

Interschool NT Questions & Answers

What events are available?

Dressage, Show Horse, Jumping, Combined Training and Eventing are held at the National event.

Sport	School Level	Class Level
DRESSAGE	Primary	Preliminary
		Novice
	Secondary	Preliminary
		Novice
		Elementary
		Medium
SHOW HORSE	Primary	Show Horse
		Show Hunter
		Working Hunter
	Secondary	Show Horse
		Show Hunter
		Working Hunter
JUMPING	Primary	80cm
		90cm
	Secondary	90cm
		1.00m
		1.10m
		1.20m
COMBINED TRAINING	Primary	45cm + Dressage Test
		60cm + Dressage Test
		80cm + Dressage Test
	Secondary	60cm + Dressage Test
		80cm + Dressage Test
		95cm + Dressage Test
EVENTING	Secondary	Introductory
		Preliminary
		Pre Novice
		CNC 1*
		CNC 2*

Note: Riders who are 12 years old as at 1 January will be considered as a Secondary rider even if still attending primary school.

*These classes may change depending on the host states ability to run the class

Qualification and Selection?

As per the Northern Territory Interschool Selection Policy, riders must first qualify to be eligible for selection on the NT Team. The policy sets out the minimum requirements to be achieved to qualify for selection.

Riders can qualify and be selected in more than one sport (discipline) however a rider is not permitted to ride more than 1 horse per class e.g., 90cm Jumping or Novice Dressage. A rider cannot compete in more than 2 classes, even if they are riding more than 1 horse i.e., a rider could only do 90cm and 1m jumping or novice dressage and 90cm jumping etc.

It should be noted that as the program for each National Championship can be different, the exact scheduling of the various events may not be known until after entries close. In this case, some riders may not be able to compete in all classes entered.

Interschool NT will confirm qualification of riders and recommend a team of riders to the Board for approval. The policy can be located on the web: www.nt.equestrian.org.au

Riders must be a current Equestrian NT member (any level of membership) at the time of applying to be a member of the selection squad. Riders must be current Equestrian NT Junior Competitor level members at the time of accepting selection of being an NT Team Member.

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 Equestrian NT (any category).

Horses

Selection is based on the rider. Due to the recognised financial implications of transporting horses from the Northern Territory, pool horses are usually offered to NT and WA riders. Where the selected rider is unable to take their own horse to the National event, riders will have the option of either:

- finding their own suitable horse (eg: borrowing a suitable horse through their own contacts) as endorsed by the Interschool NT Sub Committee; or
- the host state will be asked to provide a pool horse.

Whilst the NT team has been provided with a sufficient number of pool horses at each National event so far, this can never be guaranteed. The availability of a pool horse prior to the competition can vary with each horse (this is solely dependent on the availability of the owner and can be determined by how far the horse has to travel etc). Whilst the host state will make every effort to have the pool horse available as early as possible, in some cases the horse may only be available 1 or 2 days prior to the competition.

Horses are required to be EA registered & micro chipped (in accordance with EA Regulations) to compete at the National event.

Cost & Travel Arrangements

All costs are at the rider's own expense. A guide to expected costs is provided below.

Utilising a Pool Horse

This is a guide only. Costs based on previous National events, however these can vary greatly:

Cost to attend the event utilizing a pool horse is approximately \$6,000 to \$10,000 per rider depending on flights and pool horse availability. Items include: Entries, Pool horse fees (these are set by the event OC),

Horse and rider uniforms, Stabling, Airfares, accommodation, car hire and meals, Pool Horse family gift, and Meals

Travelling to the Event with your own horse.

Cost to attend the event with your own horse is approximately \$8,000 to \$12,000 per rider dependant on fuel and accommodation prices. Items include: Entries, Transport or fuel, Horse feed, Agistment, Horse and rider uniforms, Stabling, Meals

Competitors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. The ability for horses to stay at the venue prior to the competition depends on the venue. Competitors will be advised on when they are required to be at the venue, this will generally be a few days prior. A compulsory vet check occurs on entry and must be passed before stabling is made available. All travel & accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of the competitors.

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