



Interschool Queensland has invited Equestrian Sports New Zealand to enter riders into the 2021 Hygain Interschool Virtual Challenge.

This is a **DRESSAGE** competition for primary, intermediate and secondary school enrolled students.

Primary section: for students enrolled up to Year 7

Intermediate section: for students in Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10

Senior section: for students in Years 11, 12 & 13.

Please note all tests are the Australian version

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/Dressage-rules>

Dressage classes available for entering are: Preliminary (L1), Novice (L2), Elementary (L3), Medium Aus (L5), Advanced, Prix St George and Intermediate 1.

Eventing dressage classes available for entering are: CCN65, CCN80, CCN95, 1*, and FEI 2**

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/Eventing-Dressage-tests>

Conditions of Entry & General Information

Membership and Horse Registration:

- Riders are to be currently enrolled in school and must be current members of ESNZ
- Horses/Ponies must be ESNZ registered (no annual discipline start required) and have competed in an Interschool dressage or eventing competition from 1st October 2020 to 1 November 2021 or have been officially entered in a covid cancelled interschool during that period
Casual horse registrations are not accepted
- An entry check will be conducted on membership and eligibility

Prizes

- Rosettes will be awarded to 6th place
- Horseland Vouchers will be awarded to 3rd place
- Hygain Vouchers will be awarded to 3rd place
- Spot prizes of Horseland vouchers and Hygain vouchers will awarded at Judges' and OC's discretion.

Dressage arena requirements

- Tests must be conducted in an approximately 60m x 20m arena, either in a specifically constructed arena or a grass paddock
- Arena boundary must be clearly demarcated by a fence, poles, cones or other obvious safely constructed boundary
- Arena letters must be clearly marked and in the correct position around the arena

Rider attire requirements

It is an expectation that riders and their horses are neatly presented in either their Interschool competition uniform, or discipline compliant competition attire (show jacket).

Video requirements

Videos must be taken from the judge's position at C

- Videos must be clear with minimal shaking
- Videos must be taken in one continuous viewing – movements cannot be cut and pasted together
- Videos are not to be edited to include effects or enhancing
- Appropriate zooming is highly encouraged to assist the judges. Riders may lose marks if the judge is unable to accurately view the movement
- Submitted videos must have been taken after 1 July 2021

• On close of entries and following entry checks **entrants will need to join the closed Facebook group 2021 Hygain Interschool Virtual Challenge –**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021hygaininterschoolvirtualchallenge/>

- A post/thread will be created for each class. Participants are to post their video in the comments section of their nominated class/es. Participants may upload their video to YouTube or similar and post the link in the comments.
- Riders who do not have access to Facebook can email their video link to interschool@equestrianqld.com.au and Interschool Queensland will post the link on Facebook on their behalf
- Only one video per combination per class can be uploaded
- Videos will be deleted if submitted after the video submission closing time

Callers: No callers are permitted

Official grading will be taken at the date of close of entries

Downgraded horses/ponies are permitted

Saddlery and equipment:

- All Dressage NZ rules & ESNZ Eventing rules apply for each discipline
- Bandages / boots on horses will not be allowed
- Jumping / GP saddles are permitted for Dressage tests.

Protective Headgear: For all riders approved, red tagged safety helmets must be worn at all times when training, warming up or participating in this event.

Presentation: Horses are to be neatly presented; plaiting is not compulsory.

Nominations: All NZL riders must nominate on EvoEvents by 29th October

Before putting in your nomination please ensure you update your EvoEvents account with the name of the school you are enrolled in.

Up to 4 riders per division will be selected by the national discipline selectors to compete in the State Team Classes. Note there are only individual prizes – there is no team classification

Riders may nominate for two consecutive levels

Riders not selected and other riders may enter up to two “Any rider” classes

Dressage State Team Class Qualification: As combination have scored 60% or more in the level entered a graded competition since 1 October 2020

Eventing State Team Class Qualification: Must have competed at the level entered

Final entries can only be made online at www.nominate.com.au. Incomplete information may result in the entry not being accepted. Riders may enter in no more than 2 classes.

Results will be posted in the comments section of each class within 14 days

Test sheets will be sent via email on completion of judging.

Scratchings, Withdrawals and Refunds: Entry fees will not be refunded after the closing date of entries unless a medical or veterinary certificate is produced within 24 hours of the closing date of the event. In such cases, 25% of the entry fees will be retained by the OC. Entry fees will be refunded in full for scratchings before the closing date of entries. The administration fee will **not be refunded**. Event organisers reserve the right to combine classes.

Indemnity: Riders and/or owners whose entries have been accepted, undertake to indemnify the Committee against all claims, losses, suits and damages made against or suffered by the Committee by reason of any negligent act or omission on the part of any riders, trainers or attendants whilst they are attending, riding or otherwise handling a horse and agree that any act or omission on the part of such riders or attendants found in any action against the Committee to be negligent, shall be deemed to have been negligent for the purpose of any claim under this indemnity. Riders are required to acknowledge the Declaration form included on Nominate.com.au. Failure to agree to this condition will result in non-acceptance of the nomination.

Code of conduct: It is a condition of participation at this event that each person submitting an entry and their associates are bound by the rules, policies and by-laws of Equestrian Australia and Equestrian Sports New Zealand. This includes comments made on social media. Any complaints or conflicts should be managed with respect through official channels. As per EA Disciplinary By-Laws 3(j) any other person or organisation (for example, a parent/guardian, spectator or sponsor) who or which agrees, in writing or otherwise (whether on a ticket, entry form, conditions of entry displayed at a venue etc) to be bound by these By-Laws. Any rider, parent, official or associate to be found in breach of these By-Laws will be render the rider's entry forfeit with no refund of entry fees.

Protests and Appeals: Objections must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit fee of AU\$150.00 (refer EA Gen. Regs) Art. 163/164/165). Attention is drawn to Rule 1.5 of EA Dressage Rules. Protests must be lodged with Interschool Queensland within 24 hours of results being posted.

Risk Warning and Disclaimer

1. Horse riding is a dangerous activity and can result in serious injury (including death) and loss.
2. All persons who ride, or tend, a horse as part of this event do so entirely at their own risk.
3. Neither the Organising Committee of any event to which these rules apply, or the EA, accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grounds, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.