



Guidelines for Interschool Eventing Series

Entering Interschool Eventing – General Information

1. There are five qualifying events for 2018 – Tonimbuk (March 9, 10 and 11), Heytesbury (April 14-15), Tintern Interschool Horse Trails (April 28-29), Ballarat (May 11-13) and Woody Yaloak (May 26-27). Each holds the interschool classes either as a complete interschool class or where there are not enough interschool competitors, they will be blended with open competitors.
2. Competitors should enter each event individually and follow the instructions for that event regarding interschool participation. You need to enter these events early as organisers can only offer limited fields and interschool is only part of the open events except at Tintern. Some events commence their Ev80 and or Ev95 on Friday.
3. You may be asked to offer some volunteer help.
4. Competitors in 1* need to be aware if the competition is a CIC (Tonimbuk and Ballarat), they must comply with FEI rules not EA rules.
5. Please be aware of the Codes of Conduct for EA, in particular competitors, spectators, parents and guardians. They can be found here: [EA Codes of Conduct](#). Also there are Member Protection and Social Media/eSafety and Cyber Bullying Policies here: [Member Protection Policies](#).

Gear and Clothing

1. As you are competing in an Equestrian Victoria event, jackets are required in dressage and showjumping. In the cross country phase you may wear a school sport top or school colours/saddle cloth. If hot weather jackets will be optional, but your shirt must be short or long sleeved and predominately white or of a pale colour – FEI rules apply for 1*.
2. Gloves are optional in the dressage phase for EvA105 and below. No whips to be carried in dressage. You will receive penalties for carrying a whip not elimination. No martingales in dressage.
3. You are required to provide your own bridle/saddlecloth number for dressage and show jumping and a number holder for cross country. In cross country the horse must have a bridle/saddlecloth number as well as your back number for identification if you fall off.
4. Medical armbands are not compulsory. However, athletes with a medical condition/s that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency are responsible, at every event when riding, for wearing a medical data carrier or armband. Conditions that are relevant include

recent head injury, serious past injuries/surgeries, chronic health problems such as diabetes, long-term medications and allergies. If in doubt, the athlete should discuss this with their own treating physician.

Series Scoring

1. To gain points for team selection you must be a current secondary student. The levels are EvA 80, EvA 95, EvA 105, and 1*.
2. Four riders will be selected from each level. Each level is a significant step up and points from a lower class cannot be compared with points at the next level. As this is a selection for the Victorian team with riders to representing Victoria at national level, if you change class level during the series points will not carry up or down.
3. In 2018 points are awarded 1st to 4th (4, 3, 2, and 1) a competitor's best three events from the five offered at taken into account. Your points will not be counted for inclusion in the team if you do not meet minimum eligibility requirements (MER) in regard to penalties received. These standards apply to all three phases-55% Dressage, no cross country fence penalties, no more than 75 seconds (30 penalties) above the time specified in cross country, a maximum of 16 show jumping faults, however, one cross country stop may be allowed in one of the rider's three eligible scores for team selection in 2018.

General Rules

(Note: full Eventing Rules on the EA website at this link [Current EA Eventing Rules](#))

1. You must be an EV member at all levels and for levels EvA95-1* the horse must be registered and have an eventing licence. CIC 1* horses and riders must be registered with the FEI and the horse will need an EA Passport if it is registered with the FEI for the first time after 2016.
2. Riders need to be aware that time penalties will be incurred for every second you go more than 20 seconds under the allowed time as well penalties be given for going over the allotted time. It is not appropriate to circle before the finish markers to use up time and you will be penalised.
3. You may also be called for discussion or withdrawn from the cross country course if you travel too fast, use bad language or use your whip excessively in the opinion of organisers and/or TD (Technical Delegate) who observes the cross country phase. This may result in elimination.
4. Please follow the event instruction in lodging any protest. The committee or Technical Delegate should be approached in respectful manner to clarify a situation or prior to a protest being lodged.
5. Each event will have nominated Rider Representatives for each competition level. If you require help in understanding rules or need to contact the Technical Delegate the Rider Representatives are able to assist you. They are senior and experience riders – the event secretary will publish their contact details.

Horse Welfare

1. Be prepared to actively cool down your horse, especially in hot conditions. Active cooling – is the process of applying cool water (ice can be added to your buckets), to the horse and scraping the water off. The process is repeated until the water comes off the horse cool. The horse's temperature may rise after completion of the cross country course. You must wait for the vet check and follow any instructions, asked of you.
2. If a horse has a soundness issue in the view of a judge you may be required to discuss this with the TD (Technical Delegate) and to present to a vet for trot up. Don't panic the horse may be fine.

Many thanks to Woolbrae and the Batten family who have sponsored a rug for the series winner in each division for 2018. EV will manage the leader board after each event.