



INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY 3 -
MONDAY 5 OCTOBER
2026

DRESSAGE | SHOWING | SHOWJUMPING | SPORTING | XC EQUITATION

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BERRY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE | 39 SCHOFIELDS LN, BERRY

EVENT DETAILS

18th Annual BRC Interschool Equestrian Championships

EVENT ENTRIES:

Open to students from Kindergarten to Year 12 who are members of Berry Riding Club and/or Equestrian Australia.

ENTRIES CLOSE FRI 11 SEP 26

ENTER VIA NOMINATE

No other forms of entry will be accepted. Entries are capped to 180 riders. **Entries will close early** if event cap is reached prior to advertised entry closing date. Entries are at the discretion of Berry Riding Club.

VENUE:

BERRY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

39 Schofields Lane, Berry NSW

Exit off Princes Hwy into Schofields Lane just south of Berry

Camping with full amenities and yards is available at the nearby Berry Showground.

Limited on site primitive camping is available. BYO yards.

FEES:

Horse/Rider Combination competing only one day:	\$55
Horse/Rider Combination competing on two days:	\$100
Horse/Rider Combination competing on three days:	\$145
Event Membership per Rider (if not BRC/EA member):	\$30
2nd and subsequent riders in one family discount:	\$10
Administration Fee (non-refundable)	\$5
Late Fee for entries received after closing date:	\$30

Competition fee includes a First Aid Levy of \$5 per day.

Refunds will be given up until the closing date and after that time on production of a vet or medical certificate received within 5 days of the start of competition.

Should the total event be cancelled by BRC all monies will be refunded less the administration fee and Nominate fee.



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KEY INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT:

- **Care of Riders:** Each school group should be in the charge of an authorised representative of the school (team manager) who may be a parent of a rider. The nominated person should be the sole contact for riders with the ground officials at the spectator shed..
 - **Competition Disclaimer:** Neither the organisers, nor the owners of the grounds, nor Equestrian Australia accepts any liability for any accidents, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.
 - **Reservation of Right:** The organisers reserve the right to cancel or change any class or event, divide or combine any classes, transfer competitors between sections of a class, to alter the advertised times and to refuse any entry with or without stating the reason.
 - **Insurance:** Ambulance cover is recommended for all riders and attendees at the event.
 - **Wet Weather:** Should inclement weather force the cancellation of the event, the event may be rescheduled. Special arrangements for inclement weather will be posted to the Berry Interschools Facebook page.
 - **Rules:** This event is run under the rules of Equestrian NSW. This is NOT a Pony Club event. Additionally, the following rules are applicable to all competitors participating in the BRC Interschools event:
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RULES

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The competition will be conducted with reference to the EA Policies and Bylaws, and the EA Interschool Rules.

All entrants and their Parents/Guardians shall accept and be bound by these rules.

Participants and their support teams must observe the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, and the EA Codes of Conduct. Any rider who does not abide by ENSW and/or his/her School's Code of Conduct may be reported to the Management Committee and may be disqualified from further competition.

Riders, their parents and other connections are expected to treat all officials and fellow competitors with respect and assist where possible in the smooth, happy running of the competition. In the case of failure to show respect, the rider, their parents and other connections will be required to leave the grounds for the remainder of the competition by order of the Organising Committee.

Unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be tolerated,

It is the responsibility of each rider to know the rules for competition and disciplines.

All decisions of judges, officials and the committee are final.

A judge or other official may request a rider change divisions in a flatwork or show jumping event where this combination is considered unsuitable for the division/height in which entered.

A judge may eliminate a rider for the incorrect use of gear in any discipline, including excessive use of whip or spurs.

An unsafe combination, or unsound horse, or horse with unsafe gear may be eliminated by a Judge or referred to the Event Committee for review.

A first aid centre and/or paramedic will be available on all days at the first aid tent.

Any rider falling from a horse on any day of competition must not re-mount until checked by medical staff and may not be permitted to ride again that day.

It is recommended that all participants hold Ambulance cover, and insurance cover such that provided under an EA membership. Membership of BRC does not provide participants with any form of insurance.



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Riders may only compete on one horse over the three days. It is one horse, one rider for the duration of the event.

Only the nominated rider may ride/school the horse at the venue, including for warm up. A horse may only be lunged by someone other than the rider. Failure to abide by this rule will mean disqualification of the horse from the rest of the event.

Riders are not permitted to warm up in any competition arena, with the exception of unused show horse rings. No rider is to be in a dressage arena unless completing their test before a judge; no rider is to practice on any sporting games; no rider is to attempt any cross country fence anywhere on the grounds with the exception of x-country equitation competitors in the warm up ring on the Monday.

In the case of lameness or injury a substitute horse may be brought in. Team managers must have the change approved by Club officials.

A rider may only ride his or her horse in a maximum of two rounds of jumping on any one day.

Led riders both mounted and unmounted must be under the supervision of a responsible adult at all times.

Draws and other information pertaining to this Championship will be posted on the Berry Interschool Facebook page and the Berry Riding Club website and sent to competitors by email.

Competitors must ensure that the email address specified on Nominate is correct, and can be accessed for updates and other communication up to and including the date of competition.

Requests to change section or times in any draw must be submitted in writing to organisers before day of event. Riders are not permitted to change section or division once the event has commenced.

Classes are not announced on the public address system. Riders must remain near their competition ring and be ready to enter when called by a steward.

Scratchings from any class on the day of the event must be advised to ring steward and to the BRC event coordinator in the spectator shed.



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Rider Attire:

All helmets must be EA Compliant and have a current EA helmet tag. Helmets must be worn and properly fastened at all times whilst mounted. Riders must bring their helmets when checking in for the event. Helmet tagging will be available.

Boots are to be smooth soled riding boots in either brown or black.

Saturday: Long-sleeved school shirt, school jumper, tie, beige or white jodphurs.

Sunday: School sport polo shirt, sloppy-joe / jumper, beige or white jodphurs.

Monday: Long-sleeved school shirt, school jumper, tie, beige or white jodphurs.

Jackets / blazers are not permitted.

Competitors in Cross Country Equitation must wear an EA Compliant back protector. Riders may elect to wear a back protector in any of the other disciplines.

Equipment and Gear:

Saddlecloth in school colours (Homeschool students use white saddle pad). Riders are to display their issued rider number on the near side of the saddlecloth.

No rider may compete with stirrup leathers under the saddle flap or tied to any part of the saddle.

Saddlery and tack is to be in good working order and comply with the relevant EA discipline rules.

Welfare of the horse is paramount

All horses and ponies must be four years of age or older to compete. Horses' ages are assessed from 1 August of the year of birth.

Horses must be ridden at a walk when not in a designated practice or competition area

A horse's sensory hairs must not be clipped and/or shaven or modified in any way.

Illawarra Equine Centre Vets: 02 4448 6488



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Limited primitive camping is available at the Berry Equestrian Centre. There is no power or shower facilities. Campers must provide their own yards. On site camping is to be booked separately via Nominate.

Berry Showground offers camping with amenities and yards. Bookings are made by contacting the Berry Showground Manager via email berryshowgroundcamping@gmail.com or mobile 0427 605200. You must advise you are a participant in Interschools.

Any temporary yard erected at Berry Equestrian Centre must be constructed of metal. No rope or tape yards may be used at any time.

The use of bikes is not encouraged. If used, riders **MUST** wear a helmet and must travel at walking pace at all times.

Electronic scooters are not permitted.

Dogs must be on a lead at all times, and under the control of a responsible handler.

Smoking, vaping, consumption of alcohol or illicit substances is not permitted on the grounds at any time.

Images may be taken by representatives of Berry Riding Club and may be used in promotional material, including social media posts.

Elegant Exposures are the professional photographers for the event. Any images produced by the photographers are not to be screenshot, reproduced or shared unless purchased.

All communication with Berry Riding Club is to be in writing to interschools@berryridingclub.com.

In the words of our late President and mentor
Penny Rose, let's all be
SAFE, FUN AND FAIR



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Riders must choose to compete in **EITHER** Dressage
OR Show Horse.

DRESSAGE:

A horse may compete in a maximum of two different tests and both tests must be at the same level. Gloves are to be worn. Riders **MUST** report at their allotted time as per the draw. The time draw will be displayed on the Berry Interschools FB page and will be emailed to competitors. Total number of tests capped at 200. Callers are permitted without penalty for all tests.

NOTE: Prep tests are the local BRC tests. Links to tests are on Nominate,

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY:

BRC Preparatory B (2025)

EA Preliminary 1.2 (2023)

EA Novice 2.2 (2023)

BRC Preparatory C (2025)

EA Preliminary 1.3 (2023)

EA Novice 2.3 (2023)

SECONDARY ONLY:

EA Elementary 3.1 (2023)

EA Elementary 3.2 (2023)

SHOW HORSE:

Show riding is run by Divisions. Riders are not permitted to change Division, except where directed by an official or judge (in the interest of safety or fairness).

Rings start at 9am (Beginner/Led start 10am).

OPEN: rider/horse combinations competing regularly at agricultural shows, royal shows and HOTY shows.

INTERMEDIATE: rider/horse combinations who compete regularly at agricultural shows and zone pony club gymkhanas but have not competed in similar events at a royal show or HOTY.

NOVICE: rider/horse combinations who have not placed regularly at agricultural shows or zone pony club gymkhanas in similar events. Horse must be shown in a single rein bridle.

BEGINNER; These classes will be conducted at walk/trot (no cantering).

LED RIDER: PRIMARY ONLY. For riders still on the lead. These riders must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.



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SHOW HORSE (CONT'D):

Within Divisions, classes will be divided as appropriate into Horse Height classes in which the horse is the primary focus of the judging, and into School Year classes where the rider is the focus.

Classes will be similar in numbers wherever possible. This will be determined after the close of entries. Classes will be published on the BRC Interschools FB page and the website.

Primary and Secondary riders will be judged in separate sections for hack and rider classes where points are given.

HORSE HEIGHT DEFINITIONS:

Small Pony:	under 12.2hh
Large Pony:	12.2hh and under 14hh
Galloway:	14hh and under 15hh
Hack:	15hh and over

CLASSES FOR OPEN, INTERMEDIATE & NOVICE

Handler Class (saddled):	school year groups
Hack Class:	horse heights
Best Presented (under saddle):	horse heights
Educated Mount:	horse height
Pleasure Mount	horse height
Rider:	school year groups
Bareback Rider:	school year groups
Consolation Rider:	not placed in earlier classes
Pair of Riders:	riders from within same Division

CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

Handler Class
Best Presented Mount & Rider
Best Beginner Mount
Best Hands & Seat
Pair of Beginner Riders
Consolation Rider
Try Canter

CLASSES FOR LED

Handler Class (may be assisted)
Best matched rider and leader
Best walking pony
Best Hands & Seat
Pony with best decorated mane in school colours
Try Trot

FANCY DRESS: COSTUME TO START WITH D

PRIMARY ONLY - THERE WILL BE 2 SEPARATE GROUPS

Led & Beginner
Novice, Intermediate & Open



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SHOWJUMPING

Riders must be competent at the nominated height. Judges reserve the right to withdraw a combination deemed to be unsafe at the nominated height.

- The height classes will be 45cm, 60cm, 75cm, 90cm and 1.05m.
 - Horses may compete in a maximum of two jumping rounds.
 - No two rounds may be of the same competition type (ie a rider may only do one round of Immediate Jump Off and one round of Special Two Phase).
 - Rounds may only be across two consecutive jumping heights.
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IMMEDIATE JUMP OFF COMPETITION (ARTICLE 218.5 & 220.2.1.1)

Athletes who have completed their preliminary round without penalties must proceed to the jump-off without leaving the arena. The bell will be rung again to signal the athlete to start the jump-off course. The 45 second countdown applies.

SPECIAL TWO PHASE COMPETITION (ARTICLE 222.2)

Two phases run without interruption with the finishing phase for the first phase being the starting line for the second phase. Athletes penalised in the first phase continue on carrying their penalties from the first round. The second phase only will be timed and penalties accumulated as 1 for every 4 commenced seconds after the time allowed for this round..



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SPORTING

SPORTING WILL BE SEPARATED INTO TWO TIME SLOTS.
RIDERS MAY ONLY COMPETE DURING THEIR ALLOCATED TIMES.

Primary competitors: 10:30am - 12:15pm

Secondary competitors: 12.45pm - 2.15pm

Ribbons will be awarded in each of the school year groups. All events will be timed for individual placings for each year. The fastest time for both Primary and Secondary for each competition will also be rewarded with a rosette.

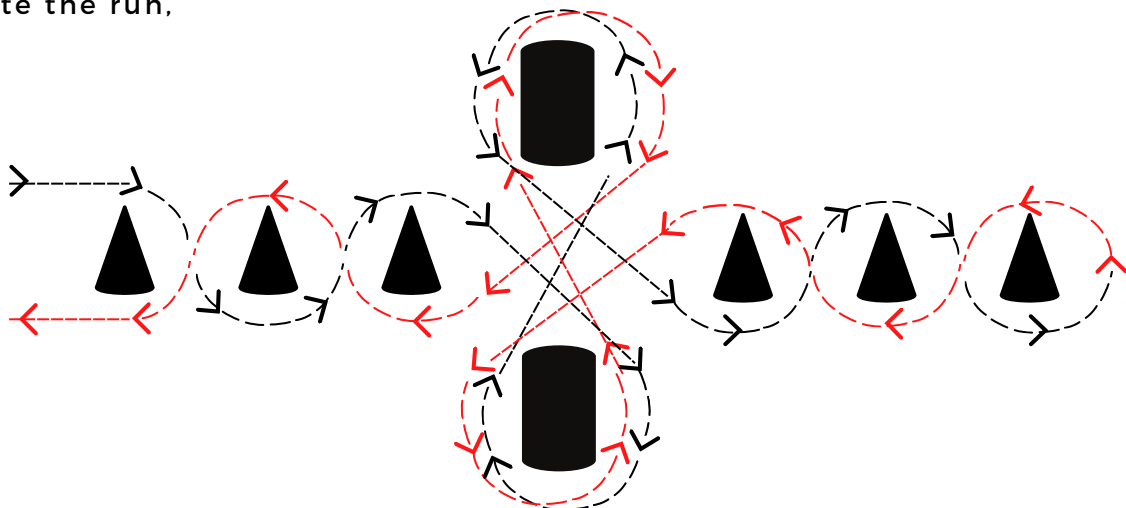
Riders may only attempt each sporting game once. Riders must ride through start and finish lines to avoid elimination. Practice on course is not permitted at any time and will result in elimination.

**BERRY BEND
SCUDAHOE
ONE FLAG RACE**

**BEND BAR AFT
DOUBLE SLALOM
WESTERN BENDING**

BERRY BEND

With the cones on their right, the rider bends around the first three cones, then turns through a figure eight around the drums (going around the top of the drum on the right side first). On leaving the drums, the rider completes the bending pattern on the final three cones, returning in a bending pattern to a figure eight around the drums (left drum first) and finishing with the bending pattern to complete the run,



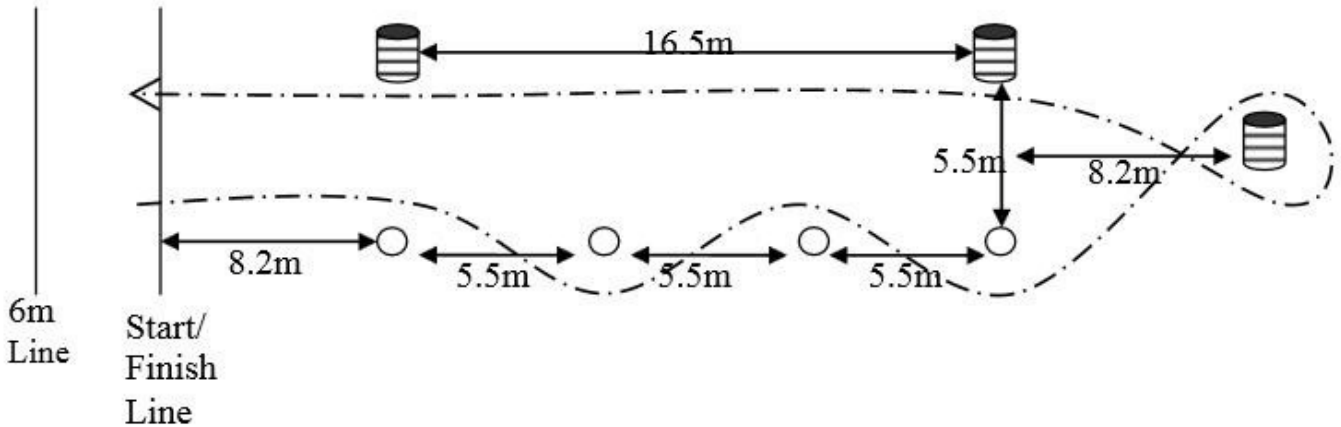
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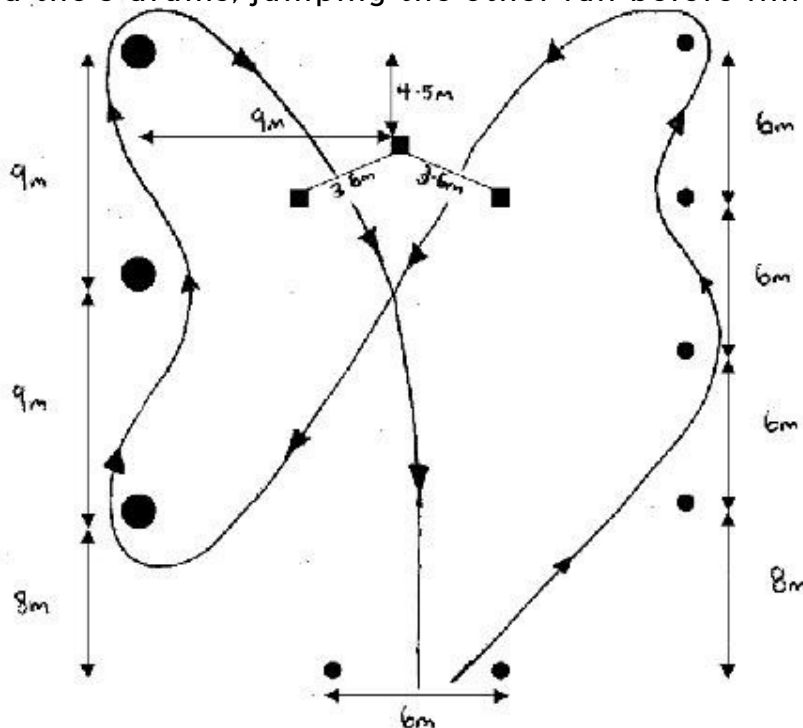
BEND BAR AFT

With the first pole on the right, the rider bends through poles, circles to the right around the barrel at the top of the course. At the next drum, the rider picks up an item, carrying it to the next drum to exchange it for another item, then races to the finish line with the item.



SCUDAHOE

From the start the rider bends through 4 bending poles (first pole on their right), before turning to jump a small rail. With the first drum on their right, the rider then bends around the 3 drums, jumping the other rail before finishing.



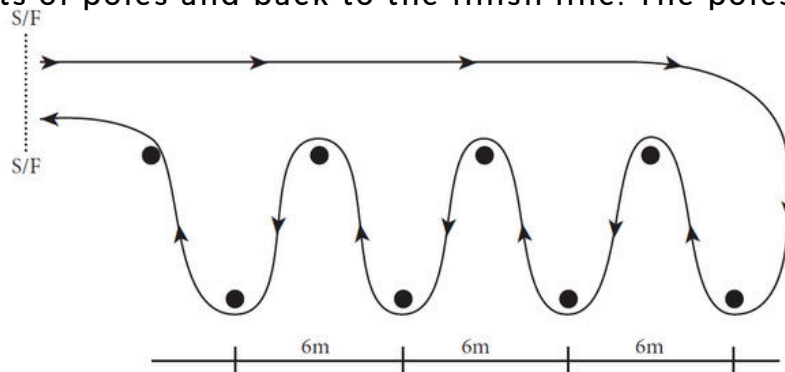
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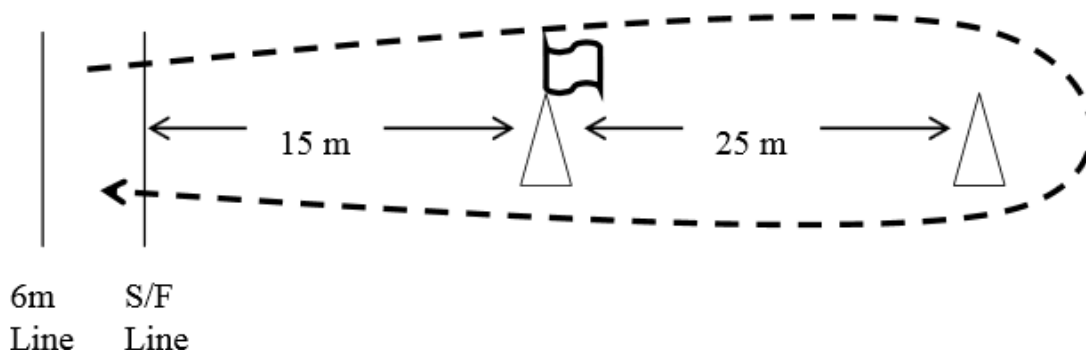
DOUBLE SLALOM

With the bending poles to their right, the rider heads to the far end pole, turns and weaves through 2 sets of poles and back to the finish line. The poles are set 6m apart on both sides.



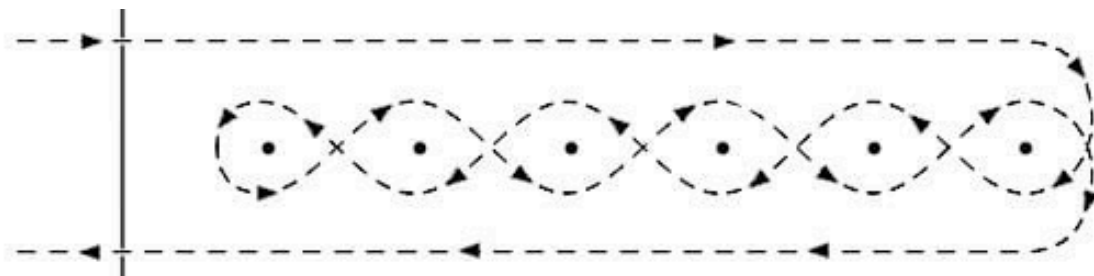
ONE FLAG RACE

The riders will start with a flag in their hand and ride to the first cone and place the flag in it. They then ride around the marker at the end of the arena, and pick up the flag from the cone on the way back to the finish line. If a rider drops a flag they can dismount, but must place the flag in the road cone from the mounted position.



WESTERN BENDING

Rider rides straight up on left hand side of poles, turns round the end pole, and bends back through poles, rounds the first pole bending back to the end pole, around the end pole and straight back to the finish line.



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CROSS COUNTRY EQUITATION COMPETITION

Riders may only compete in one round of Cross Country Equitation.

This event is not for beginners.

Horses are expected to be able to jump their nominated height competently and at speed. A draw will be published on our website and the Berry Interschools Facebook page. Riders must present at their allocated draw time.

EA tagged helmet and EA compliant back protector must be worn.

This class is judged on the rider and the horse as a combination. It is marked with points in a manner similar to Jumping Equitation. All tack and clothing is to be neat and workmanlike. Artificial aids are not appropriate. Severe bits and aids may be penalised but should be used only if required for safety reasons.

Riders will be required to ride a simple workout on the flat then, without stopping, proceed in a more forward canter and jump 8 fences, consisting of solid x/country fences across undulating terrain.

The course will have no combinations. The two judges will mark concurrently.

PRIMARY RIDERS: 60/65cm or 75/80cm
SECONDARY RIDERS: 60/65cm or 75/80cm



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FLATWORK INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

Horses must be ridden in a snaffle bit.

Handler/Hack and Show Hunter workouts must be completed within the designated Ring times. It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure they attend the correct ring during the allocated times.

Riders competing in Cross Country Equitation Competition may present for the Flatwork classes in their jump tack.

HANDLER/HACK INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Competitors will present the horse in hand under saddle. Riders must ride in to the ring, dismount and proceed to the judge to commence the In Hand presentation. Immediately following the In Hand Presentation, competitors will mount and proceed with the individual ridden workout. A mounting block will be available.

Competitors will be marked on horse handling, rider's position, aids and ability to present the horse, as well as on the horse's way of going.

Workouts and ring times will be provided to competitors prior to the competition.
Riders must only present to their allocated ring.

WORKING MOUNT INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Competitors will be required to execute a set workout which will include several obstacles, a small jump and (for novice and above) a hand gallop.

Competitors will be marked on presentation, rider's position, aids, completion of the obstacles and execution of the workout.

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SHOWJUMPING (excluded from Pointscore)

Riders must prioritise Flatwork and XC Equitation Classes

ONE ROUND AGAINST THE CLOCK **ARTICLE 220.2.1.1 (Table A)**

Riders are limited to one round. Note: Height starts at 60cm.

This competition is a single-round against the clock (Table A format) where athletes aim to complete the course without penalty.

Athletes with equality of penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the time taken to complete the round. There is no jump-off.

RESCUE RELAY SHOWJUMPING

This fun competition will be run while the pointscore is being finalised and doesn't feed into the pointscores. It involves a pair of riders completing a course twice in the quickest time possible. The heights of the jumps will be set between 65cm and 80cm. Throughout the course a rider may take over from the other rider however if a rider has a penalty the other rider must jump the next obstacle.

ENTRIES TAKEN ON DAY OF COMPETITION. Riders are welcome to wear team colours or fancy dress.

To our Officials, Stewards, Pencillers, Course designers,
Judges, Scorers and Volunteers, a huge

THANK YOU!



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