



NSW STATE INTERSCHOOL SCHEDULE

JULY 14TH - 18TH

SCHEDULE

Sunday 13 - Bump In
Monday 14 - Vaulting/ Show Horse
Tuesday 15 - Dressage Day 1/ Jumping Day1
Wednesday 16 - Dressage Day 2/ Jumping Day 2
Thursday 17 - Dressage Day 3/ Jumping Day 3
Friday 18 - Combined Training

VENUE: SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN
CENTRE

ENTRIES OPEN: April 29th 2025

ENTRIES CLOSE: June 1st 2025

Qualifying Period All Disciplines:

1st June 2024 – 1st June 2025

Welcome to the 2025 NSW State Interschool Equestrian Championships!

We are thrilled to host this prestigious event at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, the iconic venue of the Sydney Olympics. This year's championships promise to be an exhilarating showcase of talent, dedication, and the extraordinary bond between riders and their horses—a bond like no other.

As we come together to share our love for these magnificent animals, we celebrate not only the spirit of competition but also the camaraderie and passion that unite us. Our young equestrians, with their remarkable skill and determination, represent the future of this sport. Who knows, among them may be a future Olympian, poised to inspire the world with their talent.

Join us for 5 days filled with excitement, inspiration, and the joy of equestrian sport. Let's cheer on our riders and witness the incredible partnership between horse and rider that makes this sport so special.

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The boring but important stuff!

All entries must:

1. Be completed by the parent or guardian of the entrant
2. Be financial, competitive, junior members of Equestrian NSW
3. Be enrolled at a recognised school
4. Have their horse or pony registered with Equestrian NSW – either base or full registration unless full registration is required for the specific class
5. Be completed via Nominate
6. Be completed and paid for by the closing date – don't make us look mean when we tell you that we will NOT accept your late entry or decline your entry because you haven't paid
7. Comply with qualification requirements for the class that you are entering.

For the super keen:

As per the EA discipline rules we are only able to allow:

- ✓ a maximum of two horses per discipline per rider.
- ✓ A horse to compete in only two efforts per day
 - An effort is:
 - One dressage test
 - One jumping round
 - Show horse division
- ✓ Horses that are aged four years or older at the time of entry

Awarding of Championships

Each competition will have points allocated with 1st place receiving 35 points down to 35th place receiving 1 point. If there are more than 35 riders in a class, they will receive no points.

Championship ribbons will be awarded 1st to 6th and will be determined based on the points earned across the class.

Fees

- All classes \$85 per class
- Administration Fee \$40 per competitor
- Paramedic Fee \$20 per competitor
- Volunteer Fee \$50 per competitor (you can earn this back if you volunteer!)

Refunds

- Before close of entries – Full refund less admin fee – no questions asked
- After close of entries and up to Sunday April 20 on presentation of a Vet or Doctor Certificate within 48 hours of scratching:
 - 50% of class fee
 - 100% stabling/ camping/ cabin/ day stay fees
- No refunds will be approved after 9pm Saturday July 12

Safety and Behaviour

ENSW has a legal obligation under Workplace Health and Safety legislation to provide a safe competition.

Failure to comply with safety or behaviour requirements at this event may lead to you being asked to leave the event.

This event is an event for children and their beloved horses. The most important two principles at this event are:

1. The welfare of our child athletes
2. The welfare of their horses

Welfare of Children

We are signatories to and promote the Equestrian Australia Policy for Child Safe Practices. In addition we are promoting the message of NSW Office of Sport SHOOSH FOR KIDS program.

Shoosh for Kids is a collaborative effort between the Office of Sport and sector partners to encourage positive spectator behaviour at junior sport. There is a very simple message – if you don't have anything nice to say, shoosh for kids.

Keep it positive. Keep it fun. Keep kids coming back to junior sport!

The Shoosh for Kids Message

Shoosh for Kids isn't about staying completely silent, it's just about making sure we're all positive. Our messages across the campaign run across five key themes:

Overarching: Think before you speak.

General participation: Keep it positive. Keep it fun.

Volunteer appreciation: Remember, volunteers run kids sport.

Respecting the officials: Respect the judges and officials.

Supporting the coaches: Let coaches do the coaching.

Image Consent

When entering this event please check the box to give your consent to ENSW to copy or reproduce images of your child. If consent is given, ENSW may use images in multimedia productions, publications, brochures and on the website to promote a range of initiatives without any remuneration or compensation.

Horse Welfare

Welfare of our horses is also the founding principle under FEI and Equestrian Australia rules.

This event will uphold the FEI and EA rules for horse welfare. Please refer to the EA general regulations and discipline rules to understand specific horse welfare rules.

Horses that are not entered in the event are not permitted on site.

Riding, lunging and stable times

- Riding will only be permitted whilst a paramedic is on site – times will be advised.
- The riding of any horse by a person other than the rider that the horse is entered with will entail elimination.
- Lunging is only permitted in the designated lunging areas near the stables and can only occur during daylight hours.
- Helmet and gloves are recommended whilst lunging.

Medication Control

Medication Control (Swabbing) of horses is by random selection.

Vehicles and Road Safety

The grounds of SIEC are public roads and all road rules apply.

Bicycles and unpowered (push) scooters must not be ridden without a helmet. **THIS INCLUDES PARENTS, SIBLINGS AND SUPPORTERS**

Bicycles and unpowered (push) scooters are prohibited from in and around the stable block.

Golf Buggies and other motorised equipment must be conditionally registered to be used at SIEC and must not be driven by anyone who does not hold a driver's licence and are not allowed in the stable complex.

Two-wheeled Electric Scooters are not permitted at SIEC under any circumstance.

Driving or riding under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is not permitted.

Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and vaping is prohibited at SIEC except in designated smoking areas.

Dogs

Dogs must always be kept on a lead attached to a human or a fixed object and you must clean up after your dog. It is strongly preferred that you **DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG** for the safety of others.

Dogs are not permitted in the stables or the indoor arena.

General Information

Dress – All Disciplines

Riders must wear their school shirt and tie with school jumper or vest, light coloured jodhpurs and smooth-soled boots. Blazers/jackets will not be permitted. All other dress is as per discipline rules.

Gear Check

Discipline Rules relating to gear checks must be adhered to. If you are unsure of equipment, please ask an official before you compete. Incorrect gear can result in elimination.

Rider Number

All horses will be allocated a Bridle number for the event. The number must be worn on the left (near) side of the bridle or saddle cloth at all times when out of the stable. If you are competing in Dressage bridle numbers must be worn on both sides of the horse on either their bridle or saddle cloth. When the horse is not competing the bridle number must be attached to the halter. **Competitors are required to make and affix their own bridle numbers.** EA dressage bridle numbers are **not** to be used.

Stabling, Camping and Day Stay

Stables and camping are available from Sunday July 13th – Friday July 18th. (bookings for Friday night must leave by 10am Saturday July 19.

Stable and camping can be selected at the time of entry.

Stables in B Block rows K, L, M, N and O are for school teams. (Your school would have been advised if these stables are reserved for your team) Stable in A Block rows A and B are reserved for Vaulting. Please note if you book in these rows, you will be moved to another stable.

Accommodation – Limited cabins are available. Cabins contain two single beds, heater and locker. Cabins are available from 2 pm on day of first booking and must be vacated by 10 am on day of departure. Priority will be given to those attending for the duration of the event.

Camping

Camping Site - all have water and power.

South Truck Park (35 spots) \$60 per site per night,

North Truck Park (64 spots) \$35 per site per night

P1 and Main Truck Park will be allocated once South and North are full.

Stabling

Stable \$40 per stable per night

Shavings Bales Initial (4) \$64

Additional Shaving Bales \$18 each

Stable Bond \$100

Tack rooms will not be available for private use.

Day Stay (non-stabled horses)

Per day - \$16

Arrival

Competitors/Horses arrivals will be from 12:00pm on Sunday July 13 2025

Volunteer - I mean you're already there!

This event doesn't run without volunteers!

Competitors are encouraged to volunteer when they are not competing. We have tasks for big and little people and parents and supporters too.

If you volunteer you will:

- Receive a \$25 gift voucher for every 2 hours of volunteering
- Have the opportunity for free volunteer membership with Equestrian NSW
- Enable you to apply for a position as a Team Captain at the Nationals if you are in Year 11 or 12
- Go into the draw to win one of 10 volunteer hampers – 2 given away each day.

A link to the volunteer app will be emailed to competitors after close of entries with dates and times available to volunteer. We will endeavour to get the draw out early so that you can safely choose your volunteer time with confidence.

Protests, Queries and Legal stuff

Protests/Queries

No competitor or parent is to directly approach any judge, steward, course builder or any other official before, during or after the competition with disputes or complaints.

All queries must be made in writing to the organising committee within 30 minutes of the final results being posted publicly. A formal protest requires a deposit of **\$200** that will be forfeited unless the protest is upheld.

All objections must be made in writing at the Event office to be considered by the Ground Jury. The decision of the Ground Jury will be final.

General questions can be asked in relation to errors and in relation to running the event. These may be directed to the event office only.

Disclaimer of Liability

As a condition of entry, riders, their connections and spectators will indemnify ENSW against all claims, losses, damages and legal action howsoever occurring.

EA Policies

[Policies & Bylaws | Equestrian Australia](#)

This ENSW event is governed by the Equestrian Australia (EA) General Regulations, applicable EA Sports Rules and all relevant EA codes, policies, bylaws, rules and regulations. The EA Sport rules (i.e. the National Rules for each EA sport or discipline) and regulations may be accessed on the EA and ENSW websites.

Sportsmanship and Social Media

Entrants are reminded that they are required to abide by the EA Member Protection and Social Media Policies and that comments that are contrary to the spirit and integrity of the sport of equestrian will not be tolerated.

Be kind and respectful

Don't engage in illegal or unethical behaviour

Think before you post

Reservation of Right

The Organising Committee reserves the right:

To cancel any class or event

To divide any class

To transfer competitors between sections of a class

To alter the advertised times

To refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason

To make additional statements with regards to the rules/processes based on horse welfare and safety.

2024 Equestrian NSW Interschool Contacts

Ph: (02) 9620 2660

Email: interschool@ensw.org.au

Merchandise

Merchandise for the event will be available for pre-order closer to the date.

Discipline Details

All events will be run under EA rules – please familiarise yourself with the rules relating to your discipline.

Dressage

Days

DAY 1	Tuesday	Non-qualifying Preparatory & Preliminary
DAY 2	Wednesday	Preliminary, Elementary & Advanced
DAY 3	Thursday	Novice, Medium & Small Tour

- Each Class (entry) is for two tests to be run on the same day.
- Only one class can be entered each day for each horse
- A maximum of two classes per day per rider

Class Divisions

Preparatory & Preliminary – Tuesday – NON-QUALIFYING

*These classes **will not** qualify entrants for National Championships and all classes will be allowed callers. No qualifying scores are required.*

Tests:

Preparatory 1 & 2 – walk & trot only

Preliminary 1.1 & 1.2

Divisions

- Kindy – Year 3 (callers allowed)
- Primary Year 4 – 6
- Primary – Rider with a disability (dressage exemption)
- Senior Year 7 -12
- Senior – Rider with a disability (dressage exemption)

Classes may divided further dependant on entries

Preliminary & Novice – National Qualifying Classes – Wednesday & Thursday

- The results in State Championship Classes will be used to determine the National Team
- Combinations can enter Qualifying **OR** Non-Qualifying Classes but not both.

State Championship Classes

- Tests: Preliminary 1.2 & 1.3 and/or Novice 2.2 & 2.3
- Classes are capped at 35 entrants
- The top 4 in each championship will be offered a place in the State Team
- Entrants should submit qualifying scores from OFFICIAL EA events, including affiliated Interscholar competitions. Minimum qualification scores:
 - Preliminary – at least one official result for the combination of 60% during the qualifying period.

- Novice – at least one official result for the combination of 60% or higher during the qualifying period.
- If there are more than 35 entrants in the championship classes the top 35 qualifiers will be offered a place in the championship class (Division A) and the lower qualifiers will be moved to Division B which will not be a Nationals qualifying division.
- NOTE – Pony Club and unofficial results will not be considered as qualifying scores
- Callers not permitted

Divisions

- Primary Kindy – Year 6
- Primary Kindy – Year 6 – Rider with a Disability holding a dressage exemption
- Intermediate Year 7-9
- Senior Year 10-12
- Senior Year 7 – 12 – Rider with a Disability holding a dressage exemption

Elementary, Medium, Advanced and Small Tour

State Championship Classes – Years 7-12

- Tests
 - Elementary 3.2 & 3.3
 - Medium 4.2 & 4.3
 - Advanced 5.2 & 5.3
 - Small Tour Inter I and Prix St Georges
- The top 4 in each championship will be offered a place in the State Team
- Entrants should submit qualifying scores from OFFICIAL EA events during the qualifying period.
- If there are more than 35 entrants in the championship classes, the top 35 qualifiers will be offered a place in the championship class and additional entrants will be moved to the reserve list. NOTE – Pony Club and unofficial results will not be considered.
- Callers not permitted

Combined Training - Friday

- Each entry is for one dressage test and one round of jumping that will be run on the same day by the same horse and rider combination.
- Only one CT class can be entered per combination.
- Heights 80cm and above will need to provide jumping results obtained during the qualifying period.
- Classes will be capped and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with valid qualifications.
- The top 4 in each class will be offered a place in the State Team where those classes are offered at the National Interschool Championships
- All classes will be run under EA Eventing Rules.
- No callers and no whips for the dressage phase

Divisions and Classes

Primary – 45cm, 60cm & 80cm

Senior – 60cm, 80cm, 95cm, 105cm, 115cm

Jumping – Tuesday to Thursday

- Classes from 70cm and above need to provide at least one club/show/school Jumping at the level entered during the qualifying period.
- Classes will be capped and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with valid qualifications at that level.
- Classes below 70cm will be run as optimum time classes.
- Each height class consists of three jumping competitions over the three days.
- Rider/horse combinations can enter two consecutive height classes only.
- Individual phase ribbons will be presented at the conclusion of each phase at the ring.

Divisions and Classes

- Primary – Optimum Time – not national qualifying classes – 50cm & 60cm
- Primary – National Qualifying Classes 70cm, 80cm, 90cm
- Secondary – Optimum Time – not national qualifying classes – 65cm, 80cm
- Intermediate (years 7-9) – National qualifying classes – 90cm, 100cm
- Secondary (years 10-12) – National qualifying classes - 90cm, 100cm
- Secondary (years 7-12) - National qualifying classes – 110cm & 120cm

Show Horse

- Each class includes 3 phases
- Combinations may compete in one class only.
- Combinations of horse and rider should have competed at their nominated class at a club/show/school Show Horse events during the qualifying period.
- Combinations may compete in one class only choosing between Show Horse/Show Hunter or Working Hunter class only. Riders may ride more than one horse on the day however there must be only one rider per horse.
- Horse/ponies competing in the Working Hunter section must have snaffle bridles. Martingales are not permitted.
- Browbands may be school coloured, those in hunter classes will not be penalised.
- Each placing will accumulate points to determine the overall Champion.
- Ties will be separated according to the National Interschool Show Horse rules.

Classes

- Show horse
- Show Hunter
- Working Hunter

Divisions

- Primary (Kindy – Year 6)
- Intermediate Year 7 -9
- Senior Year 10-12

Each placing will accumulate points to determine the overall Champion.

Ties will refer to the National Interschool Show Horse rules.

Eventing

Eventing will not be run at the state Championships. A team will be selected for the National Championships from members who have demonstrated safe and consistent performance in the qualifying period.

Selection Criteria:

To be considered for selection:

- Athletes will need to apply for consideration
- The horse and rider combination must have a minimum of 3 MERs for the level for which they wish to be considered.
- The selection period will consider performances during the qualifying period.
- Applications must be received by 2.6.2025 to be considered.
- Where more than six combinations apply for any class, a selection panel will be convened to select combinations that have consistently delivered the lowest penalties across the selection period. Eventing NSW will maintain a list of Junior performances in all official eventing competitions to facilitate the selection and will lead the selection panel.

State Champions

State Champions will be awarded at the National Interschool Championships at each level based on the results at the National Championships. That is the top placed NSW athlete in the National Class will be awarded the State Championship. State Champions will be awarded to 6th Place.

Eventing Questions and Answers

Q: Will there be classes for Primary School Athletes at Nationals?

A: This is at the discretion of the National Committee, however, Equestrian NSW will advocate for classes at 65cm and 80cm for Primary.

Q: How many combinations will there be at each level?

A: a maximum of 6

Q: Can an athlete apply for more than one height?

A: Yes – but it would need to be on a different horse for each height and a minimum of 3 MERs would be required for BOTH combinations.

Q: If I sell my horse, or my horse is injured can I substitute another horse?

A: Generally no, unless the substitute horse has a minimum of 3 MERs at the same level AND there is still a vacancy on the team AND entries for the national championships have not yet closed.

Q: If there is a scratching on the team and a combination had met all criteria but missed out can they join the team?

A: If entries for the national championships have not yet closed this will be considered.

Q: If there is a scratching on the team and an athlete is already on the team for another height or another discipline can they take the vacancy?

A: If entries have not yet closed and the combination was originally nominated for the class then this will be considered.

Q: Will performances at National Interschools in September 2024 be considered as a qualifying performance?

A: Yes they can be included.

Q: Will results from ISHE and Coonabarabran be included?

A: Yes – these are official competitions and will be included equally with other competitions.

Q: When will the selection period for 2025 National Championships start?

A: From 1st June 2024 for 12 months.

Q: When will the selection period for 2026 National Championships start?

A: From 1st June 2025 for 12 months.

Vaulting

GENERAL VAULTING RULES:

The 2024 Vaulting component of the State Interschools Competition will be run under the Australian Vaulting Rules - www.nsw.equestrian.org.au. It is the competitor's responsibility to know and adhere to these rules.

All entries for Vaulting are through the Nominate Interschool Vaulting entry page. Competitors must familiarise themselves and abide by the General Conditions of Entry for the State Interschool Competition.

Stabling: If stabling is required, please book via the NSW Interschool entry page or stabling can be carried through from the Vaulting event on the weekend prior.

- All Interschool Vaulting enquiries should be directed to Kerrie Stapleton – kerrie.stapleton@bigpond.com

Equestrian NSW is requesting that Vaulting be included in the National Championships at SIEC in September in line with the other disciplines.

Please send any questions regarding the schedule via email to interschool@ensw.org.au

We look forward to seeing you in July!
