



Sapphire Coast  
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# INTERSCHOOLS EQUESTRIAN

# Event Program

16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Bega Showground

## Welcome to the Sapphire Coast Anglican College Interschools Equestrian Event.



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This year's SCAC Interschools is an Equestrian Australia (EA) sanctioned and closed event. It will be held at the recently refurbished Bega Showground. We aim to welcome students, families and supporters across the Sapphire Coast region and further afield. Students from all schools are invited to participate, including those who access home-schooling.

To our local riders; enjoy the weekend and show kindness to your horse and the people who have made this event possible. These people include the organisers; judges; officials; volunteers and perhaps, on Mother's Day, the guiding women in your lives. The success of every event depends on the willingness of its volunteers. The success of the SCAC Interschools event is due to the many parents, members & friends of the school who are willing to lend a hand. We extend our sincere thanks to these selfless people.

We also value the sponsorship of the following local businesses:

- Glen Mia Saddlery
- Reins to Resilience
- Elders Insurance, Merimbula
- Bega Show Society

Volunteer roles will be advised in advance of our event. If you are unable to fulfill your volunteer role we ask that you arrange for an alternate and advise us at [thenderson@scac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:thenderson@scac.nsw.edu.au)

Teams and individual riders, please remember that you are representing your school and the wonderful Sapphire Coast. Ride with pride; encourage one another and celebrate the opportunity you have to ride and take part in this special sport. Support and cheer each other on and remember to always put your horse first.

Trish Henderson  
SCAC Interschool Equestrian Competition Organiser  
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## Timetable

### FRIDAY 15th May

2:00pm Showground open to campers. Horse stall allocation posted online and outside the Event Office.

### SATURDAY 16th May

8:00am Team managers meeting and helmet tagging at Event Office.

9:00am Assemble into Year Groups

9:30am Sporting and Working Horse Challenge begins

2:00pm Pack away sporting equipment and set up jumping arenas

3:30pm Presentation of Sporting and Working Horse Challenge awards.

### SUNDAY 17th May

8:00am Assemble into Year Groups

9:00am Best on parade judging

9:30am Jumping and Show Riding events begin. (Judges to award placings)

1:00pm Pack away jump arenas and fancy dress judging

2:30pm Presentation of Jumping, Show Riding and Age Champions

3:30pm Stalls cleaned and event closed

## Awards

- Ribbons to 8th place in Saturday Sporting and Working Horse Challenge
- Ribbons to 5th place in Sunday Hacking and Show Jumping
- Sashes 1st to 3rd presented to highest point score per group per event; sporting, show riding, jumping
- Rosettes to Age Champions (overall highest point scorer in all events)
- Saddle blankets to Working Horse Challenge winners per group
- SCAC perpetual school trophy for school with highest pointscore
- Patrick Salway Memorial trophy for sportsmanship awarded for:
  - Neat presentation of school uniform/colours worn both days
  - Team work – helping team mates to prepare for their events
  - Team spirit – supporting team mates on the sidelines
  - Volunteering – number of team members committed to jobs on Signup State Based Team challenge events throughout the competition

## Pointscore

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Ribbons
Sporting	5	4	3	2	1	To 8th place
Working Horse Challenge	8	7	6	5	4	To 8th place
Show Riding	8	7	6	5	4	To 5th place

## Entries

Entries can be lodged online via [Global Entries Online](#) FROM 10th April to 10th May, 2026.

*RIDERS COMPETE IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR GROUPS:*

***INFANTS (Pre K - 3), PRIMARY (4-6), INTERMEDIATE (7-9) SENIOR (10-12)***

***ALL RIDERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY. CURRENT NON-FINANCIAL MEMBERS CAN PURCHASE A SUBSIDISED MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$60.68.***

## Entry Fees

ITEM	COST
Two day event entry (one horse one rider, one rider one horse)	\$90 per rider
Single day entry (one horse one rider, one rider one horse)	\$50 per rider
Camping for horses (per day, per horse)	\$10
Camping for humans (per night, per family)	\$10
Ambulance levy (per rider)	\$5
Global entries without a verified financial EA membership will incur a \$30 cancellation of entry fee.	\$30
Late entry fee (entries taken after 10th May)	\$30

## Catering, Camping and Stabling

The wonderful SCAC Parents & Families committee will provide **lunch on Saturday** and **breakfast on Sunday**. A special treat for mothers, aunts, grandmothers and special ladies in riders' lives will be a nice surprise too. Camping and horse yards are available. Yard allocation will be posted outside Event Office or available upon request one week prior to the event at [thenderson@scac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:thenderson@scac.nsw.edu.au)



## SATURDAY SPORTING

Each group will begin at their allocated event (see table below)

Riders wear their sports polo shirt and jumper with white or blue jeans or jodhpurs.

Event number	Event	Start Events
1	Bending	INFANTS
2	Western Bend	PRIMARY
3	Snakes and Ladders	INTERMEDIATE
4	Keyhole Bounce	SENIOR
5	Diamond Flag	
6	Drum and Peg	
7	Pony Twist	
8	SCAC Bounce	
9	Ben-Bar-Aft	
10	Daily Mail Race	

### SPORTING RULES

#### STARTS

- The start is to be left to the judge's discretion, but they need not wait any longer than 60 seconds for any horse to start once they have been called to the starting box.
- The signal to start will be at the judge's verbal direction. If at the judge's discretion, a false start is declared, riders will be recalled by whistle or bell.
- "STANDING START" The rider must have their horse inside the back line (marked 6m from the start /finish line) and the horse must stop their forward motion before starting the race. The rider then has 6m to start the horse before time begins.

#### BOUNDARY LINES / DEMARCATION LINE

- In all sporting events a 6 metre boundary line will be marked with cones.
- Each competitor must keep inside the 6-metre boundary line. Crossing over a boundary line, placed 6 metres out from each line of game, will incur disqualification.
- The competitor is deemed to have crossed the boundary line if one or more of the horse's feet is placed over this line.
- All sporting events will have a start area which is defined as the area between the 6-metre line and the start and finish pegs, and is a minimum of 6 meters wide.

#### ASSISTANCES

- No horse may be held or accompanied to the starting line or outside assistance given. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification unless in the INFANTS division.
- Schooling on the course is not permitted.

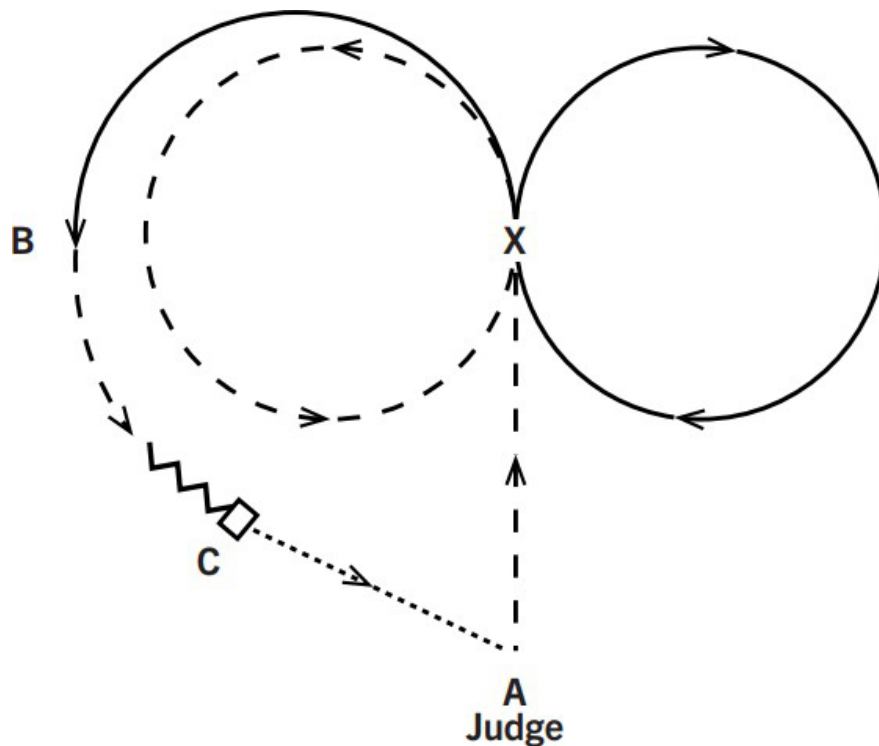
# SATURDAY WORKING HORSE EVENT

Riders compete in all three phases to be eligible for prizes and overall pointscore.

11	Phase 1: Hack horse pattern
12	Phase 2: Time trial
13	Phase 3: Obstacle course (bridge, 40cm jump, sidepass over log ring bell, box stand, curtain, tarp crossing, back up)

## HACK PATTERN

1	Presentation and overall impression	10pts
2	Trot out to X	10pts
3	Trot circle left	10pts
4	Canter circle right	10pts
5	Simple change at X	10pts
6	Canter half circle left to B	10pts
7	Trot to C	10pts
8	Halt	10pts
9	Rein back 3 metres	10pts
10	Walk to judge on a light rein	10pts



## TIME TRIAL

1	Proceed between the start / finish pegs at A and continue to Peg B
2	Turn left around Peg B, continue to gate (C). Pass through gate, opening and closing
3	Continue from gate (C) and turn right around Peg D.
4	Proceed to Peg E keeping first peg on left and serpentine through Peg F and Peg G.
5	Proceed over jump (H) and continue through start / finish pegs at A

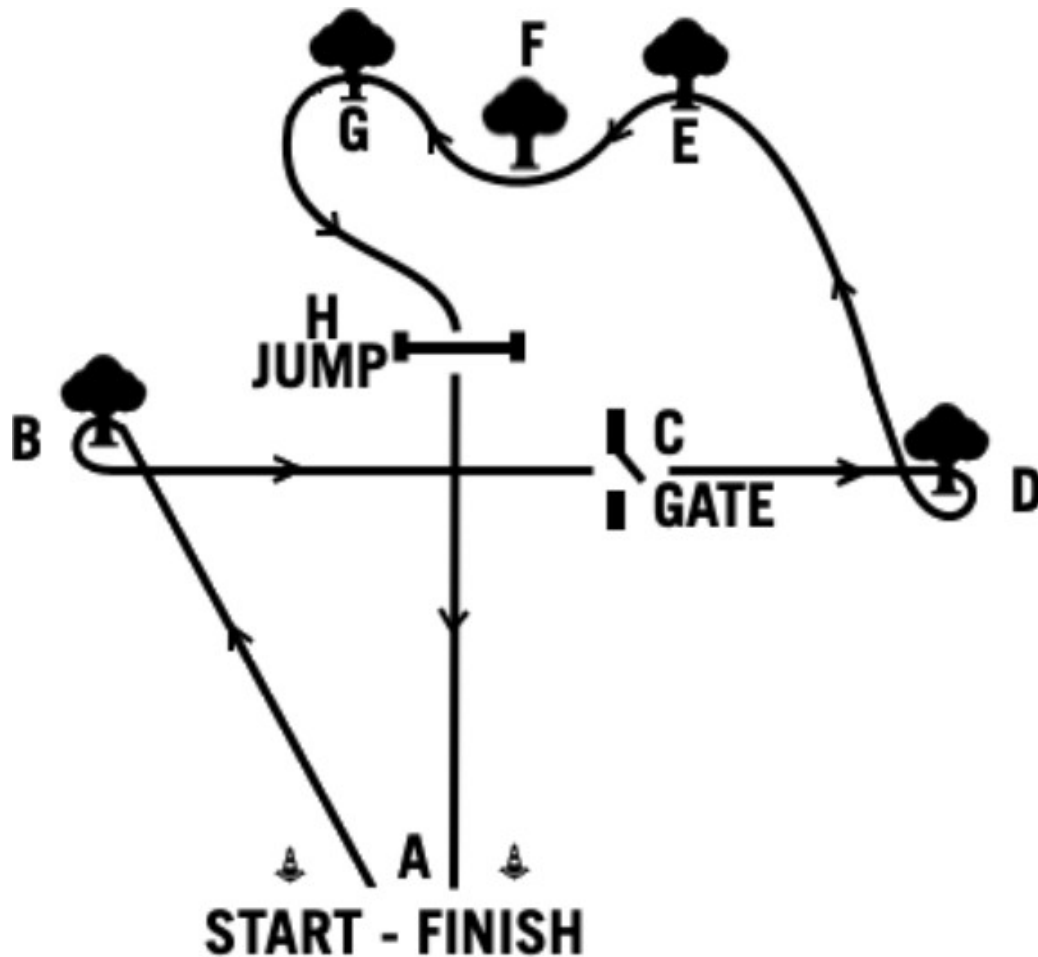
Note: INFANTS riders pass through an open gate; PRIMARY riders must open the gate but do not have to close it. INTERMEDIATE and SENIOR riders must open and close the gate.

A three second penalty will be incurred for:

- Any peg or obstacle knocked down or dislodged
- Any obstacle the Judge deems to be sufficiently moved

Elimination will be incurred for:

- Any section of the course not completely & correctly negotiated.



## SUNDAY SHOW HORSE CLASSES

Each judge will be given a list of competitors. The draw will be attached to the whiteboard near the arenas and available at the Event Office. Riders must ride in the arena allocated to their division **RIDERS MUST RIDE IN THE ARENA ALLOCATED TO THEIR DIVISION.** See here for [Equestrian Australia Show Horse Rules](#)

<b>RING 1: INFANTS/PRIMARY RING</b>	<b>RING2: JINTERMEDIATE/SENIOR RING</b>
<p>CLASSES FOR (Pre K -2. Can be assisted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handler class</li> <li>- Riding class</li> <li>- Best presented mount and rider</li> <li>- Best hands and seat</li> <li>- Pair of riders</li> <li>- Quietest pony (supported by parent or team manager)</li> </ul> <p>CLASSES FOR PRIMARY (3-6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handler</li> <li>- Riding class</li> <li>- Best educated mount</li> <li>- Best presented mount and rider</li> <li>- Pair of riders</li> <li>- Quietest pony (supported by parent or team manager)</li> </ul>	<p>CLASSES FOR INTERMEDIATE (7-9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handler class</li> <li>- Riding class</li> <li>- Best presented mount and rider</li> <li>- Bareback rider</li> <li>- Most versatile mount</li> <li>- Best educated mount</li> </ul> <p>CLASSES FOR SENIOR (10-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handler class</li> <li>- Riding class</li> <li>- Best educated mount</li> <li>- Best presented mount and rider</li> <li>- Most versatile mount</li> </ul>

## SUNDAY JUMPING

Both show jumping courses are to be built on Saturday afternoon once the Sporting events have finished.

Volunteers are required.

Riders are to ride in draw order. Draw order can be found on the whiteboard at the gate to each ring and Event Office. Riders are to be ready to enter when called by the gate stewards.

**NB:** Parents/managers are asked to replace the fallen poles caused by their own child. No parent has been assigned to pick up poles all day. See here for Superphase rules and information: [Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules](#) In accordance with EA National Jumping Rules, no leading of riders is permissible in Sunday jumping.

**Riders may enter two height events only.**

Jump Height	Approximate time	Eligible Entrants	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Cross Rails	am	Infants	5	4	3	2	1
50cm	am	Infants	8	7	6	5	4
		Primary	5	4	3	2	1
60cm	am	Infants	8	7	6	5	4
		Primary	8	7	6	5	4
		Intermediate	5	4	3	2	1
		Senior	5	4	3	2	1
70cm	am	Primary	8	7	6	5	4
		Intermediate	8	7	6	5	4
		Senior	5	4	3	2	1
80cm	pm	Primary	8	7	6	5	4
		Intermediate	8	7	6	5	4
		Senior	5	4	3	2	1
90cm	pm	Primary	8	7	6	5	4
		Intermediate	8	7	6	5	4
		Senior	8	7	6	5	4

# COMPETITION RULES AND PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

## AGE DIVISIONS

- Riders compete in age divisions; INFANTS (Pre K - 3), PRIMARY (4 - 6), INTERMEDIATE (7-9), SENIOR (10-12).
- Competitors must stay in their own age groups throughout both days in all individual events, and cannot transfer to another age group.

## 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. The Team Manager must attend the Event Office upon arrival at Bega Showground with riders' helmets. Trish Warrington (EA accredited helmet tagger) will be available to check helmet tags and tag where necessary.
- Saturday: School sport polo shirt, sloppy-joe / jumper, beige or white jodhpurs or blue or white jeans.
- Sunday: Long-sleeved school shirt, school jumper, tie, beige or white jodhpurs.

## EQUIPMENT AND GEAR

- Saddlecloth in school colours (Homeschool students use white saddle pad).
- Saddlery and tack is to be in good working order and comply with the relevant EA discipline rules.

## GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

- The competition will be conducted with reference to the EA Policies and Bylaws, and the EA Interschool Rules which can be found at [EA National 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 Event Organiser 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, respectful 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.
- All decisions of judges, officials and the committee are final. A judge or other official may request a rider change divisions in a 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 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.
- All participants must have insurance cover provided under an EA membership.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAM MANAGERS AND PARTICIPANTS

- Upon entry, participants will be required to nominate their respective school's **Team Manager**. **Each school team requires a Team Manager**. The team manager and/or parent of a rider is responsible for the supervision of team members for the duration of the competition, including night time. No supervision of students will be provided by SCAC Interschools staff. The Team Manager will also be the point of contact for each school team.
- As part of their duties, the Team Manager is responsible for ensuring volunteers associated with their team complete the duties assigned to them during the event. A duty roster will be compiled prior to the event and emailed to all Team Managers.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAM MANAGERS AND PARTICIPANTS (cont)

- There will be no gear check stewards at our Championship. It is the responsibility of each team manager and parent to ensure that the riders & mounts are in correct & safe gear. Every judge and any committee member of The SCAC Interschools Committee has the right to refuse a rider if the gear and / or rider is deemed unsafe.
- Parents and Team Managers are responsible for the care and supervision of children at all times for the duration of the event.
- Please keep the Bega Showground free of rubbish. Wherever possible, please take your rubbish home with you and ensure stalls are clean and tidy before you leave.
- Riders are required to walk between activities and follow the instructions of group leaders and officials.
- Riders are to report at their designated time in all events. Failure to do so may incur elimination.
- Any changes to a draw must be discussed with Trish Henderson at the Event Office
- Direct all enquiries to Trish Henderson in the Event Office.
- The Committee reserves the right to amend the program where deemed necessary.
- In case of inclement weather advice will be emailed to all competitors, and updates posted to the SCAC Interschools facebook page.
- Riders may only compete on one horse over the three days. A horse may 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.
- 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 event will be posted on the SCAC Equestrian facebook page and sent to competitors by email. Competitors must ensure that the email address specified on Global 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 the day of the event.
- Riders are not permitted to change section or division once the event has commenced. Classes will be announced on the public address system. However, 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 the Event Organiser, Trish Henderson.

## ANIMAL WELFARE

- 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.
- Any act or series of actions which, in the opinion of the chief Judge or event organisers that can clearly be identified, shall be penalised by elimination. Similarly, any athlete who affects the safety of any horse, athlete or third party will be considered to have acted dangerously and will be penalised by elimination.
- Abuse of horse includes; excessive use of whip and/or spurs; rapping or riding an exhausted horse; excessive pressing of a tired horse or riding an obviously lame horse.
- Officials must report such actions as soon as possible to the chief Judge or event organisers supported where possible by a statement from one or more witnesses. The chief Judge or event organisers must decide if there is a case to be answered.
- In the case of lameness or injury a substitute horse may be brought in. Team managers must liaise with Club officials in the spectator shed for the change to be approved. A rider may only ride his or her horse in a maximum of three rounds of jumping on any one day. Only the nominated rider may ride/school the horse at the venue, including for warm up.

## RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- The Organisers reserve the right to cancel any class or event; to divide any class; to alter the advertised times; to refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason; to transfer competitors between sections of a class/age groups or to combine classes /age groups.

## PLACINGS

- Placings will be awarded based on time with the fastest time placing first. PROTESTS Absolutely NO PROTESTS at the SCAC Saturday Sporting. This day is a fun day and protest will not be entered into. All officials' decisions are final. Disputes: Must be presented in writing within 20 minutes by Team Manager with a \$50 deposit to the disputes Committee. The Decision of the Committee is final. The dispute committee will consist of Event Organiser, Trish Henderson and SCAC Official, Sally Tudor.