

## Equestrian Australia Interschool Show Horse Rule Summary – Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
Preamble & Definitions	Preamble & Definitions	Added - Carried over from the EA Interschool Rule book 01.01.25	<p><i>Added:</i> Preamble and definitions</p> <p>The rules for Interschool Show Horse have been designed to correspond with the National Show Horse Rules wherever possible, however, some variations have been necessary to meet Interschool competition requirements.</p>
Section 1	<b>Interschool Show Horse Classes at Australian Championships</b>	Addition	Secondary may be divided into Intermediate (Year/Grade 7 to 9) and Senior (Year/Grade 10-12).
Section 2	<b>General Conditions</b> (pg 4)	Clarification that riders need to complete all phases of the show horse class to be eligible for the Championship award.	<p>Judged under current EA National Show Horse rules located at <a href="https://www.equestrian.org.au">https://www.equestrian.org.au</a></p> <p>Riders must complete all phases in the class on the same horse to place in the Championship.</p> <p><i>(last paragraph)</i> Ribbons will be awarded for In-Hand, Rider and Ridden classes and also Championship (combined score across phases). To place in the Championship, riders must complete all the phases.</p>

<p><b>2.2</b></p>	<p><b>Conflict of Interest</b> (pg 5)</p>	<p>Update Interschool document to comply with the EA National Show Horse rules, conflict of interest wording.</p>	<p><b>2.2</b>     <b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>The O.C. will publish the appointed Judges names in advance of the event. Competitors are obliged to find out the appointed Judges for their class. A Competitor/Exhibitor may not exhibit before a judge if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the <del>competitor/exhibitor</del> athlete is a member of the Judge’s family.</li> <li>• the <del>competitor/exhibitor</del> athlete has represented the Judge or competed on a horse owned by the Judge within the previous 6 months.</li> <li>• <del>the competitor or his/her family has provided accommodation to the Judge within two (2) weeks prior to or during the competition.</del> the athlete or his/her family are providing billeted accommodation to the Judge at the competition they are judging at.</li> <li>• The <del>competitor</del> athlete has employed, has been employed or has been a business partner of the Judge within the last 12 months.</li> <li>• <del>the Judge or his/her business partner provided privately arranged tuition to the horse or competitor in the last 6 months.</del> the Judge is a regular trainer/coach of a horse and/or rider taking part in the competition.</li> <li>• the competitor has given privately arranged tuition to the Judge or trained a horse owned or leased by the Judge within the last 6 months.</li> <li>• the horse or any horse was owned or leased within the last 12 months by – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the Judge;</li> <li>○ any member of the Judge’s family;</li> <li>○ the Judge’s employer, employee or business partner.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• the Judge has held a riding clinic within two (2) week prior to the event and a horse and/or rider who has participated in that clinic will be in the competition.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.3</b></p>	<p><b>Judges</b> (pg 5)</p>	<p>Change the current wording to be correct for judge selection as per the current EA National Show Horse Rules.</p>	<p><b>2.3</b>     <b>JUDGES</b></p> <p>Judges <del>must be drawn from the NOAS at</del> will be selected from the EA Show Horse National Judges List at the Australian Interschool Championship events.</p>

2.4	<b>Dress, Saddlery and Equipment</b> (pg 5)	Update the rules to include a discreet natural sheepskin numnah or saddle cloth is acceptable to be included in point 1.	<p>2.4 <b>DRESS, SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT</b> Will largely be as per National Show Horse Rules with some exceptions specifically for Interschool Show Horse competitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>At State Championships Riders may wear the designated school/state equestrian uniform, school saddle blankets and school coloured browbands in all classes and will not be penalised or disadvantaged.</del></li> <li>• At the Australian Interschool Championships Hacking/Riding Jackets are permitted. State saddle blankets <b>or a natural sheepskin half or full numnah</b> and state coloured browbands may be used in all classes and will not be penalised or disadvantaged.</li> <li>• A number must be displayed at all times in each phase.</li> <li>• Short boots with heels should be worn in the rider phase unless the rider is over 18 years; in other phases long boots, gaiters/chapettes are permitted.</li> <li>• Saddle changes are permitted between jumping and ridden phases. Dressage, Show Jumping or All-purpose saddles are allowed. Please check with the OC as scheduling constraints may not allow changes.</li> <li>• Martingales, bearing, side or running reins of any kind are not permitted.</li> <li>• Jumping Boots (including over-reach boots) are allowed for the jumping phase in Working Hunter only.</li> <li>• Safety vests/back protectors may be worn in the jumping phase of Working Hunter.</li> <li>• Horses and ponies must be ridden in a snaffle bridle in the jumping phase of Working Hunter. Bridle changes will be allowed for Working Hunter In-Hand and Ridden but at OC discretion due to time scheduling constraints.</li> <li>• Spurs may be work but must be removed for the In-Hand phase.</li> </ul>
3.4	<b>Show Hunter Class</b> (pg 7)	Removal of obsolete information on school uniforms as it is not necessary.	<del>Show Hunter classes are to be ridden in school uniforms for Interschool competitions.</del>

4.1	In-Hand class (pg 8)	Change of wording to allow OC's to decide what type of in-hand pattern they will use as the workout.	<p><b>4.1 IN-HAND</b></p> <p>This phase is designed to test the ringcraft of the athlete and their independence to handle a horse calmly and confidently. It will also assess the horse as per the National Show Horse Rules for the Category of Competition.</p> <p>The ability to take direction from the judge, to stand the horse up for the judge, to control the horse's line and speed to utilise the area provided and to show the horse effectively will be assessed.</p> <p>The workout <del>will</del> could be a standard triangular pattern (refer example in the appendix). The horse is walked directly away from the Judge, trotted out on a straight line, turned and trotted directly towards and past the Judge before being halted and represented to the Judge.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="815 544 1532 820"> <thead> <tr> <th>CRITERIA</th> <th>MAXIMUM MARKS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Conformation and Soundness</td> <td>30 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manners and Paces</td> <td>30 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ringcraft</td> <td>20 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Presentation</td> <td>20 marks</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In the event of equality of marks in this phase the athlete with the highest Confirmation and Soundness score will be placed highest. If there is still equality, Manners and Paces, then Ringcraft, followed by Presentation will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists, equal placing will be awarded.</p>	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS	Conformation and Soundness	30 marks	Manners and Paces	30 marks	Ringcraft	20 marks	Presentation	20 marks
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4.3	<b>Ridden ~ Show Horse or Show Hunter</b>	Minor change/addition with hoof polish	<p>This workout to be performed in the Ridden phase will be appropriate to the Category of Competition as per the National Show Horse rules e.g. Show Horse or Show Hunter. It will be provided prior to the competition and must be ridden from memory, although the athlete may confirm the required elements and the pattern with the Judge/s.</p> <p>Confirmation and Soundness, Manners and Paces will be marked according to National Show Horse/Show Hunter rules. Presentation marks will require the horse/pony to be clean, well groomed and trimmed, with a neatly plaited mane and forelock and a neatly plaited or pulled tail (false tails are acceptable). Hooves may be blackened, <b>may be oiled or a clear, waterbased hoof polish used</b>. The saddle and bridle must fit well and appear clean and well cared for.</p>
4.5	<b>Australian Championship Scoring (pg 10)</b>	Insertion of clarification of rider's ability to be eligible for Championship placing if they are eliminated in a phase of a competition.	<p><b>4.5 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING</b></p> <p>The total marks for each athlete in each phase will be converted to points based on the number of riders per class. For example, if there are 28 riders, the rider with the highest marks will be allocated 28 points, the second highest mark will receive 27 points working sequentially in descending order until all are allocated points. The scores for each phase are then added together to determine the overall Championship placings.</p> <p><b>Riders eliminated in one phase are not eligible for Championship placing for that class.</b></p>