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INTERSCHOOL NT

SELECTION POLICY



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Introduction

The interest in the Northern Territory's Interschool Team is increasing and ENT is continually challenged to develop a policy that promotes continual growth in interest and allows sufficient flexibility for its candidates whilst providing a level of rigour appropriate for a selection policy.

The **PURPOSE** of the policy is to:

- give candidates a framework to qualify for the Team; and
- give the selection panel a group of qualified candidates to put forward to the Board for team selection

The **OUTCOME** of the policy is that ENT will send a high-performance team to the Australian Interschool Championship.

Definitions

ENT	Equestrian Northern Territory
EA	Equestrian Australia
The Board	Equestrian Northern Territory branch management board
The Squad	Equestrian Northern Territory Interschool Squad
The Team	The Equestrian Northern Territory Interschool Team
Table A	Events run in accordance with Articles 236 – 238 of the EA National Jumping rules. (In general terms, scoring for Table A events is where faults are penalised with points. Rounds can be against or not against the clock.)
Table C	Events run in accordance with Article 239 of the EA National Jumping Rules. (In general terms, scoring for Table C events is where faults are penalised with time penalties).
HC	Hors Concours. Competes but results are not eligible for consideration.
NT	Northern Territory of Australia including regions recognised being a part of the Northern Territory for the purposes of Equestrian NT.



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Important Information

An application fee of \$30.00 is required at the time of applying to be a member of the Squad.

Please note: the application fee is non-refundable and will not be reimbursed if the rider is not successful in the final team selection.

Interschool NT will retain the application fee to be utilised at their discretion.

Every effort will be made to announce the selection outcome within 5 business days of close of the qualification period.

In accordance with EA National Rules, riders may compete at the Australian Championships event in more than one sport (discipline).

Where the selected rider is unable to take their own horse/s, riders will have the option of:

- a) finding their own suitable horse (e.g.: borrowing a suitable horse through their own contacts) as endorsed by the Board, or
- b) Seeking a pool horse from the host state (requested through the Board) – if pool horses are offered.

It must be noted that the supply of pool horses is not guaranteed. The supply of pool horses is at the sole discretion of the host state.

Riders will only be permitted to compete in classes for which they been selected and in accordance with the EA Australian Interschool Championship entry terms and conditions.

Please note: the host state determines the entry terms and conditions and remain silent until the entries are published.

Horses are required to hold current EA registration to attend the Australian Interschool Championship.

Whilst each State/Territory can nominate up to 4 riders in each class, ENT reserves the right to reduce or limit the number of riders selected for each class as it sees fit.

The 2023 qualifying period is **1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023**.

It is the responsibility of the rider and/or parent to supply Interschool NT with all with the rider's application for selection including mandatory qualifying results correctly completed on the specified result form prior to **6pm on 31 July 2023**. Late, incorrect, or incomplete nominations will not be accepted.

All riders must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at the Australian Interschool Championship. The rider must be a current competitor member of ENT. The nominated guardian can be a current member of ENT and/or another state branch. All parties, including spectators and supporters must adhere to the *EA Code of Conduct*.

To be considered for selection, the minimum standard described below must be achieved during the qualifying period. Qualifying classes may be official EA classes or classes at events conducted by an ENT affiliate and/or another state branch affiliate, these events may include unofficial classes and may be held anywhere in Australia.

Training, practice, freshman's days and any virtual activities/competitions are not eligible to be considered as qualifying classes for the purpose of this policy.

Rider Requirements

Riders must be a current ENT member (any level of membership) at the time of applying to be a member of the squad. Riders must be current ENT Junior/Senior Competitor member at the time of accepting selection on the team.

By nominating for the squad you are committing to attend the mandatory online EA High Performance Competitive Edge Program sessions as part of the selection criteria.

It is mandatory to attend a minimum of 75% (3 out of the 4) of the sessions offered.

Mandatory sessions will be free of charge.

It is anticipated that online sessions will be offered over the period April to July 2023. Dates

will be provided as soon as possible after closing of Interschool squad nominations.

Riders who are attending secondary school are required to undertake educational programs offered by EA.

As a minimum the EA Introductory Riding and Horse Management courses for students over 12 years of age. Successful completion of these programs is a prerequisite to commencing the EA Coaching Program.

Commencement of these educational programs will not only assist with your application for inclusion on the team, but when also applying for other scholarship programs, and potential funding.

Education programs may be studied independently, and completion of the program is not required prior to selection.

The rider must provide proof of purchase of the Introductory programs at the time of submitting their application for the team.

If the rider has already completed one or two of the mentioned EA educational programs, please provide proof at the time of submitting your application for the squad.

Riders and their appointed guardian over 18 years of age must attend the mandatory information session to understand the commitment of attending the Australian

Interschool Championship and the Selection Policy. A date for the information session will be scheduled upon the squad nominations closing.

Riders must be attending either primary or secondary school. This can include boarding school, distance education or where the rider physically attends a school outside the NT and where the rider's primary place of residence remains in the NT.

Dressage

Riders must compete in a minimum of 3 separate* tests over at least 3 separate shows/events, at or above the level the rider is seeking to be selected:

- Preliminary (Primary School) minimum scores of 62%
- Preliminary (Secondary School) minimum scores of 64%
- Novice (Primary & Secondary School) minimum scores of 65%
- Elementary (Secondary School) minimum scores of 62%
- Medium and above (Secondary School) minimum scores of 60%

When more than one judge is used to judge the test, the total combined score of all the judges is only to be used, and not each individual judges score i.e. that test will not count as 2 (two) separate tests, it will count as 1 (one).

Tests ridden HC or where the rider was eliminated (for any reason) will not count.

Only competitions judged by an EA Accredited Dressage Judge for the level will be eligible.

Jumping

Riders must compete in at least 3 qualifying jumping classes* over a minimum of 3 separate shows/events.

*Qualifying jumping classes:

- must have a maximum first round starting height at or above the height that the rider is being considered for selection in, and
 - at least two classes with no jumping penalties; and
 - at least one class with no more than 4 jumping penalties.

Note: 'Class(s)' is defined by two or more consecutive circuits of the same, or a similar, course as part of a single class i.e. 1st round and jump off.

- include Table A, Table C & 2 Round events but do not include Six Bar events, and
- do not include classes where the rider was riding HC or was eliminated (for any reason).

Interschool Show Horse

Riders must compete in:

- a minimum of 3 rider, and/or hack/hunter classes over a minimum of 3 separate shows/events, with at least 1

first place obtained with more than 1 rider/horse in the class,

- a minimum of 3 led or handler classes over a minimum of 3 separate shows/events,
- for Working Hunters, a minimum of 3 qualifying jumping classes* (refer to the Jumping Section) over a minimum of 3 separate shows/events, and
- at least 1 first place attained where there is more than 1 rider/horse in the class.

Combined Training

Riders must compete in:

- a minimum of 3 tests over at least 3 separate shows/events at or above (refer to the Dressage Section) the level the rider is seeking to be selected in, and
- a minimum of 3 qualifying jumping classes* (refer to the Jumping Section) over a minimum of 3 separate shows/events.

Eventing

Riders must have competed in eventing at or above the level at which the rider is seeking to be selected. Due to the lack of eventing classes offered in the NT, riders are encouraged to submit for consideration by the Board, details of all Eventing classes in which they have competed during the qualifying period.

Selection

Consideration of selection will be based on the rider completing the requirements set out in this selection policy.

The Board will appoint a selection panel to assist with the process of selecting the team. The selection panel will be responsible validating and assessing each rider's application against this policy. In turn they will provide a recommendation to the Board to ratify.

Please Note: Final selection will be at the discretion of the Board based on the recommendations of the Selection Panel

Copies of all dressage tests riders are seeking qualification in must be provided.

Special Consideration

Riders may apply for special consideration on the grounds of rider or horse injury or illness in the event of unable to meet the requirements set out in this policy. Appropriate medical and/or veterinary evidence must be provided.

The Board may request further information.

Riders experiencing exceptional circumstances may apply for exemptions where they have been unable to meet the requirements set out in this policy. Exemption applicants are expected to have previous competition experience.

Applications for exemption from this policy MUST be submitted to the appointed selection panel seven (7) calendar days before the close of entries.

Further Information

Further information relating to interschool competition is available on the ENT website

www.nt.equestrian.org.au/sports/interschool

Or contact Interschool NT via email

interschool@ent.org.au

This policy is subject to change as agreed by the Board.