Equestrian Australia Interschool Rule Summary – Effective 1st January 2024

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule	
1	Introduction	policies references	Interschool operates under the rules and guidelines of the Equestrian Australia disciplines of Dressage, Jumping, Eventing and Show Horse. The National Sport Rules are to be followed by all affiliated organisations conducting Interschool events. Interschool competitions are governed under Equestrian Australia's Child Safeguarding Policy Dec 2021 and relevant State or Territory Child Safe Legislation. All organising committees, judges, officials, competitors and parents must abide by these policies. All EA events are subject to the EA Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct can be accessed on the EA website here .	
2	DEFINITIONS	Clarify the definition		
	School	of a secondary student	School - A school is defined as one that is registered as a school as part of the State's Education System. It includes home school, distance education and school of the air but does not include TAFE, University or other technical colleges.	
			School- Riders must be currently enrolled in a registered primary or secondary school or registered with the state or territory's education system in the case of home schooling or distance education. Secondary school riders may compete in their final year of secondary study (Year 12) or up to the end of the year they turn 19, whichever comes first.	
3.2	Events	Include specific interschool rules	All Interschool qualifying events and championships are run under current EA rules- and any further rules applicable to Interschool.	
6.2	Child Protection Policy	Add in of officials needing to hold WWC	Wording to be standard Equestrian Australia policy.	
7.1	Athletes		Athletes must hold the appropriate level of EA membership and be currently enrolled as a primary or secondary student in a school as defined on page 4.	

7.2	Horses	Remove word State	From 01 July 2011 All horses participating in the Australian Interschool Championships must be registered and have a
		Add stallians	microchip meeting Australian Standard AS5018/5019 inserted.
			Registered horses must be entered for events in their full registered names and their registered EA number must be provided.
			For registration requirements for other Interschool Events please refer enquiries to the relevant State Branch. Stallions are NOT permitted at any Interschool competitions.
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8.7	Presentations	General presentations	Presentation of ribbons and rosettes may be presented at the end of the class. Rugs are not to be presented mounted.
9	COMPETITIONS	9.1 Starts Per Day	Horses are restricted to the following starts per day and must be in accordance with National Disciplines Rules and regardless of the discipline these are offered under:
			Dressage – may compete in two dressage tests per day only
			Eventing – may compete in one class only
			Combined Training – may compete in one class only
			Jumping – may compete in two classes per day (two consecutive heights) only
			Show Horse – may compete in one class only
			No horse is to undertake more than three competitive starts per day across disciplines.

9.2.3	Jumping	Update SJ article	9.2.3 Special Two-Phase				
			Article 274. 5. 6				
			This competition comprise	s two phases run without interr	uption, each at an identical or different spe	ed, the finishing	
			line for the first phase beir	ng identical with the starting line	e for the second phase.		
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				first phase may only be placed lace, the tied athletes will be pl	after athletes who have taken part in both- aced equal first.	phases. In the	
			274 2 – Special Two-Phase	Competition under Table A			
			 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. 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. Athletes completing the first phase may continue in the second phase. The second phase finishes after crossing its finishing line. This Competition must be judged in accordance with the following formula: 				
			First Phase	Second Phase	Placing		
			Table A Not against the clock Minimum 5 – Maximum 7 obstacles	Table A Against the clock Remaining obstacles (total of minimum 11 and maximum 13 obstacles in both phases)	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 2nd phase.		

9.4	Combined Training	Allow choice of current dressage tests at O.C. discretion.	Combined Training is run under Eventing Rules, with dressage and jumping phases only. Further information is available in the EA National Eventing Rules Annex J. Combined Training. The OC can choose if Eventing Discipline tests or Dressage Discipline Tests are used as per the rules but the Eventing test 2018 FEI CCI1*t should be used for the 1* class. The O.C. can choose to use the current Eventing Discipline tests or Dressage Discipline tests per Annexe A – Dressage of the EA National Eventing Rules. Only one level of Combined Training will be offered at the Australian Interschool Championships. NOTE: Primary and Secondary school riders that choose to compete in eventing at the Australian Interschool Championships are ineligible to compete in Combined Training on the same horse.
10.1.1	Schedule	Approval and timetable check	The draft schedule must be submitted to the EA Office EAIC for approval at least three (3) months prior to the event. The proposed classes and draft timetable for the Australian Championships must be submitted to the EAIC at least 6 months prior to the event, to ensure there is sufficient time for States to run championships and selection processes. Consideration of potential horse welfare issues will be considered at this time.
10.1.2	State Teams	Withdrawal and team substitutions	If a withdrawal of team athlete occurs less than one month prior to the commencement of the championships, the place may only be filled from within the existing team members or listed reserve riders.
10.3	Competition	Update of additional classes National championships	Primary Championship Jumping addition of 70cm as a National Event Combined Championships Addition of CT2* -115cm jumping as a National Event
10.3	Competition	Correction	Secondary Championships Dressage Small Tour Championship x 2 tests, Prix St Georges and Intermediate I Remove Prix St George and Intermediate 1 as individual championships.

10.2.4	Pool Horses	Addition to restrict in regard to horse welfare	Pool/Borrowed horses are permitted to compete in multiple disciplines with a recommendation of two classes per horse but may compete in a maximum of three classes per horse at the owner's agreement. The O.C. may require the rider to make a choice where three classes cannot be accommodated in the scheduling.
10.2.5 to 7.2	Stallions	Remove from Australian Championships, insertion for all Interschool rules	7.2 Horses Stallions are NOT permitted at Australian Interschool competitions. 10.2.5 Stallions Stallions are NOT permitted at Australian Interschool competitions.
11.6	Presentations	Rider attendance at Australian Championships	All athletes at the Australian Interschool Championships are expected to attend presentations. The organising committee will advise the schedule of presentations. Mounted presentations are not to be held at any Australian Interschool Championships events.
11.2	Individual Champions	Revise SJ class used in equality at Australian Championships	Show Jumping - In the event of equality the rider with the higher ranking in the Two-Phase Article 274 5.3 Competition Against the Clock, Article 238.2.2 One Round with a Jump off shall be placed highest. If equality still remains riders are awarded equal placing and share equal points.
11.4	Champion State Team	Team recognition relevant to the number of entrants form each state	The Harry le Bherz Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the state with the highest accumulated individual rider points across dressage, eventing, combined training, show horse and show jumping for all state team members. A Team prize will be awarded to the state placed highest based on a system considering overall points and the number of team members and possible classes entered.