



### *Media Release*

## **Godolphin partners with Australia's largest Equestrian School Championships**

**Sydney, Australia:** Equestrian New South Wales today announced an exciting new partnership with Godolphin, the global thoroughbred breeding and horseracing stable founded by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed, for the 2016 New South Wales Interschool Equestrian Championships and the 2016 Australian Interschool Championships.

The Interschool Championships is the premier school age event for young riders in the equestrian disciplines and is an integral pathway to elite level competition. The competition provides school aged children with educational and coaching avenues combined with the opportunity to compete against their peers with the possibility of representing NSW at the Australian Interschool Championships.

This year's Godolphin New South Wales Interschool Championships and Australian Interschool Championships are set to be the largest equestrian events ever held in New South Wales. A record number of 650 competitors and 630 horses will compete across 2100 events in equestrian disciplines of eventing, combined training, show horse, dressage, show jumping and vaulting.

The 2016 New South Wales State Interschool Championships will be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> until 26<sup>th</sup> June at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park, the scene of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

Australian Olympic gold medallist Stuart Tinney and silver medallist Shane Rose will be attending the State Championships on Wednesday to talk to all riders and assist with the Eventing presentations.

Speaking in support of the partnership, Henry Plumtre, Managing Director of Godolphin in Australia, said: "As Australia's largest racing and breeding stable, Godolphin is committed to the well-being, growth and promotion of the local equine industry. We are delighted to be involved with the Interschool Equestrian Championships and look forward with great excitement to watching the development of riders and horses at this year's Championships."

"The passion for the sport extends beyond the racetrack as Godolphin aims to have a positive long-lasting impact on the industry and racing communities worldwide. We are delighted to announce our partnership of the 2016 NSW Interschool Equestrian Championships and the 2016 Australian Interschool Championships, the pinnacle in showcasing the talent of young equestrian riders from around Australia."

Equestrian NSW Chief Executive Officer, Bruce Farrar, said: "We are delighted to have Godolphin as our principal partner for our NSW and Australian Equestrian Interschool Championships. Godolphin has a proud heritage as one of the most successful international racing and breeding stables and is committed to the lifetime care of horses, through its support of equestrian sports and many other community-based programs."

Each competitor at the NSW Championships will be trying to qualify for the 2016 Godolphin Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships which is again being hosted by Equestrian NSW in September

at the same venue – one of Sydney’s finest sporting arenas and a legacy of the successful 2000 Olympic Games.

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**About Godolphin:** Godolphin is a global thoroughbred breeding and horseracing stable founded in 1992 by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. Named in honour of the Godolphin Arabian, one of the three founding stallions of the modern thoroughbred born in the Arabian Gulf, what started with a handful of horses in the desert has evolved into the foremost international horseracing stable. Sponsored by Emirates Airline and racing in the famous Royal Blue silks, Godolphin strives for excellence, winning many of the world's major races along the way. To date, Godolphin has won over 220 Group One races in 12 different countries, across four continents. For further information, please visit Godolphin's website at [www.godolphin.com](http://www.godolphin.com).

**About Interschool Championships:** The 2016 NSW Interschool Championships to be held from 22 June to 26 June at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. School aged competitors from Primary and Secondary schools will be able to compete in Eventing, Combined Training, Show Horse, Dressage, Jumping and Vaulting. This popular event showcases the talented young riders in NSW who will be out to impress judges to try and secure a place on the State team for the 2016 Australian Championships to be held in September. Both events will be held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park.