



Introduction

The interest in the Northern Territory's interschool sport national team is increasing and Equestrian NT is continually challenged to develop a policy that promotes continual growth in interest and allows sufficient flexibility for its candidates but provides a level of rigour appropriate for a selection policy.

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

- give candidates a framework to qualify for the NT Interschool Team; and
- give selectors a group of qualified candidates from which to select an NT Interschool Team.

The **OUTCOME** of the policy is that Equestrian NT will send a high performance team to the National Interschool Championships.

Definitions

ENT	Equestrian NT
EA	Equestrian Australia
The Board	Equestrian NT branch management board
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 valid.
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

Equestrian NT will select the Northern Territory team to attend the National Interschool Championships in accordance with this policy, the National Interschool Rules and the National Sport Rules, where applicable.

Every effort will be made to announce the selection outcome by 01 August.

Riders will be selected based on their performance during the qualifying period. Places will be offered on the team to horse/rider combinations. Where the selected rider is unable to take the horse they have been selected on to the National event, riders will have the option of

- a) finding their own suitable horse (e.: borrowing a suitable horse through their own contacts) as endorsed by the Board
- b) seeking a pool horse from the host state (requested through the Board)

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 the classes for which they have qualified and been selected. In accordance with EA National Rules, riders may compete at the National event in more than one sport (discipline), however riders are not permitted to ride more than one horse in a class (eg: 90cm Jumping or Novice Dressage).

Horses are required to be EA registered & micro chipped (in accordance with EA Regulations) in order to attend the National Championship.

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

Qualifying period is 01 August to 31 July

It is the responsibility of the rider to supply the Equestrian NT appointed contact with all necessary information and results for any qualifying classes as and when required.

All riders must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at the National event.

In order to be considered for selection, the below minimum standard must be achieved during the qualifying period. Qualifying classes may be official EA classes or unofficial classes and may be held anywhere in Australia.

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

Dressage

Riders must compete in a minimum of 3 separate* tests over at least 3 separate shows,

at or above the level the rider is seeking to be selected:

- Preliminary (Primary School) must show consistent scores between 62% and 65%
- Preliminary (Secondary School) must show consistent scores between 64% and 68%
- Novice must show tests with a minimum score of 65%
- Elementary must show tests with a minimum score of 62%

Please note: the above qualification criteria must be met over 3 (three) separate tests.

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 will be eligible.

Jumping

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

*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,
- 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 or hack classes over a minimum of 3 separate shows, 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,
- for Working Hunters, a minimum of 3 qualifying jumping classes* (refer to the Jumping Section) over a minimum of 3 separate shows, 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 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.

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

Team members are selected as a horse/rider combination.

It is the rider's responsibility to submit all relevant results to the Board by the nominated deadline. Results must be provided on the ENT Interschool results sheets, and must include: date of events, classes participated in, status of classes (official/unofficial), final results of each class (including place, number of competitors, details of clear rounds, number of faults, % and H/C or not for dressage etc.).

Copies of all dressage tests must be provided.

Selection of the team will be at the sole discretion of the Board. The Board may co-opt others to assist in final selection of the team as it sees fit.

Rider Requirements

Riders must be current Equestrian NT Competitor level members at the time of applying to be a member of the selection squad, and must be attending either primary or secondary school. This can include boarding school, where the rider physically attends a school outside the NT and where the rider's primary place of residence remains in the NT.

Special Consideration

Riders may apply for special consideration on the grounds of rider or horse injury or illness in the event of non-qualification. Appropriate medical or veterinary evidence must be provided. The Board may request further medical or veterinary confirmation that the horse or rider is subsequently fit to compete.

Further Information

Further information relating to interschool competition is available on the Equestrian NT website www.nt.equestrian.org.au

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



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