



2025 INTERSCHOOL QUALIFYING

Guidelines



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Welcome to Interschools 2025

QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

Equestrian Western Australia is pleased to host the 2025 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 Sydney in 2025.

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 2024 Interschools (20 March 2024) to close of entries for 2025 Interschools (provisionally 17 March 2024).

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.
- 2024 State Interschool Championships
- 2024 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 - 70cm	Y	N
Primary Combined Training – 80cm	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 60cm	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 70cm	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 80cm	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 95cm	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 1* (105cm)	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 2* (115cm)	Y	N
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	N	-
Primary EvA80	N	-
Secondary EvA65	N	-
Secondary EvA80	N	-
Secondary EvA95	N	-
Secondary CCN1*	N	-
Secondary CCN2*-S, CCI2*-S & CCI2*-L	N	-
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 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 2025 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)
 - Jumping Training rounds when an EA Accredited Official is in attendance
 - 2024 State Interschool Championships
 - 2024 National Interschool Championships

QUALIFYING PERIOD

- The qualifying period for the 2024 Interschool Equestrian Championships is from 20 March 2024 to the close of entries (provisional date for close of entries is **17 March 2025**) 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 2024 and 17 March 2025
- 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 2024 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 2024 and 17 March 2025.
- 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 2024 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 2024 and 17 March 2025.
- 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 2024 TO 17 MARCH 2025

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 2024	JULY
24 WASJA	
29 WAYER	5 GCEC Jumping C3 Day Show
31 DWA Advanced Feeds 2024 Pony Dressage Showcase	6 Wooroloo CCN-S 2024
	10 Dynamik Stallions Mid-Week Dressage No 2
APRIL	12-14 PCWA State Dressage Championships
	16 Hills Showjumping Association
5 Yalambi Easter Jumping Classic	20 GCEC July Event
6 Busselton HPC Dressage Series #2	20 WASJA Showjumping July Show
6 Young Rider Championships	21 Orange Grove HPC – Event#3
10-13 WA State Interschools Championships 2024	27 Gidgegannup CCN
14 Dressage In The Grove	27 Yalambi Indoor Winter Jumping Classic 2024
20 HB Horwear DWA Grassroots Festival & SRD Series #1	27 Brookleigh Dressage HP Championship Series #3
20 GCEC April Dressage	
20 Southern Districts Dressage Club April Competition 2024	AUGUST
21 Orange Grove Horse PC Dressage & Jumping Series #2	
27 Jill Stanton Memorial Dressage Day 2024	4 Margaret River Dressage Series 2024 – Round 2
27 Harvey CCN-S 2024	10 Dryandra Showjumping Championships
27 WASJA April Show	14 DWA Mid-Week Dressage
28 Gidgegannup Dressage Official Autumn Competition	17 Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club Dressage Champ
	18 Hills Showjumping Association
MAY	23- Wooroloo 3 Day
	24 Henty Riding Club Dressage Championships
5 Transitions Inc	
11 Murray CCN	SEPTEMBER
11 GCEC May Event	
11 Swan River Dressage Series 2022 – Event 2	1 2024 ACRESAFE Dressage Championships
11 DWA Para Equestrian Show Case	7 WA Showjumping September 2024
12 Southside Jump Club – Gold Championships	7 GCEC September Dressage
19 PCAWA Jumping Championships	13 Cavallo Equestrian WA State Dressage Championships
21 Hills Showjumping Association	14 Northampton Ag Show
25 Brookleigh Dressage HP Championships Series 1 2024	17 Hills Showjumping Association
25 Swan River Showjumping Championships 2024	20 IGA Perth Royal Show
25 Brigadoon CCN-S 2024	29 Bunbury Horse & Pony Club September Dressage
26 BHPC Dressage May Event	
	OCTOBER
JUNE	
8 Perth Dressage Club 2024	4 2024 Hygain Patrons Cup Festival of Showjumping
8 Moora CCN-S 2024	5 Feedmans Stockfeeds Orange Grove Gala Dressage
14 Perth Showjumping League	6 Margaret River Dressage – Round 3
19 Dynamik Stallions Mid-Week Dressage #1	12 Brigadoon II
22 Dryandra CCI-S 2024	13 Brookleigh Dressage Club Spring into 2025 Dressage
22 WASJA Winter Show 2024	18 Yalambi EWA State Jumping Titles
29 Brookleigh Dressage Club HP Championships Series 2	16 Hills Showjumping Association
30 Bunbury Horse & Pony Club June Dressage	20 Busselton Dressage – Sharyne Alberts Memorial
	26 Swan River CCN- Caoel 2024
	27 Dressage in the Grove
NOVEMBER	27 Southside Jump Club Diamond Championships 2024
2 DWA Young Horse & Pony Gala and Rising Star Final	
8 City of Busselton Winter Jumping Festival 2024	
10 Albany Agricultural Show	

DECEMBER
1 Margaret River Unofficial Jumping
8 Transitions – unofficial Dressage
2025
JANUARY
18 Southern Districts – Southern Solstice
FEBRUARY
1 Dryandra Twilight Dressage & SJ Series #1
9 Margaret River Showjumping Series
16 Hills Showjumping Association
16 Southside Jump Club
18 Capel Horse & Pony Club (jumping & dressage)
22 Serpentine HPC Unofficial Dressage/Jumping& T Shirt Hack Day
23 Zamia Adult Riding Club Summer Dressage Series #2
22 Brookleigh Dressage Summer Series 1
23 Southside Jump Club
MARCH
1 Future Eventing (Capel)
2 Transitions (Unofficial Dressage)
9 Albany Horsemen – Jumping & Dressage
15-16 Capel FEI- CC!
16 Southside Jump Club
16 Busselton HPC Dressage Series #1
16 Hills Showjumping
17 Dryandra Dressage & Showjumping Series # 1
22 Brookleigh Dressage Club
22 Dardanup Horse & Pony Club Dressage
22 Zamia Summer Dressage Series #3
22 WASJA
23 Orange Grove HOC Series 1 (Jumping/Dressage)

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