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**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**AUSTRALIAN JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Australian Jumping Championships are an event conducted for and on behalf of the Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee (EAJC). Organising Committees are invited to submit their expression of interest to conduct the event for the years of 2025 and first option (to be taken up a month after completion of the 2025 event), 2026.

The following are guidelines formulated by the EAJC to assist Organising Committees (OCs) in the conduct of the Australian Championships. The EAJC reserves the right to amend these guidelines at any time.

The Australian Jumping Championships should be an event in its own right, not absorbed into an existing event and should be conducted over a minimum of four and a maximum of 5 consecutive days.

The intent for the National Championships is to present an event that is equivalent to a FEI CSI3\* competition by way of standards and facilities.

These guidelines must be read in conjunction with all relevant EA Rules and Regulations in force at the time of the Australian Jumping Championships.

In the event an OC is not able to meet one or more of the requirements of this EOI they may seek approval from the EAJC to agree to such changes as they may require. The EAJC may agree but shall not be bound to do so and is not able to grant exemptions to the Rules in force at the time of the Australian Jumping Championships.

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**1. ORGANSING COMMITTEE**

**1.1 Contact details**

|  |  |  |
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| Name of Organiser/Club: is the club affiliated or an incorporated body/business | | |
| Organising Committee President/Chair: | | |
| Main contact for EA (Name): | | |
| Address | | |
|  | | |
| Phone:  M –  H – | Fax | Email: |

**1.2 Details of previous events run by the Organising committee/club**

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| Details of previous events run by the Organising Committee: | |
| Date of Show |  |
| Total Prize money offered |  |
| No. of classes and no. of riders (by class if possible) |  |
| No. of spectators for main day |  |
| How was the show promoted? |  |
| Media Coverage (press/radio/TV) |  |

**2 COMPETITION**

**2.1 Event logistics**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year of Championships | 2025 | Interest in 2026 |  | *Circle choice* |
| The planned dates of the Championships  (please put down your preferred date and an alternative) | 1:  2: | | | |
| Levels proposed to be covered | Senior / Young Rider / Junior /Children/Mini Prix/Futurity/Amateur | | | |
| The number of spectators expected | Main day: (please specify)  Other days: | | | |
| Reason why you should be awarded the rights to stage the Championships |  | | | |
| Dates for draft schedule to be submitted (recommend 12 weeks before the event)  Approval process – submission to EAJC for review and approval before publication |  | | | |

**2.2 Venue**

Please give details of facilities available at the venue.

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| **Venue address:** |
| **Competition arenas (please also provide details of any additional competition areas to be used) Outdoors**  Ring 1: Size (meters x meters) 4000 sq m minimum 50m on the short side  Surface:  Ring 2: Size (meters x meters) 4000 sq m minimum 50m on the short side  Surface:  *Please note: Ring 1 must be the required size, it is highly recommended the 2nd ring be the same size to assist your chances of being successful with your application*. |
| **Warm-up arenas: (please also provide details of any additional warm-up areas to be used)**  For Ring 1: Size (meters x meters) 1500 sq m minimum 30m on the short side  Surface:  Distance from Ring 1:  For Ring 2: Size (meters x meters) 1500 sq m minimum 30m on the short side  Surface;  Distance from Ring 2:  Warm-up arena for working on flat  Size (meters x meters) Surface: |

**2.3 Stabling and on ground facilities**

Please give details of facilities available at the venue.

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| **Stabling:** (size of stable box, number, type, provision for stallions, etc.) What type of surface portable stables are to be built on. |
| Wash down bays (number, type, distance from stables) |
| Do you have a **Swabbing Box** that complies with the **Medication Control Rules**? Yes / No |
| **Truck parking** (where, distance from stables and competition arena, security, etc.)  Impact of rain on the parking areas. |
| **Toilets and Showers** (number, distance from truck parking/stabling, etc.) |
| **Camping areas** |
| **Power facilities** |

**2.4 Equipment**

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| Jumping equipment considerations:   * Rails should weigh about 14 kg. * Maximum cup depth should be 20 mm. * Sufficient FEI approved safety cups available for each arena   FEI Approved Safety Cups and Timing equipment:  <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/jumping/safety-timing> |
| In ground water jump and above ground water jump for arena 1  • Plasticine as the landing lath must be used on the in-ground water jump |
| **Timing equipment**: (electronic timing equipment with a visual display is mandatory)  Size of electronic display (Inc. no. of lines and characters)  Scoring software and display:  Other:  FEI Approved Safety Cups and Timing equipment:  <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/jumping/safety-timing> |

**2.5 Officials**

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| Event Director | Name: |
| Contact: |
| Ground Jury (Minimum 3, the Chairman must be from the FEI list, one other member must be minimum EA level 3 |  |
| Suggested Course Designer (FEI 3-4)  **By agreement with EAJC** | Name: 1 |
| Contact: |
|  | Name: 2 |
| Contact: |
| Assistant Course Designers | Provide for up to 3 current Level 2 CD to be Assistants, and nominated on the schedule (this opportunity should be advertised nationally) |
| Chief Steward (from FEI Jumping List) | Name: |
| Contact: |
| Assistant EA Stewards | Provide for up to an additional 3 EA Stewards |
| Veterinary Delegates (from FEI Jumping List) To be appointed 21 days after allocation of the Event | Name: |
| Contact: |
| Name; |
| Contact; |

**2.6 Technical Delegate**

The EAJC will appoint a Technical Delegate, after consultation with the Organising Committee, to assist it in its preparation for and conduct of the Australian Championships (See Chapter 14.1-1.4 Australian Jumping Rules) who shall be appointed 21 days after the allocation of the Event. The technical delegate will operate as per Art 152 and 153 in the EA General Regulations.

The TD will submit a pre-event report to the EAJC 3 weeks prior to the event.

The TD will submit a post event report within 2 weeks of the competition to the EAJC.

Documents are available on <https://www.equestrian.org.au/officials/jumping>

**2.7 Event**

A timetable identifying which horses must present for the entry health check, and fitness inspection must be made available.

**2.8 Prize Money**

Refer to EA National Rules Chapter 14 – Australian Jumping Championships (extract below):

***14.2 Prize money***

*2.1 The Event must have a minimum total prize pool of $60,000; a minimum of $20,000 in total, must be allocated to the three Competitions constituting the Senior Australian Jumping Championships.*

*2.2 Prize money for all Competitions constituting the Australian Championships will be distributed according to the following table.*

**2.9 Entries**

All entries in the Championship classes must be accepted with a stable available per horse.

Cost of entry fees and acceptances to be provided.

**2.10 Competitions**

Only the Championship competitions may be run over 2 Qualifiers with a Final competition over two rounds. (As per rules)

The final class is only relevant to the overall placings in the Championship and cannot be run as a class in its own right.

Mini Prix/Futurity/Amateur Championships to be run according to attached rules.

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| ° of starters | up to 20 | | 21-24 | | 25-28 | | 29-32 | | 33-36 | | 37-40 | | 41-44 | | | 45-48 | | **over 48** | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **N° of prizes** | **5** | | **6** | | **7** | | **8** | | **9** | | **10** | | **11** | | | **12** | | **more than 12** | |
| Winner | 27% | Prize in kind | 26% | Prize in kind | 25% | Prize in kind | 25% | Prize in kind | 25% | Prize in kind | 25% | Prize in kind | 25% | Prize in kind | 25% | | Prize in kind | 25% | Prize in kind |
| 2nd | 23% | 32% | 22% | 30% | 21% | 28% | 20% | 27% | 20% | 27% | 20% | 27% | 20% | 27% | 20% | | 27% | 20% | 27% |
| 3rd | 19% | 26% | 18% | 25% | 17% | 23% | 15% | 20% | 15% | 20% | 15% | 20% | 15% | 20% | 15% | | 20% | 15% | 20% |
| 4th | 17% | 23% | 15% | 20% | 13% | 17% | 12% | 15% | 11% | 14% | 10% | 13% | 10% | 13% | 10% | | 13% | 10% | 13% |
| 5th | 14% | 19% | 11% | 14% | 10% | 13% | 9% | 12% | 8% | 11% | 8% | 11% | 7% | 9% | 7% | | 9% | 7% | 9% |
| 6th |  |  | 8% | 11% | 8% | 11% | 8% | 11% | 7% | 9% | 7% | 9% | 6% | 8% | 6% | | 8% | 6% | 8% |
| 7th |  |  |  |  | 6% | 8% | 6% | 8% | 6% | 8% | 5% | 7% | 5% | 7% | 5% | | 7% | 5% | 7% |
| 8th |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5% | 7% | 5% | 7% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 5% | 4% | | 5% | 4% | 5% |
| 9th |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 3% | | 4% | 8% to be dist. Between  remainders | 11% to be dist. between  remainders |
| 10th |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 2% | | 3% |
| 11th |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2% | 3% | 2% | | 3% |
| 12th |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1% | | 1% |
| **TOTAL** | 100% | | 100% | | 100% | | 100% | | 100% | | 100% | | 100% | | | 100% | | 100% | |

**3. COMMERCIAL**

**3.1 Media**

The OC must prepare a media and communication plan and implementation strategy 3 months prior to the event.

It is the OCs responsibility to ensure there is a dedicated press center (with internet connection) available at the event as well as adequate accreditation to provide media access to the event. The OC should liaise with EA to ensure all press needs are catered for in the lead up to and at the event.

**3.2 Marketing and branding**

EA assigns the rights to marketing of the event to the Organising Committee. Equestrian Australia logo is to be used as part of all marketing collateral and should adhere to EA’s brand guidelines.

All marketing collateral, including specific logo designs, should be sent through to EA for approval allowing for a minimum 3-day approval process.

EA branding should form part of the event promotion including:

* 4-6 EA arena signs displayed
* Display of pull up banners at corporate hospitality marquees and functions
* PA/MC recognition
* Display of advert on big screen (if applicable)
* Logo recognition across all marketing collateral including event program, website, big screen, posters and other
* Program advertising

**3.3 Corporate hospitality**

The OC will invite the EA CEO, EA Chair, EA High Performance Manager, National Performance Director, National Jumping Selection Panel members, and any other key personnel to all special functions held as part of the event.

**3.4 Post Event Reporting**

The OC to provide a full post event report including financial report outlining the profit and loss, attendance numbers and sponsorship obligations within 2 months of the completion of the event.

**4. FUNDING**

**4.1** Funding may be available through your State Branch. Please contact them to discuss.

**4.2 Sponsorship**

EA will grant sponsorship rights to the host Organising Committee – including naming rights.

**5. BUDGET**

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| The Organising Committee to supply a detailed budget for submission and inclusion in the host agreement.  *Please note: This budget template is designed for major sporting events. Please modify for other events/projects.* |

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| **Item** | **Expenditure $** |  | **Income $** |
| **Income** |  |  |  |
| EA Branch Contribution |  |  |  |
| Sponsors |  |  |  |
| Government Grants |  |  |  |
| Ticketing/Gate fees |  |  |  |
| **Expenditure** |  |  |  |
| Accommodation |  |  |  |
| Administration |  |  |  |
| Advertising/promotion |  |  |  |
| Airlines/travel |  |  |  |
| Bid |  |  |  |
| Catering for Volunteers, etc. |  |  |  |
| Ceremonies |  |  |  |
| Design |  |  |  |
| Displays |  |  |  |
| Endorsements/licensing |  |  |  |
| Entertainment |  |  |  |
| Entry/Registration fees |  |  |  |
| Equipment hire |  |  |  |
| ~~Fees to FEI/EA~~ |  |  |  |
| Hospitality (VIPs, sponsors, etc.) |  |  |  |
| Insurance |  |  |  |
| Media |  |  |  |
| Medical |  |  |  |
| Presentations |  |  |  |
| Security |  |  |  |
| Stabling |  |  |  |
| Organising Committee Expense |  |  |  |
| Venue hiring |  |  |  |
| Contingency @ 10% |  |  |  |
| Other (Officials fees, clinic) |  |  |  |
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| GST Net Liability |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |
|  | **$** |  | **$** |

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Organising Committee will need to submit a risk management plan 6 months prior to the event. The risk management plan needs to include provisions for:

* The appointment of a person responsible for safety and risk management at the event (where no one in particular is appointed, the Event Director or the Club President assumes this responsibility).
* Contact details of emergency personnel and agencies such as first aid and ambulance services, police and fire brigade, nearby hospitals, treating vet, farrier, etc.
* Provision on-site of some of these services, possibly including an emergency management system that outlines what should happen.
* The identification of risks for the event, including the competition(s) and, of course, the venue.
* The documentation of the measures proposed to deal with the identified risk.
* A system to ensure the waiver/release forms are signed by participants as appropriate.
* An incident reporting system that is communicated to all involved in the event.
* An incident/accident investigation system that helps prevent a recurrence of the incident.

**7. RULES**

*The National Championships must be run in accordance with the EA National Jumping Rules and the EA General Regulations.*

See

CHAPTER 14 - AUSTRALIAN JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS in the EA National Rules which can be found here: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/jumping-rules>

EA General Regulations can be found here: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>

**Acceptance of Agreement:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ accept the terms and conditions of agreement set out above:

|  |  |  |
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| Signed by: |  | Signed for and on behalf of  Equestrian Australia |
|  |  |  |
| Dated |  |  |
|  |  | Dated: |

## CHAPTER 14 - AUSTRALIAN JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**(RULES BELOW INCLUDED IN BLUE ARE STILL SUBJECT TO APPROVAL)**

**14.1 General**

* 1. The following are Rules formulated by the Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee (EAJC) to assist Organising Committees in the conduct of the Australian Championships. The EAJC reserves the right to amend these Rules at any time.
  2. The Australian Jumping Championships is an Event conducted for and on behalf of the Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee (EAJC).
  3. The Organising Committee (OC) is required to conduct the event within the Rules published by the EAJC.
  4. The EAJC will appoint a Technical Delegate to assist the OC in its preparation for and conduct of the Australian Championships. The Organising Committee will advise the EAJC within 14 days of being granted the conduct of the Championships of their nomination for TD.
  5. The Organising Committee must comply with the directions of the Technical Delegate appointed by the EAJC.
  6. The Australian Jumping Championships should be an Event in its own right, not absorbed into an existing Event.
  7. The Australian Championships should be conducted over a minimum of four consecutive days.

**14.2 Prize money**

* 1. The Event must have a minimum total prize pool of $60,000; a minimum of

$20,000 in total, must be allocated to the three Competitions constituting the Senior Australian Jumping Championships.

* 1. Prize money for all Competitions constituting the Australian Championships will be distributed according to the following table.

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| 7th |  |  |  |  | 6% | 8% | 6% | 8% | 6% | 8% | 5% | 7% | 5% | | 7% | 5% | | 7% | 5% | 7% |
| 8th |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5% | 7% | 5% | 7% | 4% | 5% | 4% | | 5% | 4% | | 5% | 4% | 5% |
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| 10th |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3% | 4% | 3% | | 4% | 2% | | 3% |
| 11th |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2% | | 3% | 2% | | 3% |
| 12th |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | 1% | | 1% |
| TOTAL | 100% | | 100% | | 100% | | 100% | | 100% | | 100% | | | 100% | | | 100% | | 100% | |

* 1. **Arena**
  2. All Competitions are to be conducted outdoors.
  3. The minimum size of the competition arena is 4,000 square metres, with a minimum width on the short side of 50m.
  4. The minimum size of the warm-up arena is 1,500 square metres with a minimum width on the short side of 30m.
  5. The Technical Delegate in conjunction with the OC and the Chief Steward will determine at what times the warm-up will be opened and the maximum number of horses allowed in the warm-up arena at any one time.
  6. Additional arena space for warming up on the flat must be provided on a suitable surface.

**14.4** **Championship Divisions and Competition Format**

4.1 The OC is required to conduct Championships for the following divisions.

* + - Australian Senior Jumping Championship.
    - Australian Young Rider Jumping Championship
    - Australian Junior Jumping Championship.
* Australian Children’s Championship
* Mini Prix Jumping Championship
* Futurity Jumping Championship
* Amateur Jumping Championship

4.2 The following rules are to be used for all Championship Competitions.

4.3 The Championship comprises Three Competitions, two Qualifying Competitions and a Final Competition, each taking place on a different day. For the Senior Australian Championship there must be a break of one day between the Second and Third Competitions. It is recommended that for the other Championships, that where possible, there is a break of one day between the Second and Third Competitions

4.3.2 The following rules are to be used for Mini Prix, Futurity and Amateur divisions.

4.3.3 Special Two-Phase Competition, Competitions to be run on 2 separate days. 50% or a minimum of the 20 best athletes will qualify for the final.

4.3.4 Scratchings or withdrawals up to a maximum of 5 athletes may be replaced.

4.3.5 Order of starting in the final is seeded, based on the placings in the qualifying competition.

4.3.6 This Competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.

4.3.7 The first phase is a course of five to seven obstacles with or without combinations. The total number of obstacles in both phases is a minimum of 11 and maximum of 13 obstacles. The second phase may include one combination.

4.3.8 Athletes completing the first phase may continue in the second phase.

4.3.9 The second phase finishes after crossing its finishing line.

4.3.10 This Competition must be judged in accordance with the following formula:

**First Phase**

Table A

Not against the clock

Minimum 5 - Maximum 7 Obstacle

**Second Phase**

Table A

Against the clock

Remaining obstacles

(Total of minimum 11 and obstacles and maximum 13 obstacles in both phases)

**Placing**

According to the aggregate penalties in both phases (Faults on obstacles and penalties for exceeding the time allowed in both phases) and, if necessary, according to the time of the second phase.

4.3.11 Athletes who are eliminated, retire or do not finish, from either the first or second phase will not be placed.

4.3.12 In the event of equality for first place, the tied Athletes will be placed equal first.

QUALIFICATION FOR FINAL

4.3.13 In order to fulfil the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Final (see JRs Art. 261.4.4) both phases of the Competition conducted according to Art. 274.2.5 must be completed.

4.3.14 Winner of the **final competition** will be the **Australian Champion.**

4.4 The obstacle dimensions and speed of the competitions are to be advised in the Championship schedule. The maximum heights for the competitions are:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Division** | **First Qualifier** | **Second Qualifier** | **Final** |
| Children | 1.05m | 1.10m | 1.15m |
| Junior | 1.25m | 1.30m | 1.35m |
| Young Rider | 1.35m | 1.40 m | 1.45m |
| Senior | 1.50m | 1.55m | 1.60m |
| Mini Prix | 1.40m | 1.45m | 1.50m |
| Futurity | 1.30m | 1.35m | 1.40m |
| Amateur | 1.10m | 1.15m | 1.20m |

4.5 Entry Fee

For each of the four Competitions constituting the Australian Championships only one entry fee must be charged for the first and second Qualifying Competitions. A single entry fee will be charged and Athletes qualifying for the third and Final Competition will be required to pay an acceptance fee.

* 1. Draws
     1. A random draw will be conducted for Competition one.

4.6.2 For the second qualifying competition Athletes will start in the reverse order of points obtained from the first Competition.

* + - 1. The starting order in Round A of the Third and Final Competition is according to the reverse order of penalties (i.e. points transformed into penalties) after the Second Qualifying Competition.

4.7Allocation of Points for the First and Second Qualifying Competitions. The winner of each Competition gets one point more than the number of starters in the First Qualifying Competition. The second placed gets two points less than the winner, the third placed three points less than the winner, and so on.

*Athletes eliminated or retiring:* Athletes who have been eliminated or have retired in the initial round of the first two Competitions do not get points and are not eligible for the third and final Competition

*Equality of points among Athletes:* Points won by Athletes who are tied are added up and divided equally. Fractions of 0.5 and more are rounded up; fractions of less than 0.5 are rounded down.

*Transformation of points to penalties*

After the Second Qualifying Competition points are transformed into penalties. The Athlete with the highest number of points after the two Competitions will have 0 penalties. For all other Athletes the number of penalties will be calculated by multiplying with the coefficient of 0.50 the difference between their number of points and the points of the leading Athlete after the two Competitions.

In this procedure all decimals are rounded down.

*Classification*

The overall Champion will be the Athlete with the lowest number of penalties after the three Competitions.

An Athlete who qualifies for Round B of the third and Final Competition but who does not start in Round B will be ranked equal with other Athletes who started in Round B and are eliminated or retired in Round B of the Final Competition.

If Athletes are tied for first place after the three Competitions, there will be a jump-off against the clock over a reduced course of at least six obstacles. In case of equality of penalties and time in this jump-off a second jump-off, against the clock, will be held over the same course.

Athletes not in the jump-off but tying on penalties will be separated for the purpose of the Final overall classification by their time in the second round of the Third Competition.

If due to any unforeseen circumstances the third and Final Competition is unable to be run the Championships will be awarded to the Athlete/s with the highest number of points after the first two Competitions.

If the Second Qualifying Competition is not completed no Championship will be awarded.

*Starting order for Second Qualifying Competition and Final*

In the Second Qualifying Competition, the starting order is according to the reverse order of points allocated after the First Qualifying Competition. The starting order in Rounds A and B of the Third Competition is, respectively, according to the reverse order of penalties (i.e. points transformed into penalties) after the second Qualifying Competition, and after Round A of the Third Competition.

Athletes with equality of points (after the first Qualifying Competition) or penalties (after the second Qualifying Competition or after Round A of the Third Competition) will retain the same starting order among themselves as in the previous Competition or round, whichever is applicable.

**14.5 Qualification**

5.1 Horses/Riders

5.1.1 For the Senior Championship horses must be eight years old and over on first day of Competition.

5.1.2 For the Senior Championship horses must have won or placed top 5, 1.45m and above in the previous twelve months.

5.1.3 For the Young Rider Championship horse/rider combinations must have won or placed top 5, 1.30m and above in the previous twelve months.

5.1.4 For the Junior Championship horse/rider combinations must have won or placed top 5, 1.20m and above in the previous twelve months.

5.1.5 For the Childrens Championship horse/rider combinations must have won or placed top 5, 1.00m and above in the previous twelve months.

5.1.6 A new combination can apply to the EAJC for a dispensation from the above qualifications. Dispensations must be submitted in writing at least 2 weeks prior to close of entries providing details of the rider and horse including a record of results, the highest level competed, how long the combination has been together.

* 1. **Championship Competitions**

6.1 The design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability must be approved by the Technical Delegate and Course Designer. The minimum diameter of poles used in all Championship Competitions must be at least 9 cm. Should a dispute arise relating to these obstacles, the Technical Delegate has the final decision.

6.2 The water jump must be used in the first qualifier with rails above, and without rails in the first round of the final competition of the Championship for Seniors, Young Riders and Juniors. For Seniors it must be dug in. An above ground water jump is allowed for Young Riders and Juniors.

No water jump is allowed in Children’s Championship.

*First Qualifying Competition*

The starting order for the first Competition is a random draw conducted by the Ground Jury in the presence of the Technical Delegate

This First Qualifying Competition is conducted over a Table A course and judged under Table C (JRs Art. 239 and 263) without a jump-off in the event of equality for first place.

The first qualifying competition for the Children’s’ Championship will be conducted under table A against the clock. Article 238 2.1. Speed 350m per minute. There will be no jump-off in the event of equality for first place.

Athletes will be allocated points for their placing according to penalties and time.

Obstacles:Twelve to 14 obstacles, including two doubles.

Height: As per the table in 14.4.4 with the spread in proportion to the height Length: 500 m minimum, 600 m maximum.

Starting Order: random draw

*Second Qualifying Competition*

Conduct, Table, Speed**:** This Second Qualifying Competition is conducted over one round run under Table A against the clock at a speed of 375 m per minute for Seniors and Young Riders and 350m per minute for Juniors with one jump-off. (JRs Article 238 2.2)

Athletes and Horses which are tied for first place at the conclusion of the first round will jump off against the clock.

Obstacles:Twelve to 14 obstacles, including one double and one treble or two or three doubles, as per the table in 14.4.4, with the spread in proportion to the height.

A maximum of two spread obstacles with a width of one metre or less may be used. At least two vertical obstacles must be maximum in height.

Sloping walls do not count as compulsory vertical obstacles.

Length: 500 m minimum, 700 m maximum.

Starting order for the Second Qualifying Competition*:* In the Second Qualifying Competition, the starting order is according to the reverse order of points allocated after the First Qualifying Competition. Only the Athletes and Horses, which have taken part in the first Competition, may take part in Second Qualifying Competition.

*Third and Final Competition*

50% or the 20 best placed Athletes (to be specified in the schedule) after the second qualifying Competition qualify for the first round (A) of the Third and Final Competition. Athletes on the same penalties for the last position will all be eligible to start in the Round A of the Final.

If there are less than 20 athletes who have elected to start in Round A of the Final they will be replaced by the next best placed athlete. A maximum of five athletes may be replaced.

Fifteen Athletes will return for Round B.

Conduct, Table, Speed:The Third and Final Competition is conducted over two rounds (A) and (B) each judged under Table A against the clock with a time allowed at a speed of 375 m per minute for Seniors and Young Riders and 350m per minute for Juniors (Art 273 3.3.2; Art 273 2.2).

Round A Obstacles: Ten to 12 obstacles, including one double and one treble or three doubles. The water jump must be used in the first qualifier with rails above, and without rails in the first round of the final competition of the Championship for Seniors, Young Riders and Juniors. For Seniors it must be dug in. An above ground water jump is allowed for Young Riders and Juniors.

Height: As per the table in 14.4.4, with the spread in proportion to the height. At least two vertical obstacles, which must be at maximum height. Water Jump must be used (see Art. 324.3): maximum 3.6 metres (including the take-off element). Length: 500 m minimum, 600 m maximum.

Starting Order: The starting order in Round A of the Third and Final Competition is according to the reverse order of penalties (i.e. points transformed into penalties) after the Second Qualifying Competition.

Round B: A different course from Round A comprising eight to ten obstacles including only one combination (one double or one treble). Round B must be able to be walked at the same time as Round A.

Height: As per the table in 14.4.4, with the spread in proportion to the height. At least two vertical obstacles, which must be at maximum height.

A water jump may not be included, but an obstacle with water beneath, in front or behind (a so called (“Liverpool’)) may be included in the course.

Length: 400 m minimum, 500 m maximum.

Participation: At the completion of Round A of the Third and Final Competition the 15 best placed athletes qualify for the second round, Round (B) of the Final.

Athletes on the same penalties for the fifteenth position will all be eligible to start in Round B of the final.

Athletes who elect not to start in Round B will not be replaced and will be placed equal.

The starting order in Round B of the Third and Final Competition is, according to the reverse order of penalties (i.e. points transformed into penalties) after the Second Qualifying Competition, and after Round A of the Third and Final Competition.

No other class will be run in conjunction with the Third and Final Competition.

**14.7 Eligibility**

7.1 Child Athlete: An Athlete is eligible for the Children’s Championships from the commencement of the year of their 10th birthday until the end of the year of their 14th year.

7.2 Junior Athlete: An Athlete is considered a Junior Athlete from the commencement of the year of their 12th birthday until the end of the year of their 18th birthday.

7.3 Young Rider: An Athlete is considered a Young Rider from the commencement of the year of their 16th birthday until the end of the year of their 21st birthday.

7.4 Senior Rider: An Athlete is considered a Senior Athlete from the commencement of the year of their 18th birthday until the end.

7.5 An Athlete may compete in two consecutive divisions, i.e. Children and Junior, Junior and Young Rider or Young Rider and Senior.

7.6 Athletes whose age allows them to compete in two divisions may do so but on different Horses.

7.7 An Athlete may ride no more than three Horses in any one division but OC may restrict number of Horses per Athlete in any one division.

**14.8 Australian Speed Championships**

4.1. In addition to the Australian Championships Organising Committees may also conduct Competitions for the Australian Speed Championships for Seniors, Young Riders and Juniors.

4.2 The Australian Speed Championships will be conducted in one Competition under Table C (239), Speed and Handiness (263)

**14.9 Officials**

**9.1 Ground Jury**

9.1.1 The Ground Jury shall consist of a President and a number of Judges of the appropriate categories selected from the list of FEI/EA Judges. The Ground Jury is responsible for the technical judging of all Competitions for which it is appointed.

9.1.2 The period of jurisdiction of a Ground Jury extends from one hour before the start of the Competition or the Event until half an hour after the announcement of the final results of the Competition or Event for which the Ground Jury has been appointed. If an objection is made during the period of jurisdiction the Ground Jury remains responsible until the objection has been settled.

9.1.3 The President of the Ground Jury must be from the list of FEI Officials.

9.1.4 The duties of the Ground Jury are set out in Article 159 of the Equestrian Australia General Regulations 7.2.

**9.2 Course Designer**

9.2.1 Course Designers for National Championships must be selected from the FEI List of Course Designers and appointed with the agreement of the EAJC.

9.2.2 The Course Designer is responsible to the Technical Delegate - for laying out the course, building any obstacles and for measuring the course.

9.2.3 The Course Designer must report to the Technical Delegate - when satisfied that the course is ready in all respects.

9.2.4 A Course Designer may not compete in any Competition at a National Championship for which he has acted as Course Designer.

**9.3 Technical Delegate**

9.3.1 A Technical Delegate must be appointed by the EAJC for all EA National Championship Events, and are to be selected from the official EA lists.

9.3.2 Technical Delegates are required to approve all the administrative arrangements for an Event from the time of their appointment until the end of the Event. They must commence their duties early enough to be able to satisfy themselves that the accommodation and the stabling for the horses, and the training area etc, are suitable in all respects.

9.3.3 Any proposed visits to be made by the Technical Delegate, between the time of appointment and the beginning of the Event, must be arranged with the agreement of the Chairman of the EAJC.

9.3.4 The Technical Delegate should be at the venue of the Event at least on the day before the start of the first Competition.

9.3.5 The Technical Delegate has the following duties and responsibilities at the Event:

9.3.5.1 To inspect the course and arenas and to satisfy himself that the technical details are in accordance with the Regulations and Rules.

9.3.5.2 To be satisfied that the course is fair and that knowledge of local conditions would not give an unfair advantage.

9.3.5.3 To instruct the OC and the Course Designer to make any alterations to the arena or the course, or to any technical detail associated with the conduct of the Competition that he or she considers necessary.

9.3.5.4 To help the Ground Jury to supervise the technical conduct of the Competition after indicating to the President of the Ground Jury satisfaction with the arrangements.

**9.4 Veterinary Delegates**

9.4.1 Veterinary Delegate must be appointed for all National Championship Events and OC’s must notify EAJC 14 days prior to the event of the appointed Veterinary Delegate/s

9.4.2 EA maintains records of all FEI Event Veterinarians.

**9.5**  **Stewards**

9.5.1 The OCs of Events must appoint a Chief Steward and an appropriate number of Stewards under the authority of the Chief Steward wearing distinctive badges or other identification, with complete freedom of access to all areas mentioned in 9.5.3 below.

9.5.2 OCs are responsible for the administration and organisation of the Chief Steward and the Stewards. Any irregularities must be reported immediately by the Chief Steward to the President of the Ground Jury.

9.5.3 During the whole Event in every part of the stables, exercise and schooling areas, collecting rings and all other areas under the control of the OC, the Chief Steward and the Stewards officiating at the Event shall:

9.5.3.1 assist the Athletes in their reasonable training;

9.5.3.2 where reasonably practical, intervene in time in order to prevent any abuse of the horse by riders, grooms, owners or any other person;

9.5.3.3 where reasonably practical, intervene in order to prevent any contravention of EA Regulations and Rules or of the common principles of behaviour, fairness and accepted standard of sportsmanship;

9.5.3.4 be familiar and assist with medication control rules and procedures.

9.5.4 One Steward must be on duty at the collecting ring whenever it is in use.

9.5.5 Any irregularities must be reported immediately by the Chief Steward to the President of the Ground Jury.

9.5.6 At National Championships the Chief Steward is required to send a report to the CEO on the stewarding of the Event as a whole and on any incident which occurs during that event. A copy of the report must be given to the Steward General and to the President of the OC of the event.

9.5.7 The Chief Steward must be a person experienced in equestrian sports, particularly in the Sport of the Event where appointed to officiate. The name of the appointed Chief Steward should be published in the Schedule and in the program of the Event.

9.5.8 Stewards are Event Officials. The Chief Steward must be from the list of FEI Officials

**14.10 Timing Equipment**

Electronic timing equipment with a visual display is mandatory.

**14.11 Speed of Competitions**

The speed of all competitions for the Australian Championships will be determined by the Course Designer and the Technical Delegate after considering the size of the jumping arena.

**14.12 Horse Inspections**

All Athletes competing in the Senior Championship and the Young Rider Championships must present their own Horse(s) at the first Horse Inspection, which will be held on the day preceding the first qualifying Competition, and at the second Horse Inspection, which will be held after the second qualifying Competition and prior to the final.

Any Athlete, who fails to present his Horse in person at either of these inspections without first obtaining the permission of the Technical Delegate or his representative, will be fined $100.00. Horses not presented for a Horse Inspection are not eligible to start.

**14.13 Medication Control**

13.1 Medication Control is mandatory - Sampling of the winner and one or two random samples must be conducted in accordance with EA Rules for medication control.

13.2 An appropriate area for Medication Control sampling must be provided by the OC and approved by the Technical Delegate and Veterinary Delegate.