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2026 THE HORSE DEN NSW INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

6 - 10 JULY

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

SCHEDULE



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Welcome to the 2026 The Horse Den NSW Interschool Championships

Equestrian NSW and the ENSW Interschool Committee are excited to welcome you to this year's Championships at Sydney International Equestrian Centre.

This schedule contains important information for competitors, parents and supporters. Please read it carefully, as some details and processes have changed since last year.

Classes are expected to fill quickly, so we recommend setting a reminder for when entries open.

We look forward to providing a great week of competition - and the opportunity for our young riders achieve goals, gain experience, and create lasting memories.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ENTRIES OPEN	Midnight, Tuesday 28 April 2026
ENTRIES CLOSE	11:59pm, Sunday 7 June 2026
PERFORMANCE PERIOD	1 June 2025 - 1 June 2026
ENQUIRIES	interschool@ensw.org.au
ENTRY LINK	nominat.com.au

DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THIS EVENT

Equestrian NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this land and recognises their continuing connection to land, sea, culture and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

ENTRY GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

- All entries must be submitted online via Nominate, paid in full and completed before the closing date. No late entries will be accepted.
- Entries must comply with qualification requirements at the time of entry.
- Some classes will have capped entries. Entries will be accepted in order received.
- As per EA rules, horses are limited to a maximum of three starts per day.
- Stable and camping bookings are available from Sunday 5 July - Saturday 11 July. Bookings will be made online and selected at time of entry. All visitors must vacate by 9am Saturday 11 July.

Eligibility

This event is open to all school aged riders currently enrolled at a recognised school or registered with an approved home school program. Riders must hold current Competitor - Junior Equestrian NSW membership and horses must be registered with Equestrian NSW – either base or full registration unless full registration is required for the specific class.

Membership for the 2026/2027 financial year must be renewed before the event. **[Join or renew ENSW membership here](#)**

State Championship Classes vs Non-State Team qualifying classes

State Championship Classes

Qualifying performances are required to enter these classes. The top four combinations at the State Championships will be offered a place on the State Team. The 2026 Australian Interschool Championships will be run at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre and hosted by Victoria, from 27 September - 1 October.

Non-State Team Qualifying Classes

These classes offer combinations of all levels the opportunity to experience the excitement and atmosphere of the State Championships. Qualifying performances are not required (unless competing in jumping classes over 70cm), and results are not considered for State Team selection.

Qualification requirements

Entry into State Championship Classes requires combinations to have participated in an affiliated ENSW event during the performance period, from 1 June 2025 to 1 June 2026. Please see additional performance requirements for each discipline outlined within the relevant discipline section.

ENTRY GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Classes and Year Levels

Primary - up to and including Year 6.

Intermediate - Years 7, 8 and 9

Senior - Years 10, 11 and 12. For Combined Training there is no Intermediate Class, instead a Secondary classes includes Years 7-12.

School teams

All riders entered from the same school will be considered part of that school team. Please ensure your school name is entered in the correct and consistent format. Composite teams are not permitted. Where a school does not have a team, riders will compete as individuals.

All Ability Riders

This event is open to all riders from all schools. Equestrian Australia, with Interschool NSW, want to create opportunities for all people with intellectual, physical or visual impairments to compete and achieve their goals in equestrian sport. For more information please visit equestrian.org.au/Interschool

The Interschool Exemption Application allows riders with a diagnosed disability or impairment to request reasonable adjustments to Equestrian Australia (EA) competition rules when participating in Interschool events. The exemption process supports inclusive participation by ensuring riders can compete safely and fairly while maintaining horse welfare and the integrity of competition. Applications must be supported by appropriate medical documentation and are independently reviewed before approval. Approved exemptions apply only for the specified period and will not be granted where they provide an unfair competitive advantage or compromise safety or welfare standards. Riders, parents/guardians, or support persons can complete the form and submit relevant supporting information for assessment by the EA Interschool Committee. [Access the application form here.](#)

Awards and Presentations

Each competition will have points allocated with 1st place receiving 35 points down to 35th place receiving 1 point. Championship rosettes will be awarded 1st to 8th.

School Team awards - to be awarded at the ENSW Awards Night

1. The best averaged results - Min 3 athletes from the school
2. The overall highest point score - School
3. Overall highest individual point score - Primary & Secondary

AT THE EVENT

Arrival Times

Camping and stables will be accessible on arrival.

- Arrival from 12:00pm Sunday 5 July, and 6:30am - 5:00pm daily Mon - Fri
- Tack rooms will not be available for private use.
- All visitors must vacate by 9am Saturday July 11.
- Stable and camping can be selected at the time of entry.
- If cleaning your stable and wish to have the stable bond refunded - this must be completed as soon as you vacate otherwise it will be locked. No 3rd party is allowed on site to clean stables.

Dress – All Disciplines

Riders are to wear their school uniform suitable for riding, for example:

- Light-coloured breeches or jodhpurs
- Long or short-sleeved shirt
- Tie, ratcatcher or stock
- School jersey or jumper

Home school and independant riders should follow the guidelines above, in colours of their choice.

Boots must be smooth-soled, low-heeled boots. Gaiters and long boots may be worn in all disciplines except Show Horse, where top boots and gaiters may only be worn by competitors 18 years or over. Gloves are compulsory for Dressage. No riders are permitted to wear jackets. For further information, EA refer discipline rules.

Gear Check

Gear checking will be conducted by EA stewards throughout the event. EA helmet tagging rules apply as per current EA rules to Dressage, Jumping, Combined Training. Tagging will be available at the event. Show Horse competitors need to confirm any updated tagging rules in 2026.

Discipline rules relating to gear checks must be adhered to. If you are unsure of equipment, please ask an official before you compete. Incorrect gear can result in elimination.

Horse Number

All horses will be allocated a bridle number for the event. The number must be worn on the left side of the halter, bridle or saddle cloth at all times when out of the stable. Dressage riders are required to wear numbers on both sides of the horse, on either their bridle or saddle cloth.

Competitors must provide their own bridle numbers. EA dressage bridle numbers are not to be used.

EVENT POLICIES & RULES

This event is governed by the Equestrian Australia (EA) General Regulations, applicable EA Sports Rules and all relevant EA codes, policies, bylaws, rules and regulations, including the National Interschool rules. The EA Sport rules (i.e. the National Rules for each EA sport or discipline) and regulations may be accessed on the EA and ENSW websites.

Interschool Rules: www.equestrian.org.au/interschool

Dressage Rules: www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules

Show Horse Rules: www.equestrian.org.au/showhorse

Jumping Rules: www.equestrian.org.au/jumping-rules

Eventing Rules: www.equestrian.org.au/eventing-rules

Protests/Queries

Competitors, parents or supporters must not directly approach any judge, steward, course builder or any other official before, during or after the competition with disputes or complaints.

All queries and objections must be made in writing and submitted to the Event Office within 30 minutes of the final results being posted publicly. A formal protest requires a deposit of \$200 that will be forfeited unless the protest is upheld. The decision of the Ground Jury will be final.

General questions can be asked in relation to errors and in relation to running the event. These may be directed to the event office only.

Disclaimer of Liability

As a condition of entry, riders, their connections and spectators will indemnify ENSW against all claims, losses, damages and legal action howsoever occurring.

Sportsmanship and Social Media

Entrants are reminded that they are required to abide by the EA Member Protection and Social Media Policies and that comments that are contrary to the spirit and integrity of the sport of equestrian will not be tolerated.

- Be kind and respectful
- Don't engage in illegal or unethical behaviour
- Think before you post
- Reservation of Right

The Organising Committee 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



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Cancellation Policy

ENSW at its/their absolute discretion, may cancel the event at any time due to force majeure (e.g., threatened or abnormal weather conditions including fire, storm or flood), pandemic restrictions, health or safety concerns or any event beyond their reasonable control. In the event of cancellation, ENSW will notify each entrant (if any) at the earliest possible opportunity. Entrants who have provided an email address and/or mobile phone number with their entry form will be notified by email and/or text message. If the event is cancelled prior to commencement any refund will be determined at the absolute discretion of Equestrian NSW in consultation with the Organising Committee having regard to its/their direct or fixed costs expenses incurred or payable by reason of the cancellation. Event creditors and suppliers with legitimate claims will be paid prior to any refunds being made to competitors. If the event is cancelled after it has commenced there will be no refund.

Postponement

If the event is postponed, prior to commencement or during the event, for whatever reason, any refund will be determined at the absolute discretion of ENSW, having regard to the direct or fixed costs for the event. If the event is postponed after it has commenced there will be no refunds.

Volunteer fee

A \$50 fee will be charged to each rider and volunteering is therefore not a requirement of entry; however, competitors and supporters are encouraged to get involved where possible, with a range of roles available throughout the event.

EVENT SAFETY

ENSW has a legal obligation under Workplace Health and Safety legislation to provide a safe competition. Failure to comply with safety or behaviour requirements at this event may lead to you being asked to leave the event. The most important two principles at this event are:

1. The welfare of our child athletes.
2. The welfare of their horses.

Welfare of Children

We are signatories to and promote the Equestrian Australia Policy for Child Safe Practices. In addition, we are promoting the message of NSW Office of Sport SHOOSH FOR KIDS program. Shoosh for Kids is a collaborative effort between the Office of Sport and sector partners to encourage positive spectator behaviour at junior sport. There is a very simple message - if you don't have anything nice to say, shoosh for kids. Keep it positive. Keep it fun. Keep kids coming back to junior sport.

Image Consent

When entering this event you are giving consent for ENSW to use images in multimedia productions, publication brochures and on the website to promote a range of initiatives without any remuneration or compensation. If you do not wish to give consent, please email interschool@ensw.org.au

It is imperative to note that you do not take images of other children and post publicly without explicit consent.

Horse Welfare

This event will uphold the FEI and EA rules for horse welfare. Please refer to the EA general regulations and discipline rules to understand specific horse welfare rules. Horses that are not entered in the event are not permitted on site.

Vehicles and road safety

- The grounds of SIEC are public roads and all NSW road rules apply.
- Two-wheeled Electric Scooters are not permitted
- Bicycles and unpowered (push) scooters must not be ridden by anyone without a helmet and are prohibited in and around the stable block.
- Driving or riding under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is not permitted.

EVENT SAFETY

Riding and lunging

- Riding is only permitted during daylight hours whilst a paramedic is on site – times will be advised.
- If a horse is ridden by anyone other than its entered rider, the combination will be eliminated.
- Lunging is only permitted in the designated lunging areas near the stables, and only during daylight hours. Helmet and gloves are recommended whilst lunging.

Medication Control

Medication Control (Swabbing) of horses is by random selection.

Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and vaping is prohibited at SIEC except in designated smoking areas.

AWARDS

CLASS AWARDS

All Classes will be placed 1st – 6th

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

All Championships will be placed 1st – 6th with the Champion and Reserve Championship prizes being awarded to 1st and 2nd place. These presentations will conclude at the end of the individual classes being complete. Scoring will be online for all classes, with daily individual overall scores.

2026 NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Combinations that finished in the top 4 of State Championship Classes are eligible to represent Team NSW at the Australian Championships being held in Victoria held at the Werribe Park National Equestrian Centre from 27th September- 1st October 2026.

FEES

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES	\$95 per class One class includes two dressage tests at the same level. Riders are permitted to enter two consecutive levels per combination excluding Preparatory.
All ABILITIES CLASSES	\$45 per test
COMBINED TRAINING	\$95 per class One class includes a dressage test and jumping round. Riders are only permitted to compete in one class per combination.
JUMPING	\$95 per class One class includes 3 jumping rounds at the same height.
SHOW HORSE	\$95 per class One class includes 3 phases. The combination must choose between Show Horse and Show Hunter classes.
VAULTING	As outlined in schedule
POWERED CAMPING - South Truck Park POWERED CAMPING - North Truck Park POWERED CAMPING - P3 CABINS - Limited number	\$60 per night (30 spots) \$35 per night \$35 per night \$50 per night
STABLES STABLE BEDDING PACK - Compulsory ADDITIONAL BEDDING STABLE BOND	\$40 per night \$64 - 4 bales \$20 per bale \$100 per stable (refunded if stable left clean)
DAY STAY	\$16 - per day if horse is not stabled
ADMIN & MEDICAL	\$20 medical fee - compulsory per horse/rider combination \$50 admin - compulsory per rider one off charge
VOLUNTEER	\$50 per rider - compulsory fee to assist with volunteers
WELCOME BBQ	One ticket per rider included.

Refund Policy

Full refund less \$50 admin fee if completed via Nominate before close of entries. No refunds after close of entries. All scratchings after close of entries must be sent to enswinterschool@gmail.com



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SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 5 JULY

BUMP IN

MONDAY 6 JULY

SHOW HORSE	VAULTING	ENTERTAINMENT
<p><u>Primary.</u> Show Horse, Show Hunter</p> <p><u>Intermediate</u> Show Horse, Show Hunter</p> <p><u>Secondary.</u> Show Horse, Show Hunter</p> <p><u>All Abilities</u></p>	<p>All Classes</p>	<p>BBQ & Live Music</p> <p>Kahoot Quiz</p>

TUESDAY 7 JULY

COMBINED TRAINING	ENTERTAINMENT
<p><u>Primary.</u> 50cm, 65cm, 80cm</p> <p><u>Secondary.</u> 65cm, 80cm, 95cm, 105cm</p>	<p>Hobby Horse Obstacle Course</p>

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY

DRESSAGE	JUMPING	ENTERTAINMENT
<p>All Abilities</p> <p>Preparatory*</p> <p>Non Qualifying Prelim*</p>	<p>Round 1</p> <p>All Classes</p>	<p>Human Showjumping (Grown-ups vs kids)</p>

THURSDAY 9 JULY

DRESSAGE	JUMPING	ENTERTAINMENT
<p>Primary Preliminary</p> <p>Intermediate Preliminary</p> <p>Senior Preliminary</p> <p>Open Elementary</p>	<p>Round 2</p> <p>All Classes</p>	<p>Demonstration with Charlie Brister</p>

*Non-State Team Qualifying Class. [Learn more here](#)



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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 10 JULY

DRESSAGE

Primary
Novice

Intermediate
Novice

Secondary
Novice

Open
Medium

JUMPING

Round 3

All Classes



SHOW HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MONDAY 6 JULY

- All classes are National qualifiers
- Each class includes 3 phases.
- Combinations may compete in one class only. Riders may ride more than one horse on the day however there must be only one rider per horse.
- Combinations should have competed at their nominated class at a club/show/school Show Horse events during the qualifying period.
- Browbands may be school coloured, those in hunter classes will not be penalised.
- Each placing will accumulate points to determine the overall Champion.
- Ties will be separated according to the National Interschool Show Horse rules.
- Prizes will be awarded as follow: 1st - 6th sashes in each phase, 1st - 6th rosettes in each class. Rug for each class overall champion.
- 1st -6th rosettes/prizes in each class
- All Ability Riders, please see this [section](#)

NO	CLASS	CLASSES	CLASS FEE
SH1	Show Horse Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden	\$95
SH2	Show Hunter Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden	\$95
SH3	Show Horse Intermediate	Led, Rider Class and Ridden	\$95
SH4	Show Hunter Intermediate	Led, Rider Class and Ridden	\$95
SH5	Show Horse Senior	Led, Rider Class and Ridden	\$95
SH6	Show Hunter Senior	Led, Rider Class and Ridden	\$95

COMBINED TRAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS

TUESDAY 7 JULY

- Each entry is for one dressage test and one round of jumping that will be run on the same day by the same horse and rider combination.
- Only one CT class can be entered per combination.
- For classes from 70cm and above, entrants must submit at least one club/show/school Jumping at the level entered during the qualifying period.
- All classes will be run under [EA Eventing Rules](#)
- As per Interschool rules – Callers are permitted for up to and including 95cm.
- Classes will be capped and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with valid qualifications at that level.
- Prizes will be awarded as follow: 1st - 6th rosettes in each class. Rug for each class overall champion.

NO	CLASS	TESTS	CLASS FEE
CT1	Primary EvA50 50cm	Eventing Test A 45-60cm 2020	\$95
CT2	Primary EvA65 65cm	Eventing Test B 45-60 2020	\$95
CT3	Primary EvA80 80cm	Eventing Test B 80cm 2025	\$95
CT4	Secondary EvA65 65cm	Eventing Test B 4560 2020	\$95
CT5	Secondary EvA80 80cm	Eventing Test B 80cm 2020	\$95
CT6	Secondary EvA95 95cm	Eventing Test B 95cm 2020	\$95
CT7	Secondary I* 105cm	EA CCN1* Test B 2020	\$95



SADDLEWORLD DURAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY - FRIDAY 10 JULY

- Each Class includes two tests to be ridden on the same day.
- A maximum of three tests per day per horse.
- Primary is Years K-6, Intermediate is Years 7 – 9, Senior is years 10 – 12, Open is all years.
- Callers are allowed for all classes.
- Classes are capped at 35 entries.
- Combinations can enter Qualifying OR Non-Qualifying Classes, not both.
- Classes may be divided further depending on entries.
- Prizes will be awarded as follow: 1st - 6th sashes in each test, 1st - 6th rosettes in each class. Rug for each class overall champion.
- All Ability Riders, please see this [section](#)

NATIONAL QUALIFYING DRESSAGE CLASSES

- For National qualifying classes, the combination must submit at least one official result of 60% or higher during the qualifying period from OFFICIAL EA events, including affiliated Interschool competitions. Pony Club and unofficial results will not be considered as qualifying scores.
- If there are more than 35 entrants in the championship classes, the top 35 qualifiers will be offered a place in the championship class (Division A) and the lower qualifiers will be moved to Division B which will not be a Nationals qualifying division.
- The top four combinations in each championship will be offered a place in the State Team.

NON-QUALIFYING DRESSAGE CLASSES

These classes do not offer State Team selection. However, qualifying scores are not required, allowing combinations of all levels the chance to experience the excitement and atmosphere of State Championships.

SEE DRESSAGE SCHEDULE ON NEXT PAGE



SADDLEWORLD DURAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY - FRIDAY 10 JULY

NO	CLASS	TESTS	NATIONAL	CLASS FEE
D1	Primary Preparatory*	Prep 1 & 2 (2023)	No	\$85
D2	Primary Preliminary	Prelim 1.1 & 1.2 (2023)	No	\$85
D3	Secondary Preliminary	Prelim 1.1 & 1.2	No	\$85
D4	Primary Preliminary	Prelim 1.2 & 1.3 (2023)	Yes	\$95
D5	Primary Novice	Novice 2.2 & 2.3 (2023)	Yes	\$95
D6	Intermediate Preliminary	Prelim 1.2 & 1.3 (2023)	Yes	\$95
D7	Senior Preliminary	Prelim 1.2 & 1.3 (2023)	Yes	\$95
D8	Intermediate Novice	Novice 2.2 & 2.3 (2023)	Yes	\$95
D9	Senior Novice	Novice 2.2 & 2.3 (2023)	Yes	\$95
D10	Open Elementary	Elementary 3.2 & 3.3 (2023)	Yes	\$95
D11	Open Medium	Medium 4.2 & 4.3 (2023)	Yes	\$95

NOTE: National qualifying classes Advanced - Inter I will be run in conjunction with the Youth Dressage Championships. The top 4 place getters in those classes will be qualified to represent Team NSW at the 2026 National Interschool Championships.

*Non-State Team Qualifying Class. [Learn more here](#)



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JOHNSONS NATURAL FORMULA JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY - FRIDAY 10 JULY

- Each height class includes three jumping competitions, held over the three days.
- Rider/horse combinations can enter two consecutive height classes only.
- For classes from 70cm and above, entrants must submit at least one club/show/school Jumping at the level entered during the qualifying period.
- Classes will be capped and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with valid qualifications at that level.
- Each placing will accumulate points to determine the overall Champion.
- Please note non-national classes: Phase I is Optimum Time Article 238 5.1
- Prizes will be awarded as follow: 1st - 6th sashes in each round (awarded at the ring at the conclusion of the round), 1st - 6th rosettes in each class. Rug for each class overall champion.

NATIONAL QUALIFYING JUMPING CLASSES

The top four combinations in each championship will be offered a place in the State Team.

NON-QUALIFYING JUMPING CLASSES

These classes do not offer State Team selection. However, they offer allowing combinations the chance to experience the excitement and atmosphere of State Championships. All non-national classes: Phase I is Optimum Time Article 238 5.1



JOHNSONS NATURAL FORMULA JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY - FRIDAY 10 JULY

NO	CLASS	TESTS	NATIONAL	CLASS FEE
SJ1	Primary 45cm	Phase 1-238 5.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	No	\$95
SJ2	Primary 60cm	Phase 1-238 5.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	No	\$95
SJ3	Primary 70cm	Phase 1-238 2.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	Yes	\$95
SJ4	Primary 80cm	Phase 1-238 2.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	Yes	\$95
SJ5	Primary 90cm	Phase 1-238 2.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	Yes	\$95
SJ6	Secondary 70cm	Phase 1-238 5.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	No	\$95
SJ7	Intermediate 80cm	Phase 1-238 5.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	No	\$95
SJ8	Senior 80cm	Phase 1-238 5.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	No	\$95
SJ9	Intermediate 90cm	Phase 1-238 2.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	Yes	\$95
SJ10	Senior 90cm	Phase 1-238 2.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	Yes	\$95
SJ11	Intermediate 100cm	Phase 1-238 2.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	Yes	\$95
SJ11	Senior 100cm	Phase 1-238 2.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	Yes	\$95
SJ13	Secondary 110cm	Phase 1-238 2.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	Yes	\$95
SJ14	Secondary 120cm	Phase 1-238 2.1, Phase 2-274.2, Phase 3-238 2.2	Yes	\$95

ALL ABILITIES & RIDING IN OPEN CLASSES WITH AN EXEMPTION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Interschool riders with additional needs may choose to ride in All Abilities Dressage and/or Show Horse classes, with an approved EA Exemption. All Abilities competition classes are determined by a rider's functional riding ability, not by their age or type of disability. Riders with extra needs, competing in All Abilities and/or open classes, are required to hold an EA Exemption. Riders may enter the Championships prior to their exemption being granted.

- All entries for All Abilities classes will be through Nominatemy. Once entered, an ISNSW representative will contact you to determine eligibility and discuss any exemptions, reports, or documentation to support the rider.
- If you have any questions, please email interschool@ensw.org.au Assistance with the entry process can be given
- A 'Participation' competition is not required in All Abilities classes.
- Riders are required to be ENSW Junior Competitor members to ride in the All Abilities specific classes.
- Riders who compete with an approved EA Dressage Exemption or EA Interschool Exemption in Open classes will be eligible to qualify for the national team if placing.
- Depending on entry numbers, classes may be split into primary and secondary levels.

ELIGIBILITY

Riders are eligible to enter an 'All Abilities' class with the following:

- Current EA Para classification.
- Current Sport Inclusion Australia classification (Virtus) <https://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/>
 - II-1 – intellectual disability
 - II-2 – intellectual disability with significant additional impairment,
 - II-3 – Autism.
- Submitting the approved Interschool exemption application to the EA Interschool Exemption, including relevant assessments or supporting documents pending approval .

RIDING WITH AN EXEMPTION IN OPEN CLASSES

- Riders are able to compete in open classes with a current EADC Exemption.

Further assistance is available, to determine the exemption application process required for your rider. Please refer to the Equestrian Australia "Interschool All Abilities & Exemption" Flowchart

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ALL ABILITIES & RIDING IN OPEN CLASSES WITH AN EXEMPTION cont'd ..

ALL ABILITIES DRESSAGE

There will be three levels of dressage offered, each with 2 ridden tests, using the EA Para Dressage Tests - <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/equestrian-australia-para-dressage-tests>

- Level D1A & D1B – movements in walk only
- Level D2A & D2B – movements in walk and trot
- Level D3A & D3B – movements in walk, trot and canter

Riders may choose to ride one test only.

All tests may be called.

DRESSAGE

NO	CLASS	TESTS	STATE	NATION AL	Fee
D1A	Introductory Walk Only	EA PD Grade I Preparatory Test 1/7/23 (20x40m arena)	Yes	Yes	\$45
D1B	Introductory Walk Only	EA PD Grade I Preliminary Test 1/7/23 (20x40m arena)	Yes	Yes	\$45
D2A	Developing Walk Trot	EAPD Grade III Novice Test 1/7/23 (20x40m arena)	Yes	Yes	\$45
D2B	Developing Walk Trot	EAPD Grade III Elementary Test 1/7/23 (20x40m arena)	Yes	Yes	\$45
D3A	Progressive Walk Trot Canter	EAPD Grade IV Preliminary Test 1/7/23 (20x60m arena)	Yes	Yes	\$45
D3B	Progressive Walk Trot Canter	EAPD Grade V Preliminary Test 1/7/23 (20x60m arena)	Yes	Yes	\$45
D4A	Advanced Walk Trot Canter	EAPD Grade V Novice Test 1/7/23 (20x60m arena)	Yes	Yes	\$45
D4B	Advanced Walk Trot Canter	EAPD Grade V Elementary Test 1/7/23 (20x60m arena)	Yes	Yes	\$45

PRIZES :

1ST - 6TH sashes in each class.

OVERALL CHAMPION rug.

1st-6th Rosettes/prizes.

To be eligible for the Championship, riders must compete in two classes

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ALL ABILITIES & RIDING IN OPEN CLASSES WITH AN EXEMPTION cont'd .

SHOW HORSE

There will be four levels of Show Horse offered. Each level will have a Led, Rider and Ridden class.

-Level A with simple walk and optional trot workout.

-Level B with walk, trot, and optional canter.

- Workouts will be published on the event website.
- Riders may choose to compete in only one or two of the phases.
- A horse may be shared by up to two competitors competing in up to three phases each rider.

CLASSES

- Class 1 – In hand Led
- Class 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not Smartest on Parade/turnout)
- Class 3 – Ridden workout (judging the suitability of the combination – i.e. the horse as a Show Horse suitable for an All Abilities rider)

Note: Classes may not proceed in this order.

NO	CLASS	CLASSES	STATE	NATIONAL	FEE
SH10	Introductory Walk Only	Led, Rider, Ridden	Yes	Yes	\$95
SH11	Developing Walk Trot	Led, Rider, Ridden	Yes	Yes	\$95
SH12	Progressive Walk Trot Canter	Led, Rider, Ridden	Yes	Yes	\$95
SH13	Advanced Walk Trot Canter	Led, Rider, Ridden	Yes	Yes	\$95

PRIZES :

1ST - 6TH sashes in each class.

OVERALL CHAMPION rug.

1st-6th Rosettes/prizes.

To be eligible for the Championship, riders must compete in two classes

EVENTING

Eventing classes will not run at the State Championships. A team will be selected for the NSW State Team from combinations who have demonstrated safe and consistent performance in the qualifying period.

Selection Criteria

To be considered for selection:

- Athletes will need to apply for consideration
- The horse and rider combination must have a minimum of 3 MERs for the level for which they wish to be considered.
- The selection period will consider performances during the qualifying period.
- Applications must have been received by 31.3.26 to be considered.
- Where more than six combinations apply for any class, a selection panel will be convened to select combinations that have consistently delivered the lowest penalties across the selection period. Eventing NSW will maintain a list of Junior performances in all official eventing competitions to facilitate the selection and will lead the selection panel.

VAULTING

GENERAL VAULTING RULES:

The 2026 Vaulting component of the State Interschools Competition will be run under the Australian Vaulting Rules - www.nsw.equestrian.org.au It is the competitor's responsibility to know and adhere to these rules.

All entries for Vaulting are through the Nominate Interschool Vaulting entry page. Competitors must familiarise themselves and abide by the General Conditions of Entry for the State Interschool Competition.

Stabling: If stabling is required, please book via the ENSW Interschool entry page or stabling can be carried through from the Vaulting event on the weekend prior.

All Interschool Vaulting enquiries should be directed to Kerrie Stapleton – kerrie.stapleton@bigpond.com

Equestrian NSW is requesting that Vaulting be included in the National Championships in September in line with the other disciplines.

Conditions of entries:

- All Individual, Pas de Deux and Squad classes: will be run over one round.
- Competition Eligibility – pending horse points EA NVR 3.1. Vaulters are eligible to compete in:
 - o Individual: A vaulter may enter 1 individual horse competition with exception of Open, Pre-open, Advanced and Intermediate Vaulters – as per 2026 EA NVR 1.6.1- and 1-barrel competition.
 - o Squad: 1 squad compulsory competition and 1 squad freestyle competition and 1 barrel squad. Reserves can be noted via Nominate club entry at no charge.
 - o Pas De Deux: 1 horse and 1 barrel competition.
- Pas de Deux and Squads: should be made up of school partners where possible.
- Preliminary Introductory Classes: are for vaulters who are relatively new to the sport and would like the choice of competing in Compulsories, or Freestyle or both.
- ENSW State Championships:
 - o This event is a swab-able event under EA rules.
 - o HC is not permitted at this event.
- Arm numbers: a refundable deposit of \$20 per vaulter will be required with your Nominate entry. Squads are to supply their own numbers

Pas de Deux (Horse & Barrel):

- Walk A is for those combinations previously scoring 6.0 or higher.
- Walk B is for those combinations previously scoring up to 6.0.
- Barrel A is for those combinations previously scoring 7.0 or higher.
- Barrel B is for those combinations previously scoring up to 7.0.
- New combinations are encouraged to start at the level best suited to their ability



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Squads:

- Compulsories & Freestyle as per the descriptions in the Vaulting Rules.
- One reserve to be nominated and entered in the competition via Nominate.
- Reserves if desired must be advised prior to the start of the competition.

Show Office:

- Horse papers should be uploaded through Nominate entry, if not already uploaded at State Championships.
- Arm numbers will be available for collection 1 hour prior to the start of the competition.

Music:

- Music should be submitted two weeks prior to the event and details will be forwarded after entries are received. If no music is submitted, music will be provided for you.

Cancellation:

- Cancellation of the event due to extreme weather or regional restrictions, then a full refund less Nominate & venue costs will be provided.

Assistance:

- All Interschool Vaulting enquiries should be directed to
- Kerrie Stapleton – kerrie.stapleton@bigpond.com
- Gillian Burns - gillianthevet@gmail.com

INDIVIDUAL - \$50	PAS DE DEUX \$25 PER VAULTER	SQUAD \$15 PER VAULTER	BARREL CLASSES	BELOW CLASSES \$25
V1 - Open	V8 - Intermediate	V11 - Intermediate Compulsories	V15 - Individual Preliminary	V20 - Introductory Preliminary Compulsories
V2 - Pre-Open	V9 - Walk A	V12 - Intermediate Freestyle	V16 - Individual Pre-Nov/Novice	V21 - Introductory Preliminary Freestyle
V3 - Advanced	V10 - Walk B	V13 - Preliminary Compulsories	V17 - Individual Intermediate/Advanced	V22 - Horse Development
V4 - Intermediate		V14 - Preliminary Freestyle	V18 - Pas de Deux A	
V5 - Novice			V19 - Pas de Deux B	
V6 - Pre-Novice				
V7 - Preliminary				