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— VICTORIAN EQUESTRIAN —  
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**HANDBOOK 2019**



2018 VEIS Dressage Champions (above)-Braemar College

2018 VEIS Show Jumping Champions (below) – Toorak College



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This VEIS handbook:

Describes the rules and principles under which VEIS events and the VEIS Series operate, and endeavours to provide a framework to foster consistency in the rules and formats of interschool equestrian events more broadly. VEIS calendared events use these rules as a guideline.

The VEIS operates as far as is possible under EA rules.

Within these VEIS rules are references to the EA rules for each discipline, e.g., Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing. These EA rules can be found on the Equestrian Victoria or Equestrian Australia websites – [www.equestrian.org.au](http://www.equestrian.org.au) or [www.vic.equestrian.org.au](http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au). The EA rules should be referenced for any situations not covered in this Handbook.

## 2 VEIS COMPETITIONS

- 2.1 Schools hosting VEIS events must be affiliated with Equestrian Australia.
- 2.2 Proposed dates for competitions for the following year are requested at the commencement of Term 3 and must be sent to [website@veis.com.au](mailto:website@veis.com.au). The VEIS committee will seek to manage calendar options where date clashes occur. The calendar maintains a spread of Friday, Saturday and Sunday competitions. Final dates must be confirmed before the close of Term 3 in any given year in order for schools to be informed and develop their own school calendars.

Each hosting school or organisation will be invoiced for \$100 per competition (e.g. \$100 for Dressage and \$100 for Show Jumping if both are run on the same day). Cheques made payable to “VEIS” and to be sent to: VEIS, C/- Julia Williams, 170 Coolart Road, Moorooduc VIC 3933 or direct credited to the VEIS account. The 6 VEIS series qualifying events in Show Jumping and Dressage incur a fee of \$200, and an additional fee of \$1 per rider.

- 2.3 Primary students are allowed to compete in higher grades – they are not restricted to ride in ‘Primary Only’ classes. However, Primary riders are not permitted to ride at higher levels at Interschool National events irrespective of their standing on the VEIS Series Championship. For the avoidance of doubt, Primary riders are only permitted to compete in Primary classes at national events – points accrued in a higher level at VEIS events do NOT contribute to qualification for the Victorian team at a lower level.
- 2.4 Secondary riders may participate in ‘Primary only’ classes but they will be deemed to be competing HC (“hors concours”), i.e., no points will accrue towards either the individual event results or the VEIS team or individual championships.
- 2.5 Riders are encouraged to enter levels most suited to their level of riding competency and their horse’s ability. In disciplines where grading or qualification applies, the EA rules for eligibility must be adhered to; e.g., dressage grading for horses.
- 2.6 Riders who have been Individual Champions or Reserve Champions in VEIS levels in 2018 are automatically promoted to the next level in the 2019 Series.

*If the Champion or Reserve Champion rider/horse combination wishes to ride in the same level at which they were either Champion or Reserve Champion in the previous year, the school Team Manager/Equestrian Coordinator can apply at the beginning of the season to the VEIS committee stating the reasons the Rider/Horse combination wishes to remain at the same level.*

**NB:** The above automatic promotion rule will not apply to riders moving up due to age in Dressage from Preliminary Primary to Preliminary Secondary classes, or Novice Primary to Novice Intermediate, or Novice Intermediate to Novice Senior.

### 3 DRESSAGE

Changes to dressage rules for 2019 can be found at

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/content/proposed-discipline-rules-1st-january-2019> .

The new dressage tests are effective 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2019 and will be used at all interschool competitions

3.1 The dressage classes that may be offered at VEIS events are:

| Dressage                    |                |                        |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Class                       | Year Level     | Arena Size             |
| Preparatory (Primary only)* | Primary Only   | 40m x 20m or 60m x 20m |
| Preliminary Primary         | Primary Only   | 60m x 20m              |
| Preliminary Intermediate    | Secondary Only | 60m x 20m              |
| Preliminary Senior          | Secondary Only | 60m x 20m              |
| Novice Primary              | Primary Only   | 60m x 20m              |
| Novice Intermediate         | Secondary Only | 60m x 20m              |
| Novice Senior               | Secondary Only | 60m x 20m              |
| Elementary                  | All            | 60m x 20m              |
| Medium                      | All            | 60m x 20m              |
| Advanced                    | All            | 60m x 20m              |
| Prix St Georges**           | All            | 60m x 20m              |
| Intermediate 1 **           | All            | 60m x 20m              |

\* Not EA Interschool Nationals class

\*\* may be run as Small Tour. Rider/horse combinations may only compete in 2 tests at the higher levels - either one Adv and PSG or PSG and Inter 1.

**NB: Qualification for EA Interschool Nationals is based on the Year Level of a student at school.**

3.2 Rider/horse combinations must score an average of 57.5% across both dressage tests for the combination's score to accrue points for the VEIS team or individual championships. The minimum 57.5% is not required in each test, only as an average of the two tests.

3.3 If entries in a particular dressage level exceed 35 in number, the entries must be split randomly into two divisions, or a reserve list can be established.

**NB: It is important divisions are not formed according to year level, ability, school, etc.**

- 3.4 Draws for VEIS Dressage events will be completed in accordance with EA guidelines. Riders should not ride in the same order in both tests.
- 3.5 Primary Preparatory is designed for beginner riders just learning to canter consistently. If a rider is cantering confidently, it is recommended they enter Preliminary Primary. Primary Preparatory does not attract individual points in the VEIS rankings – points do accrue to the school. Awards and placings will still be awarded on the day of competition.
- 3.6 Eligibility for Prix St. George entry (where offered) : A combination must have competed previously in two Advanced tests and achieved a score of over 58% in each test.
- 3.7 Dressage scoring to determine places at VEIS events is consistent with EA Interschool dressage scoring methodologies and is as follows:
  - 3.7.1 In each class, 1st placed horses are allocated 35 points, 2nd 34 points, 3rd 33 points and so on to the last-placed horse.
  - 3.7.2 The aggregate points over the two classes determines the Championship placings.
  - 3.7.3 In the event of a tie for the Championship placings, the higher placing is awarded to the combination with the highest aggregate percentage over the two tests. In the event of a further tie, the higher placing is the combination with the higher percentage score in the more advanced test
  - 3.7.4 In the event of equal placings in a test, no half/split marks are allocated. The equal placings receive the same points, then the next placing and points are skipped. i.e., 2 riders finishing equal 4<sup>th</sup> receive 32 points, with the next placing being 6<sup>th</sup> receiving 30 points. If a clear winner or placing is required in a class for individual tests the best total of the 4 collective marks would place higher.

## 4 SHOW JUMPING

4.1 Each VEIS Show Jumping event must run two or more classes at each Level. The Show Jumping levels to be offered at VEIS Qualifier events are:

| Class              | Year Level   | Class                      | Max. Heights |       |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Freshman*          | Primary Only | Two Phase: Article 274.5.3 |              | 50cm  |
|                    |              | Grand Prix: Art. 261.5.2   | 1st Round    | 50cm  |
|                    |              |                            | 2nd Round    | 55cm  |
|                    |              |                            | Jump-off     | 60cm  |
| Encourage*         | All          | Two Phase: Article 274.5.3 |              | 65cm  |
|                    |              | Grand Prix: Art. 261.5.2   | 1st Round    | 65cm  |
|                    |              |                            | 2nd Round    | 70cm  |
|                    |              |                            | Jump-off     | 75cm  |
| Improvers**        | All          | Two Phase: Article 274.5.3 |              | 75cm  |
|                    |              | Grand Prix: Art. 261.5.2   | 1st Round    | 75cm  |
|                    |              |                            | 2nd Round    | 80cm  |
|                    |              |                            | Jump-off     | 85cm  |
| Progressive**<br>* | All          | Two Phase: Article 274.5.3 |              | 85cm  |
|                    |              | Grand Prix: Art. 261.5.2   | 1st Round    | 85cm  |
|                    |              |                            | 2nd Round    | 90cm  |
|                    |              |                            | Jump-off     | 95cm  |
| Intermediate       | All          | AM2 238.2.1                |              | 95cm  |
|                    |              | Grand Prix: Art. 273.3.1   | 1st Round    | 100cm |
|                    |              |                            | 2nd Round    | 105cm |
|                    |              |                            |              |       |
| Advanced           | All          | AM2 238.2.1                |              | 105cm |
|                    |              | Grand Prix: Art. 273.3.1   | 1st Round    | 110cm |
|                    |              |                            | 2nd Round    | 115cm |
|                    |              |                            |              |       |
| Stars              | All          | AM2 238.2.1                |              | 115cm |
|                    |              | Grand Prix: Art. 273.3.1   | 1st Round    | 120cm |
|                    |              |                            | 2nd Round    | 125cm |
|                    |              |                            |              |       |

\* Not EA National Qualifying Events

\*\* EA National Qualifier event for Primary students only

\*\*\* EA National Qualifier event for Primary and Secondary classes

- 4.2 Primary students are able to compete in higher grades of show jumping – they are not restricted to ride in classes with Primary levels. However, Primary riders are not permitted to ride at higher levels at Interschool National events irrespective of their standing on the VEIS Series Championship. For the avoidance of doubt, Primary riders are only permitted to compete in Primary classes at national events – points accrued in a higher level at VEIS events do NOT contribute to qualification for the Victorian team at a lower level.
- 4.3 Qualification for EA Interschool Nationals is not based on age, but is based on the Year Level of a student at school.
- 4.4 Secondary riders may ride in Freshman; however, they are deemed to compete HC (“hors concours”); i.e., no placing is awarded, and therefore no VEIS points accrue
- 4.5 Scoring to determine places at VEIS show jumping events is as follows:
  - 4.5.1 In the Two Phase class or AM2 class, 1<sup>st</sup> scores 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 points and so on down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup>. In the Grand Prix class, 1<sup>st</sup> scores 20 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 18 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 16 points and so on down to 2 points for 10<sup>th</sup>
  - 4.5.2 Points over the two classes are aggregated to determine places. In the event of an equality of points, points earned in the Grand Prix is the count back method.



## 5 COMBINED TRAINING

- 5.1 Organisers may choose to run a Combined Training or Dressage and Combined Training event. Currently, Combined Training has four National Team places at a number of primary and secondary levels decided at the Equestrian Victoria State Championships.
- 5.2 The Combined Training should run in accordance with EA Rules in the Current EA [National Eventing Rulebook](#), which can be obtained from the website, applied to dressage and jumping phases only and should be adapted for interschool competitors where necessary.
- 5.3 Riders are only permitted to compete in one class per horse.
- 5.4 The same horse and rider combination must complete both phases of the competition. Elimination from one phase involves elimination from the competition.
- 5.5 Eventing Rider combinations cannot compete in Combined Training at a level lower than they are eventing at.
- 5.6 Primary 35cm should be for younger less experienced riders commencing competition.
- 5.7 As Combined Training runs under Eventing rules, riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the 2 phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties when penalties from the dressage and jumping phases are added will be the winner. Dressage penalties are calculated by subtracting the average percentage from 100. The result is rounded to one decimal point. Jumping penalties are calculated in the normal manner as per Jumping.
- 5.8 In the case of equal scores for placings in a class, the rider with the best dressage score (least penalties) will be the higher placed. If equality still exists, the closest to the optimum time (under the time set) in the jumping element will be the higher placed. If there is still a tie, then the placings will be shared and the subsequent place not awarded.
- 5.9 The dressage and jumping tests which make up a Combined Training competition must be taken in that order.
- 5.10 Tests are as for the relevant Official Event level. No callers are allowed.
- 5.11 The dressage test is judged under EA Rules
- 5.12 All dressage tests are ridden in a 60m x 20m arena
- 5.13 No whip is allowed in the dressage phase, however whips of no more than 75cm are allowed in the jumping phase. (See later for those competitions with both Dressage and CT Championships)
- 5.14 The jumping test consists of one round of the course judged under FEI Rules, Table A. There is no jump-off.

- 5.15 Notes for consideration by event organisers are given in Section 20. Competitors should also read section 20 for horse welfare guidelines.
- 5.16 Current Classes are as tabled below

| <b>CLASS</b>   | <b>Suggested Tests</b> | <b>SJ Height</b> | <b>SJ Speed</b> | <b>State Level</b> | <b>National Level</b> |
|--|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Primary 35cm DR Preparatory 2019                             |                        | 35cm             | 225mpm          | Yes                | No                    |
| Primary 45cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 45/60 A/B |                        | 45cm             | 250mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Primary 60cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 45/60 A/B |                        | 60cm             | 275mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Primary 80cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 80 A/B    |                        | 80cm             | 300mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Secondary 60cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 60 A/B  |                        | 60cm             | 275mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Secondary 80cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 80 A/B  |                        | 80cm             | 300mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Secondary 95cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 95 A/B  |                        | 95cm             | 300mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Secondary 1* DR FEI 1* Test 2019                             |                        | 105cm            | 325mpm          | Yes                | No                    |
| Secondary 2* DR FEI 2*Test 2019                              |                        | 115cm            | 350mpm          | Yes                | No                    |

## 6 VEIS QUALIFIER COMPETITIONS

- 6.1 Rider/horse combinations score points for the VEIS Team and Individual Championships at nominated VEIS Qualifier events.
- 6.2 There will be 8 VEIS qualifying events per year – 4 dressage and 4 show jumping
  - 6.2.1 Each designated interschool region – “Barwon” (West), Northern, and South-Eastern – will host one dressage and one show jumping qualifier
  - 6.2.2 The VEIS Grand Final – which will incorporate both a dressage and a show jumping competition (i.e., 2 events) – to be held over a weekend before the close of Term 2.
- 6.3 2018 Nominated Qualifying Events – please see [www.veis.com.au](http://www.veis.com.au) for calendar of all events including Qualifiers
  - 6.3.1 Qualifier events may be rotated between schools in each region from year to year
  - 6.3.2 The geographical boundaries set to determine the zoning for schools are as follows:

### ***West ("Barwon") / Northern Shield boundary***

Duncans Rd. to Ballan Rd. (Bacchus-Marsh-Werribee Rd.) to the Bacchus Marsh-Geelong Rd. to the Western Freeway

(Noting that Bacchus Marsh Grammar is part of the Northern Shield competition, and Ballarat Grammar is part of the Barwon region.)

### ***Northern Shield (incl. Metro) / South Eastern boundary***

Springvale Rd. to Wellington Rd, then right on Wellington Rd to the Dandenong's. South and east of the Dandenong's is South/Eastern, and north of the Dandenong's is Northern

## 7 VEIS GRAND FINAL

7.1 VEIS Grand Final participants will be:

7.1.1 The top 4 aggregate point scoring schools from each region in the Qualifier events throughout the Series.

7.2 In the Grand Final, any horse/rider combination must compete at the highest level that they have competed at during any Qualifier event; e.g., a rider/horse combination that has competed at Novice as its highest level during the Qualifier events may not compete at any level below this at the Grand Final. If a rider competes one test at Advanced and one test at Prix St Georges, then they will be counted for points based on their Prix St Georges placing. Note that riders will only earn individual and team points for the Prix St Georges, no points will be awarded for an Advanced test competed at the same event.

Exceptions as follows; In the event that a rider rides a third test at a higher level the level deemed to be ridden is the level at which the combination competed in both tests at a qualifier event.

This rule will not apply to the first qualifier event in any given year or series. For example, a horse/rider combination may enter the first qualifier at Advanced Show Jumping height and subsequently wish to move down a grade, in this instance the combination will have the ability to use the lower height as its qualifier and Grand Final height. The same rule and logic will apply to the dressage grades and applies only to the first qualifier in any given season as indicated by the VEIS calendar in either discipline.

7.3 For schools qualified for the Grand Final, there is no limit on the number of riders that may represent the school at the Grand Final.

7.4 Riders that have qualified for the Grand Final on a given horse according to the above rules may ride in the Grand Final on a different horse. However, no placing earned on the day will accrue points either to the individual or team series championships; i.e., the rider is not deemed HC for the Grand Final, but the rider's result does not count towards the VEIS Series as no series points will be accrued.

**NB:** Allowing entry for riders in this situation (qualified horse is sold, lame, or ill and an alternative mount is an option) achieves the VEIS objective of promoting broad participation in interschool equestrian competitions without impacting the integrity of the Series competition.

7.5 In the Grand Final, dressage classes which are Nationals Qualifier classes and for which entries exceed 35 riders, two sections will be formed randomly and a ride-off will be run to determine final scores. The ride-off will include the top 3 riders from each section. As per rules 3.3 and 3.4.

7.6 There will be no limit on the size of the show jumping classes

## 8 VEIS CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING

## 8.1 Dressage:

- 8.1.1 Assuming the rider has achieved the required average 57.5% across both tests at a given level, VEIS points are accrued for each test – 1<sup>st</sup> in a test scores 10 points towards their respective individual VEIS Championship cumulative tally, 2<sup>nd</sup> will earn 9 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 points and so on down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup>; meaning a maximum of 20 points may be accrued at any given Qualifier event for the individual VEIS Championship.
- 8.1.2 In the event of equal placings in a test, no half/split marks are allocated. The equal placings both receive the same points, then the next placing and points are skipped. i.e., 2 riders finishing equal 4<sup>th</sup> receive 7 points, with next placing being 6<sup>th</sup> receiving 5 points
- 8.1.3 VEIS school points are awarded based on a rider's place in the championship (i.e. their ranking across the two tests at the same level). The winner of the championship is awarded 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 9 and so on down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup> place.
- 8.1.4 Results achieved in the Grand Final carry a premium of 50%; i.e., points scored in the Grand Final are multiplied by 150% (1.5 times). Hence, a maximum of 30 points can be accrued for Individual Series Points at the Grand final.

## 8.2 Show Jumping:

- 8.2.1 In the Two Phase class, 1<sup>st</sup> scores 10 points towards their individual VEIS Championship cumulative tally, 2<sup>nd</sup> will earn 9 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 points and so on down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup>. In the Grand Prix or (new class name) , 1<sup>st</sup> scores 20 points towards their respective individual VEIS Championship cumulative tally, 2<sup>nd</sup> will earn 18 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 16 points and so on down to 2 points for 10<sup>th</sup>; meaning a maximum of 30 points may be accrued at any given Qualifier event
- 8.2.2 VEIS school points are awarded based on a rider's place in the championship (i.e. their ranking across the two showjumping classes at the same level). The winner of the championship is awarded 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 9 and so on down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup> place.
- 8.2.3 Results achieved in the Grand Final carry a premium of 50%; i.e., points scored in the Grand Final are multiplied by 150% (1.5 times).

## 9 VEIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 9.1 VEIS School Team Championships:

VEIS Series School Team Championship scoring will be for:

9.1.1 Victorian Champion Dressage School

9.1.2 Victorian Champion Show Jumping School (The Annie White Champion Show Jumping School Trophy)

9.1.3 The top four combinations' points from each school will be totalled to determine each school's point at an event. These points will be aggregated across the Qualifier events, including the Grand Final (where the 1.5x's premium is applied), to determine the school rankings for the Series in each of the Dressage and Show Jumping School Team Championships. The maximum school a school can achieve at the qualifying events is 40 points (4 combinations taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in their championship). At the Grand Final The maximum score that a school can achieve is 60 points (1.5 x 40)

9.1.4 There is one team score per school at any given event for each discipline

9.1.5 At VEIS event schools may have multiple campuses for team scoring purposes. These campuses must come under the same Governance/Board and same Principal (Head of School). For example a school may have a Senior Campus Year 7-12 and Primary Campuses Prep-Year 6

## 9.2 VEIS Individual Championships:

There is individual VEIS Series Championships at each respective dressage and show jumping level:

9.2.1 For each horse/rider combination per discipline, the highest total aggregate score from **3 of the Qualifier events** (*including* the Grand Final worth 150% (1.5 times) points) will be the winner of the Individual Championships

9.2.2 If a rider scores at all 4 Qualifier events (including the Grand Final), the 3 scores to count to the overall aggregate score will be the 3 highest scores; i.e., the lowest score from the Qualifier events is dropped

*NB: For clarity, there is no "dropped score" in the VEIS Teams Championship – team scores achieved at each qualifier count toward the overall VEIS Series Dressage and Show Jumping School Team Championships – schools are therefore encouraged to ensure teams are fielded at each Qualifier event*

- 9.2.3 In the event of an equality of points at the end of the Series, the count back methodology will first be the number of wins achieved at the Qualifier events (including the Grand Final). In the event of a tie at this level, the highest score at the Grand Final prevails
- 9.2.4 If it is necessary to cancel one round of the VEIS series the best 3 scores count for riders and also. The Grand Final coefficient of 1.5 will remain if this event is run. If the Grand Final is cancelled the three events that have been held are treated equally.
- 9.2.5 If a VEIS series event is shortened on the day, all classes completed will count for individual series scores. No school scores will be included in the series for that round.

## 10 QUALIFICATION FOR THE VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL TEAM

(to compete at the EA Australian Interschool Championships)

- 10.1 The two highest placed combinations in the VEIS Individual Championships (where these levels are competed at the Interschool Nationals) will be awarded a place in the Victorian Interschool team.
- 10.2 A horse/rider combination may only qualify for a state team place at one dressage level. The exception being PSG and Inter 1 where a combination can qualify for both levels.
- 10.3 In 2019 VEIS will also have 2 places for National Qualification at Prix St Georges and Intermediate 1. To qualify for EA Interschool Nationals combinations must compete in at least one VEIS Qualifier event prior to the Grand Final, then must compete at the VEIS Grand Final. Prix St Georges and Intermediate 1 places for EA Interschool Nationals will be decided based on Grand Final placing on the day only, points earned at previous VEIS Qualifier events will not count. Combinations competing at Prix St Georges will still earn points at all Qualifier events towards VEIS Final Individual and Team placings.
- 10.4 The team will compete at the Interschool Nationals, usually in early October
- 10.5 The VEIS levels for which state team places will be awarded are:

### **Dressage**

- Intermediate 1 (refer rule 10.3 for criteria)
- Prix St Georges (refer rule 10.3 for criteria)
- Advanced
- Medium
- Elementary
- Novice Senior
- Novice Intermediate
- Novice Primary
- Preliminary Senior
- Preliminary Intermediate
- Preliminary Primary

### **Show Jumping**

- Stars (120cm)
- Advanced (110cm)
- Intermediate (100cm)
- Progressive (90cm) – both for Secondary and Primary selection
- Improvers (Primary students only selected at this level – 80cm)



- 10.6 From Progressive (90cm) in Show Jumping, there will be four state team spots offered:
- 10.6.1 The two highest ranked Secondary school combinations in the Progressive VEIS Individual Championship (for the 90cm Secondary class at the Nationals event), and
  - 10.6.2 The two highest ranked Primary school combinations in the Progressive VEIS Individual Championship (for the 90cm Primary class at the Nationals event)
- 10.7 The above split will be made subject to the Year level of the student rider (See 10.2).
- 10.8 If a rider/horse combination does not take up the offer to compete at the National event or has qualified previously via the EV Interschool Championships, the place will be offered to the next ranked combination(s) from the VEIS series ranking.
- 10.9 Please note, all riders that compete at the Australian Interschool Championships are required to be EA members, and all horses competing must be EA registered.

## 11 GENERAL RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERSCHOOL COMPETITIONS:

- 11.1 VEIS events are competitions open to all currently enrolled primary and secondary school students.
- 11.2 All riders must be currently enrolled at the school they are representing and **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Entries from Distance Education students will be accepted if they are EA members and they are studying at primary or secondary school level. 'Schools' include TAFE where a student under the age of 19 years is enrolled in full time study, but does not include part time TAFE, University or other technical colleges.
  - 11.2.1 **Primary competition is** restricted to athletes enrolled up to and including Year/Grade 6 in the year of competition.
  - 11.2.2 **Intermediate division** is defined as those athletes enrolled in Years 7, 8 and 9 in the year of competition.
  - 11.2.3 **Senior division** is defined as those athletes enrolled in Years 10, 11 and 12 in the year of competition.
- 11.3 Schools should nominate a Team Manager who will be responsible for riders' gear checks. The use of inappropriate gear may result in elimination. This will be at the sole discretion of the organising committee in consultation with the Ground Jury, if any, or Chief Judge.
- 11.4 Only Team Managers may lodge protests on behalf of a rider to the organising committee.
- 11.5 No riders other than those competing are allowed to ride on the grounds.
- 11.6 Riders may ride more than one horse. Riders wishing to compete on 3 or more horses must communicate directly with organisers and understand that allocated riding times may be close together.
- 11.7 A horse may only be ridden by the same rider on the day of any VEIS competition.
- 11.8 If any horse is ridden by any person other than the entered competitor then that competitor will risk elimination at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 11.9 Stallions, colts and rigs are not permitted at any VEIS events from 2018 onwards. As outlined under updated EA rules stallions, colts and rigs are not permitted at any interschool event.
- 11.10 There is an EA Code of Conduct for Parents and guardians at the events including the warm up area and rings. Personal confrontations with judges and officials are inappropriate. Any complaints should be made through the team manager (See 12.7).

## 12 ENTRY FORMS

- 12.1 A copy of the Entry Form for any VEIS event should be sent to [website@veis.com.au](mailto:website@veis.com.au) prior to broader distribution. The entry form will then be posted on the VEIS website and be emailed to all schools where representatives are competing in VEIS events and contact details are available.
- 12.2 Accepted entry forms at any given event may require a signature from the School Principal, or the Director of Sport or the Equestrian Coordinator
- 12.3 In the case of online entries, an acceptance check box is required confirming the entrant has permission from the School Principal (or the Director of Sport or the Equestrian Coordinator). The name of the School Principal / Director of Sport / Equestrian Coordinator should be included as part of the online entry process.
- 12.4 Late entries may incur a late fee
- 12.5 Scratching after the Close of Entries: As per EA Rules, a vet/doctor certificate is required for return of entry fees less a recommended \$15.00 administration cost
- 12.6 It is recommended that the Ground Jury be nominated before the event and be made up of the designated Chief Judge on the day, a member of VEIS committee, and a representative from a school other than the hosting school, provided there is no conflict of interest.
- 12.7 All protests must be lodged by the Team Manager to the organising committee of the VEIS event no later than 20 minutes after the incident. It is recommended that event organising committees require that protests be accompanied by \$50, to be refunded only if the protest is upheld. A Ground Jury of three personnel must be established to hear protests on event day.

### 13 UNIFORM/COMPETITOR REQUIREMENTS

- 13.1 All riders must wear approved boots and helmets (done up) when mounted.
- 13.2 Please note helmet rules from 2017:  
<http://www.equestrian.org.au/news/helmet-regulations-updated>
- 13.3 School equestrian uniform must be worn in all competitions and for presentations
- 13.4 Blazers or Riding Jackets are **not** permitted at all VEIS interschool events.
- 13.5 Riders may be eliminated for incorrect dress.
- 13.6 Gloves must be worn in Dressage.
- 13.7 All riders must provide own numbers as per the published event draw. Numbers should be on both sides of saddle blanket or bridle.
- 13.8 As a courtesy to judges, riders should be neat and well presented in their school team uniform or an appropriate jumper or the sports top of their school. If hair is long it needs to be secured.

### 14 ORGANISATION OF VEIS EVENTS

- 14.1 Officials and Marshals must be easily identifiable.
- 14.2 Schools are to provide contact name and details to [website@veis.com.au](mailto:website@veis.com.au).
- 14.3 Draws should be published a minimum of 2 days prior to an event.
- 14.4 Events may run later or earlier than advertised. Riders are expected to be aware of changes to times and report/present accordingly.
- 14.5 Riders who do not report in time to ride in the published draw order may be eliminated.
- 14.6 Scores should be posted on an accessible scoreboard throughout the day as they become available. Online/live scoring website should be advertised.
- 14.7 Organising Committees may reserve the right to alter, delete any event, and refuse entry without requirement to provide explanations or reasons.
- 14.8 Final school scores for the competition need to be posted on the day with recognition for the winning school. All scores must be forwarded no later than the day after the event to [website@veis.com.au](mailto:website@veis.com.au).
- 14.9 Organisers of events including a dressage phase (i.e., including Combined Training competitions) must pay a fee of \$1 per test (payable to EV) as per EA rules. EV will invoice event organisers directly.

## **15 RISK MANAGEMENT & EVENT MANAGEMENT**

- 15.1 An appropriate Risk Assessment must be completed prior to each VEIS event.
- 15.2 A qualified first aid officer must be present on the day (minimum level 2).
- 15.3 A first aid sign **MUST** be displayed in a designated First Aid area/ Office.
- 15.4 An OH&S review should be completed for the competition, including an assessment of the venue; this should be signed off prior to the event by the school/organising group/ OH&S officer (sample form attached).

## **16 COMPETITION ARENAS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 16.1 The competition area should be safely fenced.
- 16.2 The competition surface must be safe.
- 16.3 Dressage arenas must not have rope or pig tail.
- 16.4 All equipment should be safe and well maintained.
- 16.5 Electronic timing equipment should be used wherever possible at show jumping events – it is compulsory at VEIS Qualifier events.

## **17 INSURANCE**

- 17.1 The venue must have public liability insurance. Riders must have adequate Personal Accident and Public Liability cover. Some venues carry their own insurance for all riders.
- 17.2 At interschool events, EV insurance is preferred. .
- 17.3 While in general all VEIS run events and qualifying events accept PCV or HRCVA insurances, some competitions cannot accept PCV or HRCVA insurances. If PCV or HRCSV insurances are held then the owner should check with the organiser if such registrations will be accepted.
- 17.4 At State and National Championships EV insurance is required.
- 17.5 School insurance that expressly covers riders for equestrian activity, may also be accepted. Online entries will only accept school insurance if a Certificate of Currency has been supplied from your school insurers prior.
- 17.6 At VEIS events, schools may have multiple campuses for insurance purposes. These campuses must come under the same Governance/Board and same Principal (Head of School). For example a school may have a Senior Campus Year 7-12 and Primary Campuses Prep-Year 6.

## 18 PRESENTATIONS

- 18.1 Ribbons or rosettes should be awarded to 6th place in each class.
- 18.2 There will be an overall champion for each level/section (e.g., Novice Dressage, Improvers Show Jumping, etc.) This will be the aggregate of both dressage tests on the day, or both show jumping classes on the day. Refer rules 4.5, 4.5.1 and 4.5.2.
- 18.3 If a competitor is unable to be present for presentations, it is acceptable for someone to accept prizes on their behalf.
- 18.4 It is suggested for Dressage events to have envelopes on hand so that test sheets and/or prizes can be posted. Usually a \$2 donation is requested to cover this cost.
- 18.5 While teams are encouraged to remain for presentations, team prizes may be posted after the event.

## 19 NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

- 19.1 [EA Rules](#) and [Code of Conduct](#) apply where applicable. These can be found at [www.equestrian.org.au](http://www.equestrian.org.au) or [www.vic.equestrian.org.au](http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au).
- 19.2 Enter competitions early – the closing date of entries is not the recommended time for entries to be sent in.
- 19.3 Make sure you have completed the entry form in full with – in particular, email addresses to which notifications, draws and results are usually sent. It is important that correct rider and horse names are used consistently on entries to ensure series points are awarded correctly.
- 19.4 All requests to the event organising committee should be made through Team Managers.
- 19.5 It is important to remember that each competitor is representing their school, and so are expected to behave and dress accordingly.
- 19.6 It is recommended no more than two horses are ridden at one event. Entry of more than two horses is at the discretion of the organizers and riders must realize times may be close to accommodate the number of classes entered.

## 20 NOTES FOR ORGANISING COMMITTEES

While many members of organising committees (“OC’s”) have experience in running equestrian events, the following points may help with planning and operating a successful interschool equestrian event:

- 20.1 A copy of the Entry Form for any VEIS event should be sent to [website@veis.com.au](mailto:website@veis.com.au) prior to broader distribution. The entry form will then be posted on the VEIS website and be emailed to all schools where representatives are competing in VEIS events and contact details are available.
- 20.2 It is essential that officials are familiar with VEIS rules, as well as EA rules. These can be found, as indicated earlier, at [www.equestrian.org.au](http://www.equestrian.org.au) and [www.vic.equestrian.org.au](http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au)
- 20.3 Consideration should, if possible, be given to schools that are travelling long distances to compete; e.g., competitors from that school should not be first in a draw if possible.
- 20.4 Draws should be prepared with random orders in accordance with EA guidelines.
- 20.5 In VEIS Qualifier events, EA judges should be used whenever possible.
- 20.6 If additional rules are set, they must be clearly stated both on the entry form and the program for the day. Event officials should be clearly briefed beforehand.
- 20.7 Committee briefings about the rules of competition should be minuted.
- 20.8 It is recommended that tasks be allocated to committee members with one person holding ultimate responsibility for the running of the event.
- 20.9 Entry forms should make clear where competitors/team managers can access the draw.
- 20.10 It is suggested that the mobile phone number of a key contact person be included on the entry form for competition day.
- 20.11 Combined Training events that run in combination with a Dressage Championship need to follow horse welfare guidelines- Maximum of three Dressage tests in one day or two Dressage tests and one Show Jumping round per rider and horse combination.
- 20.12 Two Dressage tests may be ridden- one for CT and both used for a dressage championship
- 20.13 The differences in Dressage and CT rules in regard to calling of tests and use of whip is at the discretion of organisers when running a dressage competition in conjunction with CT. At state selection level no whips or calling of tests are permissible in the Dressage phase.

- 20.14 The Dressage phase for a level needs to commence approximately 1 hour before show jumping rounds. If using one ring, show jumping rounds need to have suitable time allowed. It is suggested maximum, if running one ring in a day, would be 100 riders to allow approximately 2 minutes per round and course walks at change of each height. For example Dressage tests commence at 9:00am. Show jumping at 10:00am. Riders need to be aware of course walk times if Dressage rings are large.
- 20.15 Equestrian Victoria State Championships do not restrict dressage riders or show jumping riders to only compete at their current dressage or show jumping level.
- 20.16 Sample Classes

| <b>CLASS</b>   | <b>Suggested Tests</b> | <b>SJ Height</b> | <b>SJ Speed</b> | <b>State Level</b> | <b>National Level</b> |
|--|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Primary 35cm DR Preparatory 2019                             |                        | 35cm             | 225mpm          | Yes                | No                    |
| Primary 45cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 45/60 A/B |                        | 45cm             | 250mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Primary 60cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 45/60 A/B |                        | 60cm             | 275mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Primary 80cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 80 A/B    |                        | 80cm             | 300mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Secondary 60cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 60 A/B  |                        | 60cm             | 275mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Secondary 80cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 80 A/B  |                        | 80cm             | 300mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Secondary 95cm DR Prelim Test 2019/<br>Eventing Test 95 A/B  |                        | 95cm             | 300mpm          | Yes                | Yes                   |
| Secondary 1* DR FEI 1* Test 2019                             |                        | 105cm            | 325mpm          | Yes                | No                    |
| Secondary 2* DR FEI 2*Test 2019                              |                        | 115cm            | 350mpm          | Yes                | No                    |



## 21 HEAT POLICY AND SAFETY

21.1 Organising committees and schools may have a heat policy for riders to be applied at events. If not, the [EA Hot Weather Policy](#), based on a temperature and humidity scale will be used with the main focus on Horse Welfare. Organising committees reserve the right to shorten or abandon any event if they view the risk to be too great to riders. This may be weather conditions, bush fire etc. Parent and supporters need to keep in mind the welfare and safety of interschool riders/horses and make appropriate decisions suited to the age of the children.

## 22 SWABBING

22.1 As per EA rules random swabbing may take place at interschool qualifying events and the VEIS Grand Final. This will be in accordance with EA procedures.

## 23 ATTACHMENTS

[EA Code of Conduct](#)

[EA Hot Weather Policy](#)

[Other EA Policies](#)

[EA National Interschool Rules 2018](#)

[EA Eventing Rules and Regulations](#)

[EA Dressage Rules and Tests](#)

[EA Jumping Rules and Regulations](#)

[Insurance sample letter \(Schools\)](#)

[Risk Assessment sample 1](#)

[Risk Assessment sample 2](#)

[Entry form – Dressage Sample 1](#)

[Entry form – Show Jumping Sample 1](#)

[Calendar of Events link VEIS](#)