with gear check, warm up and compliance with EA rules. They are the best person to gain advice from at an event if you have a question about EA rules.

6. Interschool Dressage



6.1 General rules

All IQ dressage events will be run in accordance with EA and FEI Rules using the most current EA dressage tests. The competition By-Laws of IQ will apply where EA Rules are not applicable.

- Please be aware that there are important differences between rules for EA/IQ dressage, Pony Club dressage, and Eventing/CT dressage.
- Callers are allowed at all levels at IQ and Regional Championship events. No callers are allowed for either Primary or Secondary riders at State Championships and Interschool Nationals.
- If a horse/pony has an official dressage grading, please refer to EA Dressage Rules for the level/s at which this horse/pony may participate. Please contact the EQ office if unsure of a grading.
- Riders do not present to the judges unless requested to do so. They must ride past the judge with numbers clearly visible on both sides of the horse.
- Competition numbers allocated to the horse/rider combination for IQ events are different to EQ Competitive Dressage bridle numbers.
- Organising committees may, include secondary intermediate divisions in suitable classes.

6.2 Scoring

Information regarding scoring can be found in the [EA National Dressage rules](#) and [EA Interschool rules](#).

6.2.1 Champions and reserve champions for IQ dressage

At certain events, where a class has two or more tests at that level, an overall Champion is awarded. Overall place getters for that class will be determined by adding the placing points from each test. If champion awards are to be presented in IQ events, then these are generally given for each class of competition.

The event schedule should nominate which tests are to be combined as one class for champion and also for teams' points. Generally, the tests of the same level shall be counted for champions and team points.

To determine champions and reserve champions if tied points occur, [EA National Dressage Rules](#) will be followed.



6.3 Scoring

The State Championship program permits riders to nominate two (2) horses in a maximum of two (2) dressage classes each, providing qualifying criteria are met for each class, and scheduling allows. Riders entering two (2) classes on a horse, these classes must be at consecutive levels. Additionally, as per the EA National dressage rule, a horse may enter and compete in no more than two (2) tests in one day, must also be observed. Horses can enter and compete in no more than two (2) FEI-level tests per day.

At regional championships, the number of permitted rides per rider and per horse is at the discretion of the OC up to the maximum number of tests and levels per horse as per EA National Dressage rules.

Table 2: Summary of Dressage Classes for Regional, State and Australian Championships

	Official classes for Regional Championships	State Championship Qualifier	Australian Championship Qualifier
PRIMARY CLASSES			
Preliminary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Novice	Yes	Yes	Yes
SECONDARY CLASSES			
Intermediate Preliminary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Senior Preliminary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intermediate Novice	Yes	Yes	Yes
Senior Novice	Yes	Yes	Yes
Elementary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Medium	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advanced	Discretion of OC	Yes	Yes
PSG / Inter I	Discretion of OC	Yes	Yes
Para	Yes (if required)	Yes (if required)	No
Freestyle	No	Unofficial Classes	Discretion of OC

6.4 State Championships

- Whilst all qualifying performances will be considered in the nomination process for the State Championships, this does not imply that riders with scores achieving the minimum standard are guaranteed a place.
- **Balloting will be undertaken if entry numbers exceed class size limits.**
- If a dressage class is balloted, each rider's two (2) highest submitted percentages will be combined and averaged.
- Each rider's averaged scores will then be balloted, and the top 35 riders will be offered a position to ride in the class.
- Classes are limited to 35 riders, however, there may be fewer accepted at the discretion of the OC depending on scheduling constraints and entry standards.
- Each horse can participate in a maximum of two (2) classes (a class is two (2) dressage tests at one level)
- If doing two (2) levels on one horse, they can only be consecutive levels.

Table 3: State Championships qualifying requirements

	<u>FULL QUALIFIERS</u> 3 x test scores obtained from at least 2 IQ events* (1 x EA Competitive (official) event score is permitted) at the level they wish to nominate for States Prep – Year 10	<u>REGIONAL RIDER**</u> 2 x test scores obtained from at least 1 IQ event* (1 x EA Competitive (official) event score is permitted) at the level they wish to nominate for States Prep – Year 10	<u>YEAR 11 & 12</u> 2 x test scores obtained from at least 1 IQ event* (1 x EA Competitive (official) event score is permitted) at the level they wish to nominate for States
	%	%	%
PRIMARY CLASSES			
Preliminary	58 / 55 / 55	58 / 55	n/a
Novice	58 / 55 / 55	58 / 55	n/a
SECONDARY CLASSES			
Intermediate Prelim.	60 / 58 / 58	60 / 58	n/a
Senior Preliminary	60 / 58 / 58	60 / 58	60 / 58
Intermediate Novice	60 / 58 / 58	60 / 58	n/a
Senior Novice	60 / 58 / 58	60 / 58	60 / 58
Elementary	58 / 56 / 56	58 / 56 [^]	58 / 56
Medium	58 / 56 / 56	58 / 56 [^]	58 / 56
Advanced	58 / 56 / 56 [#]	58 / 56 [^]	58 / 56
PSG / Inter I	58 / 56 / 56 [#]	58 / 56 [^]	58 / 56
Para			
Freestyle	****	****	****

* Only events listed on the IQ calendar are approved IQ qualifying events.

** Please refer to **Table 1** to determine region and if reduced qualifications apply.

[^] One of a regional rider's results must be from an IQ school or regional championships event.

**** Secondary riders will only be allowed to enter the freestyle class that corresponds with their nominated competitive class. In the event of excess nominations for the freestyle classes riders will be balloted as per the dressage qualifying scores.

Adv, PSG, Int 1: riders must participate in at least one IQ event / IQ regional event in the state qualifying period. Three (3) scores must be submitted with at least one from an IQ event, other qualifying scores may come from an EA Competitive (official) dressage competition.

@ Year 11 & 12 riders will require two (2) scores, one (1) of which must come from an IQ event or regional event, and one (1) may come from an EA Competitive (official) dressage competition.

Riders are not able to use results from the previous year's state championships as qualifying results.

EA Competitive (official) dressage events - these events are conducted by an EA affiliate and open to all EA riders. Competitive dressage rules apply with regards to rider membership, horse registration, competition bridle number/license and attire. (Club or Participant dressage days are NOT Competitive (official) dressage events.) If you are unsure, please contact the EQ office for clarification before nomination.



7. Interschool Jumping

IQ jumping events will include three jumping sections for all classes at State and Australian Interschool Championships. Qualifying events run by schools, regions or tag on days, may run a maximum of two jumping sections per day for each height. Horses may only start in two jumping sections per day.

Riders should take the time to determine the most appropriate riding height which should be both comfortable and challenging, remembering that there will be a height rise in all jump offs. It is important to avoid 'over facing' either the horse or rider and safety should be paramount at all times. If you have questions regarding this, please contact the jumping convenor.

Table 4: Summary of Jumping Classes for regional, State and AIC

School Year Level	Starting Height	Official classes for Regional Championships	Official classes for State Championships	Official classes for Australian Championships
Primary 1-6	50 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Primary 1-6	60 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Primary 1-6	70 cm	Yes	Yes	<u>Yes</u>
Primary 1-6	80 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Primary 1-6	90 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intermediate 7-9	90 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intermediate 7-9	100 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7-12	70 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Secondary 7-12	80 cm	Yes	Yes	no
Secondary 7-12	90 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7-12	100 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7-12	110 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary 7-12	120 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes

7.1 General rules

Recommended jumping competitions are - Article 238.2.2 (AM5), Article 238.2.1 (ONE ROUND TABLE A) and Article 274.1 (Two-Phase) or Article 274.2 (Special Two-Phase). [Article 238.5.1 \(Optimum Time\) is allowable](#). It is most important to state the Article numbers of all jumping sections on all programs.

All jumping events will be run in accordance with [EA Jumping Rules](#) . Please make yourself familiar with these rules. In addition to the specific rules and allowable tack rules of EA Jumping the following apply.

- There will be a height rise/increase of jump width in the jump off rounds for the Article 238.2.2 (AM5) and Article 274.1 (Two-Phase) or Article 274.2 (Special Two-Phase) sections for all classes at all competitions (maximum of 10cm).
- EA Junior Rule applies to all jumping classes within IQ events.
- Riders who fall from their mounts in either the practice arena or jumping arena must be cleared by first aid before remounting.
- Horse/rider combinations may try a higher height class and move back down to the lower height without penalty, but once State qualification is reached at the higher height then that height will become the new, highest qualified height.
- Riders will be able to nominate two (2) horses in a maximum of two (2) show jumping classes per horse at the IQ state championships, providing qualifying criteria are met for each class.
- At school one day competitions, athletes must only ride one (1) class per horse entered. Athletes can still qualify for two (2) consecutive height classes on the one horse by attending more qualifying events. EA rules allow horses to participate in two (2) classes per day unless otherwise stated on the schedule (1 EA class is equivalent to 1 IQ section i.e. Article 238.2.2- AM5).
- Year 6 primary riders may compete in secondary heights (100, 110 & 120cm) in the months following State Championships to obtain qualifying results for the following year.

7.2 Scoring

Scoring is done as per [EA Jumping Rules](#).

7.2.1 Tied scores in Jumping - (refer to section 7.1) for each section of the jumping competition

In the event of tied scores at the completion of any of the above jumping sections, then both riders are awarded a tied place, the points for those places are shared and the next place is omitted. If, for example, two riders tie for a second place then they are both awarded second place and no third place is awarded. The next place would be a fourth place.

In the case of tied scores for a champion where the results from two or three jumping sections are all added together (depending on how many sections were included in the program), the following applies:

- (1) the athlete with the highest place in the longest competition (Article 238.2.2 (AM5)) will be declared the champion; then
- (2) the athlete with the highest place in the Article 274.1 (Two-Phase) or Article 274.2 (Special Two Phase); then
- (3) the athlete with the highest place in the Article 238.2.1 (One Round Table A).

Table 5: State Championships qualifying requirements

School Year Level	Starting Height	FULL QUALIFIERS Min. of 3 results [^] from the first round of at least 2 IQ events* (1 x Tag On result permitted)	REGIONAL RIDER** Min. of 2 results [^] from the first round of 2 1 IQ event* (Tag On results permitted)	Year 11 & 12 Min. of 2 results [^] from the first round from 1 IQ event*
Primary 1-6	50 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	n/a
Primary 1-6	60cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	n/a
Primary 1-6	70 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	n/a
Primary 1-6	80 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	n/a
Primary 1-6	90 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	n/a
Intermediate 7-9	90 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	n/a
Intermediate 7-9	100 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	n/a
Secondary 7-12	70 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	2 x clear
Secondary 7-12	80 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	2 x clear
Secondary 7-12	90 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	2 x clear
Secondary 7-12	100 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	2 x clear
Secondary 7-12	110 cm	2 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	2 x clear	2 x clear
Secondary 7-12	120 cm	1 x clear & 2 x 4 fault	1 x clear & 1 x 4 fault	1 x clear & 1 x 4 fault

* Only events listed on the IQ calendar are approved IQ qualifying events.

** Please refer to **Table 1** to determine region and if reduced qualifications apply.

[^] One of these qualifiers can be from the previous year's IQ State Championships.

The first round refers to the first round in the Article 238.2.2 (AM5) or one round of the Article 238.2.1 (One Round Table A) or the first phase of the Article 274.1 (Two-Phase) or Article 274.2 (Special Two-Phase). Each performance may be from the same or different qualifying events in the same competition season.

7.3 State Championships qualifying information

When nominating for State Championships riding:

- two (2) horses - each horse must be nominated in the highest qualified class;
- one (1) horse in two consecutive classes the horse/rider combination must have qualified in both heights and the nominated height must be the horse/rider combination's highest qualified height, they must be consecutive heights;
- one (1) horse in one (1) class - must be the highest height qualified.
- each horse can participate in a max of two (2) classes (a class is 3 jumping tests at one height/level).

Whilst all qualifying performances will be considered in the nomination process for the State Championships, this does not imply that riders with results achieving the minimum standard are guaranteed a place. Balloting will be undertaken if entry numbers exceed class size limits. In the event of excessive nominations Nominated results will be ranked: IQ events first, then results from approved IQ Tag On events (preference will be given to results being from an IQ event over a Tag On event).



8. Interschool Show Horse

Interschool Show Horse consists of classes for Show Horse, Show Hunter and Working Hunter. Each class has three (3) phases, excluding the Walk/ Trot Primary age group. All classes have an In-hand presentation, Rider Phase (judging the rider) and Ridden Phase (judging the horse). Working Hunter includes jumping into the ridden phase.

The same horse/athlete combination must complete all phases in the order specified in a timed draw as determined by the OC. The rules for Interschool Show Horse have been designed to correspond with the National Show Horse Rules wherever possible, however some variations have been necessary to meet Interschool competition requirements.

8.1 Classes at Regionals, State and National Championships

Class Name	Year Level	Phases
Regional & IQ Events Only (Non-State Class)		
Show Horse & Show Hunter Walk/ Trot lead line*	Prep – year 3	Ridden and Rider (rider must be on lead)
NATIONAL CLASSES		
Show Horse Primary	Prep- year 6	Ridden, Rider and Led
Show Hunter Primary	Prep- year 6	Ridden, Rider and Led
Working Hunter Primary	Prep- year 6	Ridden (jump 45cm), Rider and Led
Show Horse Intermediate	Year 7- year 9	Ridden, Rider and Led
Show Hunter Intermediate	Year 7- year 9	Ridden, Rider and Led
Working Hunter Intermediate	Year 7- year 9	Ridden (jump 65cm), Rider and Led
Show Horse Senior	Year 10 – year 12	Ridden, Rider and Led
Show Hunter Senior	Year 10 – year 12	Ridden, Rider and Led
Working Hunter Senior	Year 10 – year 12	Ridden (jump 65cm), Rider and Led

*IQ and Regional events only, will not be offered at IQ State Championships.

8.2 Rules in particular to Show Horse

A horse may ONLY compete through the EQ season as EITHER a Show Horse or a Show Hunter for the duration of that qualifying period in ALL EQ and IQ events. A Working Hunter may compete as a Show Hunter at events ONLY where this class is not offered.

Riders must **choose whether to compete in walk/trot primary or primary during the qualifying year.**

Riders may not compete in both divisions at events, although they can progress from walk/trot primary to primary during the year. *This class is restricted to riders prep - year 3, if rider is unable to canter, please participate in Primary class and trot the canter sections of the workout.*

Judged under current [EA National Show Horse Rules](#), refer to [EA Interschool Show Horse Rules](#) for other general conditions.

Organising Committees may determine the order that the phases are run. It is not essential that all phases have to be completed sequentially. A timed draw will be made available for all participants in each phase, participants will present at their assigned time to complete their individual workouts. At events when OCs have tight time scheduling to uphold, parent/guardian assistance in relation to gear change between the phases will be allowed.

8.3 Workouts

The OC will provide set workouts for all phases prior to the event. Competitors in working hunter will walk the course of the ridden jumping phase on the day of competition. Examples of workouts (not necessarily the workout selected by the OC for an event) have been included in the [National Interschool Show Horse Rules](#) as a reference.

8.4 Conflict of interest

OCs will publish the appointed Judges' names in advance of the event. Participants are obliged to find out the appointed Judges for their classes. Conflicts of interest as outlined in the EA Show Horse Rules and EA Interschool Show Horse Rules must be declared.

8.5 Dress, saddlery and equipment

Will largely be as per EA Show Horse Rules with some exceptions specifically for Interschool Show Horse competitions. Refer to the EA Interschool Show Horse Rules for these.

Breast plate number holders may be used in Show Horse.

Numnahs are only to be used at National level, all other events, a school saddle pad/cloth must be used.

8.6 Scoring

For the purposes of scoring each phase should be referenced and scored as described in the [EA Interschool Show Horse Rules](#) and [EA Interschool Rules](#) at state and regional level, OCs may determine the maximum number of participants in each class.

8.7 State Championships qualifying information

It is important to note that the IQ Show Horse competition requires that the qualifying results are valid for each unique horse/rider combination. This means that only results achieved by the IQ rider and that horse can be submitted for consideration as qualifying results. Results achieved by the IQ horse with

another rider are not valid and horses cannot qualify for the State Championships if they have been ridden by another rider.

Qualification criteria is as follows:

1. Minimum of two (2) results in the same class type from any IQ Show Horse competition including the previous year's state championships. One show horse qualifier from an EQ/ EA competition may be able to be used **in the event that there is a clash of dates**. Non-IQ events will be ranked lower in the case of a ballot for States.
2. The results will be ranked to allow for a balloting process (e.g. 1st place will receive 10 points down to 1 point for 10th place and 1 point per rider after 10th). The combinations ranking points will be added together to get a list of qualified riders in rank order to allow for this discipline to be capped at State Championships if required.
3. Year 11 & 12 riders may submit their best one (1) performance and it will be doubled to allow for ranking.
4. Riders from regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers may submit one (1) performance.*
5. Participants may enter a maximum of two horses.

If no IQ competitions are run locally you can apply to the discipline convener using Ag Show scores and EA dressage scores and Pony Club performances for special consideration to attend States. Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in **Table 1 – School region**.



9. Eventing



The Eventing competition is often considered the ultimate test of horse and rider where horses are required to first complete a dressage test, and then complete a cross country course of obstacles in a

specified time and a round of jumping. Either the cross country or the jumping may form the last test. The competitions may be staged over 1 to 3 days.

All EA one, two, or three day events anywhere in Australia can be used as qualifying performances for the IQ Eventing Leaderboard. These run under normal Eventing rules, and riders should ride using numbers allocated by the OC. There are no separate IQ Eventing classes at these events. The Eventing calendar can be found under the 'Events' tab [HERE](#).

Eventing is the only Interschool discipline that has age restrictions for classes see [EA Eventing Rules](#).

Interschool only offers classes to 2*. Horses who have competed at higher levels than this are eligible to compete 2* if no higher levels are offered.

Table 5: Awards for Regional, State and Australian Championships

Classes	Regional Championship	State Championship	Australian Championships
EvQ 60	Yes	Yes	No
EvA 80	Yes	Yes	Yes
EvA 95	Yes	Yes	Yes
CCN1*-S	Yes	Yes	Yes
CCN2*-S	Yes	Yes	Yes

9.1 Rules particular to Eventing

All Events are run under the [EA Eventing Rules](#), please read these rules as there are some differences between Eventing, Dressage and Show Jumping rules.

Riders will be scored and placed in competitions according to current EA Eventing Rules. At events where separate IQ places are awarded Interschool riders may also be placed for Interschool ribbons.

9.2 Dress, saddlery and equipment

- Back protectors **are compulsory** for the cross-country phase and highly recommended for the show jumping phase.
- As per EA Eventing rules, gloves are only compulsory for 2* level riders.
- Riders must wear their allocated **COMPETITION** number. This number must be displayed prominently on the horse at all times, and on the horse AND rider during the cross - country phase.

9.3 Judging and scoring

In eventing, riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the 3 phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties over all three phases will be the winner. Scoring & judge requirements are as per EA Eventing Rules.

Overall placings on the IQ Eventing Leaderboard will be 1st - 6th for each level, these awards will be presented at the State Championships. Regional Champion and Reserve Champion awards for each level will be awarded at the State Championships also.

9.4 State team qualifying information

Queensland Team places will be awarded according to a combination's average of their best three (3) results within a height (level) during the qualifying period from any EA Eventing competition within Australia. Results will be updated on a leaderboard which will be used for Queensland team selection.

- These results must be obtained during the period: **1 July 2023 to 3 June 2024**. **1 July 2024 to 14 days before the commencement of this year's IQ State Championships.**
- A fourth result may be used in event of equality.
- Results will not be counted for inclusion on the leaderboard if they do not meet minimum eligibility requirements (MER) in regard to penalties received. This applies to all three phases - Dressage minimum of 55%, Nil Cross Country fence penalties, no more than 75 seconds (30 penalties above the time specified in cross country), a maximum of 16 show jumping faults.
- Only results at the level riders are applying for will be considered, you can choose to 'move up' during the season - a combination can place on the Leaderboard at two different heights (levels) but must choose one height (level) for the Queensland Team.
- Riders placed 1st to 4th in each level on the leaderboard will be offered a place on the Queensland Team for that level. If the combination has placed in the top 4 at two levels, the rider must choose one level for the Queensland Team. Each level is a significant step up and results from a lower class cannot be compared with results at the next level. As this is a selection for the Queensland team with riders representing Queensland at a National level, if you change class level during the series, points will not carry up or down. For example: 3 x EvA95cm results in a calendar year - horse/rider combination must have to be considered for EvA95cm State team. They cannot have 1 x EvA80cm and 2 x EvA95cm, must be 3 x EvA95cm results. However, if the combination has not achieved the 3 results at 1* they can still be considered for the EvA95cm State team if horse/rider combination has achieved the 3 x EvA95cm results within the qualifying period. **A qualifying result must come from within 4 months of the final qualifying period for selection on the Queensland state team to prove fitness of the rider/horse combination.**

All results must be from EA Eventing competitions, no Pony Club results will be accepted.

Those wishing to participate on the IQ Eventing Leaderboard, will need to nominate the rider's name, horse/s name and height that they wish to be considered on the State team before **1 February 2024** **1 February 2025**. The registration link will be advertised on the Interschool Queensland webpage, social media and included in the IQ newsletter.

9.5 Australian Championships Information

If a rider has made the State team to compete in both Eventing and CT on the same horse, they must choose only one of the two events.

Number of riders selected for the State Team will be a minimum of 4 riders per level, as determined by the current OC of the AIC (Nationals).

10. Combined Training



The Combined Training (CT) competition consists of riders completing a dressage test and jumping round, similar to eventing but without the cross country.

The competition requires skills in both dressage and jumping. IQ recognises the importance of such a competition which may encourage riders to widen their horizons by participating in a discipline that they would not normally enter.

Table 6: Classes at Regional, State and Australian Championships

Class	Jumping Height (max)	Regional Champs	State Champs	Australian Championships
Primary	45 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Primary	60 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Primary	80cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Secondary	60cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Secondary	80cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Secondary	95cm	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Dressage or Eventing Dressage Tests)
Secondary	1*	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Eventing Dressage Test CCN1*A)
Secondary	2*	Yes	Yes	Yes (EA Eventing Dressage Test CCN1* A)

10.1 Competition format

In CT, the dressage phase must be completed before the jumping phase. The jumping phase may occur on a different day to the dressage phase. In CT the jumping phase is run in reverse order for state qualifying classes where possible. This means that riders with the most penalties will jump first and riders with the least penalties will jump last. In training classes, riders may be required to jump in draw order rather than in reverse order.

10.2 Rules particular to CT

The same horse and rider combination must complete both phases of the competition. Elimination from one phase involves elimination from the competition.

Please refer to please page 144 (Annexe J. EA Combined Training) of the [EA Discipline Rules](#) for rules particular to Combined Training.

Callers for the dressage phase are allowed at IQ and Regional Championship events. Callers are not allowed at State Championships and Interschool Nationals for both primary and secondary classes.

10.3 Dress, saddlery, and equipment

All riders participating in CT must adhere to the general uniform requirements as outlined in Section 3. Uniform requirements specific to CT are as follows:

- As per EA Eventing rules, gloves are only compulsory 2* level riders
- The wearing of back protectors in the jumping phase of this event is **strongly recommended**

- The wearing of gloves in the dressage phase is optional.

10.4 Judging and scoring

The **dressage** tests are to be judged by one or two EA accredited judges. Scores are to be converted from percentages to penalty points under the formula used in eventing scoring.

Jumping is to be judged and scored under [Table A rules \(p29, Article 236 – Table A\) of the EA Jumping Rules Annex C - EA National Eventing Rules P. 108-111](#)

To determine places in this discipline: If equality exists, please refer to page 144 (Annexe J. EA Combined Training) of the [EA Discipline Rules](#) which will be used to decide.

The champion in each class shall be the first placed combination and the reserve champion shall be the second placed combination.

10.5 State Championships qualifying requirements

		FULL QUALIFIERS Min. of 1 result^ from an IQ event	REGIONAL RIDER** & YEAR 12 Min. of 1 result^ from an IQ event
Primary 1-6	45cm	Min 55% Dr & 8 total jump faults	Max 8 total jump faults
Primary 1-6	60cm	Min 55% Dr & 8 total jump faults	Max 8 total jump faults
Primary 1-6	80 cm	Min 55% Dr & 8 total jump faults	Max 8 total jump faults
Secondary 7-12	60 cm	Min 55% Dr & 8 total jump faults	Max 8 total jump faults
Secondary 7-12	80 cm	Min 55% Dr & 8 total jump faults	Max 8 total jump faults
Secondary 7-12	95 cm	Min 55% Dr & 8 total jump faults	Max 8 total jump faults
Secondary 7-12	1*	Min 55% Dr & 8 total jump faults	Max 8 total jump faults
Secondary 7-12	2*	Min 55% Dr & 12 total jump faults	Max 12 total jump faults

^ for those riders who are not able to attend qualifying events due to distance or injury, results from official EA jumping and dressage competitions may be forwarded, and these will be considered at the discretion of the IQ committee (Eventing results will not be considered)

** Regions requiring reduced numbers of qualifiers are listed in **Table 1 - School Region**

1. CT participants may nominate a maximum of two (2) horses, with each horse only being entered in one (1) class provided qualifying criteria are met for each horse. The entries may be in the same or different classes.
2. Qualifying selection for the State Championships will depend upon number of riders trying to qualify, with the possibility of numbers being capped;
3. **Combined Training riders are not able to use results from the previous year's state championships as qualifying results.**
4. Qualifiers must come from the current year's qualifying period.

10.6 Australian Championships qualifying requirements

If a horse/rider combination has made the State team to compete in Eventing, the combination is not allowed to compete in another discipline at the same Interschool Nationals.

11. Regional championship information

Most regions host an annual regional championship. This allows riders from within that region (please refer to pages 9 & 10 to determine region), to attain qualifying performances for the State Championships. The event is often run over 2 or 3 days covering the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping, Combined Training and Show Horse and can be a great experience for riders and their families. They provide wonderful opportunities for the development of school spirit and for school teams to compete.

11.1 Participation

Currently there are four regional championships each year:

- Capricornia regional championships
- Darling Downs & South-West Qld regional championships
- South-East Qld regional championships
- Wide Bay regional championships

There is no qualification requirement to participate at regional championship level.

Regional championships may also open to riders from outside their region at the discretion of the OC, riders may be required to participate on a HC basis to obtain qualifications for the State championships.

For the purpose of regional championship participation, all riders must have EQ Competitor - Junior membership, horses must be base registered, and schools affiliated with EQ.

Each horse may enter a **maximum of four (4) classes** across a Regional Championship event which includes the disciplines of Combined Training, Jumping, Show Horse and Dressage. Horse welfare is paramount, and the OC reserves the right to discuss the number of entries for a horse/rider combination per day if they have concerns. No horse is to undertake more than three competitive starts per day across disciplines.

11.2 Awards at regional championships

At regional championships individual placings are generally awarded for each section as well as class champion, overall awards and teams awards for each discipline. The determination of champions will differ slightly with each discipline and the detail is covered under the rules for each discipline.

Prizes awarded at each regional championship may be slightly different and will be advertised in their respective event programs.



12. State Championship information

Queensland hosts a State Championship event each year providing a high level of competition for all riders. This is the qualifying event for selection onto the Queensland State team.

The State Championships provide the opportunity for schools to further develop strong team spirit and ethos. Riders who do not qualify to participate are encouraged to attend, support their school teams and to assist in the running and operation of the event.

Qualifying criteria applies and classes may be capped in size. Riders will be ranked on their qualifying performances to identify the top qualifiers to accept into the event. This means that although riders may meet the minimum requirements for eligibility, they may not be offered a place at the State Championships. For some classes, a reserve list will be published of those riders who did not make the main draw but may still be offered a place in the competition if there are cancellations or scratchings. **It is critical that all riders check the qualifying requirements very carefully and that they contact the relevant discipline convenor if they are unsure of their qualification status.**

It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that qualifications submitted for State Championships are correct. It is not the discipline convenor's responsibility to seek these on your behalf.

12.1 State championships entries

Riders may enter a maximum of six (6) classes across the State Championships. However, each horse may enter a **maximum of four (4) classes** across the state championship event which includes the disciplines of Combined Training, Jumping, Show Horse and Dressage. **No horse is to undertake more than three competitive starts per day across disciplines.**

~~Horse welfare is paramount, and the OC reserves the right to discuss the number of entries for a horse/rider combination per day if they have concerns.~~

A rider can enter a maximum of two (2) horses in each discipline providing that each horse/rider combination is qualified.

Results from the Australian Interschool Championships will not be accepted as qualifiers for States.

Riders from regions that do not offer qualifiers from school, or an IQ Regional Championship may apply for an exemption to the above.

Specific qualifying requirements of each discipline are outlined in the discipline sections of this handbook.

~~**12.2 Special considerations for extenuating circumstances**~~

~~For the 2024/2025 qualification IQ States period, special consideration applications option has been suspended.~~

Horse/rider combinations that do not meet the qualifying criteria for nomination to the State Championships may apply to the IQ committee for special entry consideration.

Consideration may be made for a variety of reasons including:

- location (e.g. regional riders)
- horse injury
- rider illness
- extenuating family circumstances

Requests for special consideration must be made to the IQ Committee secretary via email two (2) weeks prior to close of entries (unless otherwise advised) using [this form](#). Riders should disclose fully their IQ or other relevant results (including all qualifying and non-qualifying results) from the qualification period and be able to demonstrate competence at the level they wish to nominate. They should also outline the circumstances that prevented them obtaining the necessary qualifications including, where appropriate, supporting documentation such as medical or veterinary certificates. These two elements will need to be satisfied for the request to be considered.

If a rider already has a ride in the discipline for which they are applying for special consideration, then the second ride may not be granted.

Please note that special considerations will not be considered for the IQ Eventing Leaderboard.

The acceptance of your special consideration request does NOT prevent your nomination from being balloted out if balloting of a class becomes necessary.

12.2 Perpetual trophies and scoring information

These perpetual trophies will be presented at the completion of the presentation on the final day of the State Championships for that particular year.

The following trophies may be presented at the annual EQ Awards evening.

Champion School for Secondary and Primary

Individual Champions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary.

Overall school trophies

12.2.1 The Rita and Derek Dobson Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the secondary school whose riders achieve the highest average score (total points gained divided by number of starting riders) over all disciplines at state championships. To be eligible for this trophy, a school must have a minimum of 2 riders from the school competing.

12.2.2 The Lorette Wigan Cup

Donated by the Equestrian Federation of Australia (Qld Branch), this trophy is awarded to the secondary school with the best aggregate result achieved at the state championships. It is awarded on a points basis with riders accruing points for their school through their placings in each discipline during the state championships.

12.2.3 The QISEA Primary School Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the primary school whose riders achieve the highest average score (total points gained divided by number of starting riders) over the six disciplines at State Championship level. To be eligible for this trophy, a school must have a minimum of 2 riders from the school competing.

12.2.4 The Harry LeBherz Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Harry LeBherz, this trophy is awarded to the primary school with the best aggregate result achieved at the state championships. It is awarded on a points basis with riders accruing points for their school through their placings in each discipline during the state championships.

12.2.5 The Summers / McDougall School Trophy

The Summers McDougall School Trophy is an award that builds the spirit of the Interschool Association. Both emerging and established schools can be considered for this award despite the number of riders attending events. The trophy is awarded to the school that best reflects the ethos of interschool through their commitment to the development of character, self-discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork, sense of achievement, presentation, respect and school team spirit. The selection for this award will be by the IQ committee.

Overall individual trophies

12.2.6 The Brett Family Perpetual Trophy

This trophy, donated by the Brett Family, is awarded to the secondary division overall champion rider. This is determined as the rider who has achieved the best overall result as an individual for his/her school competing the same horse across ~~all a minimum of three (3) secondary disciplines the secondary disciplines of CT, dressage, eventing, show horse and jumping.~~ **a minimum of three (3) secondary disciplines**. It is awarded on a points basis with the rider accruing points for placings in their secondary classes.

12.2.7 Finch Farms Perpetual Trophy

Donated in 2021 the Finch Farm perpetual trophy is awarded to the overall champion intermediate rider from years 7,8 and 9. The rider accrues points for placings in the following intermediate disciplines ~~CT, dressage, eventing, show horse and jumping~~ **a minimum of three (3) intermediate disciplines**. The rider must compete on the same horse in all these disciplines to be awarded this trophy.

12.2.8 The Kimberley Banks Perpetual Trophy

This trophy donated by the Banks family is awarded to the primary division overall champion rider. This is determined as the rider who has achieved the best overall result as an individual for his/her school using the same horse across ~~all a minimum of three (3) primary disciplines~~ **a minimum of three (3) primary disciplines**. It is awarded on a points basis with the rider accruing points for placings in primary classes.

12.2.9 QISEA Freestyle Artistic Award

Inaugurated in July 2018 this revived QISEA trophy is awarded to the freestyle rider who achieves the highest points score in their artistic element. It can be awarded to a rider in any class of the freestyle competition at the state championships.

12.2.10 Moreton Bay College School Award

This trophy is awarded to the primary rider who receives the highest percentage score from any one judge in any dressage class at the state championships.

12.2.11 The Sailor Trophy

This trophy donated by the Coggan Family is awarded to the rider who achieves the closest to optimum time on the cross-country element of the eventing discipline.

12.3 Champion teams – calculating tied scores

Refer to EA Interschool Rules

12.3 Scoring of trophy and team points

Points will be allocated to riders in the following manner in each discipline to determine these trophies and other awards and champions:

- Riders will be ranked overall in each class. A rider placed first overall in a class will be allocated 35 points. Second will be allocated 34 points. Third will be allocated 33 points and so on to 35th or to the last placed rider if less than 35 in a class. Any places from 30th down will receive 1 point each. Ties will be allocated the same points as an outright placing at that ranking.

Examples:

- Two riders ranking equal 7th will get 28.5 points each, the subsequent ranking will be 9th with 27 points. Three riders ranking equal 7th will get 28 points each, the subsequent ranking will be 10th with 26 points etc.
- Scorers must ensure that all riders who nominated actually started or were not eliminated from the classes counted for these trophies.
- **In the case of riders competing in more than one class per discipline, only one class per discipline will count towards trophies. This will be the class in which the rider achieves the highest score or, for Show Horse, the ridden phase classes on one horse only plus the rider class.**
- In the event of equal points being gained by either individual riders or schools the rider or school which has achieved the highest result in the CT section of the state championships will be declared the champion rider or school.

13. Australian Championships information

Australian Interschool Championships (AIC) are run annually and are organised by a different state committee each year. Please refer to EA Interschool rules for classes that are included at Nationals. They were inaugurated in 2008 and have been hosted annually by various states since then, to date the following Nationals have been hosted:

Queensland	2008, 2012, 2017, 2020*, 2024
Victoria	2009, 2011, 2014, 2018, 2021*, 2023
New South Wales	2010, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2022, 2025
Western Australia	2013

*cancelled due to COVID-19

13.1 IQ State team uniform requirements

All members of the State Team are required to purchase items of the current State Team uniform, this information will be communicated to all team members.

The Queensland State Team Uniform compulsory items are:

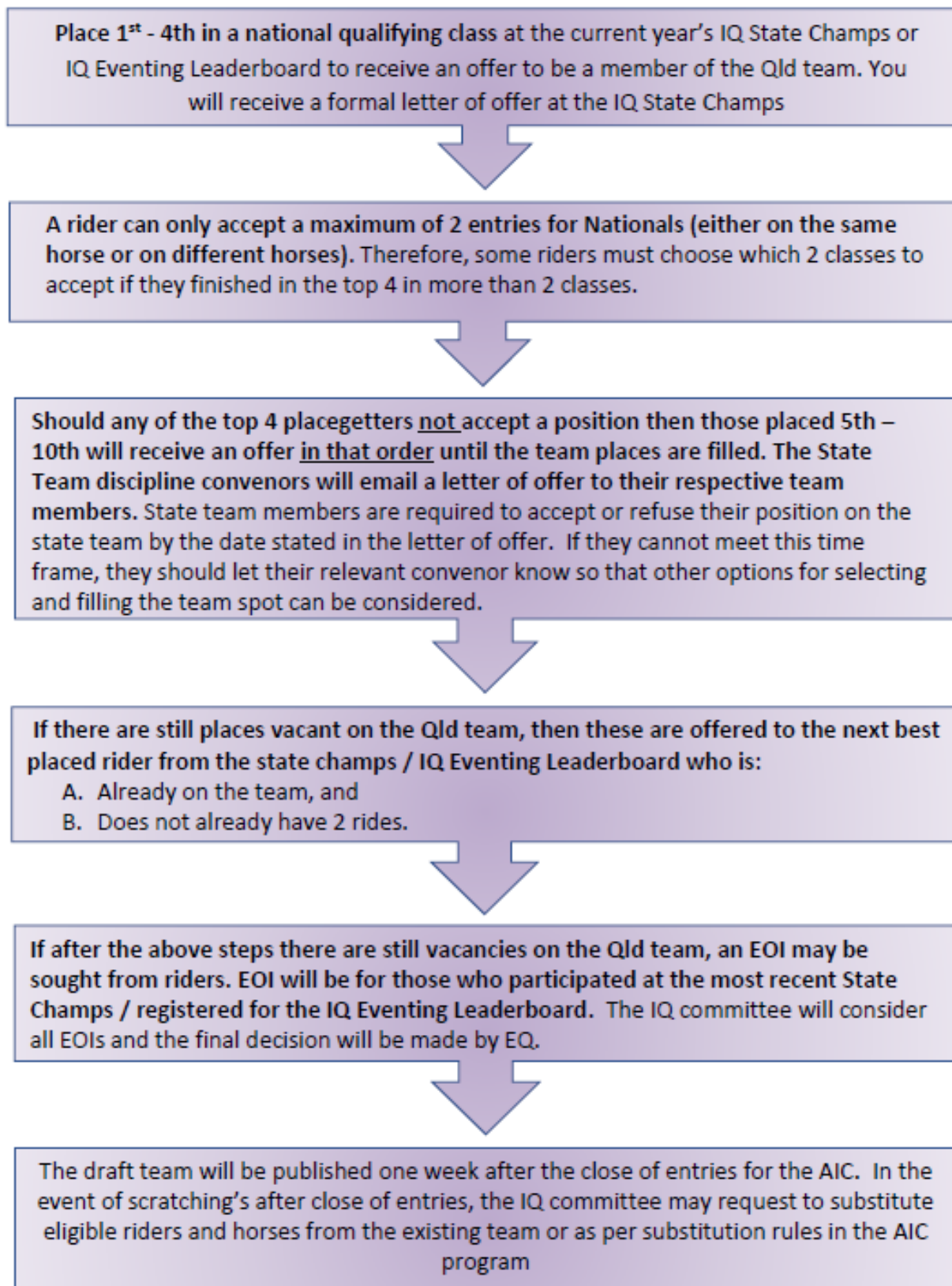
- Team Cap / Team Jacket
- Team Tie (dependent upon discipline rules)
- Team Polo Shirt
- Team Saddle Blanket

Jumping competition uniform consists of (regardless of gender):

- White collared shirt
- Team Tie
- Team Saddle Blanket

13.2 IQ State team selection process for AIC

The State Team is selected immediately after the State Championships. Please refer to the below selection process and criteria*:



An exemption to the rule may occur after this process if we have a space in a class or, we have low primary numbers and do not fill classes. In this case there may be an opportunity for a 3rd class to be offered to a suitably qualified rider within the team. This will take into account the type of class, the

total number of phases the horse will be required to do and how it will affect the schedule. The third ride will be offered to qualified riders starting at 1st and moving down to 10th place.

Notes:

Freestyles are not counted in the 2 classes as they are Unofficial classes and do not count towards team scores. Therefore, if you're riding a Freestyle, you can also accept 2 official classes.

All information provided regarding the AIC is update at time of publishing this handbook and is subject to change as determined by the AIC OC and EAIC.

*Eventing: A qualifying result must come from within 4 months of the final qualifying period for selection on the Queensland state team to prove fitness of the rider/horse combination.

13.3 IQ State team management

13.3.1 Chef d'Equipe and Team Manager for Queensland team

After the Queensland State Championships expressions of interest will be sought for the positions of Queensland State Team Chef d'Equipe and Queensland State Team Manager. These will be presented to the state committee for perusal and selection at the next available IQ meeting.

13.3.2 Team Discipline Managers

The team discipline managers are to be discussed at the next meeting after the State Championships. If the State Convenor is unable to fulfil the position a suitable replacement needs to be found.

13.3.3 Leadership Positions – Team Captains and Vice Captains

The election process for the team leadership positions of Queensland Team Captains (~~State Captain/s & Vice Captain/s~~) and Discipline Captains (~~& Vice Captains~~), will be as follows:

- All year 12 ~~& year 11~~ riders are invited to apply for a leadership position regardless of team selection status.
- However, only riders that have accepted a position on the Qld team will be selected for a leadership position.
- Year 11 applicants will only be invited to apply ~~voted into a leadership position~~ if there are insufficient year 12 applicants.
- Voters will comprise of peers and the IQ committee
- On completion of the election, an email will be sent to all applicants advising of their successful or unsuccessful leadership application.



14. Education

14.1 EquiSkills program – future pathways

Equestrian Australia, as part of its member education services, provides school-based riders with access to their Introductory Riding and Introductory Horse Management workbooks at a discounted price for use in the Equestrian Skills program.

The theory components of EA training are delivered in a flexible home-study manner using comprehensive workbooks and recommended readings which can be supplemented using your own coach or through group training/assessment at some IQ events.

Practical study may be done through the IQ Equestrian Skills program, otherwise students can undertake this individually with coaches, coach educators (CE) or skill specific training assessors (SSTA).

Successful completion of modules is registered with EA Coaching as they form part of the pathway to further education.

The minimum age for the EA national education courses is;

- 12 years for Intro Horse Management & Intro Riding
- 15 Years for Level 1 Horse Management & Level 1 Riding
- 18 years for a coaching award

Riders 18 years and over can progress toward becoming an Introductory EA Coach with the purchase of the appropriate resource. More information is available via this [LINK](#).

