

1st August 2018

Attention: Interschool Team SA Members & Parents

RE: 2018 Interschool Australian Championships

2018 has been a massive year for Interschool in South Australia, with the highest level of registration of competitors since inception.

The qualifying competition period was one carried with challenges to say the least, and we wish to take this opportunity to thank the team led by Lyndal Clarke for their hard work and contribution to Interschool this year.

Behind the scenes there are countless hours from Office staff and volunteers to help run the events for Interschool riders. Without the support of parents, volunteers and sponsors Interschool events would not be possible. Thank you to everyone that contributed in any way during 2018, we look forward to your continued support in 2019.

Selection for the ESA Interschool State Team has been a very close competition this year in many disciplines, and overall scores were authenticated by a fully independent arbitrator to fill the team. Unfortunately not everyone who competed was able to make the State Team this year.

In accordance with the 2018 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Championships, each State may nominate a maximum of four (4) riders per discipline/class. This is less than the five (5) permitted in previous years, however we must play within the rules set by the respective National Organising Committee. Should a rider decline their position in the State Team for the respective discipline/class then the selection committee can invite subsequent riders (reserve riders) to fill their place, provided the subsequent rider has also met the set selection criteria.

So well done to everyone who has competed this year. We trust you have enjoyed your riding and we look forward to you being involved again next year, to this end we have some more news for 2019 on the reverse of this letter.

We wish to congratulate those on their selection to represent South Australia at the Australian Interschool Championships being held in Werribee this year and wish you every success.

Kind Regards,

Peter Graham
Chair
Equestrian SA Board

Interschool in 2019

We would also like to take this opportunity to share with you some exciting changes for Interschool for 2019. Whilst getting the 2018 qualifying competition completed there has been plenty of activity behind the scenes, listening to your feedback and how Equestrian South Australia can improve upon the Interschool format.

The Equestrian SA Board supports the proposal to have Interschool treated as a Discipline in its own right to provide for improved collaboration and transparency for the following:

- Completing the Qualifying Competition Calendar in a timely manner that provides equal opportunity for qualification in respective disciplines;
- Clear roles and accountabilities so things such as scoring can be completed promptly and conveyed to a Discipline Leader Board so riders (and parents) are very clear on results of competitions (as they are completed) and there is no confusion or questioning of results when it comes to Award Winners and SA Team Selection;
- State Championships is a major event and an Organising Committee needs to be at the forefront to ensure the running of the event is at the required professional standard;
- Annual Awards criteria reformed to align with the Eastern States where applicable, and be clearly articulated in the Interschool South Australian Handbook 2019;
- Opportunity to focus on development needs of our riders and supporting them with rider critique and clinic events

The Equestrian SA Board will rely on support from the Interschools discipline committee and also from volunteers and parents to help run events. This will be paramount for the success of Interschool, as is the support for staff of ESA who work tirelessly at times to support Interschool.

The Equestrian SA Board supports the proposal to form an Interschool committee at the AGM and ask that you please support the then newly elected committee as they work together to provide more opportunities for our riders in Interschool competition.

[Nominations for the Interschool Committee](#) are now open, as emailed to all current voting members and we encourage you to consider being part of a committee working toward an even better TEAM SA along with the Equestrian SA Office.

Best wishes,

The Equestrian SA Board