



Equestrian Victoria Interschool Championships 6th – 9th July 2009

Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre 170 K Rd Werribee Victoria

Provisional Timetable

(Subject to Change)

Monday 6th – Best Rider, Smartest On Parade, Handy Mount & Novelties

Tuesday 7th – Showmanship- **PRELIMINARY DRESSAGE**

Wednesday 8th – Jumping (primary) & Dressage

Thursday 9th – Jumping (secondary) Combined Training

9th-10th May – Horse Trials, Hosted by Ballarat Horse Trials

5th – 6th September - Horse Trials, Hosted by Friends of Werribee

Enter online: www.nominate.com.au

Entries open: 27th April 2009, Entries close: 17th May 2009

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Schedule updated 1st June 2009



General Rules and Conditions

The event is to be run under EA / FEI rules insofar as they are applicable to this event and shall include any other rules formulated by the organising committee. We strongly recommend that all competitors obtain a copy of the relevant EA/FEI Rules through the EV website www.efavic.com.au.

Duty of Care and Risk Management Policy

The National Equestrian Centre and Equestrian Australia (Victoria Branch) Incorporated have a Duty of Care and Risk Management Policy which are available on the EA and WPNEC websites.

Member and Child Protection Policy

EA Member Protection Policy and Child Protection Policy and other relevant Codes and Policies relating to the conducting of an equestrian event under EA rules are available on the EA website.

Codes of Conduct for EA Conducted Equestrian Events

Codes of Conduct for competitors, spectators and volunteers as well as other relevant Codes and Policies relating to the conducting of an equestrian event under EA rules are available at the EA website.

Changes to submitted entries

Once you have entered, all changes to entries must be made in writing. Changes to entries will only be accepted up until 19th June. After this date, absolutely no changes will be made.

Number of Classes you may enter

Riders may enter as many classes as they wish, bearing in mind the welfare of the horse. Competitors are only eligible to enter into each discipline once (ie, you cannot enter dressage in more than one level). The top 3 scores from each team will be counted towards the team's overall score. In the case of a competitor entering more than one horse, the organising committee may not allow

the second horse to participate in a class that may be clashing.

Riders Age

Due to differing primary and secondary school ages in each state of Australia, the EA State Interschool Championships national qualifying competitions (and the Australian Championships competitions) will be split into Primary and Secondary divisions by age, rather than by school year as follows:

Riders who turn 12 years of age on (or before) 1st January 2009 shall ride in the secondary divisions of the National qualifying competitions. Riders who are not yet 12 on 1st January 2009 shall ride in the primary divisions of the National qualifying competitions.

NB: These age criteria apply ONLY to the 24 National qualifying competitions in each state championship. All other non-qualifying competitions within the state championship program may be divided by age or school year as specified in the event schedule.

For the Victorian Championships, if a rider is 12 yrs or over and in Year 6, the rider may elect to compete in either the Primary or Secondary division. If the rider elects to compete in the Primary division they are not eligible to qualify for the National Finals. Riders are not allowed to compete in both Primary and Secondary divisions.

For all non national championship qualifying disciplines (Best Rider, Smartest On Parade & Novelties) the year groups will be as follows.

Level 6 (Prep – Yr 2)
Level 5 (Yr 3 – Yr 4)
Level 4 (Yr 5 – Yr 6)
Level 3 (Yr 7 – Yr 8)
Level 2 (Yr 9 – Yr 10)
Level 1 (Yr 11 – Yr 12)

Entries

2009 entries will be accepted online at www.nominate.com.au. In the event that entries are required to be capped, entries will be accepted in order of date received. **Entries will not be accepted unless one volunteer per rider is nominated.** Non-attendance by an appointed volunteer at the specified time will mean automatic elimination of the corresponding rider. Team Managers are responsible for ensuring that nominated helpers report for their duties.

Close of Entries

Entries close midnight Wednesday 13th May 2009. No late entries will be accepted. Nominate will close entries at midnight 13th May 2009 EST. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt.

National Finals

The first to fourth placegetters of each of the National final qualifying events (these are marked by "Nat Q") are eligible to represent Victoria at the National Finals held at Werribee, Victoria 29th September-1st October 2009. Event information and a travel information pack will be available after this competition. In the event of the first - forth placegetters being unable to attend the final, the fifth placegetter will not be eligible to enter the National final.

Interstate Competitors

Competitors from states other than Victoria are eligible to compete in the Equestrian Victoria Interschool Championships. As these are interschool events, rather than general EA young rider or junior events, riders will be representing their schools and therefore will very likely have to qualify in the state jurisdiction of their school. As schools are largely funded by their state department of education, there are not likely to be many instances where a school would be happy for a national representative to represent a state that does not fund the school. Parents may wish to inquire with their schools what their policy is if they are very close to the border. It is likely the schools have dealt with these issues before and can provide some form of clarification to parents about their policies on student representation. Interstate competitors will require a letter of permission from their school, acknowledging that should an interstate competitor qualify for the National Championships, the

competitor will represent Victoria at the National finals, and not the state in which they attend school.

Refund Policy

Entry fees will not be refunded after the close of entries. Scratchings prior to the close of entries will incur a 30% administration fee. In the event of a horse or rider being unfit to compete, a medical or vet certificate must be received by the office within 72 hours of the event. Certificates can be faxed to 03 9974 0577 or posted to EV Vic, Po Box 616, Werribee, Victoria 3030.

A minimum 80% of entry fees will be refunded if any competition is cancelled in its entirety due to any circumstances beyond the control of the organising committee.

Dress

Riders are to wear their school shirt (and tie) with school jumper or school hacking jacket (not blazer), light coloured jodhpurs and smooth-soled, low-heeled boots (short or long, refer discipline rules). Gloves are compulsory for Dressage, preferably light coloured. Gaiters and Long boots may be worn in all disciplines **except Best Rider and Smartest on Parade** where top boots and gaiters can only be worn by competitors 18yrs and over.

Helmets

All helmets must satisfy the Australian Safety Standards AS/NSZ 3838 or En 1384 or ASTN F1163 and must be worn at all times whilst mounted.

Membership

Riders do not need to be members of EA to compete in this event (except Eventing). Non members must pay the compulsory \$50.00 per event Membership. Membership forms can be downloaded at www.efavic.com.au and payment may also be made online. Junior Membership is approximately \$120.00 for 12 months and includes 24/7 personal accident insurance. (Subject to change, due to new financial year beginning)

Administration Fee

All Competitors must pay the compulsory, non-refundable administration fee of \$15.00 at the time of entry.

Teams

At the State Championships there are separate Primary and Secondary competition divisions. Each school may enter two teams consisting of up to 10 competitors each. The first team will automatically be accepted and the organising committee will endeavour to accept the second team. Teams are to be nominated at the time of entry. The top three scores are considered for the team's aggregate score. Composition of the team may only be changed after the close of entries at the discretion of the organising committee, upon presentation of veterinary / medical certificate or under exceptional circumstances.

Individual Riders

Schools that cannot field a team of three or more competitors are encouraged to enter riders as individuals provided they are endorsed by the school. Riders may elect to be nominated as a part of a composite team. School uniform rules apply to individuals as well as teams. Individual riders can qualify for the National Finals.

Awards

The Nan McArthur Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Champion Individual Rider. Trophy Rugs will be awarded to the 3 highest placed riders of the winning team, with rosettes to all members of first – sixth placed teams. The winning team will be awarded with a shield for their school to keep. Ribbons will be awarded to first – sixth placegetters in all classes.

Team Managers

Team Managers are the point of contact between riders and any Interschool Officials. Team Managers are responsible for collecting rider welcome bags and for distributing/discussing relevant competition information. They are also responsible for ensuring that riders are aware of and adhere to the Codes of Conduct and that team members are ready to compete on time, in the correct arena. It is the responsibility of the team manager to obtain individual medical information for riders. All queries and complaints can only be made through team managers (not via parents or friends of riders) to the ground jury.

Horses

All horses and ponies must be four (4) years of age or over at the time of nomination. Stallions are not

permitted. A rider may nominate to compete two (2) horses however the rider must nominate their preferred horse if the rider is a member of a team. Additional horses will be only permitted providing numbers allow.

Rider Number

Each horse must wear a bridle or saddle number on each side. This must be worn at all times. A number will be provided if competitors do not have a number holder but competitors will need to provide their own safety pins to secure the number to the saddle blanket.

Points

Points will be awarded as follows.

1 st place – 10pts	6 th place – 5pts
2 nd place – 9pts	7 th place – 4pts
3 rd place – 8pts	8 th place – 3pts
4 th place – 7pts	9 th place – 2pts
5 th place – 6pts	10 th place – 1pt

Participation – 1pt

Gear Check

There will be no gear check points. Gear check is the responsibility of the Team Manager. Discipline rules can be found on the website. Judges have the right to eliminate a rider if they compete in the incorrect gear.

Objections and Disputes

Objections must be made in writing to the organising committee within thirty (30) minutes of completion of the class giving rise to the objection. A formal protest requires a deposit of \$100.00 that will be forfeited unless the objection is upheld. All objections must be made through the Team Manager to the Ground Jury and the decision of the Jury will be final and no other discussions will be entered into. No objections will be accepted through parents.

Volunteers and Helpers

The running of equestrian events relies heavily on volunteers. At the interschool championships, volunteers will include numerous parents and other supporters. Abuse by a rider, parent or associated person that is aimed at any volunteer or official at an EFA Interschool event will not be tolerated. Incidents of this nature will result in immediate elimination of the rider. Many of our helpers are

experienced; others are not. Be sure to ask for assistance if you are unsure of what to do. To keep the event on time, it is crucial for helpers to report to the volunteer coordinator 15 minutes before their scheduled duty begins. **Helpers who do not perform their designated duty risk eliminating their corresponding competitor.** It is the responsibility of your helper to notify the volunteer coordinator and find a replacement if they are unable to fulfil their allocated duty. We would be grateful if you could please advise whether any helper or volunteer is a Veterinarian, Doctor, Farrier etc.

Facility Fee

A WPNEC facility fee of \$35.00 per horse, for the entire event. It is payable at the time of entry.

Stables and Yards

All stable & yard bookings made through www.wp nec.com.au. Unfortunately due to limited stabling, WPNEC are unable to offer stables as tack rooms. Any obviously empty stables are not to be used as feed/tack rooms or for any horse for which stabling has not been booked. Yards are available. A reservation fee may be paid on the stable booking form to reserve a yard. If you choose not to reserve a yard, you risk missing out on a yard.

Fodder and Bedding

Horse feed and bedding can be booked online at www.wp nec.com.au or by contacting WPNEC and is the responsibility of the competitor.

Rubbish

Bins will be placed around the ground. Please use them, taking care not to leave rubbish loose on the ground, particularly plastic bags that can spook horses when flying in the wind.

Quarantine

Horses travelling from interstate may incur some pre and post quarantine requirements. Please check the DPI website for updates www.dpi.vic.gov.au

Horse Welfare

The welfare of the horse is paramount. Instances of cruelty or mistreatment will be reported to the organising committee.

Unsoundness – Judges are required to satisfy themselves regarding soundness of all horses and therefore have the authority to stop an unsound

horse during competition. At other times a horse that is stopped or reported by an official who considers it to be unsound must attend the Veterinary Surgeon before continuing on in competition.

Medication Control – Any competitor requested by an official from the Organising Committee to attend for sample testing must present to the Official Veterinary Surgeon as directed.

Important Etiquette

Please respect other riders and horses by not yelling, running, or interrupting when they are competing or in the stable and warm-up areas. Spectators must enter the indoor arenas quietly or wait until the competitor is finished, i.e. during jumping rounds or dressage tests. Offices on the grounds are rented by individual businesses, so please be courteous by not running or yelling when near the offices.

Swabbing

The use of prohibited substances in your horse is not tolerated and riders must be aware that swabbing of horses may occur at random.

Reporting and Safety Measures

In order to keep the event running as close to schedule as possible we will need the cooperation of team managers and parents to make sure riders are on time for their classes. Allocated rider times may vary slightly, but the draw order will not. Stewards and officials are present to help the event run smoothly and on time. For the safety of competitors and spectators, please obey any directions given by a steward or official.

Dogs

Dogs must be under effective control at all times and are not allowed in marshalling or competition areas including any part of the indoor arenas.

Alcohol

This is an alcohol free event. Alcohol is not to be brought on to the grounds or into any buildings. We reserve the right to confiscate any alcohol. Any riders or adults caught drinking will be asked to leave.

Image Consent

By entering this event you give your consent to EV to copy or reproduce images of yourself as EV may determine, without acknowledgement of yourself and without your entitlement to any remuneration or compensation now or in the future. The images may

be used by EV in multimedia productions, publications, brochures and on the website to promote a range of initiatives for EV. EV agrees not to use any image that may be deemed adverse, or defamatory to the person entering this event.

Barbecue

Barbecues will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Payment can be made on line closer to the event on the EV website www.efavic.com.au .

Liability

Riders and/or owners whose entries have been accepted will undertake to indemnify the Organizing Body against all claims, losses, suits, and damages made against or suffered by the Organizing Body by reason of any negligent act or omission on the part of any rider, trainer or attendant whilst attending, riding or otherwise handling a horse and agrees that act or omission on the part of such rider or attendant found in any action against the Organizing Body to be negligent, shall be deemed to have been negligent for the purpose of any claim under this indemnity.

Eventing Information

Secondary Students Only

The Eventing phase of the 2009 Interschool Championships will be run by Ballarat Horse Trials, at Victoria Park, Ballarat on 9th – 10th May 2009 and Friends of Werribee 5th – 6th September. Competitors can compete in CNC* to Introductory. Points from the Ballarat event will be carried over to the Interschool Championships and first and second placed riders from each event will qualify to represent Victoria at 2009 National Finals in Werribee, Victoria. Information on the Ballarat Horse Trials can be obtained through the EFA Victoria Eventing Handbook, EV website, or by contacting 0448 313 429.

Details for the Friends of Werribee Horse Trials on the 5th – 6th September are not yet available. Entry forms will be available closer to the date from www.efavic.com.au.

Dressage Information

\$45.00 per horse (includes two tests of the same level) (\$25 for one Primary Preparatory test)

Interschool Championship Dressage Rules

All dressage tests will be run in accordance with EA Rules in the EA Dressage Competition Rules (effective 1st July 2009) which can be obtained from the website or EA National Office.

- Whips are permitted (not exceeding 1.2m including tassel)
- Only snaffle bits are allowed unless competing at medium or above.
- Spurs can be used at all levels
- Calling of tests is **not allowed, except in Preparatory Level.**

Dressage Tests

These can be downloaded from www.efavic.com.au

Please Note: these are new dressage tests as of 1st July 2009. (Except the Preparatory tests which are 2006)

Dress

Refer to Dress rules on page 3.

Scoring System

Championships will be decided as per rule 8.9 of the EA Dressage Competition Rules (Effective 1st Jan 2008) on the following basis:

- championships are to be decided on points system
- all competing horses will be ranked on the combined results of tests at each level
- the first placed horses will get 30 points, second will get 29 points, third will get 28 points and so on to the last placed horse (these points are only used to determine ranking for the Dressage Championship only, not the individual or team score)

If there are more than 35 entries per class, classes will be divided into separate qualifying heats. The top 6* riders from each qualifying heat will be required to ride in an additional final class to determine the final place getters for the National Finals.

*The OC reserves the right to alter the number of horses accepted into the final depending on the number entries.

Class	Arena	Event/Test	Qual
Class 00	60 x 20	DR Primary Preparatory 1 (NB. \$25)	No
Class 1	60 x 20	DR Primary Preliminary (1.B/1.D)	Nat Q
Class 2	60 x 20	DR Primary Novice (2.B/2.D)	Nat Q
Class 3	60 x 20	DR Secondary Preliminary (1.B/1.D)	No
Class 4	60 x 20	DR Secondary Novice (2.B/2.D)	Nat Q
Class 5	60 x 20	DR Secondary Elementary (3.B/3.D)	Nat Q
Class 6	60 x 20	DR Secondary Medium (4.B/4.D)	Nat Q
Class 7	60 x 20	DR Secondary Advanced (5.B/5.D)	Nat Q

Showman Information

\$50.00 per horse/per level

Showman classes have been split into 2 different formats to align with the National Finals. The three phase class does not include jumping. Riders may only enter one Showman class of either the three phase class or four phase class but not one from each format.

Description

This event will be run in accordance with EA Showman Rules, available from the website. It is not necessary to have a "show horse" for this 'equitation' event, in which the rider is being judged for their all round horsemanship.

Interschool Championship Showmanship Rules

Showman classes will be run under the current EA Showman Rules and these can be obtained from the website.

- Horses must be ridden in a snaffle bridle.
- The same horse must be used by the rider in each section. Changing horses will incur disqualification.

Dress

Refer to Dress rules on page 3.

Ridden Workout

Riders are to perform a ridden show workout prescribed by the judge that will include a combination of the paces, lengthened strides in trot and canter. This phase is judged on the rider's position, aids and ability to present the horse.

Jumping Test (Four Phase Only)

This phase is to show the rider's ability, style, talent, and capability over simple fences consisting of coloured and rustic obstacles, including a double. The course is to be ridden at hunting pace.

In-hand Presentation

This phase exhibits the ability of the handler to show a horse in hand in a workout prescribed by the judge.

Dressage Test

Only top 6 riders do Dressage

Riders will be judged for their riding ability in performing a simple dressage test and not for the performance of their mount. **Tests can be**

downloaded from the website. Please note. They are special Interschool Showman tests.

NB. This class may be physically taxing on the unfit horse or pony. Please take this into consideration when selecting this class as the welfare of the horse is paramount.

Class	Phase	Qual
Class 8	SH MN Primary – 3 Phase. Test 1.1	Nat Q
Class 9	SH MN Primary – 4 Phase / 45cm	Nat Q
Class 10	SH MN Secondary – 3 Phase. Test 1.1	Nat Q
Class 11	SH MN Secondary – 4 Phase / 45cm	Nat Q
Class 12	SH MN Secondary – 4 Phase / 60cm	Nat Q
Class 13	SH MN Secondary – 4 Phase / 84cm	Nat Q

Combined Training Information

Primary Students Only

\$40.00 per horse/per level

Interschool Championship Combined Training Rules

The Combined Training will run in accordance with EA Rules in the 2009 EA Eventing Rule book which can be obtained from the website.

Dress

Refer to Dress rules on page 3.

Dressage Tests

These can be downloaded from www.efavic.com.au

Class	Event/Test	Qual
Class 14	CT 45cm / Preliminary 1.A	No
Class 15	CT 60cm / Preliminary 1.A	No
Class 16	CT 70cm / Preliminary 1.B	Nat Q
Class 17	CT 80 cm / Novice 2.B	Nat Q

Jumping Information

\$40.00 per horse (includes two jumping classes)

National Finals Qualification

Riders wishing to qualify for the National Finals must compete in both Jumping and Jumping Equitation or Ideal Time. By entering you are to ride the two rounds of Jumping are AM7 & Equitation for National Qualifying events. In the Non-Qualifying events the classes are AM7 & Ideal Time. Both rounds must be at the same height. Riders who wish to compete in only one class of jumping should contact the event secretary to make changes. This must be done before 19th June.

Interschool Championship Jumping Rules

All jumping will be run under the current FEI Jumping Rules. These can be obtained from the website.

Riders must ride in the order of the draw and must not hold up proceedings on the day. Riders are only permitted to compete in one height class (i.e. a rider may not compete in the 80cm class and the 90cm class).

Dress

Refer to Dress rules on page 3.

Walking the Course

Course plans will be posted at the entry gate. The course will be opened for walking 20 minutes prior to class start time. Riders are to listen for announcements that their class is running to schedule, early or late.

Jumping AM7

Class	Height	Qual
Class 18	Primary – 45cm (2 nd round Ideal Time)	No
Class 19	Primary – 60cm (2 nd round Ideal Time)	No
Class 20	Primary – 80cm (2 nd round Equitation)	Nat Q
Class 21	Primary – 90cm (2 nd round Equitation)	Nat Q
Class 22	Secondary – 75cm (2 nd round Ideal Time)	No
Class 23	Secondary – 90cm (2 nd round Equitation)	Nat Q
Class 24	Secondary – 100cm (2 nd round Equitation)	Nat Q
Class 25	Secondary – 110cm (2 nd round Equitation)	Nat Q
Class 26	Secondary – 120cm (2 nd round Equitation)	Nat Q

Best Rider

\$10.00 per class

Interschool Championship Best Rider Rules

Show Horse classes will be conducted under the 2006 National Show Horse Rules and Guidelines, which can be obtained from the website.

- Snaffle bits must be used in this class. Double bridles are **not permitted**.
- Martingales, bearing, side or running reins of any kind are **not permitted**.

Dress

Refer to Dress rules page 3

Class	Level	Qual
Class 27	BR Primary – Level 6	No
Class 28	BR Primary – Level 5	No
Class 29	BR Primary – Level 4	No
Class 30	BR Secondary – Level 3	No
Class 31	BR Secondary – Level 2	No
Class 32	BR Secondary – Level 1	No

Smartest On Parade

\$10.00 per class

Interschool Championship Smartest On Parade Rules

Show Horse classes will be conducted under the 2006 National Show Horse Rules and Guidelines, which can be obtained from the website.

- Snaffle bits must be used in this class. Double bridles are **not permitted**.
- Martingales, bearing, side or running reins of any kind are **not permitted**.

Dress

Refer to page 3.

Class	Level	Qual
Class 33	SOP Primary – Level 6	No
Class 34	SOP Primary – Level 5	No
Class 35	SOP Primary – Level 4	No
Class 36	SOP Secondary – Level 3	No
Class 37	SOP Secondary – Level 2	No
Class 38	SOP Secondary – Level 1	No

Handy Mount

\$10.00 per class

Interschool Championship Handy Mount Rules

This discipline is designed to test a rider's horsemanship skills and the willingness of the horse or pony. It is not a race, the focus is on how the rider completes the tasks. The judges will be looking for rhythm, calmness and straightness, similar to a dressage test with obstacles.

This class is not judged on time, however there is a time limit of 3 minutes, with no bonus points for finishing under this time. If you do go over the time limit, you are regarded as finished and will need to leave the arena. The points you have earned in this time will be your score.

You may pick your own pace, unless a pace is specified for a specific task. However the judge will acknowledge the degree of difficulty required for faster paces. If you have a problem with a task, we recommend that you move on to the next task.

Dress

Refer to page 3.

Class	Level	Qual
Class 39	HM Primary – Level 6	No
Class 40	HM Primary – Level 5	No
Class 41	HM Primary – Level 4	No
Class 42	HM Secondary – Level 3	No
Class 43	HM Secondary – Level 2	No
Class 44	HM Secondary – Level 1	No

Novelties - Games

\$10.00 per class

Interschool Championship Agility Rules

This discipline is designed to test the horse and rider's agility. It is judged on time. The class is designed to incorporate novelty games in the one event. For example it may include Bending, Flag and barrel, Key hole, Mug race and some poles.

- The **reins** must be **OVER** and not under **the pony's neck**. If the reins are knotted, they must be undone at the buckle end.
- No whips or spurs may be used; use of the baton, reins or other article as a whip shall incur elimination of the individual from the event.
- Bits must be a plain snaffle with a straight bar or a single joint in the middle. The mouth piece must be smooth all round. Bitless bridles (including the hackamore) are NOT permitted.

Dress

Refer to page 3.

Class	Level	Qual
Class 45	NOV Primary – Level 6	No
Class 46	NOV Primary – Level 5	No
Class 47	NOV Primary – Level 4	No
Class 48	NOV Secondary – Level 3	No
Class 49	NOV Secondary – Level 2	No
Class 50	NOV Secondary – Level 1	No