



# IRT Young Event Horse Challenge

Ride the Excitement

4 June 2026



**ENTRIES OPEN:** 1 MAY 2026 – 9am

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** 15 MAY 2026 – 9pm

No entries accepted after the closing date

**ENTER VIA EVENT SECRETARY**

<https://eventsecretary.com.au/equestrian/21890>

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The **IRT Young Event Horse Challenge** provides owners and breeders the opportunity to showcase the potential of their 4, 5 and 6-year-old horses. The aim of these classes is to encourage trainers and breeders to produce and present the correct type of young horse which is considered to be the best material to develop into a three-day event horse.

The judges will be looking for a horse that can be adaptable to different and variable conditions found while eventing (weather, terrain, obstacles, footing, etc.) showing jumping skills, harmony, mutual confidence, and an overall good impression. The horse's conformation and movement should enable them to withstand the demands of the sport in terms of soundness, speed and stamina.

The judges will be looking for potential for the future: an athletic, loose moving horse with a promising jumping technique and attitude, which with correct training will develop physically and mentally into a top-level three-day eventer.

Young horses will be judged on: Dressage, Conformation, Jumping and Cross-Country pace. Young horses will not be marked down for displaying a little exuberance nor will marks be taken away for rider inaccuracy - It is the horse and not the rider's potential that is being judged.

**CONFORMATION & OVERALL GENERAL IMPRESSION:** The ideal horse will be conformed in such a way that it has aptitude for dressage, jumping and an efficient, ground covering gallop (type and general impression). The horse's conformation and movement should enable them to withstand the demands of the sport in terms of soundness, speed and stamina.

#### **DRESSAGE:**

Three correct, elastic and regular gaits through a swinging back are the qualities that judges will be seeking. All trot work to be optional sitting or rising, unless stated. Unlike a normal dressage test marks are not awarded for individual movements, rather, it is judged as a material class, marking as per young horse scoresheet. Horses will be marked on Walk, Trot, Canter, Impulsion, Submission and General Impression. Individual movements will not be marked.

#### **JUMPING:**

Judges are looking for a bold athletic horse with good technique. A horse should not necessarily be penalised for knocking down one fence (or even a four-year-old having one refusal), providing he learns from his mistake. However, a fall of horse or rider or three cumulative refusals will result in elimination.

The jumping phase involves a small course of show jumping fences with a mixture of cross-country obstacles.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY PACE:**

The horse will be required to show the ability to open up the canter after jumping the last fence and proceed to do one lap around the outside of the course.

Horses will be marked on Scope, Technique, Rideability, Cross Country Pace and General Impression.

#### **THE COMPETITION ELEMENTS**

The Young Event Horse Challenge will be held on Thursday 4 June 2026. Dressage on Thursday morning on an outdoor arena and jumping in the Indoor Arena on Thursday evening, commencing at 4.30 – 5.00pm.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Presentations will be held at the conclusion of each class, the top six horses will be invited for presentation.

**Prizes for Each Class** 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$400, Rug & Rosette, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$300 & Rosette, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$200 & Rosette, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Place rosettes

## **HORSE AGE ELIGIBILITY:**

4 Year Old open to horses born between 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022

5 Year Old open to horses born between 1 August 2020 and 31 July 2021

6 Year Old open to horses born between 1 August 2019 and 31 July 2020

## **Dressage:**

The dressage test will be available at least two weeks prior to the competition.

Note: Conformation will be marked during the dressage phase.

## **Jumping:**

The jumping phase involves a short course combination of show jumps and rustic fences. The course will be available for walking prior to the start of the competition. Also included in this section, the horses are required to show their cross-country pace after they have jumped the last fence.

## **Jumping Heights for 4, 5 & 6 year old Young Event Horse:**

4 Year Old horses - 80cm

5 Year Old horses - 90cm

6 Year Old horses - 100cm

## **Saddlery & Dress:**

Saddlery: As per EA Eventing Rule 539.2, 539.3. Dress: As per EA Eventing Rule 538.2, 538.4 for dressage and jumping. Bridle numbers must be used. Cross Country attire (including back protectors) must be worn during the jumping phase. \*Approved safety helmets are to be worn in all ridden phases.

## **General Conditions:**

- All riders and owners must be EA registered.
- Horses must be EA registered – minimum 'base horse registration'
- Entries will not be accepted after the closing date and may be restricted if the class is over-subscribed. In the case of oversubscription balloting, based on performance, may be used.
- Horses will be judged on walk, trot, canter, rideability and overall impression as a future eventing horse, including standard of training on the basis of the Training Scale

**Entry Fee:** \$160 includes medical & admin. fee

**Facility Fees:** \$20.00 per day of stay

## **Refund Policy:**

Full refund less \$30 Admin fee if scratched before Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm. 50% of Entry Fee (less \$30 Admin fee) is refunded with a Vet. certificate up until 5pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. No refunds after 5pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Stabling:**

Priority is given to horses competing in the CCI2\* / CCIJ2\* / CCI3\* / CCI4\*

Horses entered in the Young Event Horse Challenge will be provided yards for Thursday

**NOTE:** *If you are a CCI competitor and require stabling for your YEH please check with the MI3DE Secretary [susan\\_mckay@bigpond.com](mailto:susan_mckay@bigpond.com) Where possible we will endeavour to accommodate your request (stabling charges will apply)*

**At the event: All campsites are allocated. Please do not park in powered camping sites unless you have booked camping.**

**YOUNG HORSE ENTRIES:** Online [Link to be advised](#)

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### **Cancellation and Refund**

EV or the Organising Committee may cancel the event due to catastrophic conditions, disease or force majeure, or for any other reason at its absolute discretion.

If the event is cancelled after it has commenced there will be no refunds. If the event is cancelled prior to commencement the entrant may be entitled to a proportional refund of the entry fees paid. Any such refund will be determined at the absolute discretion of EV, having regard to the direct or fixed costs for the event.

Entrants who have provided with their entry an email address and/or mobile phone number will be notified of event cancellation by email and/or text message.

### **Release and Indemnity:**

You acknowledge that horse riding, working with or being around horses can be dangerous. Horses can act in sudden and unpredictable ways, especially if frightened or hurt. As a consequence, there is a real risk of damage to property, serious injury or even death. In consideration of acceptance of your entry and participation in the event you agree to release and forever discharge EA, EV, their servants and agents and the Organising Committee and each member thereof from all claims, proceedings or demands for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.

In consideration of acceptance of your entry and participation in the event, you agree to indemnify and keep indemnified EA, EV, their servants and agents and the Organising Committee and each member thereof against all claims, proceedings or demands brought by or on behalf of any participant or competitor named in your entry form for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.

### **Child Safe Event**

All Equestrian Victoria competitions are governed under Victoria's Child Safe Legislation. It is expected of all competitors, parents and spectators to participate under these guidelines.



Please adhere to Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre Terms and Conditions at the venue.

**Office use only:**

INFORMATION FOR ENTRY PLATFORM – FIELDS REQUIRED

ARRIVAL DAY:

DEPARTURE DAY:

Note: WPNEC Facility fees. If arriving earlier or departing later additional facility fees must be paid \$20 each day on the venue.

Do you have horses in the MI3DE CCI classes? If so, which class?

The questions below are compulsory

RIDER NAME:

EA MEMBERSHIP NO.

OWNERS NAME:

EA MEMBERSHIP NO.

HORSE EA NAME:

EA Base Registration required

SIRE:

DAM:

DATE FOALED or FOALED YEAR:

Mare / Gelding or Stallion

Name of Breeder:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF AN OFF THE TRACK:

IS THIS HORSE AN OTT? Yes or No

HORSE RACING NAME:

TRAINED BY:

HORSE'S RACING HISTORY:

HORSES BEST THREE RECENT PERFORMANCES:

ANY INTERESTING DETAILS ABOUT THE HORSE: