



2023 INTERSCHOOL QUALIFYING Guidelines

Welcome to Interschools 2023

QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

Equestrian Western Australia, is pleased to host the 2023 Interschool Equestrian State Championships and Participation Competition.

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 Victoria in 2023.

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) have the ability to compete at the level for which they are entering and to ensure the safety of competitors.

Please note that the Qualifying period has changed. The Qualification period is from close of entries for 2022 Interschools (20 March 2022) to close of entries for 2023 Interschools (provisionally 20 March 2023). With a full year of events already held in 2022 and some events scheduled for early 2023, prospective competitors at the EWA Interschool Equestrian State Championship should be able to qualify for 2023. Please bear in mind, weather conditions may result in cancellation of events in the summer of 2023. Accordingly, it is recommended that qualifications be obtained in the peak event season.

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)
- Training days held at EA affiliated clubs (being officiated/judges by EA officials)
- 2022 State Interschool Championships
- 2022 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

Provisional classes as at 1 January 2023 – May be subject to change

Class	Competitor	Participant
COMBINED TRAINING		
Primary Combined Training – 45cm / EA Preliminary Dressage	Y	N
Primary Combined Training – 60cm / EA Preliminary Dressage	Y	N
Primary Combined Training – 80cm / EA Preliminary Dressage	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 60cm / EA Preliminary Dressage	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 80cm / EA Preliminary Dressage	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 95cm / EA Preliminary Dressage	Y	N
Secondary Combined Training – 105cm / EA Novice Dressage	Y	N
DRESSAGE		
Primary Preparatory	N	N
Primary Preliminary	Y	N
Primary Novice	Y	N
Secondary Preparatory	N	N
Secondary Intermediate Preliminary	Y	N
Secondary Intermediate Novice	Y	-
Secondary Senior Preliminary	Y	N
Secondary Senior Novice	Y	N
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*-S (formerly EvA105)	Y	-
Secondary CCN2*-S (formerly CNC1)	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	-
SHOW HORSE		
All classes	N	N
VAULTING		
All classes	N	N

General Information

Why is qualification necessary?

Interschools is a State Championship event. Therefore, in order 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. Please note that horse registration can take up to four weeks.
- 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 judge. 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 2023 Interschool Equestrian State Championships, qualifying performances can be gained in one of three ways:
 - EWA Affiliated events
 - Pony Club WA Affiliated events (being officiated/judged by EA officials)
 - Training days held at EWA Affiliated clubs (being officiated/judges by EA officials)
 - 2022 State Interschool Championships
 - 2022 National Interschool Championships

QUALIFYING PERIOD

- The qualifying period for the 2023 Interschool Equestrian Championships is from 20 March 2022 to the close of entries (provisional date for close of entries is **20 March 2023**) 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 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. **See the end of the document for a full list of these events from 2022.**
- 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 Equestrian 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 -

<https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Interschool%20Exemption%20Application%202020.pdf>

IF IN DOUBT SUBMIT AN EXEMPTION APPLICATION EARLY.

Exemptions MUST be applied for prior to entering the Interschool Equestrian 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 2022 and 20 March 2023
- 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 2022 and 12 March 2022.
- 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 Equestrian State Championships.

A qualifying performance is one where the horse/rider combination obtains **12 penalties or less**. Where possible, officials 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 **currently accredited EA Jumping Judge or Course Designer** who officiated the qualifying performance. Club officials (Event Secretary etc.) may sign the qualification card but **MUST** include the name of the judge and course designer (where applicable).

Horse/Rider combinations who obtained a qualifying performance at an EA Affiliated event (including the 2022 WA Interschool Equestrian 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 by the Judge/Course Designer. These performances will be verified in the EWA Office.

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 2022 and 20 March 2023.
- One (1) Jumping qualifying performance 12 faults or less at the highest height you wish to enter at the WA Interschool Equestrian State Championships.
- Qualification achieved at an event/training day using current accredited EA Judge.
- 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 2022 TO 20 MARCH 2023

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 2022	
26 WASJA	
	16 GCEC July Event
APRIL	16 2022 WA Showjumping Winter Championships
2 WAYER	17 Hills Showjumping Association
3 Heiniger Para Equestrian Showcase	24 Swan River Young Horse Series – Round 2
3 Dressage WA The Pegasus Feeds pony Showcase	30 Gidgegannup CCN
4 Swan River Dressage Series – Event 1	
10 Busselton HPC Dressage Series #3	AUGUST
14 Yalambi Easter Jumping Classic	8 Swan River Young Horse Series – Round 3
16 Murray CCN	10 Dressage WA Wednesday August Event
17 Hills Showjumping Association	13 GCEC Dressage Championships
20 State Interschool Championships	13 Dryandra Show Jumping Championships 2022
24 Dressage In the Grove Autumn 2022	13 Perth Dressage Club
24 GCEC	19 Wooroloo CCI-L
30 Harvey CCN	21 Hills Showjumping Association
	27 Yalambi Spring Jumping Classic
MAY	27 Swan River Dressage Series – 2022 – Event 3
1 Gidgegannup Dressage Club	28 Taminga Jump Club
7 Perth Equine Hospital Hi Point Competition 2022 Series #1	
8 Transitions Inc	SEPTEMBER
8 Margaret River Dressage Series 2022 – Round 2	3 2022 WA State Championships
14 Taminga Jump Club	3 Swan River Show Jumping Annual Championships
14 Swan River Dressage Series 2022 – Event 2	10 WA Showjumping September 2022
15 Hills Showjumping Association	15 GCEC Thursday Show
21 Jumping Promotions Pop Up Show	17 Northampton Show
22 Southern Districts Dressage Club May Event	17 Orange Grove ARC Official Dressage Gala Weekend
22 Snoozle Big Dressage Day Out	18 Hills Showjumping Association
22 PCAWA Jumping Championships	18 GCEC Dressage September Event
28 Brigadoon I CCN	24 Perth Royal Show
28 BHPC Dressage May Event	25 BHPC September Show
JUNE	OCTOBER
5 Perth Dressage Club	2 Taminga Jump Club
11 Moora CCN-S	8 2022 Perth Equine Hospital Spring into 2023
11 Perth Equine Hospital Dressage Championships Series #2	8 WASJA Hygain Patrons Cup
12 Taminga Jump Club	9 Margaret River Dressage Series – Round 3
19 Hills Showjumping Association	15 Swan River Dressage Series 2022 – Event 4
22 Dressage WA Wednesday Indoor Dressage	15 Swan River CCI-S
25 WASJA	21 2022 State Showjumping Titles
25 Dryandra CCI-S	22 Midwest Dressage Association Dazzling Diamonds Dressage
26 Serpentine Jill Stanton Memorial Dressage Day	29 Brigadoon II CCI-S
	30 Dressage in the Grove Spring 2022
JULY	30 Southside – Diamond Championships
2 BHPC July Dressage	
2 Swan River Young Horse Series Round 1	NOVEMBER
8 2022 Geraldton Combined Equestrian Showjumping Classic	5 The Sharyne Alberts Memorial Dressage Competition
9 Perth Equine Hospital Dressage Championship Series #3	19 DWA Invitational & Penny Hill Park Rising Star
13 Dressage WA Wednesday Dressage July Event	19 Wanneroo Agricultural Show

DECEMBER
4 Transitions Inc - Unofficial
2023
JANUARY
21 Southern Districts – Southern Solstice
FEBRUARY
11 Southside Jump Club – Training
18 Southside Jump Club – Training
19 Hills Showjumping Association
25 Riverside Riding Club – Interschool Qualifier
26 Serpentine HPC Tshirt Show (Unofficial Dressage/Jumping)
26 Brookleigh Dressage Summer Series 1
26 Taminga Jump Club
MARCH
4 Swan River Showjumping Club Training
5 Transitions Inc – Unofficial
5 Margaret River Dressage Series Round 1
18 Capel CCN
19 Hills Showjumping Association

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