

NSW STATE INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS



NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Hi all,

Thank you for entering the Equestrian NSW State Interschool Championships. Whether you are competing for the first time or it is your last interschool before leaving school we look forward to welcoming you at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre in April.

Entries are now closed, and we are busily working on the draw for the event. We have had over 290 students enter the event competing in more than 650 different classes – a new record for a State Interschool event!

This newsletter will be published weekly to keep all participants up to date with what is happening with the competition. There will be a Question and Answer (Q&A) section in each newsletter edition where any questions received will be answered. As we have already received some questions you will find that there is a Q&A section at the end of this newsletter.

Many of your questions will be able to be answered by reading the schedule for the event – please ensure that you read this carefully as the rules and requirements contained within are the conditions of entry.



CHILD SAFEGUARDING

This event will comply with Sport Integrity Australia's requirements for Child Safeguarding.

Sport Integrity states:

"It is essential everyone involved with delivering sport in Australia understands the important legal and governance responsibilities they have in relation to child safety. This includes boards, committees, administrators, volunteers, coaches, parents and participants. We have zero tolerance for any behaviour that puts the well-being of children and young people at risk. "

When you complete your entries you will be asked whether you will allow photographs of your child to be taken and used for publicity. Please do not take photos of other people's children without the permission of their parents. If you have particular concerns regarding the photography of your child please advise us.

Further information on Child Safeguarding can be found at: [Safeguarding | Sport Integrity Australia](#)

SAFETY AT SIEC



In addition to the safety rules for riding in your discipline please note that the Sydney International Equestrian Centre (SIEC) is a public facility and the roads, horse and human paths within the facility are considered to be public roads. As such all Road and Traffic laws that apply in NSW apply at SIEC. This includes:

- Driving at the speed limit
- Motorised vehicles (including golf buggies) are only to be operated by licensed drivers
- Electric Scooters are not allowed on site – a copy of the NSW Safety Alert is included at the end of this newsletter.
- If riding a bicycle or unpowered scooter – a helmet **must** be worn. Doubling is not allowed.

Roads and Traffic penalties and fines may apply for breaching these laws.

It is preferred that dogs stay at home. If you need to bring your dog it must be secured at all times, please also ensure that you clean up after your dog.

**The purpose of these safety requirements is to keep our athletes,
their horses and their families safe.**

COMPETITION DRESS

NOTE: Competitors are representing their school

Dressage, CT, Jumping & Show Horse competitors all wear the same uniform – no exceptions.

ATHLETES

- Collared School Shirt
- School Tie
- School Jumper or Vest
- Light Coloured Jodphurs
- Gloves (compulsory for Dressage only)
- Smooth Soled Boots
 - Long or Short + Gaiters (except Show Horse where long boots are only permitted for over 18s).

HORSES

- School or White Saddle cloth (Numnahs are NOT permitted for Show Horse)
- Browbands:
 - Plain, OR
 - Ribbon in school colours
- Saddlery and Tack – as per official discipline rules



COMMUNICATION AND VOLUNTEERING

stack team app



Communication for the event will be via the Stacks Team App and email.

Upload the app on your device – the correct app has symbol on the left. When you are in the app you search for our team – Our team is called “ENSW Interschool Championships”.



ENSW Interschool
Championships

Parents/ carers and athletes are all welcome to join using the email and phone number provided in the entries. All athletes have been uploaded into the system. Parents and carers can request to join and will be approved asap.

You will receive email alerts from the system when information is added.

Like all sports we rely on volunteers – once the draw has been developed a call will go out for volunteers. ENSW will use the “Sign-Up” app for you to register. Volunteers will receive a gift card of either \$25 or \$50 dependant on how much time they are able to provide. The volunteer gift cards are funded by the volunteer levy on all participants.



Q&A

QUESTION	ANSWER
CAMPING	
Are the camping sites powered?	All booked camping sites will have access to power
EVENTING	
Why is there no Eventing this year?	The number of Eventing entries for interschool have traditionally been quite low, whilst the cost of setting up and running the cross-country competition is very high in proportion to all other disciplines. In addition, the risk management requirements for cross-country are much higher than any other discipline and are best managed by people with extensive expertise in this area.

But you ran Eventing at State Championships last year...	ENSW ran Eventing last year as almost all Eventing competitions had been cancelled due to COVID and floods throughout the prior year.
How will the Eventing team be selected for Nationals?	To be selected for the NSW State Team in Eventing children who would like to be considered will need to apply to ENSW with their results up until the 31 st May 2023. ENSW will consult with Eventing NSW to determine the team.
DRESSAGE	
Are callers allowed for dressage tests?	Unfortunately no – as it is a Championship event
How many tests will be doing if I am doing Dressage? Which tests are being used?	For the level that you have selected you will do two tests. The tests are always the B and C tests. E.g. if you are in the Preliminary class you will be riding a 1.2 and 1.3. The exceptions are Prix St Georges and Inter I – where there is only one test. The tests being used are the new 2023 tests and can be found on this page: Dressage Rules & Tests Equestrian Australia
JUMPING	
My child is entering Jumping – do I need to be there both days?	Yes – you will compete in three Jumping competitions at your selected height, and these will be held across both days. If you have entered two consecutive heights you will have two competitions for one height on the Thursday/ one on the Friday and then your second height will have two on the Friday and one on the Thursday. This will enable the ‘three efforts’ per day rule to be managed.
TACK AND UNIFORM	
Show Horse - Can the rider wear spurs in all phases & carry a cane in the rider class?	Yes – there are no unusual or different rules to normal competition at the Championships
Can I wear my normal competition gear?	No – you need to wear the school uniform as outlined above.
What colour helmet should I wear?	This has not been specified – so please wear your normal competition helmets. They must, however, display the yellow EA helmet tag (excepting Show Horse). EA stewards will have helmet tags available if required.

Can I use a cane if the Show Horse led classes	Yes – in line with normal Show Horse rules (ie a short cane)
Do we need to plait our horses?	Yes – for Show Horse, Dressage & CT Dressage
STABLING & DAY STAY	
For a day stay rider can they bring their horse the day before and have a ride/practice on the grounds?	Due to Biosecurity requirements for SIEC every horse that attend must be registered and pay a day stay rate. So unfortunately, no.
I will be stabled at the event. Can I ride my horse on days when I am not competing?	Yes – where and when you will be able to exercise your horse will be communicated closer to the time.

Need more help? Email interschools@ensw.org.au 😊

Best Regards,

The Event Team of ENSW

HELPFUL LINKS

[Dressage Rules & Tests | Equestrian Australia](#)

[2023 eDressage Test Diagram ebook - Prep - Advanced EA tests – EquiDirectory](#) (free download)

[Jumping Rules & Regulations | Equestrian Australia](#)

[Eventing Rules & Regulations | Equestrian Australia](#) – for use in Combined Training

[CLEAN NATIONAL SHOW HORSE RULES JAN 2023.pdf \(equestrian.org.au\)](#)



HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

ELECTRIC SCOOTER USE AT NSW EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

WHAT HAPPENED

At a recent event, a person riding an electric scooter during an event at SIEC lost control and was ejected from the scooter. They sustained serious abdominal injuries and underwent emergency surgery.

ROOT CAUSE: FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Electric scooters are increasingly being used to travel around the grounds at equestrian events with most people being unaware that they are illegal for use except on private property.

SIEC, AELEC, Public Showgrounds, etc are **NOT** Private Property.

NSW Police have issued the flyer on the right to clarify electric scooter use within NSW.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Competitors and their support teams must not bring electric scooters, hoverboards or electric skateboards to equestrian events held on public property.
- Mobility scooters designed for the mobility impaired are allowed.
- Bicycles, motorised bicycles and unpowered scooters are allowed – a helmet must be worn.
- Where events are held on Private Property check with the event coordinator to determine whether electric scooters are permitted under their event risk management plan prior to bringing them to the event. If allowed wearing a helmet would be recommended.

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Devices such as electric scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards are **ILLEGAL in NSW.**

Although a motorised scooter, skateboard, or hoverboard (electric or petrol powered) are considered motor vehicles, they do not satisfy the Australian Design Rules and for this reason, cannot be registered in NSW and are unable to be insured.

These devices cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.



Anyone caught riding a motorised device on a road or road related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$723

Further information is available at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

