



INTERSCHOOL HANDBOOK



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INTRODUCTION

Interschool has been running in South Australia by Equestrian South Australia (ESA) for 15 years and we are proud to present the opportunity again in 2026. With rules and events continually changing, so does the information required by parents, riders, judges, stewards and volunteers. This handbook aims to provide the necessary information about interschool in South Australia. ESA has formed an ESA Interschool Committee to assist in the running of SA Interschool.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this handbook is to provide:

- riders, parents, coaches, judges, stewards, marshals, schools, volunteers and sponsors with a reference to access information concerning the running of ESA Interschool
- clear information for qualification and selection criteria for the SA Team to represent South Australia in the Australian Interschool Championships; and
- information to each rider regarding their responsibilities once they are selected to be on the SA Team.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Interschool Committee on interschool@equestriansa.com.au





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1 MISSION & OBJECTIVES OF EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOL

Interschool South Australia has the following mission:

“To develop the school aged rider through the discipline of equestrian sport.”

To achieve this mission the four main objectives are to:

- promote equitation, education, and equestrian sport in school programs across South Australia
- provide a competition structure that will give opportunities for South Australian Interschool riders to progress to a national level with the aim of developing excellence in equestrian sport
- encourage the development of discipline, character, sportsmanship, teamwork and a sense of achievement in Interschool riders in South Australia; and
- 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.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOL

- a chance to connect with other students that have similar interests and goals
- being part of a team in a sport that is often focussed on the individual
- learn leadership skills and communication
- develop sportsmanship
- supportive environment to develop equestrian skills
- opportunities to receive coaching from qualified coaches





2 GENERAL INFORMATION & MEMBERSHIP

General information about the structure of the Interschool Competition, general rules and regulations that apply to all competitors.

2.1 Interschool SA Structure

Interschool competition in South Australia is managed by the ESA Interschool Committee. South Australia recognises five interschool equestrian disciplines as qualifying events for the Australian Interschool Championships: dressage, eventing, combined training, show jumping, and show rider.

2.2 Communication

The Facebook site "Interschool - Equestrian SA" provides the most up to date information on ESA Interschool and includes links and reminders regarding qualifying events. The Interschool SA webpage may also contain other information such as: national interschool rules, national rules for each discipline, selection policies, important contacts, and other correspondence. It is important that each member and their family regularly access these information sources to ensure that they have the latest information.

2.3 Rider Membership

All riders competing at ESA Interschool qualifying events must be a current Participant or Competitive ESA member (refer to the ESA membership brochure online to confirm your required level). Equestrian SA membership forms can be found on the ESA website. To be eligible for interschool competitions, riders must also be currently enrolled as a student in a school. A school is defined as one that is registered as a school as part of the state's education system. It includes home school, school of the air and TAFE where a student under the age of 19 is enrolled in full time study, but does not include TAFE (part time), University, or other technical colleges.

A registration form must be filled out via Nominate and a consent form must be completed and emailed to interschool@equestriansa.com.au when submitting your entry into the first qualifying event. The consent form must be signed by your school sports coordinator and principal, there will be no exceptions for late registration forms.

Some events may require a copy of your ESA membership in order to compete. Please make sure you have a copy available on the day of competition.

2.4 Horse Registration

Horses competing at any Interschool qualifying competition must have ESA base or full registration. All horses participating in the Australian Interschool Championships must have full ESA registration and have a microchip meeting Australian Standard AS5018/5019 inserted.



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2.5 Registration for Team Selection

For a horse and rider combination to be considered for State Team selection, the combination must be registered for Interschool (registration via Nominate) and return to interschool@equestriansa.com.au a completed and signed School Consent Form (available via Nominate) when submitting your entries for the first qualifying event that the combination wishes to compete in.

The Interschool registration is one set fee, per combination, that covers any classes the combination wishes to compete in (that is, riders do not need to register per discipline).

The ESA Interschool Event Calendar lists all qualifying events for the Interschool season. These events will include qualifying classes that are available at the Australian Interschool Championships, and placegetters will be allocated points that will assist in determining ESA Interschool State Team selection, the School Perpetual Trophy, and the High Point Discipline Champions at the end of the qualifying season. Riders in all disciplines must achieve qualifying performances to be considered for State Team selection. Please refer to the ESA Interschool State Team Selection Process for information on the State Team selection process and points system.





3 RULES & REGULATIONS

As Interschool Equestrian competitions run across a wide variety of disciplines, please visit the EA website to obtain the rules, regulations and policies for each discipline.

The following EA rules apply specifically to Interschool:

- EA National Interschool Rules
- EA Interschool Show Horse Rules

In addition to specific Discipline rules, the ESA and EA policies and by-laws apply.

The following are some general principles that apply to interschool events, as set out in the EA National Interschool Rules:

1. Horses and ponies must be four years or older to compete in Interschool competitions. Horses ages are assessed from 1 August of the year of birth.
2. If the horse has an EA grading, the rider must abide by the relevant EA discipline governing the level at which that horse may be entered.
3. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that they and their horse are appropriately qualified and competent for a class they are entering.
4. Scores received by horses at Interschool competitions are not to be used as qualifications for other official competitions outside of interschool such as dressage, show jumping, show horse and eventing.
5. Stallions and/or Rigs are not permitted at any ESA Interschool events.
6. Only competition horses are allowed in the warmup and competition arenas.
7. Only the interschool athlete competing in any given discipline may ride the nominated horse, on or off the grounds, on the day/s of competition until the whole event is concluded.
8. Lunging or work in hand by someone other than the nominated athlete is permitted, however lunging is permitted only in specified areas.
9. A horse may not be ridden by more than one rider at an ESA Interschool competition, and must not compete in more than the maximum number of tests/sections allowed in the day by EA discipline rules which include no more than the following per day per horse:
 - 2 dressage tests
 - 2 class starts in jumping – unless the event schedule states otherwise – maximum 3 starts per day
 - 1 class per Eventing competition
10. A rider may compete on more than one horse and in multiple disciplines, as long as the National Discipline Rules are followed regarding the number of tests/classes that may be contested.
11. Organising Committees may restrict the number of competitions an athlete/horse combination may contest due to scheduling/programming requirements.



4 INTERSCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The following uniform requirements are standard for all riders in all disciplines at Equestrian SA Interschool events, which must be worn in all competitions and for presentations:

1. Riders are to wear:
 - Regular official competition wear, light coloured jodhpurs, white or blue shirt with a riding jacket.
 - a shirt 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; and
 - long or short riding boots.
2. Riders may wear gaiters made from full grain leather on the exposed side of the gaiter, either black or brown to match boots. Exceptions to this rule: gaiters are not allowed for riders under 18 in rider class competitions in Show Horse, and dressage riders competing advanced or above must wear top boots if a tailcoat is worn instead of a short coat.
3. Helmets must be EA approved safety helmets and be securely fastened. Top hats are not allowed in Interschool competitions. Helmets must be tagged to compete in all disciplines (other than show horse).
4. Gloves are compulsory in Dressage and in the dressage phase for CNC1* and above in Eventing.
5. Each School may also specify a school saddlecloth, which may include the school crest or badge.

Students selected for the State Team are required to purchase their own uniform. Further information about the uniform will be provided after selection of the State Team.





5 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION STRUCTURE

All Equestrian SA Interschool events are run under EA and ESA Rules. Qualifying competitions are generally conducted by affiliated clubs, with the major competition of the year being the Interschool State Championships which is run by ESA Interschool.

There are no qualification requirements to enter the ESA Interschool State Championships.

The ESA Interschool Event Calendar lists all qualifying events for the Interschool season. These events will include qualifying classes that are available at the Australian Interschool Championships, and placegetters will be allocated points that will assist in determining ESA Interschool State Team selection, the School Perpetual Trophy and the High Point Discipline Champions at the end of the qualifying season. **Riders in all disciplines must achieve qualifying performances** to be considered for State Team selection. Please refer to the **ESA Interschool State Team Selection Process** at the end of this document for information on the State Team selection process and points system.

5.1 Determining the appropriate level at which to ride

As riders voluntarily choose to compete in ESA Interschool competitions, the level of competition in which they decide to ride should only be done under the advisement of an EA qualified coach. ESA Interschool openly discourages parents and/or coaches from either coercing or inappropriately encouraging a rider to compete at a level beyond their capability or that of their mount. Safety in this sport is extremely important. Riders are reminded that if their horse has an EA grading, the rider must abide by the relevant EA discipline governing the level at which that horse may be entered.

5.2 Team Competitions

Team competitions are offered at the State and Australian Championships. Teams are not pre-nominated; they are determined at the completion of the competition from the riders' placings points. Riders who are eliminated cannot be a member of a team.

A team consists of a maximum of **4 individual** riders from the one school or state. A rider competing more than one horse can be a member of two different teams with different horses but cannot be on one team with two horses.

Each competition program will outline the ruling on how the organising committee will operate their teams' competition, whether a team's competition is offered at all, and the requirements for awarding of points and prizes.



6 CODES OF CONDUCT

As a condition to competing at any Interschool qualifying competition, all participants must accept and be bound by the rules of Equestrian Australia. All competitors and their associates must 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 website.

Equestrian SA Interschool is run by volunteers and as such these people should be treated with respect and courtesy from the riders 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 administrators in their actions and their words. 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.

Riders and their associates must always adhere to the instructions and directions of any official. While we trust all participants involved will operate with kindness and good sports-person-ship, we must disclose the alternative. For example, the following actions will not be tolerated:

- any abuse, either by an athlete, parent or associated persons, aimed at any volunteer acting as an official
- the use of offensive language and /or displaying offensive behaviour to a horse, official, judge or any other person at a competition
- horse abuse in any form; and
- unsportsmanlike behaviour of any sort.

Any incidents of this nature will distract us from our good will and may result pursuing Integrity disciplinary action, because of breeches of EA Code of Conduct, including in extreme circumstances possible disqualification or elimination of the rider or support personnel from the competition.



7 COMPETITIONS

7.1 Dressage

Interschool Dressage offers classes from Preliminary to Intermediate 1. Primary riders are eligible to ride in Preliminary and Novice (and Elementary and Medium in the OPEN classes), Intermediate riders are eligible to ride Preliminary and Novice (and Elementary and Medium in the OPEN classes), and Secondary riders are eligible to ride Preliminary to Inter 1 levels.

All Interschool dressage competitions will be run in accordance with EA and FEI Rules using the most current EA dressage tests, which can be obtained on the EA website. All-Abilities classes will be on offer for riders with a disability, please refer to the All-Abilities section for more information. Callers are permitted for Preliminary to Advanced at State Championships for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary riders. Callers are permitted for Primary riders only for Preliminary and Novice at Australian Nationals.

The following classes are offered to riders at the State and Australian Interschool Championships:

PRIMARY (up to and including Year 6)

- Preliminary Dressage
- Novice Dressage
- OPEN classes Elementary & Medium

SECONDARY (from Year 7)

- Intermediate Preliminary Dressage (Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Senior Preliminary Dressage (Years 10, 11 and 12)
- Intermediate Novice Dressage (Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Senior Novice Dressage (Years 10, 11 and 12)
- Elementary Dressage
- Medium Dressage
- Advanced Dressage
- Prix St Georges Dressage
- Intermediate I



7.2 Showjumping

Interschool Jumping has classes for both Primary, Intermediate and Secondary School riders. Jumping competitions will be conducted under the EA National Jumping Rules which can be obtained on the EA website.

The following classes are offered to riders at the State and Australian Interschool Championships:

PRIMARY ONLY (up to and including Year 6)

- 70cm
- 80cm
- 90cm

SECONDARY ONLY (from Year 7)

- Intermediate 90cm (Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Senior 90cm (Years 10, 11 and 12)
- Intermediate 1m (Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Senior 1m (Years 10, 11 and 12)
- 1.10m (Year 7-12)
- 1.20m (Year 7-12)

7.3 Eventing

Interschool Eventing is not separated between Primary and Secondary riders. However, the age of athletes is restricted as per the EA National Eventing Rules. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) are as per the National EA rules and combinations are required to have two (2) qualifying events at their entered level by the close of National entries.

Eventing classes offered to Interschool riders are:

- EVA 80
- EVA 95
- CCN 1*
- CCN 2*



7.4 Combined Training

The Combined Training competition consists of a Dressage class and a Showjumping round. Combined Training is run under the EA National Eventing Rules. The dressage tests for the Combined Training classes will be advised in the relevant program for the competition. Callers are permitted up to and including 95cm in the Dressage Phase.

The following classes are offered to riders at the State and Australian Interschool Championships:

PRIMARY (up to and including Year 6)

- 50cm Combined Training
- 65cm Combined Training
- 80cm Combined Training

SECONDARY (from Year 7)

- 65cm Combined Training
- 80cm Combined Training
- 95cm Combined Training
- CCN 1* (105cm) Combined Training

7.5 Show Rider

At State and Australian Interschool Championships, riders are offered classes for Show Horse or Show Hunter in Primary, Intermediate (Years 7, 8 and 9) and Senior (Years 10, 11 and 12).

Each horse/rider combination may compete in one class only - i.e. MUST choose between Show Horse or Show Hunter. Show Rider Classes are run under current EA National Show Horse Rules and EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules.

Each class has the following 3 phases:

Phase 1 - In hand - judges how well a rider can handle their horse, NOT how well their horse is able to lead.

Phase 2 - Rider - judges the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout. 11 ESA Interschool Handbook

Phase 3 - Ridden - judges the horse as a show horse.



8 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

South Australia hosts a State Interschool Championship each year. The Interschool State Championship is the flagship event for the Interschool riders in South Australia and is usually run over three separate days in one weekend.

The State Championships provides a great opportunity for schools to compete and for the development of a strong equestrian team spirit.

The competition is designed to provide a high-level performance opportunity for riders and a selection event for the South Australian Team to go to the Australian Championships. It is critical that all riders compete in classes appropriate for their skill level, as safety is the priority at these events.

At the state championships, a rider may ride more than one horse per discipline, providing the horse/s they ride do not exceed the number of tests/jumping round per day nominated in the National Interschool Rules.





9 AUSTRALIAN INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Australian Interschool Championships are run annually, organised by a different state committee each year.

Selection for the ESA Interschool State Team (to represent South Australia at the Australian Interschool Championships) will be determined by ESA after the final qualifying event for the ESA Interschool qualifying season (refer to the ESA Interschool Competition Calendar).

Please note that ESA is bound by the following EA National Interschool Rules and EA National Show Horse Interschool Rules when determining State Team selection:

- each State is allowed a maximum of 4 qualified riders per class
- States may establish reserve lists based on ranking, from which to draw upon alternative team members prior to the close of nominations
- the organising committee (of the Australian Championships) determines the rules and procedures regarding substitution of a horse for a team rider
- at the Australian Interschool Championships, riders may compete with more than 1 horse and in multiple disciplines with a recommendation of 2 classes per rider. The organising committee (of the Australian Championships) may accept a maximum of 3 classes due to scheduling or horse welfare reasons; and
- at the Australian Interschool Championships, a horse and rider combination:
 - can compete in Eventing and Showjumping (up to and including 1m) or Dressage (up to and including Elementary) or Show Horse, subject to timetabling
 - may only complete in one Combined Training class; and
 - may only compete in one Show Horse class, i.e. must choose between Show Horse or Show Hunter.

NOTE that the National Interschool Rules may be amended prior to the State Team selection. Any amended rules will be uploaded onto the ESA website.

At the time of State Team selection, ESA will contact any horse and rider combination that have qualified in multiple classes to determine which class(es) they wish to enter for the Australian Interschool Championships.

ESA Interschool Committee manages all details regarding the State Team and may appoint a Team Manager, Chef D'Equipe and other team officials as deemed necessary to assist in this.



10 ALL ABILITIES PATHWAY FOR RIDERS WITH ADAPTIVE NEEDS

To support the inclusion of athletes with additional needs in Interschool competitions, Equestrian Australia (EA) has established the All-Abilities pathway, including a rider classification and exemption scheme. This aims to allow eligible riders to compete on equitable terms in Interschool Dressage, the Dressage phases of Interschool Eventing and Combined Training, as well as in specific Interschool All Abilities Dressage and Show Horse classes.

Refer to the EA National Interschool Rules for further information.

10.1 Exemption Cards

The EA Exemption Card application form is found on the EA Website. Once the application is received by EA, all information will be forwarded to the EA Exemption Committee for consideration. The rider is then notified by EA in writing if approved or not approved. Once the card is issued, the rider is permitted to have alternative equipment and/or conditions as mentioned on their identification card at any Interschool SA competition.

10.2 EA Para-Equestrian Classifications

Riders may seek to be classified within the Equestrian Australia Para-Equestrian system and issued with a Para-Equestrian Identification (EA PE ID) card (must be 12 years of age or older). For further information, refer to EA Para-Equestrian.

10.3 All Abilities Classes for Riders with Adaptive Needs

These may be offered at Interschool SA Dressage or Show Horse competitions and may be offered at the State Championships in the applicable disciplines only. Any interested competitors, schools or organising committees should contact the National Interschool committee for further information. These classes will be eligible for points for championships and teams' competitions.



SELECTION PROCESS for the EQUESTRIAN SA INTERSCHOOL STATE TEAM (2026)

11 SELECTION PROCESS

Selection for the Equestrian South Australia (ESA) Interschool State Team (State Team) to represent South Australia at the Australian Interschool Championships will be determined by ESA after the final qualifying event for the ESA Interschool qualifying season (refer to the ESA Interschool Competition Calendar).

Please note that ESA is bound by the following EA National Interschool Rules and EA National Show Horse Interschool Rules when determining State Team selection:

- each State is allowed a maximum of 4 qualified riders per class (see Annexure A for the list of classes available at the Australian Interschool Championships – noting that the organising committee of the Australian Championships may split a secondary class into intermediate and senior secondary)
- States may establish reserve lists based on ranking, from which to draw upon alternative team members prior to the close of nominations
- the organising committee (of the Australian Championships) determines the rules and procedures regarding substitution of a horse for a team rider and the substitution horse **MUST** be qualified
- at the Australian Interschool Championships, riders may compete with more than 1 horse and in multiple disciplines with a recommendation of 2 classes per rider. The organising committee (of the Australian Championships) may accept a maximum of 3 classes due to scheduling or horse welfare reasons; and
- at the Australian Interschool Championships, a horse and rider combination:
 - cannot compete in Eventing and Combined Training
 - may only complete in one Combined Training class; and
 - may only compete in one Show Horse class, i.e. must choose between Show Horse or Show Hunter.

NOTE that the National Interschool Rules may be amended prior to the State Team selection. Any amended rules will be uploaded onto the ESA website.

At the time of State Team selection, ESA will contact any horse and rider combination that has qualified in multiple classes to determine which class/es they wish to enter for the Australian Interschool Championships.



12 REGISTRATION

For a horse and rider combination to be considered for selection on the State Team, the combination must be registered for Interschool (registration via Nominate) and return to the ESA office a completed and signed School Consent Form (available via Nominate) before the date of the qualifying event that the combination wishes to compete in. **Note that each rider must also be a current ESA member and horse/pony EA base registered to compete at any qualifying event.**

13 POINTS AND SCOREBOARD

In determining selection for the State Team, ESA will consider the **best two results for each horse and rider combination at 2 separate events (if they are qualifying performances) from any of the qualifying events.**

To assist with ranking of horse and rider combinations for State Team selection points will be allocated for each class at every qualifying event. At qualifying events, the first 20 place getters in each class will be allocated points from 20 to 1.

An Interschool Scoreboard will be prepared and updated after each qualifying event, which will show the points given to all horse and rider combinations registered for Interschool. This Scoreboard will be available on the Interschool Facebook page and ESA Interschool website.

Show Jumping points will be allocated based on class placing.

Please note that **no points** will be allocated if the combination:

- does not achieve a qualifying performance (see below) (e.g. if a rider places in prelim dressage but scores less than 60%, no points will be allocated); or
- has not registered for Interschool before the date of the qualifying event.

14 QUALIFYING PERFORMANCES

For a horse and rider combination to be considered for selection on the State Team for a class, **that combination MUST achieve the following qualifying performances for that class at the qualifying events:**

Dressage: At least 60% (for Prelim and Novice) or 58% (for Elementary and above) in 2 different tests, obtained at 2 separate events. E.g. 1.2 at State Champs and 1.3 at AHDC event.

Show Horse/Hunter: 70% in each phase of the class.

Combined Training: 2 classes with at least 60% for the dressage phase and no more than 8 total penalties in the show jumping phase, obtained at 2 separate events.

Show Jumping: 1 class with no more than 4 total penalties (not jump off), and 1 class with no more than 8 total penalties (not jump off), obtained at 2 separate events. For Article 274.2 (Special Two Phase) a qualifying round must be judged over the full 12 fences.



Eventing: One class with:

- at least 55% for the dressage phase
- no more than 20 jumping penalties and 36 time penalties in the cross country phase
- no more than 16 total penalties in the show jumping phase

And one class with:

- at least 55% for the dressage phase
- no jumping penalties and no more than 36 time penalties in the cross country phase
- no more than 8 total penalties in the show jumping phase

*If the State Team for:

- any class consists of less than 4 riders, ESA may (in its discretion) consider non-qualifying performances from a qualifying competition or qualifying performances from one event only;
- an eventing class consists of less than 4 riders, ESA may (in its discretion) consider results from Interstate competitions; and
- the committee reserves the right to make the final decision on the team via a voting process.

15 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each year the Interschool committee will run an Interschool State Championship over 3 days. Within this event you are restricted to ride a maximum of 2 dressage tests and 3 jump rounds per day. To enable combinations to compete in the maximum events.

- Show Jumping will be run on Saturday and Sunday and be considered 2 separate events. Combinations can enter 2 different show jumping heights on both the Saturday and Sunday.
- CT will be run on the Saturday and Sunday and be considered 2 separate events. Combinations can enter 2 different CT heights on both the Saturday and Sunday. This will involve 2 dressage tests and therefore if you enter 2 different CT heights you could not then enter dressage.
- Dressage will be considered 1 event; you will ride your first test on the Saturday e.g. 1.2 and the second test on the Sunday e.g. 1.3. Combinations can compete at 2 separate dressage levels if they are not competing in CT. Combinations cannot compete at the same dressage level twice e.g. enter 2 x Preliminary and no CT.
- Show Horse classes will be run on one day. Combinations can only enter 1 class being either Show Horse or Show Hunter.

All qualifying State Championship combinations will be awarded Team Selection points from 20-1 and High Points from 25-1. The reason Team Selection points are adjusted to 20-1 is to allow all Interschool qualifying events be measured evenly and therefore the strongest team can be selected.



16 STATE TEAM ESA SELECTION

The below example demonstrates how the combinations achieve State Team ESA selection.

Combination A - Calculation

Combined Training

Comp 1 Dressage 29.8, no jump or jump time penalties = points 19

Comp 2 Dressage 31.8, no jump or jump time penalties = points 17

Comp 3 Dressage 34.1, eliminated in jumping = points 0

Best 2 scores = 19 + 17 = 36

Rider / Horse Combo	Comp 1 Dressage Penalties	Comp 1 Jump Pen	Comp 1 Jump Time	Total Penalties	Ranking Score
Combo A	29.8	0	0	29.8	19
Combo B	32	0	0	32	16
Combo C	30.4	0	0	30.4	18
Combo D	27.3	4	0	31.3	17
Combo E	28.5	0	0	28.5	20
Combo F	33.1	0	2.5	35.6	15

Rider / Horse Combo	Comp 2 State Champs Dressage Penalties	Comp 2 Jump Pen	Comp 2 Jump Time	Total Penalties	Ranking Score
Combo A	35.1	0	0	35.1	17
Combo B	31.8	0	0	31.8	20
Combo C	33	0	0	33	18
Combo D	27.9	4	0	31.9	19
Combo E	30.5	12	0	NQ	0
Combo F	35.2	0	0	35.2	16



Rider / Horse Combo	Comp 3 State Champs Dressage Penalties	Comp 3 Jump Penalties	Comp 3 Jump Time	Total Penalties	Ranking Score	Best Ranking Score	Second Best ranking Score	Overall, Team selection score
Combo A	34.1	Elim	0	NQ	0	19	17	36
Combo B	21.9	0	0	21.9	19	20	19	39
Combo C	33.4	0	0	33.4	17	18	18	36
Combo D	21.5	0	0	21.5	20	20	19	39
Combo E	30.7	0	0	30.7	18	20	18	38
Combo F	32.3	0	3.2	35.5	16	16	16	32

Successful State Team ESA selection would be offered to Combination D, B, C and E.

FAQ's

What happens if the 4th and 5th ranked combinations have the same Overall, Team selection score?

The combination will be decided by the highest place overall at State championships.

Do my best ranking scores come from different tests i.e. 1.2 and 1.3 if I compete in Dressage?

Yes, each dressage test which achieves the minimum qualification percents will be awarded Team selection and High Points. We will select your 2 highest points from 2 separate tests at 2 separate events. E.g. 1.2 test at one event and 1.3 at a separate event. As the Interschool State Championships is considered 1 event, if your highest results are achieved there, we will select one test from the Interschool State Championships and the other test from a separate event.

Can I register for 3 different levels (e.g. SJ 90cm, 100cm, 110cm) within a discipline at the start of the year?

You will only earn qualifying and High Points for 2 heights/levels within each discipline. You will select these heights/levels when setting up your registration. Points for qualifying and High Points will only be awarded for the levels you nominate. If you wish to change your nominated level during the season, please email Interschool@equestriansa.com.au at least 24 hours prior to the competition. In your email, specify the new level and indicate which level you will no longer wish to use as a qualifying or high point level.

I'm an Intermediate show jumper and I want to compete at Interschool Nationals in the 1m and 1.1m show jumping classes. What Interschool registration should I do?

When registering for the 2026 Interschool year on Nominate, you will still register as an Intermediate student. You can select the two heights you wish to compete at (1m and 1.1m). As an Intermediate student, you are eligible to compete in Senior classes throughout the year. At Interschool Nationals, you can compete as an Intermediate student in the 1m class, but will need to compete as a Senior student in the 1.1m class.



I'm a Primary dressage rider and I would like to compete at Novice and Elementary levels at Interschool Nationals.

As a Primary rider, you can compete in Elementary and Medium in the OPEN classes in both State Championships and Australian Nationals.

I'm a Primary show jumper and I would like to compete at 90cm and 1m show jumping levels at Nationals.

As a Primary rider, you do not fall under the Secondary rider category. If you wish to compete at 90cm and 1m Show Jumping levels at Nationals, both classes will be competed at the Intermediate level, alongside Intermediate riders. Additionally, the SA Interschool Committee will need to request permission from the Interschool National Committee to allow a Primary rider to enter Intermediate classes. We suggest you reach out to the SA Interschool Committee before the Interschool season starts to ensure you can compete at and qualify at the 1m show jumping level.

17 HIGH POINT DISCIPLINE CHAMPION SELECTION

High Point Discipline champions are recognised at the Annual ESA awards night. Up to 12 Interschool combinations will be awarded High Point Discipline Champions. Your High Points are calculated using your ranking Scores from your best three (3) qualifying Interschool scores throughout the season as well as State Championships and National Championships. The total of all your High Points from one level within a discipline is added to form a High Point Score. In the event that there are less than three (3) events excluding State and National Championships, then all available events will be used to form a High Point Score.

Please note that **no points** will be allocated if the combination:

- does not achieve a qualifying performance (see below) (e.g., if a rider places in prelim dressage but scores less than 60%, no points will be allocated); or
- has not registered for Interschool before the date of the qualifying event

To assist with ranking of horse and rider combinations for determining the High Point Discipline Champions, points will be allocated for each class and then the best three (3) scores will be taken at the qualifying events. At three (3) qualifying events (except the ESA Interschool State Championships and National Championships), the first 20 place getters in each class will be allocated points from 20 to 1. At the ESA Interschool State Championships and National Championships, the first 25 place getters in each class will be allocated points from 25 to 1.

Within each of the 12 High Point Disciplines (refer to Annexure **B**), the combination with the highest High Point Score at one level within the discipline will be awarded Discipline Champion.

In the event of 2 combinations within the same discipline have the same high point score, the combination competing at the higher level will be awarded.



The below example demonstrates how the combinations achieve High Point scores.

Combination B - Calculation

Combined Training

Comp 1 Dressage 32, no jump or jump time penalties = points 16

Comp 2 Dressage 31.8, no jump or jump time penalties = points 25

Comp 3 Dressage 21.5, no jump or jump time penalties = points 25

+ State Championships

+ National Championships

Total all scores = 16 + 25 + 25 = 67

Rider / Horse Combo	Comp 1 Dressage Penalties	Comp 1 Jump Pen	Comp 1 Jump Time	Total Penalties	Ranking Score
Combo A	29.8	0	0	29.8	19
Combo B	32	0	0	32	16
Combo C	30.4	0	0	30.4	18
Combo D	27.3	4	0	31.3	17
Combo E	28.5	0	0	28.5	20
Combo F	33.1	0	2.5	35.6	15

Rider / Horse Combo	Comp 2 State Champs Dressage Penalties	Comp 2 Jump Pen	Comp 2 Jump Time	Total Penalties	Ranking Score
Combo A	35.1	0	0	35.1	22
Combo B	31.8	0	0	31.8	25
Combo C	33	0	0	33	23
Combo D	27.9	4	0	31.9	24
Combo E	30.5	12	0	NQ	0
Combo F	35.2	0	0	35.2	21



Rider / Horse Combo	Comp 3 State Champs Dressage Penalties	Comp 3 Jump Penalties	Comp 3 Jump Time	Total Penalties	Ranking Score	High Point Score
Combo A	34.1	Elim	0	NQ	0	41
Combo B	21.5	0	0	21.5	25	67
Combo C	33.4	0	0	33.4	22	63
Combo D	21.7	0	0	21.7	24	65
Combo E	30.7	0	0	30.7	23	43
Combo F	32.3	0	3.2	35.5	21	57

FAQ's

What happens if 2 combinations within the same discipline have the same high point score?

The combination competing at the higher level will be awarded. In the event the highest combinations compete at the same level, the competitor with the highest aggregate dressage percentage (Dressage and CT) highest aggregate penalties (Show Horse) and with the lowest aggregate percentage (Show Jumping) at National Championships will be awarded the High Point champion.

Do my points from all levels within the discipline get added together?

No, one level is considered. i.e. 65CT not 65CT + 80CT

When it comes to Interschool High Points, if I compete in one of my classes at an Intermediate or Senior level, does it mean I'm allocated to the Intermediate / Senior level for all of my High Points?

No. For example, if you are a Primary student competing in both Novice and Elementary dressage, your Novice class will be ranked with other Primary riders, while your Elementary class will be ranked with Senior riders. At the end of the year, if your accumulated Elementary High Points are the highest among all Primary riders, you will win the Primary High Point award. However, if you qualify for Interschool Nationals in both Novice and Elementary classes, you will need to enter and compete at the Senior level for both classes.

If you are an Intermediate student competing in both 1m and 1.1m show jumping, your 1m show jumping will be ranked with other Intermediate riders, while your 1.1m show jumping will be ranked against the other senior riders. At the end of the year, if your accumulated 1.1m High Points are the highest among all Intermediate riders, you will still win the Intermediate show jumping High Point award. However, if you qualify for Interschool Nationals in both 1m and 1.1m Show Jumping classes, you will need to enter and compete at the Senior level for both classes.



Annexure A

Classes available at the Australian Interschool Championships

PRIMARY ONLY (up to and including Year 6)

- Preliminary Dressage
- Novice Dressage
- Elementary & Medium in the OPEN classes
- 50cm Combined Training
- 65cm Combined Training
- 80cm Combined Training
- 70cm Showjumping
- 80cm Showjumping
- 90cm Showjumping
- Show Horse
- Show Hunter

SECONDARY ONLY (from Year 7)

- Intermediate Preliminary Dressage (Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Senior Preliminary Dressage (Years 10, 11 and 12)
- Intermediate Novice Dressage (Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Senior Novice Dressage (Years 10, 11 and 12)
- Elementary Dressage
- Medium Dressage
- Advanced Dressage
- Prix St Georges Dressage
- Intermediate I
- 60cm Combined Training
- 80cm Combined Training
- 95cm Combined Training
- CCN 1* (105cm) Combined Training
- Intermediate 90cm Showjumping (Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Senior 90 cm Showjumping (Years 10, 11 and 12)
- Intermediate 1m Showjumping (Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Senior 1m Showjumping (Years 10, 11 and 12)
- 1.10m Showjumping
- 1.20m Showjumping
- Intermediate Show Horse (Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Senior Show Horse (Years 10, 11 and 12)
- Intermediate Show Hunter (Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Senior Show Hunter (Years 10, 11 and 12)

OPEN (primary and secondary riders)

- EVA 80
- EVA 95
- CCN 1*
- CCN 2*



Annexure B

Disciplines for High Point awards

- Primary Dressage
- Primary Combined Training
- Primary Showjumping
- Primary Show Horse
- Intermediate Dressage
- Intermediate Showjumping
- Intermediate Show Horse
- Senior Dressage
- Senior Combined Training
- Senior Showjumping
- Senior Show Horse
- Open Eventing

