

Equestrian South Australia Presents the



2019 Interschool Gymkhana

OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS/TAFE STUDENTS UP TO 19YRS

SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2019

STRATHALBYN POLO AND RECREATION GROUNDS

CALLINGTON ROAD, STRATHALBYN

QUALIFYING CLASSES FOR 2019 INTERSCHOOL STATE SELECTIONS
FOR COMBINED TRAINING, DRESSAGE, SHOW JUMPING, SHOW
HORSE & SHOW HUNTER.

ENCOURAGE HACK RING ALSO RUNNING – No registration required
for the encourage hack ring only.

****Horse and rider combinations must be registered with
Interschool SA in order to qualify for the State Team****

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THOMAS FARMS

ENTRIES CLOSE: SUNDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2019

Conditions of Entry

1. Closing date of entries – Sunday 10th February 2019.
2. All entries via Nominate.
3. This is an encourage event, riders not registered for Interschool with ESA can enter any class but **only those that have registered prior to the event will be eligible for selection for the state team and earn points for their school towards the perpetual trophy.**
4. Classes will commence at 830am or earlier on the day to avoid the heat or fit scheduling requirements. Refer to EA Hot Weather Policy. Refer to the Interschool SA Facebook page for notifications regarding the weather.
5. Equestrian South Australia will conduct the Thomas Foods Gymkhana in accordance with the EA National Interschool Rules.
6. Classes are open to all children currently attending school or fulltime TAFE students up to 19yrs of age.
7. **Riders taking part in the event must be either financial members of EA.**
8. As per the National Interschool rules, **Primary competition** is restricted to athletes enrolled up to and including Year 6 in the year of competition. **Secondary competition** is for those enrolled in Year 7 to 12 inclusive of the year of competition.
9. **Stallions or colts are not allowed on the grounds.**
10. The organisers reserve the right to remove any unruly horses or persons from the grounds for the safety and welfare of other horses / persons.
11. Any protests must be in writing and signed and handed to the show secretary within 15 minutes of the event in question with a \$50 fee. The committee will determine the outcome of the protest. If upheld the fee will be refunded.
12. Riders competing in the official classes at this event may qualify for selection onto the South Australian Interschool Team. Visit the Equestrian SA Website for a copy of the selection policy.
13. School uniforms or hacking jackets may be worn for official classes. School uniform only is permitted in the encourage classes.
14. The organising committee reserves the right at its discretion to alter or amend any part of the program.
15. The organising committee reserves the right to ballot horses if necessary.
16. **Scratching:** 75% of entry fee will be refunded **only** if Veterinary Certificate or Doctors certificate is produced within 3 days of the competition. Once an entry is accepted the Admin fee is non-refundable.
17. An **Admin fee** of \$5 per competitor must be paid with entries.
18. No power cords are permitted to cross driveways.
19. **Stable Bond:** will be refunded within fourteen (14) days after the completion of the event, after the satisfactory inspection of your stable/s and sign-off from the stable coordinator.
20. School consent forms must be completed with the entry.
21. Bridle numbers must be worn with one on each side of the horse (bridle or saddle blanket)
22. **Qualifications:** are not necessary to be eligible for the Interschool competition.
23. **The Draw:** will be strictly adhered to and riders must present to the Marshall 15 minutes prior to their specified times.
24. **Gear Steward:** There will be no gear check at the event, it is the responsibility of the competitor to know the rules.
25. The draw will be available via the Equestrian South Australia Website.
26. Athletes must ride in approved EA safety helmets at all times as per the National rules for each discipline

27. **Due to the nature of the Interschool competition, it is likely that the draw will be tight. It is therefore the RIDERS responsibility to enter an appropriate number of Interschool classes.** While the organising committee will endeavour to accommodate all rider's competitive needs with respect

to the draw, riders are under no circumstances permitted to request for a draw to be re-scheduled to meet their needs.

28. **HELPERS: IT IS A CONDITION OF ENTRY IN TO OFFICIAL INTERSCHOOL CLASSES FOR THE RIDER TO NOMINATE A HELPER VIA <http://signup.com/go/KPnbKYZ> WHERE THE HELPER CHOOSES THEIR HELPER DUTY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RIDER AND THEIR HELPER TO SIGN IN WITH THE SECRETARY AT LEAST 15 MINS PRIOR TO THEIR DUTY. FAILURE TO ALLOCATE A HELPER AND / OR NOT COMPLETE A DUTY WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION. Any placings will be forfeited and the rider will not be able to use their results to qualify for selections to the State Team. Furthermore, failure to allocate a helper may jeopardise a rider's place on the State Interschool Team.**
29. **LIABILITY: NEITHER THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, EA NOR THE OWNER / LESSEES OF THE VENUE ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR ACCIDENT, DAMAGE, INJURY OR ILLNESS TO HORSES, OWNERS, RIDERS, SPECTATORS, PERSONS OR PROPERTY WHATSOEVER.**

The current version of the Equestrian Australia Rules for Interschool can be downloaded from the Equestrian Australia website www.equestrian.org.au or purchased from the ESA office for \$30.00 + \$4 postage and handling.

Enquires:

interschool@equestriansa.com.au

STABLING: Undercover yards are available at \$10/day. A bond of \$50 is payable and will be refunded if stables are left clean. All straw and manure must be removed from the stables and placed at the ends of the Stable Blocks in a position where it can be easily removed by machine.

NO ELECTRIC YARDS/FENCES to be erected anywhere on the grounds.

CAMPING: Facilities are available for camping overnight (availability is limited and will be allocated on a first in basis):

- Powered & Unpowered sites - \$15 per night

LUNGING: Lunging is not permitted on the MAIN GROUND. Please use the northern 1/3rd of the grounds.

Awards

- Overall winning school
- Aggregate winners for each age group

To avoid a long wait at the end of the day while results are calculated, the overall winning school and aggregate awards will be presented after the event at the winner's school and posted on Facebook.

Individual class ribbons will be presented on the day.

Welcome

Equestrian South Australia welcomes all competitors, school representatives, parents and friends to the South Australian Interschool Gymkhana. We hope you have an enjoyable competition. In order to make your participation at this event as safe and pleasant as possible, please read and consider the following pages.

All official classes will receive school point allocation to contribute to the School High Point Perpetual Award, the winning school to be announced at the 2018 Interschool Awards Night held in June (date to be advised). Interschool SA aims to encourage school-aged riders to develop the individual through the discipline of equestrian sport.

The 4 main objectives of Interschool SA are:

- To promote equitation education and equestrian sport in school programs within South Australia;
- To provide a competition structure that will give opportunities for SA Interschool riders to progress to a national level with the aim of developing excellence in equestrian sport;
- To encourage the development of discipline, character, sportsmanship, teamwork and a sense of achievement in Interschool riders in SA; and
- To reward and educate riders in horsemanship and horse management with the aim of creating a competitive sporting environment that places the welfare of the horse at the fore.

Schools associated with Equestrian South Australia benefit from affiliation with a national sporting body that provides safe and structured competition, as well as education and formal guidelines, for their students. The Interschool SA Handbook has been prepared to assist schools and members in understanding the structure and organisation of the Equestrian South Australia Interschool Competitions.

General Information:

Catering will be available all day. Catering is provided by Personal Chef.

- Riders are to wear a shirt and tie with either a school windcheater, jumper or hacking jacket (not school blazer) or their school's recognised equestrian uniform.
- Water is available for horses on the grounds.

2019 Official Interschool Classes

Australian Championships Qualifications- Competitors who are wishing to compete at the Australian Interschool Championships must compete at a corresponding level at qualifying events. Selections will be made providing the riders meet a minimum qualifying score and the selection criteria unique to each discipline. Refer to the selection criteria which is available on the ESA website. **The 2019 Australian Interschool Championships will be held at Sydney International Equestrian Centre from 27th September – 3rd October 2019.**

Potential team members must show that they are willing to partake in all team activities and conduct themselves in a manner fitting of a state representative.

Riders in official classes are required to nominate a volunteer to assist at the event. Volunteer roster can be found on Signup.com.

Primary competition is for riders enrolled up to and including year 6 during the year of competition.

Intermediate is defined as those riders enrolled in years 7, 8 and 9.

Senior are for those riders enrolled in years 10, 11 and 12.

Secondary are for riders enrolled in years 7 to 12.

RING 1 & 2 DRESSAGE COMPETITION **\$15 per test**

All Dressage Tests will be run under current EA Rules for Dressage, effective 1st February 2019. Riders must ride in order of the draw.

A **maximum of 2 dressage Levels** (not Tests) across all disciplines, per combination per day is allowed. Tests may be called if necessary.

Official qualifying classes for State Team

Class 3: Primary Preliminary 1C

Class 4: Intermediate Preliminary 1C

Class 5: Senior Preliminary 1C

Class 6: Primary Novice 2C

Class 7: Intermediate Novice 2C

Class 8: Senior Novice 2C

Class 9: Secondary Elementary 3C

Class 10: Secondary Medium 4C

Class 11: Secondary Advanced 5C

RING 3 Show Jumping \$7.50 per class

All Show Jumping will be run under current FEI Rules for Jumping and the Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules. Riders must ride in order of the draw and must not hold up proceedings on the day.

A maximum of 4 show jumping rounds across all disciplines, per combination per day is allowed. **Show Jumpers may compete in two consecutive height levels.**

Walking the Course: Riders are to listen for announcements that the course is available for walking. To walk the course, riders must be dressed as they will ride. Coaches/teachers/parents may walk the course with competitors.

1. Primary Maximum Height 45cm (encourage class, does not qualify for State Team selection)
2 Phase Table A Article 274.5.6

Primary Combined Training Maximum Height 45cm is an official qualifying round and will be run under Eventing Rules for jumping. Combined Training riders must enter class number 26 (CT riders may also enter class 9, riders that enter both classes will only jump one round, that round will count toward both results).

2. Primary Maximum Height 60cm (encourage class, does not qualify for State Team selection)
2 Phase Table A Article 274.5.6
3. Secondary Maximum Height 60cm (encourage class, does not qualify for State Team selection)
2 Phase Table A Article 274.5.6

Primary & Secondary Combined Training Maximum Height 60cm is an official qualifying round and will be run under Eventing Rules for jumping. Combined Training riders must enter class number 27 or 29 (CT riders may also enter class 11, riders that enter both classes will only jump one round, that round will count toward both results)

Table A

RING 4 Show Jumping \$7.50 per class

4. Primary Maximum Height 80cm (official qualifying class)
2 Phase Table A Article 274.5.6
5. Secondary Maximum Height 80cm (encourage class, does not qualify for State Team selection)
2 Phase Table A Article 274.5.6

Primary & Secondary Combined Training Maximum Height 80cm class will be run under Eventing Rules for jumping. Combined Training riders must enter class number 28 or 30 (CT riders may also enter class 13, riders that enter both classes

will only jump one round, that round will count toward both results). Table A

6. Primary Maximum 80cm (official qualifying class)
One Round Stakes Table A 238.2.2
7. Secondary Maximum 80cm (encourage class, does not qualify for State Team selection)
One Round Stakes Table A 238.2.2
8. Primary Maximum Height 90cm
2 Phase Table A Article 274.5.6
9. Secondary Maximum Height 90cm
2 Phase Table A Article 274.5.6
10. Primary Maximum Height 90cm
One Round Stakes Table A 238.2.1
11. Secondary Maximum Height 90cm
One Round Stakes Table A 238.2.1

Secondary Combined Training Maximum Height 90cm class will be run under Eventing Rules for jumping. Combined Training riders must enter class number 31 (not class 19).
Table A
12. Secondary Maximum Height 1.00m
2 Phase Table A Article 274.5.6
13. Secondary Maximum Height 1.00m
One Round Stakes Table A 238.2.1
14. Secondary Combined Training 105cm
One Round Stakes Table A 238.2.1
15. Secondary Maximum Height 1.10m
2 Phase Table A Article 274.5.6
16. Secondary Maximum Height 1.10m
One Round Stakes Table A 238.2.1
17. Secondary Maximum Height 1.20m
2 Phase Table A Article 274.5.6
18. Secondary Maximum Height 1.20m
One Round Stakes Table A 238.2.1

COMBINED TRAINING \$25.00 per class

Combined Training will be run under the current EA National Eventing Rules, according to Eventing Rule Annex 1. The same horse and rider combination must compete in both phases of the competition.

Combined training riders may also enter the equivalent show jumping class, the one round will count toward both results.

No whip is allowed in the dressage phase, however whips of no more than 75cm are permitted in the jumping phase. A maximum of 3 dressage TESTS (not levels) and 4 show jumping rounds across all disciplines, per combination per day, is allowed. *Only* x1 Combined Training height allowed per horse/rider combination.

Walking the Course: Riders are to listen for announcements that the course is available for walking. To walk the course, riders must be dressed, as they will ride. Coaches/teachers/parents may walk the course with competitors.

Scoring is as per the EA Eventing rules.

1. Primary 45cm
EA Preliminary 1A (2019)
2. Primary 60cm
EA Preliminary 1B (2019)
3. Primary 80cm
EA Preliminary 1C (2019)
4. Secondary 60cm
EA Preliminary 1C (2019)
5. Secondary 80cm
EA Preliminary 1C (2019)
6. Secondary 90cm (at the Australian Championships this will be at 95cm, for programming reasons this qualifying class will be run at 90cm)
EA Preliminary 1C (2019)
7. Secondary 105cm
EA Novice 2A (2019)

SHOW RIDER COMPETITION \$20 per class (One class includes 3 phases)

Each phase will be run according to a draw.

Work outs for each phase will be provided to riders prior to the beginning of the competition.

1st to 3rd ribbons will be provided for place getters in each phase.

Overall placings will be announced at the conclusion of all three phases. Overall placings will be determined by the number of points accrued across all three phases.

Riders must nominate for their horse to compete as either a hack, hunter OR a working hunter. These classes will NOT be conducted according to horses height, but riders age.

The leading rein phase is judged by how well a rider can handle their horse, NOT by how well their horse is able to lead.

All riders competing in Show Rider must adhere to the general uniform requirements:

- Gaiters are not allowed for riders under 18 in rider class competitions in the Show Rider Competition.
- Gloves are compulsory for all Show Rider Competitions.

1. Primary Show Horse

Phase 1- In Hand
Phase 2- Rider
Phase 3- Ridden

2. Primary Show Hunter

Phase 1- In Hand
Phase 2- Rider
Phase 3 – Ridden

3. Primary Working Hunter

Phase 1 – In Hand
Phase 2 – Rider
Phase 3 – Ridden
Phase 4 – Jumping 45cm (jumping will commence at the start of class 9 in ring 3)

4. Secondary Show Horse

Phase 1- In Hand
Phase 2- Rider
Phase 3- Ridden

5. Secondary Show Hunter

Phase 1 – In Hand
Phase 2 – Rider
Phase 3 – Ridden

6. Secondary Working Hunter
 - Phase 1 – In Hand
 - Phase 2 – Rider
 - Phase 3 – Ridden
 - Phase 4 – Jumping 65cm (jumping will follow immediately after the 45cm Working Hunter in ring 3)

ENCOURAGE CLASSES \$5 per class

Riders competing in this ring may not compete in official interschool classes.

Hacking jackets are not permitted in this ring, riders must wear school uniform or school equestrian uniform. A handler is permitted to lead the pony in all classes.

1. Versatile pony 7 years & under
2. Versatile pony 9 years & under
3. Led Pony under 12hh (rider to lead their pony)
4. Led Pony under 13hh (rider to lead their pony)
5. Smartest on Parade 7 years & under
6. Smartest on Parade 9 years & under
7. Learners Pony under 12hh
8. Learners Pony 12hh & under 13hh
9. Learners Pony 13hh & over
10. Rider 6 years and under
11. Rider 7 years and under 9 years
12. Versatile pony 8 years & over
13. Versatile pony 10 years & under 12
14. Led Pony 12hh and over (rider to lead their pony)
15. Led Pony 13hh and over (rider to lead their pony)
16. Smartest on parade 8 years and over
17. Smartest on Parade 10 years & under 12
18. Pleasure Pony under 13hh
19. Pleasure Pony 13hh ne 14hh
20. Pleasure Galloway/Hack over 14hh
21. Rider 9 years and under 11 years
22. Rider 11 years and over
23. Pair of Ponies under 13hh
24. Pair of Galloway/Hacks 13hh and over
25. Fattest Pony
26. Longest Tail (false tails not permitted)
27. Hairiest Pony

28. Fancy Dress

Codes of Conduct for Equestrian South Australia Interschool Events:

As a condition of entry all participants shall accept and be bound by the rules of Equestrian Australia. All competitors and their associates shall accept and be bound by the Equestrian Australia Codes of Conduct for Competitors, Spectators, Horses, Volunteers as well as other relevant Codes and Policies relating to the conducting of an equestrian event. The conduct of members of the sport overall is controlled by the "EA Member Protection Policy" which can be found on the Equestrian Australia national website.

The welfare of the horse is paramount and instances of cruelty or mistreatment will be recorded and acted upon. Horse abuse in any form will not be tolerated. If horse abuse is determined the rider will be disqualified from the competition. Unsportsmanlike behaviour of any sort will not be tolerated and may incur disqualification.

The Interschool Gymkhana is run by volunteers and as such these people deserve respect and courtesy from competitors and their associates. It is expected that both riders and their support teams will adhere to the rules of the competitions in which they participate and that they will show respect for other competitors, their horses, officials, judges and others in their actions and their words. In most cases everyone is attempting to do the best for the whole group of riders and whilst an issue can seem all consuming to an individual at the time, the reaction to it and the resultant behaviour needs to be tempered with reason.

- Any abuse either by rider parent or associated persons, aimed at any volunteer acting as an official will not be tolerated.
- Any incidents of this nature will result in immediate disqualification of the rider from the competition.
- Riders and their associates should adhere to the instructions and directions of any official at all times.
- The use of offensive language and /or displaying offensive behaviour to one's horse, to officials to judges or any other person at the competition will not be tolerated.
- Breaches of these general conduct practices will result in elimination from the competition.

Important Etiquette

Please respect the riders and horses by not yelling, running or interrupting when they are competing. It is particularly important during a busy competition to exercise restraint and quiet where possible, since horses are upset by sudden noise and movement and could endanger children and others on the grounds.

Please be mindful when entering classes that the welfare of the horse is paramount and organisers have the right to refuse entries should they believe this has been breached.

Uniform

Riders are to wear a shirt and tie with either a school windcheater, jumper or hacking jacket (not school blazer) or their school's recognised equestrian uniform. White or light coloured breeches or jodhpurs. Long or short riding boots. Riders may wear gaiters made from full grain leather, either black or brown to match boots.

Helmets

Athletes must ride in EA approved safety helmets at all times as per National Sport Rules for each discipline. Helmets must be securely fastened and failure to comply with this regulation will result in elimination from the competition.

Whips

As per EA Rules for each discipline.

Soundness

The judges are required to satisfy themselves regarding the soundness of all horses, therefore judges have the authority to stop an unsound horse from competing prior to or during competition.

Reporting & Safety Measures

To keep the event running as close to schedule as possible we will need the cooperation of riders, their school representative and parents to ensure that riders are on time for their classes. Allocated rider times may vary slightly, but the draw order will not – unless there are individual scheduling conflicts. Riders must be ready to ride in the order in which they are called.

Competition objections and disputes

At every competition it is likely that there will be mistakes made in relation to scoring or the eligibility of riders to compete. Any objections must be made to the organising committee within thirty minutes of the event giving rise to the objection.

If you wish to lodge a protest this must be made in writing and submitted to the event secretary no later than 15 minutes after the posting of final results, and must be accompanied by a \$50 non-refundable protest fee. Once lodged, the objection will be considered by a Ground Jury. Their decision will be final and no further discussions will be entered into.

In the interests of promoting a friendly competitive atmosphere individual riders or their parents may approach the organizing committee for any of the following:

- To ask clarifying questions;
- To request a recheck or recalculation on a result should an obvious error be noted; and/or
- To bring to the attention of the organising committee other errors (such as a rider allocated to the wrong school, or a child allocated to a primary class when they should ride secondary).

Presentations

Competition attire is to be worn. Ribbons will be forfeited if neither the competitor nor a representative is present. No protests or disputes will be entered into after the presentations.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Neither Equestrian South Australia or Equestrian South Australia Interschool nor any of their officers, servants, or agents shall be in any way liable for anything that may happen from any cause or circumstances whatever to exhibitors, competitors or members or their servants, agents or to anyone

on the grounds or to any animals or article exhibited or to any property brought to the grounds or for any other loss, claim, matter, circumstances or event whatsoever in connection with or arising out of or attributable to the event or any journey to or from the event or any other Rules and Regulations or Special Conditions prescribed by them.

RESERVATION OF RIGHT

"The Executive Committee of Equestrian SA and the Organisers of the South Australian Interschool State Championships reserves the right:

- To cancel any class or event
- To divide any class
- To amend the program as they see fit
- To transfer competitions between sections of a class
- To alter the advertised times
- To refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason"