

Interschools WA Frequently Asked Questions

What are Interschool Events and when are they?

Interschool Equestrian events are for Junior EA members born after 1st July 2001.

There are a number Interschool WA Events:

- Saddles Plus Interschool Equestrian Festival 17-20 April, State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon - this includes classes in Dressage, Jumping, Show Horse and Combined Training*
- Saddles Plus Interschool Eventing Championship 30-31 May, State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon at Brigadoon CCN-S*

Do I need EA Membership to compete in Interschool Events?

Yes, all events require current EA membership. Championship Classes require Competitive Membership while Participation Classes require minimum Participant membership.

How much does membership cost?

In 2020 Junior Participant and Competitive Membership prices have decreased. Competitive Junior memberships cost \$250 while Participant Junior Membership costs \$154. Members can upgrade their membership at any time for only the price different between the two memberships.

How old do I have to be to compete?

School age children are welcome to compete. See the matrix below for the relevant age classification:

YEAR	DOB DATE RANGE	CLASSIFICATION
1	1st July 2013 to 30th June 2014	Primary
2	1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013	Primary
3	1st July 2011 to 30 June 2012	Primary
4	1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011	Primary
5	1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010	Primary
6	1st July 2008 to 30th June 2009	Primary
7	1st July 2007 to 30th June 2008	Secondary / Intermediate
8	1st July 2006 to 30th June 2007	Secondary / Intermediate
9	1st July 2005 to 30th June 2006	Secondary / Intermediate
10	1st July 2004 to 30th June 2005	Secondary / Senior
11	1st July 2003 to 30th June 2004	Secondary / Senior
12	1st July 2002 to 30th June 2003	Secondary / Senior

Does my horse need to be registered?

Horses only need to be registered with EWA for Interschool Championship Classes, not Interschool Participant classes. Registration is completed by downloading the online New Horse Registration form from <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/get-involved/forms> and returning to the Equestrian WA Office. We recommend completing and submitting this form at least 6 weeks prior to the Interschool Equestrian Festival to ensure it is valid for the event. Horses are registered for life so no new registration is required each year.

How do I enter? When?

Entries for the Saddles Plus Interschool Festival are taken online via www.nominate.com.au Entries will open at the end of February and close on the 23 March 2020.

Entries for the Eventing Championship are submitted online via <http://www.ktrials.com.au> approximately 3 weeks prior to the event.

I'm totally new to Interschools and have just started competing. My horse isn't registered, I'm not qualified and I'm a participant member. Can I still get involved?

Yes, the Interschool Participation classes are designed for these riders. Participation classes do not require horses to be registered, qualification and riders only require a participation level membership. Participant classes are held at the Saddles Plus Interschool Equestrian Festival in Show Horse, Jumping and Dressage. Participation riders wishing to compete in Combined Training are welcome to compete in Open classes up to CT80 at the Saddles Plus Combined Training Championship.

I've heard about qualifications but am confused. Do I need to qualify to compete? How?

Some Championship classes require qualification. These classes are listed in the event schedule and in the qualification information document. For classes that require qualification the rider must to achieve ONE minimum performance in the relevant discipline within the qualification period. A minimum performance depends on the discipline and is stated in the qualification guidelines. The performance must be obtained at an EA Affiliated Club and officiated by an EA Accredited Official. Qualifications must recorded on the Interschool Qualification Card (downloaded online) and submitted with entries. Performances from the 2019 may be used as a qualifying performance at the 2020 Championship. Riders entering Championship Classes requiring qualification information must read the Qualifying information online prior to entering the event. More information can be found on the Interschool WA website <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/interschool>

Can I obtain my performance at a Pony Club competition?

Performances obtained in pony club events are permitted if the club running the competition is EA Affiliated and the officials officiating are EA Accredited.

What is an EA affiliated club? How do I know if a club is affiliated?

EA Affiliated Clubs are EA Members. You can find out if a club is affiliated by doing a club search online <http://www.equestrian.org.au/members/search/club>

Who is an EA Official? How do I know if an official is EA Affiliated?

EA Accredited officials are officials trained and endorsed by Equestrian Australia. You can find check if an official is accredited by doing an official search online <http://www.equestrian.org.au/members/search/official>

Can I use a training day as a qualification event?

Training days are not permitted to be used as an Interschool Qualifying events unless listed as an Interschool WA Targeted Qualifying Training Day in the Qualification Document. If you are an affiliated club interested in hosting one of these events please email Sara Botten SaraBotten@equestrianwa.org.au to discuss the requirements to be included.

I have a new horse who isn't qualified. Is there any way I can compete in Championship classes that require qualification?

Competitors only require ONE performance as a combination at their highest level to obtain a valid performance so in first instance competitors are encouraged to obtain a performance prior to entries closing. If the rider can demonstrate extenuating circumstances as to why this isn't possible then they may be able to apply for an exemption. More information on exemption is available online <http://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/interschool/>

I am a participant EA member and have now qualified to compete in championship classes at an Interschool event. I know I need to be a competitive member to compete. Can I upgrade my membership? How?

Yes - riders wishing to upgrade their membership can do so by completing the Membership Upgrade Form. This can be downloaded online <http://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/get-involved/forms> and must be submitted to the EWA Office prior to 23 March 2020. Riders only pay the difference in price of these memberships - there is no administration fee charged.

My horse isn't registered with EA and I know he needs to be to compete in Interschool Championship classes. What do I do?

Horses are registered using a Horse Registration Form downloaded online submitted to the EWA Office. Riders should allow 6 weeks for horse registrations to be processed prior to the competition. Forms are downloaded online from <http://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/get-involved/forms>

I think my horse is registered with EA but I'm not sure and it isn't registered in my name. Does it need to be registered in my name? What can I do to find out more?

Riders can search for EA Registered horses online <http://www.equestrian.org.au/members/search/horse> For Interschool Championship classes horses do not need to be registered in the riders name and unlike many other EA competitions the owner does not need to be a current EA member. Owners wishing to register a new horse do need to have current EA membership when registering their horse.

What are horse papers and why do I need them?

EA Horse Registration Papers are an identification document for your horse. Championship Competitors MUST carry these at Interschool Championship events.

I live in a remote area and haven't been able to qualify for a championship class that requires requalification. Is there a way for me to compete?

Yes, see exemption information under Qualification information online for more information <http://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/interschool/2019-interschool-championships/qualifying-information>

Can I use Eventing dressage tests as dressage qualifiers?

Yes, see qualification information and the event schedule for relevant information regarding using Eventing Dressage Tests for qualification.

Can I use 2019 Saddles Plus Interschool Equestrian Festival results to qualify?

Yes, the Saddles Plus Interschool Equestrian Festival is regarded as a qualification event but riders must still meet all minimum performance criteria when using this performance ie. Minimum 58%, 12 penalties or less jumping.

Qualifications require one performance at the highest level. For dressage does this mean hardest test or any test at that level?

Any test at the highest level will be regarded as a valid performance. It does not need to be "C" or test.

I want to compete in combined training. Do I have to qualify dressage AND jumping?

Yes, one jumping and one dressage performance is required to qualify for all classes in the Combined Training Championship classes.

Can I compete in both combined training and eventing competitions?

Riders can compete in both these competitions but if riding the same horse in each they must elect to ride that horse in the open section of one of these competitions. No horse/rider combination is permitted to compete in Interschool Championship Combined Training AND

Eventing Championship Classes.

Do I HAVE to get my card signed? Who can sign it?

Cards only have to be signed if the competition the performance was obtained at was not listed on the Interschool Qualification Information Guidelines. Cards need to be signed by either the EA Accredited Official or a representative from the club. The name of the official who officiated the event MUST be included on the card for validation.

I'm the only rider from my school. Can I compete? Does the school have to provide a team manager?

Riders who are the only representative from their school are welcome. Some competitions hold composite teams for these riders. Individual riders are still eligible for individual awards and qualification for the Australian Interschool Championships. The Team Manager may be a parent or associate for the rider but the rider must still obtain permission from the school to compete.

I would like to be considered for the WA Team at the Australian Interschool Championships. How do I nominate? Do I have to compete at the State Championships?

All riders wishing to be considered for the Australian Interschool Championships must compete in the State Interschool Championship class they wish to be considered for. More information on applying for the State team can be found online

<https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/interschool/>

Do I have to provide a helper at interschool events?

Riders are asked to provide one helper per horse competing at the Saddles Plus Interschool Equestrian Festival. In 2020 only those who are not able to provide helpers will be charged \$100 per horse to cover the costs of providing a helper to cover your duties.

How long are helper duties?

Each helper duty is up to 4 hours with riders at the Interschool Equestrian Festival who elect to compete a horse in three disciplines may be asked to complete an extended duty.

How do I nominate my helper?

Riders will be sent a link to nominate for helper duties approximately two weeks after the entries close. Riders who do not nominate for a helper duty and have not paid a helper bond will be allocated one. Failure to complete a helper duty will result in elimination from the competition, ineligibility to compete in the Australian Interschool Championships and a fine of \$100 issued.

I am unable to provide a helper. Can I still compete?

All riders are encouraged to provide a helper however we understand it is not always possible. Riders who aren't able to pay a helper fee of \$100 per horse when entering.

I have classes I think might clash. What do I do?

Much time is taken to try to ensure all riders have as much time as possible to compete in all classes. Due to the nature of the event at times classes may be scheduled close together for some competitors. If you think your class times may clash your team manager MUST notify the marshal the class you are concerned you will miss PRIOR to your allocated time. Classes can be held however the marshal must be notified. Championship class times take precedence over participation classes and dressage class and show horse class times take precedence over jumping classes.

I need a stable. Can I book stables?

Yes, stables may be booked! Stables for the Saddles Plus Combined Training Championship and Saddles Plus Interschool Festival are booked by submitting a stable booking form by the 25 March 2019. Stable Booking Forms can be downloaded from the Interschool WA web <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/interschool/interschool-rules-documents>

How are stables allocated?

Stables are allocated in school groups with priority for larger stables given to competitors who travel furthest to the event.

I have arrived and forgot my bridle numbers and water bucket. HELP!

Event sponsors Saddles Plus will be trading throughout the Saddles Plus Combined Training Championship and Saddles Plus Interschool Equestrian Festival. You can find them on the Saddles Plus Presidents Lawn throughout the event.

My horse is nervous in the indoor arena. Is there a way for me to hire the indoor and get him used to it?

The State Equestrian Centre is available for private bookings - you can book arenas for hire online <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/sec/make-booking>

I need a yard for my horse. Are there yards available?

Yards are available at the Swan Valley Pony Club grounds to EWA members free of charge however do need to be booked using the online booking system <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/sec/make-booking> Riders are expected to keep and leave yards clean and free from hay, manure and litter.

I'm staying at the venue from Wednesday 15 of April to Sunday 19 of April. Where can I work my horse on days I am not competing?

General riding on non-competition days must take place in the C Quest Warm Up arena ONLY. Riders who are found to be riding on the General Purpose Field or C Quest Arena or Cross Country Course without a booking on non-competition days will be eliminated from the competition.

I am looking for accommodation near the venue. Where do I start? Can I leave my horse at the venue while I stay off site?

All horses at the venue must have a person responsible for them on the grounds at all times. Stabled horses will require a stable poster on the front of their stable - this will be sent to you with your entry receipt and it is expected you will fill this out and fix to the front of your stable during the event. If you are looking for accommodation close to the venue we recommend the Quest Apartments in Midland - these are approximately 15 minutes from the venue.

Can I camp? Is there powered site?

Camping is permitted but roping/saving of camping sites and parking is not permitted. Please be mindful of others also camping. Showers are located at the stables end of the Indoor Arena.

Why do some jumping classes have two phases but others one?

Australian Interschool Championship Qualification classes offer two phases while non Australian Interschool Championships Qualification classes offer one phase. Classes that offer two

The show horse phases and scoring is confusing. How does it work?

Interschool Show Horse consists of classes for Show Horse, Show Hunter and Working Hunter. Each class has three (3) phases. All classes have an (1) In-hand presentation, (2) Rider phase (judging the rider) and (3) Ridden phase (judging the horse). Working Hunter includes a fourth (4) phase - Jumping. The points earned across all phases determine the Championship placing.

The same horse/athlete combination must complete all phases in the order specified in a timed draw as determined by the Organising Committee.

Can I ride in show horse and show hunter?

Each horse may only compete in either show horse, show hunter or working hunter.

How is working hunter different to show hunter?

Working hunter requires the horse and rider to complete a course of approximately 8 rustic type fences prior to their rider and in hand phase. Riders will be given the opportunity to walk the course prior to the class.

Do we receive the show horse/show hunter and working hunter workouts prior the event?

Workouts will be available to download from the Interschool WA website approximately 3 weeks prior to the event.

I have experience gear checking/scoring/commentating/writing/course building and would like to help. How can I get involved?

We welcome willing volunteers at Interschool events. Money in honorarium is available to experienced volunteers assisting beyond allocated helper duties. Email SaraBotten@equestrianwa.org.au for register your interest.

I have business that would like to assist with sponsorship of the event. Where can I get involved?

Sponsors and trade vendors are welcome to attend the event. All information including sponsorship packages and registration forms are available online <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/interschool/>

I'm a vet/farrier/doctor and would like to offer to be on call instead of completing a helper duty. Can I do this?

Yes! Email SaraBotten@equestrianwa.org.au to register

I've been asked to be team manager? What does this mean?

Team Managers are responsible for members of the school team throughout the event. All correspondence from competitors must be through their team manager. Team managers will be sent an information booklet prior to the event outlining duties and responsibilities. Team Managers must register their school online <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/interschool/team-managers-form>

I'm team manager. Can I still do a helper duty?

No, team managers are not permitted to nominate for a helper duty.

Where do I find results?

Results will be available online www.nominate.com.au/scoreboard/results or printed results and dressage tests will be available from the Saddles Plus Presidents Lawn.

I've placed in my class!!!! Are there presentations? When?

Presentations for class results will take place following the conclusion of each days unless otherwise stated on the draw. Team awards will take place at a special presentation evening in July at the State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon.

I can't be there for presentations. Can I collect my award early? What do I do?

Collecting awards early is not possible and competitors are expected to attend presentations. If the rider experiences extenuating circumstances they may seek permission from the event organiser to delegate collection of the award to another competitor but this must be sought

prior to presentations otherwise awards will be considered forfeited.

What are “championship points”? What are “team awards”? How do they work? What are “overall awards”? How do they work?

Championship points are allocated to competitors in championship classes. More information on how scoring works for overall awards including team scoring can be found on the Interschool WA event page and in the event schedule.

I attend a rural school. Am I eligible for special awards?

Yes, there are special awards for competitors who attend rural schools.

What are breed awards? How do I nominate?

Horses registered with certain breed societies are eligible for high point breed awards. Nomination must be done with entry.

I think I’ve won an overall award. How do I collect it?

Presentations for overall awards will take place in July at the State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon.