

8.5 Eventing

The ISV calendar has no specific Interschool Horse Trials. As per EA rules riders may enter open Horse Trials competitions in Interschool qualifying levels with age restrictions as follows:

- a. CCN2*-L or S CIC2* Classes:** With express permission from the National Federation, an athlete may compete in Two Star classes from the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 14.
- b. CCN1* - L or S (previously EvA105) Classes:** From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 13.
- c. CNC/CCN EvA95 Classes:** From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 10. Riders under the age of 13 must have completed an EvA80.
- d. CNC/CCN EvA80 Classes:** From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 8.

8.5.1 General rules and information

Full Eventing Rules are available via [EA website Rules and Regulations page](#). Further information regarding Eventing can also be found on the EV website: [Eventing Explained - Understanding Eventing](#)

- a.** You must be an EV member at all levels and for levels EvA 95-2* the horse must be registered and have an Eventing license. CIC 2* horses and riders must be registered with the FEI and the horse will need an EA Passport if it is registered with the FEI for the first time after 2016.

- b.** Competitors should enter each event individually and follow any instruction for that event regarding Interschool participation. You need to enter these events early, as organisers can only offer limited fields and Interschool riders are part of the open events. Some events commence their EvA80 and/or EvA95 on Friday.

- c.** Some events have Interschool classes, either as a complete class or in the event of low numbers, as a blended competition with open competitors. Most just have open competitions in order of receipt of entries.

- d.** Competitors in 2* need to be aware if the competition is a CIC, they must comply with [FEI rules](#) not EA Rules.

- e.** You may be asked to offer some volunteer help.

- f.** Riders should note that time penalties will be incurred for seconds over the time or under the allotted time, greater than 20 seconds. It is not appropriate to circle before the finish markers to use up time and you will be penalised for doing so.

- g.** You may be called for discussion or withdrawn from the cross-country course if you travel too fast, use bad language or use your whip excessively, in the opinion of organisers and/or TD (Technical Delegate) who observes the cross country-phase. This may result in elimination.



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h. Please follow the event instructions in lodging any protest. The committee or Technical Delegate (TD) should be approached, in a respectful manner, to clarify a situation or prior to a protest being lodged.

i. Each event will have nominated Riders Representatives for each competition level. If you require help in understanding rules or need to contact the Technical Delegate, the Rider Representatives are able to assist you. They are senior and experienced riders – the event secretary will publish their contact details.

j. Please be aware of the Codes of Conduct for EA, in particular competitors, spectators, parents and guardians. They can be found on the [Rules and Regulations](#) page of this document. You can also access Member Protection and Social Media/Safety and Cyber Bullying policies from this page.

8.5.2 Gear and clothing

a. As you are competing in an Equestrian Victoria event, jackets are required in the dressage and show jumping phases. In the cross-country phase you may wear a school sport top or school colours/saddle cloth. If due to hot weather jackets are made optional, your shirt must be short or long sleeved and predominantly white or of a pale colour – FEI rules apply for 2*.

b. Gloves are optional in the Dressage phase for EA95 and below. No whips to be carried in Dressage. You will receive penalties for carrying a whip, not elimination. No martingales are permitted in dressage.

c. You are required to provide your own bridle/saddlecloth number for dressage and show jumping and a personal number holder for cross country. In cross country the horse must have a bridle/saddlecloth number as well as your back number, for identification in case you fall off.

d. Medical armbands are not compulsory, however, athletes with a medical condition that may be relevant in the case of medical emergency, are responsible, at every event when riding, for wearing a medical data carrier or armband. Conditions that are relevant include but are not limited to; recent head injury, serious past injuries/surgeries, chronic health problems such as diabetes, long-term medications and allergies. If in doubt, the athlete should discuss this with their own treating physician.

e. Riders need to keep up to date with rule changes.

f. Back protector standards effective 1

January 2020 (previously 1 July 2019). Body protectors are compulsory for Cross-Country. A body protector manufactured after 2009 and labelled as complying with one of the following standards is mandatory:

- EN13158:2009 Level 3
- BETA 2009: Level 3
- EN13158:2018 Level 3
- BETA 2018 Level 3

Protective headgear must be tagged and conform to one of the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked
- New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked
- Current American Standard ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked
- Current American standard SNELL E2001
- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked
- Interim European standard VGI (01.040: 2013-12) with or without BSI Kitemark

8.5.3 Safety rules

- a.** If you fall off in warm up or in competition you must report to first aid officers for clearance. This applies even if it is a simple step off etc.

Please make yourself aware of the strict concussion rules. If you are deemed to be concussed you must gain a medical clearance before you can compete at the next competition.

8.5.4 Horse welfare

- a.** Be prepared to actively cool down your horse, especially in hot conditions. Active cooling – is the process of applying cold water (ice can be added to your buckets), to the horse. The process is repeated until the water that comes off the horse is cool. The horse's temperature may rise after the completion of the cross-country course. You must wait for the vet check and follow any instructions, asked of you.
- b.** If a horse has a soundness issue, in the view of a judge, you may be required to discuss this with the TD (Technical Delegate) and to present to a vet for trot up. Don't panic, the horse may be fine.

8.5.5 Good sportsmanship and appropriate behaviour

- a.** Please remember when issues arise or you have queries, that events are run on a volunteer basis by an event committee who give their time, over many months, to enable competitions to be held.
- b.** Equestrian competition is a demanding sport and involves a large commitment from competitors and their families, but it should be remembered to speak and behave in an appropriate manner towards other competitors, organisers, volunteers and families.

8.5.6 Victorian Eventing Team selection

- a.** Victorian Team places are selected according to a competitor's best three results for the season, from any recognised EA Horse Trials both within Victoria and Interstate. Results will be updated on a Leaderboard which will be used for selection to the Victorian Team. Riders must register their horse/rider combinations. EV will update the Leaderboard after each official event. Contact is Lynne Browne eventing@equestrianvictoria.com.au.
- b.** A fourth result may be used in event of equality. Selection is at the discretion of the EV Eventing Subcommittee.
- c.** Results will not be counted for inclusion in the team, if they do not meet minimum eligibility requirements (MER) in regard to penalties received. These standards apply to all three phases – Dressage, Cross Country fence penalties, no more than 75 seconds (30 penalties above the time specified in cross country), a maximum of 16 show jumping faults.
- d.** The season for inclusion of results runs from 1st October until 15th June in the year of the team selection.
- e.** To be eligible for team selection you must be a current primary or secondary student. The levels are EvA 80, EvA 95, EvA 1*, and 2*. EA age rules apply to specific height classes.
- f.** Up to six riders will be selected from each level. Each level is a significant step up and results from a lower class cannot be compared with results at the next level. If you change class level during the series, points will not carry up or down. If riders feel they may go up a level during the season or wish to downgrade they may register for two levels on the Interschool Eventing Leader Board.