

Equestrian Australia Interschool Rule Summary – Effective 1st January 2025

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
	Preamble & Definitions	To bring the rule book to a more easier reading style.	Preamble is not a rule so the number removed. Definitions is not a rule so the number removed. No changes to the wording, just formatting alterations.
6. 6.2 Section 4 – 4.2	6. PROTECTION POLICIES 6.2 Child Safeguarding Policy Section 4 – Protection Policies 4.2 Child Safeguarding Policy (change to correct policy name).	Update the wording to the EA “Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy” under new rule number	2.1 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY Refer to the Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy and EA Member Protection Policy. Every person and organisation bound by this policy must always place the safety and welfare of children and young people above all other considerations. As part of Equestrian Australia’s commitment to safeguarding children and young people in the sport of Equestrian, and in line with the EA Safeguarding Children & Young People, EA has implemented mandatory Working with Children Check’s for all EA Officials from 1 July 2023. 6.2 Child Safeguarding Policy Refer to the EA Member Protection Policy and EA Child Safeguarding Policy . Every person and organisation bound by this policy must always place the safety and welfare of children above all other considerations. As part of Equestrian Australia’s commitment to safeguarding children and young people in the sport of Equestrian, and in line with the EA Child Safeguarding Policy, EA has implemented mandatory Working with Children Check’s for all EA Officials from 1 July 2023. 6.3 Abuse Any abuse, by an athlete, a parent or associated persons, aimed at any participant, official or horse, at an

<p>5.2 7.2 (new numbering)</p>	<p>Horses</p>	<p>Changing the wording to the same as the current Rule 8.2.3 Horses which states that the horses must hold a full registration. Keeping the wording the same through the document so there is no confusion.</p>	<p>5.1 HORSES All horses participating entered in State or the Australian Interschool Championships must be have EA FULL Horse Registration and must have a microchip meeting Australian Standard AS5018/5019 inserted.</p> <p>Registered Horses must be entered for events in their full registered names and their registered EA number must be provided.</p> <p>For registration for other Interschool Events please refer enquiries to the relevant State Branch.</p> <p>Stallions are NOT permitted at any Interschool competitions.</p>
<p>5.8 7.8 (new numbering)</p>	<p>Safety</p>	<p>Tidy up of wording and change old incident reporting information to the EA Incident Report Form 08 and how it is used by first aid officers or MSP staff.</p>	<p>It is a requirement that first aid and/or a paramedic/ambulance be present at all times in line with the event risk assessment and National Discipline rules.</p> <p>A treating vet and a horse ambulance are also required to be on site during the cross country phase of eventing competitions, as per the EA National Eventing Rules.</p> <p>At all events an <u>EA Incident Report Form 08</u> is mandatory to report all incidents, that occur at an EA affiliated equestrian activity and must be completed within 24 hours.</p> <p>If an incident has occurred to both a human and horse, two forms must be completed.</p> <p>Form 08 must be completed by the Medical Service Provider (MSP) in attendance for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1. Life threatening injury/fatality ▪ 2. Incident resulting in injury requiring hospital/medical follow up ▪ 3. Suspected or confirmed concussion by MSP ▪ 4. Horse incident or injury including fatality completed by a veterinarian if present. <p>5. Falls/No injury minor incident select Option 5</p>

5.9	PARTICIPATION	Athlete welfare, ensuring that our junior and youth riders are medically fit to continue after a fall and to ensure that there is no concussion or other injury and that the medical officer has undertaken an inspection. Inclusion of the EA Incident Report Form 08 having to be completed which is mandatory for a fall. By including this examination after a fall then due diligence is taken.	<p>EXAMINATION AFTER A FALL</p> <p>All athletes that have had a fall during training on the competition site or in competition must be examined by the official Medical Officer before they either take part in another test, competition or leave the venue. Athletes should not re-mount their horse until the examination has been completed.</p> <p>The Athlete is fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place.</p> <p><u>EA Incident Report Form 08</u> must be completed by the attending Medical Service Provider.</p>
7.3 9.3 (new numbering)	Jumping	Addition of a suggested EA Jumping Article number for use by State and Australian Championship O.C. Inclusion of the new 238.5.1 One-Round against Optimum Time from the EA National Jumping Rules, 1 January 2024.	<p>One round against Optimum Time</p> <p>Athletes with equality of penalties are placed in accordance with the time closest either side to the Optimum Time.</p> <p>Athletes in this round who come in under or over the Optimum Time by more than 10 seconds will have 1 time penalty added to their score for every elapsed second over the ten seconds.</p>

<p>7.4 9.4 (new numbering)</p>	<p>Eventing</p>	<p>Clarification of the required number of MER's by close of entries for horse/rider combinations.</p>	<p>Interschool eventing competitions are run as a CCN-S events – a National One Day Event equivalent to an EA approved official event. The three tests (phases) may take place on one day, but should preferably be held over two days. The Dressage Test always takes place first. Either the cross country or the show jumping may form the last test.</p> <p>Eventing will be conducted according to the National Sport Rules for Eventing.</p> <p>Horse/Rider combinations are required to have 2 MER at level by the close of entries.</p>
<p>8.1.1 10.1.1 (New numbering)</p>	<p>Schedule</p>	<p>The closing date for nominations is currently 6 weeks before the start of the Championships, with electronic entries now, closing date does not need to be 6 weeks, 5 is adequate.</p>	<p>8.1.1 Schedule</p> <p>The draft schedule must be submitted to the EA Interschool Committee for approval at least three (3) months prior to the event. The proposed classes and draft timetable for the Australian Championships must be submitted to the EAIC at least 6 months prior to the event, to ensure there is sufficient time for States to run championships and selection processes. Consideration of potential horse welfare issues will be considered at this time. The schedule must follow the program of competitions outlined in this Rule Book. Competitions must be run in divisions for Primary and Secondary students according to the directives for each discipline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ The closing date for nominations must be not less than six (6) five (5) weeks before the start of the Championships □ Entries are to be made by each State Branch before the closing date of entries □ Any changes to nominated entries must be confirmed not less than two weeks before the start of the Championships

<p>8.1.2 (new numbering) 10.1.2</p>	<p>Section 8 – Australian Interschool Championships</p> <p>8.1.2 State Teams</p>	<p>Due to the costs or running the Eventing discipline at the National competition in 2024 there has been a trial of allowing teams of up to six (6) riders for eventing. This assists the O.C. in covering costs and engaging more riders in eventing.</p>	<p>8.1.2 State/Territory Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Only one team per State/Territory may be entered □ A team shall consist of athletes that are members of that state □ Each State/Territory is allowed a maximum of four (4) qualified athletes per class with the exception of Eventing, where up to a maximum of six (6) qualified athletes per class is permitted. □ If a State/Territory is not able to fill the four positions, these positions cannot be filled by another State. □ States/Territories may establish reserve lists based on ranking, from which to draw upon alternative team members prior to the close of nominations □ If a withdrawal of a team athlete occurs less than one month prior to the commencement of the championships, the place may only be filled from within the existing team members or listed reserve riders.
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Section 8	Australian Interschool Championships	Inclusion of expectation of athletes attending the Opening Ceremony to be eligible for competition with the ability in extenuating circumstances like Yr 11 and 12 students having to complete school exams, family circumstances preventing attendance or genuine travel issue whereby the O.C. can provide an exemption so athlete is not penalised for an occurrence outside of their control.	<p>8.1.4 Opening Ceremony Attendance.</p> <p>All athletes are required to be present at the Australian Interschool Championship Opening Ceremony. Athletes who do not attend will be disqualified from participating in the championships.</p> <p>The O.C. may grant exemptions on a case-by-case basis for unexpected or special circumstances for example, but not limited to school examinations or family emergencies.</p>
<p>10.2.3</p> <p>8.2.3 (new number)</p>	8.2.3 Horses	Clarification of dot point 2 about horses competing in eventing inline with the requirement of 2 MER at level in 7.4	<p>8.2.3 Horses</p> <p>All horses entered in the Australian Interschool Championships must have EA FULL EA Horse Registration, and must have a microchip meeting Australian Standard AS5018/5019 inserted. Horses must be entered for events in their full registered names and their registered EA number must be provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ EA Registration papers/identification documents must available to be produced if requested at the event. □ All horses competing in Eventing at the Australian Interschool Championships should have previously competed successfully in the same level of competition at an are required to have 2 MER's at level as a horse/rider combination at an EA sanctioned eventing competition.
<p>11.4</p> <p>9.4 (new number)</p>	Champion State/Territory Teams	Inclusion of a new handicap trophy for states with up to 50 riders.	<p>The Equestrian Australia Interschool Committee Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the state/territory with the highest average points via the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ only states/territories with up to 50 riders will be eligible. ▪ overall points counted per class for state/territory riders as for the overall trophy. ▪ total overall points will be divided by the number of riders who have competed for that state/territory. ▪ the team average will decide the winning State/territory.