

9. Qualification for State and National Championships

There are currently three pathways through which riders can qualify to represent Victoria at the National Championships:

1. Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships in the March/April School Holidays
2. VEIS Series Rounds are held between February and June. The VEIS Grand Final is held in June
3. Interschool Eventing – Qualification events are run as part of EV Official Horse Trial Events

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9.1 Qualifying to compete at EV Interschool State Championships

To be eligible to compete at the EV Interschool State Championships held in the March/April School Holidays, rider/horse combinations must provide evidence of participation in an Interschool competition since the Championships of the year prior up to 31st March of the event year or as stated in the schedule. You do not have to compete in the discipline you wish to enter.

Qualifying participation events must meet one of the below requirements:

- a. On the ISV Calendar (including the VEIS Series)
- b. Interschool classes at the Victorian Youth Dressage Championships and any other specifically nominated competitions
- c. Be registered on the Interschool Eventing Leaderboard.

9.2 Victorian Team selection

Australian Championships are held each year, in a different state, in the September/October school holidays.

Please see the [Equestrian Victoria Interschool website](#) for full details of selection of the Victorian Team and the nomination process for Team Captains.

The first and second place getters at the EV Interschool State Championships in Dressage and Show Jumping classes for

each of the National Qualifying events (these are marked by “Nat” in schedule) are eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Championships. If there are two divisions at a Dressage level, the champions from each division will be selected. The first and second series place getters in the VEIS are the next eligible. If the same rider has already been selected through the State Championships the 3rd place getter in VEIS is the next accepted to the team. Whilst maintaining a balance between both team pathways, riders who place 3rd and 4th in those events may be the team reserves in Dressage and Show Jumping.

In Show Horse, competitors who place 1st to 4th overall in National Qualifying events (these are marked by “Nat” in the schedule) will be eligible to represent Victoria. Fifth and sixth placed competitors will be the reserves.

Combined Training has four National Team places at a number of primary and secondary levels decided at the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships. These are marked by “Nat” in the schedule. 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.

9.2 Victorian Team selection continued

In the event of qualified or reserve riders being unable to attend the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships, the remaining places will be filled at the discretion of the ISV Interschool Committee.

Qualifications are based on the combination of horse and rider, there will be no substitution of horses or riders in qualified combinations.

At the Australian Championships, riders will be limited to competing in two classes, they may still compete on two horses, but the limitation of two classes per rider will remain. In some circumstances selected Team riders may be offered a further reserve position.

9.3 Eventing Team selection

The qualification process for the Victorian Interschool Eventing Team Selection is as follows:

- a.** The rider/horse combination best three results from competitions between October 1st and 15th June of the following year.
- b.** All results must be from Official EA Horse Trials (no Pony Club or Unofficial Classes)
- c.** An MER must be attained in order for the score to count.
- d.** Horse Trials are open to primary and secondary riders. EA age criteria applies at some levels.
- e.** Only results at the level riders are applying for will be considered.

f. Equestrian Victoria publishes a [Leaderboard](#) after each competition. Riders must register their horse and level at the commencement of the selection season, to be eligible or when they commence competing as a combination. This Leader Board will be used to select the Victorian Team of up to six riders at each level.

g. The process will be overseen and verified by the ISV and Eventing Subcommittees and will not include any parent of an interschool rider.

9.4 Interstate competitors

Competitors from states other than Victoria are eligible to compete in the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships. As these are Interschool Events, rather than general EA young rider or junior events, riders will be representing their schools and therefore will very likely have to qualify in the state jurisdiction of their school.

Parents may wish to inquire with their school, as to what their policy is if they are very close to the border. It is likely that schools have dealt with these issues before and can provide some form of clarification to parents about their policies on student representation. Interstate competitors will require permission from their school acknowledging that should an interstate competitor qualify for the Australian Championships; the competitor will represent Victoria at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships, and not the state in which they attend school.



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