
 <p>EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA</p>	<p><b>EWA Selection Criteria for Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships 2021</b></p>	 <p>INTER SCHOOL WESTERN AUSTRALIA</p>
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## SELECTION CRITERIA

### *Introduction*

The purpose of Equestrian Western Australia's (EWA) Interschool selection criteria is to select talented combinations to further their equestrian talent by being selected onto the Australian Interschool Equestrian team to represent EWA.

All teams are based on general and competition criteria as listed below.

In selecting and assessing potential team members, the EWA Interschool selectors will source information from and consult with a range of suitable personnel with the appropriate expertise and knowledge. Applications are to be submitted with the intended interest to partake in the Australian Interschool Championships.

Interschool teams for the Australian Championships are selected based upon results from the State Championships and EA Competitions as reviewed by the selection panel. Combinations are required to submit an application to the EWA High Performance Officer (HPO). All eligible WA riders will be reviewed by the EWA Interschool Selection Panel with successful applicants notified via email and general publication shortly after. Should a combination be considered for selection, they must then return a signed **Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct** by the stated date to the EWA HPO.

## ***Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships Criteria***

Combinations are obliged to meet the following for inclusion onto the Australian Interschool State team.

- Riders needs to be a current **competitive member of EWA and their horse registered** with EA and micro chipped.
- All Performances **must** have been ridden at the **2021 Saddles Plus Interschool Championships**, and may also include EWA official competitions throughout 2020 and 2021.
- Qualifying period eligible scores for each year will be taken from immediately after the EWA Interschool Equestrian Championships up to and including the Australian Interschool Championships and EWA Junior Leaderboard in the qualifying year.
- Combinations should have the enthusiasm to receive guidance and show aspiration and potential talent for future selection on to the Equestrian Western Australia State Interschool team.
- Athletes will need to sign an **Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct** before inclusion on to the EWA Interschool team.
- Horse and rider must be sound and fit to compete unless pooling a horse. Should the selected combination become unable to continue training or competition for any reason, they have the responsibility to notify the EWA High Performance and Athlete Development Officer in writing as soon as the incident occurs.
- Riders are expected to keep informed on the State team related information by checking their emails regularly as well as reading the EWA weekly newsletter, and Facebook page.
- Combinations are invited to attend the State Interschool training clinic held in July (date to be confirmed) **on their Interschool nominated horse.**

In order to create a State team, the EWA State Interschool team selection criteria should follow the same structure of that at State teams level with its own cut off point.

Combinations must meet the above listed general criteria as well as one of the following competition criteria in order to secure a place on the EWA Interschool Australian Championship team.



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## ***Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships Criteria***

A team position will be held leading up to and during the event, then riders will be invited to reapply for the following year if met criteria. Teams of four for each discipline category will be chosen with reserves to fill these positions if unable to partake in the Australian Championships.

Combinations must also meet (though not be limited to) the following competition criteria to be considered.

Due to the disruption of Covid-19 during the 2020 competition year, official EWA events from January 2020 will be considered as qualifying performances. Qualifying performances can be obtained from:

- 2021 EWA Saddles Plus State Interschool Championships (mandatory);
- 2020 EWA State Championships events;
- Other 2020 and 2021 EWA official events.

## ***Wild Cards***

Under extenuating circumstances the Selectors, at their sole discretion, may offer a wild card to a combination to join a relevant team. This combination may, or may not have fulfilled the performance requirements to be selected onto a team.

The wild card can be offered over and above the stipulated number of team combinations or can be used if there are not enough qualifying combinations to fill the team. A maximum of 1 wild card (per team) can be offered to each selected team. The decision to make wild card offers is solely within the selectors' discretion.

The selectors' decisions are final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into



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### ***EWA Interschool Eventing Team:***

- Athlete and horse combinations will be selected from the top 6 ranked performances including the 2021 EWA Saddles Plus State Interschool Championships and consideration from official EWA 2020 competitions
- Identified as having potential Eventing talent to compete in the EWA Australian Interschool Equestrian Team and thereby also having potential for future selection onto a EWA Eventing Rising Stars Squad.
- Must be competing either;
  - EvA 80
  - EvA 95
  - EvA105
  - CNC 1 Star level

***\*\* Should exceptional circumstance or performances occur, the Selection Panel retains the right to allow for their discretion to take precedent\*\****

### ***EWA Interschool Jumping Team*** - must be competing at minimum 80 cm for Primary and from 90cm for Secondary

- Athlete and horse combinations will be selected from the top 6 ranked performances including the 2021 EWA Saddles Plus State Interschool Championships and consideration from the 2020 State Championships and other official EWA 2020 competitions.
- Identified as having potential Jumping talent to compete in the EWA Australian Interschool Equestrian Team and thereby also having potential for future selection on a EWA Jumping Rising Stars Squad.
- Primary: Competition performances with 12 penalties or less in final SJ rounds at 80cm or 90cm level
- Secondary/Youth: Competition performances with 12 penalties or less in final SJ rounds at 90cm, 100cm, 1.10m or 1.20m level

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## ***EWA Interschool Dressage Team***

- Athlete and horse combinations will be selected from the top 6 ranked performances including the 2021 EWA Saddles Plus State Interschool Championships and consideration from the 2020 State Championships and other official EWA 2020 competitions.
- Identified as having potential Dressage talent to compete in the EWA Australian Interschool Equestrian Team and thereby also having potential for future selection on a EWA Dressage Rising Stars Squad.
- For combinations competing from Preliminary level must score a minimum of 60% in a test, showing potential to compete in the EWA Australian Interschool Equestrian Team and/or be competitive at National level and thereby having potential for selection onto a EWA Dressage Rising Stars Squad.

## ***EWA Interschool Show Horse Team***

- Athlete and horse combinations will be selected from the top 6 ranked performances including the 2021 EWA Saddles Plus State Interschool Championships and consideration from the 2020 EWA Horse Of The Year and other official EWA 2020 competitions.
- Identified as having potential Show Horse talent to compete in the WA Australian Interschool Equestrian Team and thereby also having potential for future selection on a EWA Rising Stars squad.

## ***EWA Interschool Combined Training Team***

- Athlete and horse combinations will be selected from the top 6 ranked performances including the 2019 EWA Saddles Plus State Interschool Championships and consideration from the 2018 Interschool Junior Series competition, and 2018 Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships.
- Identified as having potential Combined Training talent to compete in the EWA Australian Interschool Equestrian team and thereby also having potential for future selections on an EWA Rising Stars squad. Minimum score of 60% for Dressage and max 12 penalties for Jumping.

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