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Australia's elite young equestrians head to Horsley Park

2015 Pryde's Easifeed Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships

Australia's elite young equestrians will converge on the Sydney International Equestrian Centre at Horsley Park for the 2015 Pryde's Easifeed Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships, to be staged by Equestrian NSW. The event will take place on Monday 28 September through to Friday 2 October.

A record field of 350 school-aged equestrians from NSW, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory – all of whom have qualified through their respective state and territory championships – will compete in a variety of disciplines including Combined Training, Dressage, Eventing, Jumping and Show Horse. The youngest competitor is eight, the oldest 18.

Equestrian NSW extends its thanks to our generous sponsors who without their support would not be able to run this prestigious event.

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Eventing	FDC Constructions & Fit Out
Combined Training	Promectin Mini Plus
Dressage	Equestrian Australia – Ready Set Trot
Show Horse	John Boyd Properties
Jumping	Godolphin

Bruce Farrar, Equestrian NSW CEO, says the young equestrians competing represent the elite young riders in Australia. "Many of these riders will continue into open competition and some will be likely contenders for Olympic Games and World Championship representation in the future."

“Competitions such as this are vital to help foster the talent in this country. The interschool equestrian movement has been building in Australia for over 20 years and is driven by Equestrian Australia and its state branches” Mr Farrar said.

Event Director Andrea Webb said “this is the largest event to be held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre since the 2000 Olympics.”

Friendly rivalries will come to the fore during the five day event, with each state vying to win the Harry Le Bhertz Overall Trophy (awarded to the state with the highest score across all disciplines) – There will be 82 NSW riders and 88 NSW horses from across traditional equestrian areas of the state, including the Southern Highlands, Hunter Valley, Armidale and the Hawkesbury region.

Nationally and internationally accredited judges and officials will be scrutinising every step during the five days of competition.

2015 Pryde’s Easifeed Australia Interschool Championships schedule:

Monday 28th September Daytime

Arrivals
Horse Inspections

Evening

Opening Ceremony
Welcome BBQ

Tuesday 29th September

Eventing – Dressage phase
Combined Training – Dressage phase
Show Horse – Led and Rider phases
Jumping – all height classes

Evening

Official Welcome Dinner – Il Piatto Restaurant

Wednesday 30 September

Dressage – Freestyle classes
Eventing – Cross Country
Combined Training – Jumping

Jumping – All height classes
Show Horse – Ridden phase

Ready Set Trot Expo – Main Arena

Evening

Presentation
Freestyle Master Class presented by Brett Parbery

Thursday 1 October

Eventing – Jumping phase
Dressage – All classes
Jumping – All height classes

Evening

Presentations
Off The Track Presentation by Scott Brodie

Friday 2 October

Dressage – All classes

Afternoon

Presentations
Closing Ceremony

Spectators are welcome and entry is free.

The 2015 Prydes Easifeed Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships begins on Monday 28 September and runs until Friday 2 October at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Saxony Road, Horsley Park.

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