

THE 2018 EQUATHON CHALLENGE

The Equathon Challenge is a three-event competition consisting of swimming, show jumping and cross-country running. Competitors complete all three phases either individually or as a team of three.

The running and show jumping phases will be held at Boneo Park Equestrian Centre. The swim phase will be held at the Peninsula Swimming and Aquatic Centre, 2 Colchester Road, Rosebud.

Sections / Heights / Distances

Section	Age	Run	Swim	Ride
1	7-9 years	2km	50m	40cm
2	10-12 years	2km	50m	60cm
3	13-15 years	3km	100m	75cm
4	16-18 years	3km	200m	95cm

Each section will be split up between individuals and teams, and between males and females. Section 1 will consist of individual males, individual females, team males and team females, and so on.

Individual competitors complete all three phases of the event. An individual competitor may also show jump for one team.

Teams comprise of three individuals who each complete one phase each. Teams must be all female or all male. The only exception for this is a male runner and a male swimmer may compete with a female show jumper however, they will be considered a male team.

SHOW JUMPING PHASE

Competitors in the show jumping phase will be required to ride in draw order. There will be two show jumping rings, one for individuals and one for teams. Those competing individually and for a team will jump twice (once in each ring).

The course will be available for walking before the start of each height. A course plan including length, speed and time allowed will be available on the day of the competition.

The show jumping will be run under article 238.2.1.

Riders who are eliminated in the show jumping will not be eliminated from the overall competition. The following will incur elimination:

- Exceeding double the time allowed
- Leaving the arena before the end of the round
- Fall of horse or rider
- Error of course (jumping wrong jump or out of order)
- Three refusals
- Anyone deemed to be riding dangerously (judge's decision is final)

If two competitors have the same time, then the allocated points will be shared. All eliminated riders will finish in equal place behind all other competitors and the allocated points shared.

RUNNING PHASE

Competitors in the running phase will need to register at Boneo Park during their allocated registration time. The run will be a cross-country style course appropriately marked out.

Female teams, male teams, female individuals and male individuals from each section will run in their group at the same time. For example, Section 1 female individuals will all start at the same time. Competitors will be ranked according to the order they cross the finish line.

If two competitors cross the finish line at the same time and can't be separated, the points will be shared. If a runner is unable to complete the run due to injury or any other reason, they will be awarded points as if they have finished behind all other competitors.

SWIMMING PHASE

Competitors in the swimming phase will need to register at the swimming pool during their allocated registration time. Competitors in the swimming phase will need to make their own way to the swimming pool.

Swimmers will swim in heats with up to six people in each heat. All swimmers will be individually timed and their time recorded. Competitors will be ranked in order of time, with fastest time first.

In the event of equal time, the allocated points will be shared. If the competitor is unable to complete the swim, they will be awarded points as if they have finished behind all other competitors.

HOW SCORING WORKS

Each competitor will be ranked according to their performance in each phase. Points will be allocated according to the ranking. First place will receive 1 point, second place 2 points and so on. The winning individual or team will be the one with the least points.

In the event that scores are equal, the competitor with the fastest show jumping time will be the winner. If the show jumping times are equal, then the faster swimmer will win. If the swim times are also equal then the fastest runner will be the winner. If the scores still can't be split then prizes will be given for equal place.

PRIZES

Medals 1st – 3rd – Individuals and teams

Ribbons 4th – 6th – Individuals and teams

DRAW AND TIMES

Competitor information will be available closer to the competition day. This will include registration times, start times and draw order.

RULES AND CONDITIONS

ALL riders must be accompanied by an adult

No riders other than those competing are allowed to ride at Boneo Park Equestrian Centre

One rider per horse rule applies

Riders may ride more than one horse (if competing as an individual and in a team)

Swimmers and runners can only compete as an individual or as part of a team (not both)

All riders must wear an approved helmet and boots at all times whilst mounted

Full school equestrian uniform must be worn

Schools are responsible for gear check

Spurs permitted

No refunds after closing date

Dogs allowed on premises, however must be on a lead at all times

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