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2022 INTERSCHOOL SELECTION POLICY

Introduction

The interest in the Northern Territory's Interschool Team is increasing and Equestrian Northern Territory (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 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 ENT will send a high performance team to the National Interschool Championships.

Definitions

ENT	Equestrian Northern Territory
EA	Equestrian Australia
The Board	Equestrian Northern Territory 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 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

ENT will select the NT 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 within 5 days of close of the qualification period.

Riders will be selected based on their performance and requirements set out in this policy during the qualifying period. Where the selected rider is unable to take their own horse, 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 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 (e.g: 90cm Jumping or Novice Dressage).

Horses are required to be EA registered & microchipped (in accordance with EA Regulations) to attend the National 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 2022 qualifying period is **1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022.**

It is the responsibility of the rider to supply the ENT 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.

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, 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 selection squad. Riders must be current ENT Junior/Senior Competitor level member at the time of accepting selection of being an NT Team Member.

By nominating for the squad, you are committing to attend mandatory squad coaching sessions as part of the selection criteria.

Coach(s) will be appointed by the Board, and it is mandatory to attend a minimum of 75% (3 out of the 4) sessions offered.

Mandatory squad sessions will be free of charge. However, if a rider is unable to attend a session and needs to arrange a private session to meet the policy requirements, this is at the rider's own expense, and must be directly arranged with the coach.

Monthly squad sessions will be offered in the months of:

March 2022

April 2022

May 2022

June 2022

Riders who are attending secondary school are required to undertake educational programs offered by EA. These include the Introductory

and Level One 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 NT 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. If the rider has already completed the two mentioned EA educational programs, please provide proof at the time of submitting your squad application.

The cost of the program(s) will be reimbursed to riders upon completion. Riders will have until 31 December 2023 to submit their request for refund. Reimbursement will be provided regardless of final selection.

Please note reimbursement of assessment fees, nor coaching fees to undertake the requirements of the program will not be covered. These costs are at the rider's own expense.

In addition, for the rider to accept the selection of being an NT Team Member, the rider must nominate a person responsible for them at the national event who must be over 18 years of age and be a member of ENT (any category).

Riders 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.

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, accredited to judge that 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 or hack 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.

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.

Coaches will retain an attendance record of the mandatory coaching sessions.

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.

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 Northern Territory website

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

Or contact ENT General Manager via email sports@ent.org.au or mobile 0497 303 535.

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