

8.4 Combined Training

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 Interschool State Championships. The 1st to 4th placegetters in each National class are eligible for the team when there is one division, with 5th and 6th placings being team reserves. In the event that a class has two divisions, the riders placed 1st and 2nd in each division will be qualified, with riders placed 3rd in each division being team reserves.

8.4.1 Guidelines and rules

- a.** The Combined Training should run in accordance with EA Rules in the current National Eventing Rules, applied to dressage and jumping phases only and should be adapted for interschool competitors where necessary.
- b.** Riders/Horse combinations are only permitted to compete in one class.
- c.** The same horse and rider combination must complete both phases of the competition. Elimination from one phase involves elimination from the competition.
- d.** Eventing rider combinations cannot compete in Combined Training at a level lower than their current Horse Trials level.
- e.** Primary 35cm should be for younger, less experienced riders commencing competition. (Further event rules may apply).
- f.** As Combined Training runs under Eventing rules, riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the two phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties from the dressage and jumping phases, when 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.

- g.** 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 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.
- h.** The dressage and jumping tests, which make up a Combined Training competition, must be taken in that order.
- i.** Tests are as for the relevant Official Event level. No callers allowed at any level.
- j.** The Dressage test is judged under EA Rules
- k.** All Dressage tests are ridden in a 60m x 20m arena.
- l.** No whip is allowed in the dressage phase, however whips of no more than 75cm are allowed in the jumping phase.
- m.** The jumping test consists of one round of the course judged under the Eventing rules. There is no jump-off.



8.4.2 Combined Training and Dressage events

Combined Training events that run in combination with a Dressage Championship need to follow horse welfare guidelines – two Dressage tests and one Show jumping round per rider and horse combination.

- a.** Two dressage tests may be ridden – one for CT and one for Dressage with both used for a Dressage Championship.
- b.** The differences in Dressage and Combined Training rules in regard to calling of tests and use of a whip are at the discretion of organisers when running a Dressage competition in conjunction with Combined Training. At state selection level no whips or calling of tests are permissible in the Dressage phase, at any level.

- c.** The Dressage phase for a level needs to commence approximately one hour before the jumping rounds. If using one ring, show jumping rounds need to have suitable time allowed. It is a suggested maximum, if running one ring on the day, would be 100 riders to allow approximately two minutes per round and course walks at change of each height. For example, dressage tests commence at 9:00am and Show Jumping starts at 10:00am. Riders need to be aware of course walk times if dressage rings are large.

8.4.3 Combined Training classes

Current Interschool Combined Training classes are tabled below with examples of suitable tests:

TABLE 4

CLASS / SUGGESTED TESTS	SJ HEIGHT	SJ SPEED	STATE LEVEL	NATIONAL LEVEL
Primary 35cm DR Preparatory A 2020	35cm	225mpm	Yes	No
Primary 50cm DR Prelim Test 2023 Eventing Test 45/60 A/B 2020	50cm	250mpm	Yes	Yes
Primary 60cm DR Prelim Test 2023 Eventing Test 45/60 A/B 2020	65cm	275mpm	Yes	Yes
Primary 80cm DR Prelim Test 2023 Eventing Test 80 A/B 2020	80cm	300mpm	Yes	Yes
Secondary 60cm DR Prelim Test 2023 Eventing Test 60 A/B 2020	65cm	275mpm	Yes	Yes
Secondary 80cm DR Prelim Test 2023 Eventing Test 80 A/B 2020	80cm	300mpm	Yes	Yes
Secondary 95cm DR Prelim Test 2023 Eventing Test 95 A/B 2020	95cm	300mpm	Yes	Yes
Secondary 1* CCN 1* Test B 2020	105cm	325mpm	Yes	Yes
Secondary 2* CCN 2* 2020	115cm	350mpm	Yes	Yes