



2024 INTERSCHOOL QUALIFYING

Guidelines



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Welcome to Interschools 2024

QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

Equestrian Western Australia is pleased to host the 2024 Interschool Equestrian State Championships and Participation Championships.

Competing at the State Championships is a pre-requisite for selection to the Team to represent Western Australia at the Australian Interschool Equestrian State Championships in Tamworth in 2024.

In turn, it is necessary to have at least one qualifying performance to compete at the State Championships. This is to ensure that the combination (horse and rider) can compete at the level for which they are entering and to ensure the safety of competitors.

The Qualification period is from close of entries for 2023 Interschools (20 March 2023) to close of entries for 2024 Interschools (provisionally 25 March 2023).

Please also note that qualifications are required for some classes even if they are not National qualifying events.

Qualifications can be gained at:

- EA affiliated events
- Pony Club WA affiliated events (being officiated/judged by EA officials)
- Dressage Training days held at EA affiliated clubs where EA Judges are used.
- 2023 State Interschool Championships
- 2023 National Interschool Championships

Please keep a record of your Performances obtained during the Qualification period.

In this document you will find:

1. A list of WA Interschool Equestrian State Championship classes that require qualification.
2. General information regarding qualification
3. Information regarding exemptions
4. Qualification information by discipline (with a handy checklist)
5. EWA affiliated events that do not require judge/official sign off
6. Contact information

INTERSCHOOL CLASSES REQUIRING QUALIFICATION

Class	Competitor	Participant
COMBINED TRAINING		
Primary Combined Training – 45cm	Y	N
Primary Combined Training – 60cm	Y	N
Primary Combined Training – 80cm	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 60cm	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 80cm	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 95cm	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 105cm	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training - 115cm	Y	
DRESSAGE		
Primary Preparatory	N	N
Primary Preliminary	Y	N
Primary Novice	Y	N
Secondary Preparatory	N	N
Secondary Intermediate Preliminary	Y	-
Secondary Intermediate Novice	Y	-
Secondary Senior Preliminary	Y	-
Secondary Senior Novice	Y	-
Secondary Elementary	Y	-
Secondary Medium	Y	-
Secondary Advanced	Y	-
Secondary Prix St George	Y	-
Secondary Intermediate 1	Y	-
EVENTING		
Primary EvA65	Y	-
Primary EvA80	Y	-
Secondary EvA65	Y	-
Secondary EvA80	Y	-
Secondary EvA95	Y	-
Secondary CCN1*-)	Y	-
Secondary CCN2*-S	Y	-
JUMPING		
Primary 45cm	-	N
Primary 60cm	Y	N
Primary 70cm	Y	N
Primary 80cm	Y	N
Primary 90cm	Y	N
Secondary 60cm	Y	N
Secondary 70cm	Y	N
Secondary 80cm	Y	-
Secondary 90cm	Y	-
Secondary 100cm	Y	-
Secondary 110cm	Y	-
Secondary 120cm	Y	-
Secondary Intermediate 90cm	Y	-
Secondary Intermediate 100cm	Y	-
Secondary Intermediate 110cm	Y	
Secondary Intermediate 120cm	Y	
SHOW HORSE		
All classes	N	N

General Information

Why is qualification necessary?

Interschools is a State Championship event. Therefore, to compete safely and competitively, riders must be able to demonstrate that as a horse/rider combination they have the skill and ability to undertake the events in which they propose to enter.

- **Riders do not need to be EWA Members at the time of gaining their qualification. However, they MUST be either a Junior Competitor or Junior Participant member at the time of entering the Interschool Equestrian State Championships. Entry via Nominate will not be able to proceed unless the competitor is a current financial member.**
- Riders choosing to compete in Competitor classes must register their horse prior to entering the State Interschool Championships.
- All qualifying events must be ridden by the same horse/rider combination that wish to enter the State Interschool Equestrian Championships.
- It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that qualifying performances are judged by a current EA accredited Officials. The name of the judge and course designer (where applicable) must be included on the Qualification Card. You can check whether an official is a current EA official by visiting the EWA website - <https://www.equestrian.org.au/members/search/official>.
- For the 2024 Interschool Equestrian State Championships, qualifying performances can be gained in the following ways:
 - EWA Affiliated events
 - Pony Club WA Affiliated events (being officiated/judged by EA officials)
 - Dressage Training days held at EWA Affiliated clubs (being judged by EA officials)
 - 2023 State Interschool Championships
 - 2023 National Interschool Championships

QUALIFYING PERIOD

- The qualifying period for the 2024 Interschool Equestrian Championships is from 20 March 2023 to the close of entries (provisional date for close of entries is **25 March 2024**) for Combined Training, Dressage and Jumping. The Eventing competition will be held separately and advised in due course.

COMPLETING YOUR QUALIFICATION CARD

- Qualifying performances must be recorded on the Interschool Qualification Card and submitted with entries.
- Qualifications gained at EA Affiliated events do not require judge/official to sign off as results are retained at the EWA office. When competing in Jumping under 1.04m it is recommended that the card is signed by the judge/official.
- Each horse and rider combination must have a separate Interschool Qualification Card and ALL parts of the card must be submitted at the time of entry.
- It is recommended that riders request Judges to sign off on qualification cards soon after the class is completed (that is, before they leave the grounds). Club officials (Event Secretary, President, etc.) may sign cards and must include the name of the official overseeing the class.
- Where possible, riders should submit a copy of dressage tests or a photo/screenshot of scoresheets with their qualification card.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Riders and parents must sign an Athlete/Parent/Guardian Agreement & Code of Conduct before inclusion into the Interschool State Championships.
- Knowledge of the Interschool Rules and Discipline Rules is the rider's responsibility.

EXEMPTIONS

Riders experiencing exceptional circumstances may apply for exemptions where they have been unable to meet the qualification criteria. Exemption applicants are expected to have previous competition experience.

Examples of valid applications for exemption include:

- New horse/rider combination where horse and rider are experienced and proven at the level, they intend to compete but not as a combination and provide endorsement of competency by EA Accredited official or coach.
- Horse/Rider combination sustained an injury during the qualification period and were unable to obtain qualification performances during the qualification period but have previously competed at a level higher than that entered in Interschool State Championship Classes.
- Horse/rider combination live in remote area and unable to attend affiliated qualifying competition but have competition experience and provide confirmation of competency from an EA accredited official or coach.

Invalid reasons for exemption may include:

- Unaware of qualification requirements during qualification period.
- Attended qualifying events but unable to meet qualification criteria at qualifying event/s due to elimination or scores below the qualification thresholds.
- Application to compete at a level/s above the level the combination is qualified.

Applications for exemption from qualification **MUST** be submitted to the EWA Office before the close of entries.

The exemption form can be found on the EWA website -

IF IN DOUBT SUBMIT AN EXEMPTION APPLICATION EARLY.

Exemptions MUST be applied for prior to entering the Interschool Championships.

Qualifications

COMBINED TRAINING

Competitors wishing to compete in Combined Training Championship classes must satisfy the following within the qualification period:

- Obtain ONE Dressage qualifying performance (58% or more) **AND** ONE Jumping qualifying performance (12 faults or less) as a horse/rider combination at or above the highest level they wish to compete. See Dressage and Jumping Qualification full criteria, OR
- Obtain ONE Qualification Performance in Dressage and Jumping phases at an Eventing competition at or above the height the horse/rider combination wishes to compete: OR
- Obtain ONE qualification performance at an EA Combined Training Competition (at least 58% dressage/42 penalties and not more than 12 penalties in the jumping phase under accredited judges and course designer).

Horse and Rider combinations competing in Eventing Championship Classes are eligible to enter Combined Training Championship Classes at Interschools but if selected for the WA State Team, they may only compete in Eventing or Combined Training, not both.

COMBINED TRAINING QUALIFYING CHECK LIST

- ☐ One (1) Dressage qualifying performance and one (1) Jumping qualifying performance obtained between 20 March 2023 and 25 March 2024
- ☐ Qualification achieved at an event using current accredited EA Judge/Official and Course Designer.
- ☐ Achieved at least 58% in Dressage and no more than 12 faults in Jumping.
- ☐ Qualification achieved on the horse listed on the card.
- ☐ Rider is a current EWA members (minimum Junior Participant membership)

DRESSAGE

Horse and rider combinations entering Dressage Championship classes must achieve ONE performance of 58.0% or more at the highest level they wish to enter at the Interschool Equestrian State Championships.

(For example, a rider wishing to compete in Novice and Elementary championship classes who obtains 58.2% in a Competitive 3.2 class judged by current EA Dressage judges in the qualification period has qualified for both levels.)

Where possible, a copy of qualifying dressage tests should be attached and submitted with the qualification card.

Horse/Rider combinations who obtained qualifying performances at EA Affiliated events (including the 2022 WA Interschool Equestrian State Championships) must fill in their card stating the qualification performance but do not have to have the card signed by the Judge. These performances will be verified in the EWA Office.

DRESSAGE QUALIFYING CHECK LIST

- ☐ One (1) Dressage qualifying performance obtained between 20 March 2023 and 25 March 2024.
- ☐ One (1) Dressage qualifying performance of a minimum 58.0% at the highest level you wish to enter at the WA Interschool Equestrian State Championships.
- ☐ Qualification achieved at an event using current accredited EA Judge.
- ☐ Qualification achieved on the horse listed on the card.
- ☐ Rider is a current EWA member (minimum Junior Participant membership).

JUMPING

Horse and rider combinations entering Jumping Championship classes must obtain ONE qualifying performance at or above the highest height they wish to enter at the Interschool State Championships.

A qualifying performance is one where the horse/rider combination obtains 12 **penalties or less**.

Horse/Rider combinations who obtained a qualifying performance at an EA Affiliated event (including the 2023 WA Interschool State Championships) must fill in and submit their card stating the qualification performance. When competing in under 1.04m the card must be signed by the judge/official. If competing in 1.05m and above the card does not have to be signed as these performances will be verified in the EWA Office

When competing at non-EWA events, officials must sign the card to certify that the horse and rider combination has completed the course in a manner demonstrating competency at the level.

The Interschool Card must be signed by a **current accredited EA Jumping Judge or Course Designer**. Club officials (Event Secretary etc.) may sign the qualification card but **MUST** include the name of the judge and course designer (where applicable).

A Judge, at their discretion, may decide that a rider did not display competency at the height and may refuse to sign the Interschool Card. The Judge must write to the WA Interschool Committee naming the rider and horse and stating their reasons for this action. This action should only be taken if the judge considers that there are **severe** safety concerns for the competitor, horse, or by-standers should this combination compete at an Interschool Equestrian State Championship event.

JUMPING QUALIFYING CHECK LIST

- ☐ One (1) Jumping qualifying performance obtained between 20 March 2023 and 25 March 2024.
- ☐ One (1) Jumping qualifying performance 12 faults or less at the highest height you wish to enter at the WA Interschool State Championships.
- ☐ Qualification achieved at an event must be a current accredited EA Official.
- ☐ Qualification achieved on the horse listed on the card.
- ☐ Rider is a current EWA member (minimum Junior Participant membership).

EWA AFFILIATED EVENTS FROM 20 MARCH 2023 to 25 MARCH 2024

The following are examples of official EWA events which can be included as Qualifying events for the 2023 EWA Interschool Equestrian State Championships. The list is not exhaustive and there may be other events at which qualifications may be gained. If the event you have attended was not a formal competition event but was officiated by an EA judge or other official, you will require your Qualifier Card to be signed-off.

March 2023	JULY
25-26 WASJA	1 Bunbury Horse & PC July Event
	1 Dryandra
	7 GCEC Jumping C3 Day Show
APRIL	9 PCWA State Dressage Championships
1 WAYER	15 WASJA
1 Swan River Showjumping	16 Hills Showjumping Association
2 Busselton HPC Dressage Series #2	16 GCEC July Event
7-9 Yalambi Easter Jumping Classic	22 SRSJC – The Young Showjumping Horse Winter Series #2
15 Swan River Dressage Series – Event 1	23 Orange Grove HPC – Event#3
15 Southside Jump Club	29 Gidgegannup CCN
15 Southern Districts Dressage Club April Competition	29 Perth Showjumping Leage
15 Harvey CCN	29 Brookleigh Dressage HP Championship Series #3
17 Hills Showjumping Association	
19 State Interschool Championships	AUGUST
23 Dressage in the Grove Autumn 2022	9 DWA Mid-Week Dressage
23 Taminga Jump Club April	11- Wooroloo 3 Day
29 WASJA	12 Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club Dressage Champ
30 Gidgegannup Dressage Club Autumn Festival	12 Perth Dressage Club
	19 Taminga Jump Club
MAY	19 Henty Riding Club Dressage Championships
6 Para Equestrian Showcase	20 Hills Showjumping Association
6 Murray CCN	26 Swan River Dressage Series #3
6 Pony Showcase	26 Dryandra Showjumping Championships
7 Transitions Inc	
7 Margaret River Dressage Series 2022 – Round 2	SEPTEMBER
10 DWA Mid Week Dressage #1	3 WA Showjumping September 2022
13 GCEC May Event	9 SRSJC The Young Showjumping Horse Winter Series Final
14 Serpentine Horse & Pony Club – Jill Stanton Memorial	9 Orange Grove Gala Dressage
14 Taminga Jump Club	10 Busselton Dressage Series #3
14 Swan River Dressage Series 2022 – Event 2	16 Northampton Ag Show
19 PCAWA Jumping Championships	17 Hills Showjumping Association
21 Hills Showjumping Association	22 DWA State Dressage Championships
21 Southside Jump Club Gold Show	22 IGA Perth Royal Show
27 Brookleigh Dressage HP Championships	
27 Southside Jump Club – Gold Championships	OCTOBER
27 Wooroloo CCN-S	1 BHPC October Show
28 BHPC Dressage May Event	7 Patrons Cup
	8 Margaret River Dressage – Round 3
JUNE	14 Swan River Horse Trials
1-3 Busselton Showjumping Classic	20 EWA State Jumping Titles
3 Brigadoon CCN-S	21 Swan River Dressage Gala Championships
4 Perth Dressage Club	28 Brigadoon II
7 DWA Mid Week #2	29 Dressage in the Grove
10 GCEC June Event	29 Southside Jump Club Diamond Championships
11 Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club +Event 2	
17 Moora CCN-S	NOVEMBER
18 Hills Showjumping Association	4 Horseland Young Horse Championships
24 WASJA Winter Championships	10 Yalambi Farms Spring Jumping Classic
25 Brookleigh Dressage Club HP Championships Series #2	10 Albany Agricultural Show
	DECEMBER
	3 Margaret River Unofficial Jumping
	3 Transitions – unofficial Dressage
2024	

JANUARY	MARCH
21 Southern Districts – Southern Solstice	8 EWA Jumping Series
	2 Future Eventing (Capel)
FEBRUARY	3 Transitions (Unofficial Dressage)
9 EWA Jumping Series	9 Zamia 50 th Anniversary Training Series (Dressage Unofficial)
18 Hills Showjumping Association	10 Busselton HPC Dressage Series #1
18 Capel Horse & Pony Club (jumping & dressage)	10 Taminga Jump Club
18 Serpentine HPC T-shirt Show (Unofficial Dressage/Jumping)	10 Orange Grove HOC Series 1 (Jumping/Dressage)
23 EWA Jumping Series	16 Capel CCN-S
25 Brookleigh Dressage Summer Series 1	17 Dryandra Dressage & Showjumping
	17 Hills Showjumping
	17 Henty Riding Club Dressage
	22 EWA Jumping Series
	23 WASJA
	24 Brookleigh Dressage Club

Contact Information

If you require any further information regarding qualifications please speak to your school's designated Team Manager or contact Interschools@equestrianwa.org.au