



# HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge 2023

## Entry Form

Please complete this entry form in **BLOCK LETTERS** – Closing date for entries: **12<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 (Monday)**

N.B. Entries that are incomplete, with inaccurate information, and/or without payment of the entry fee will not be processed.

**Level entered:**  Higher Division  Lower Division (please tick)

### Competitor details:

Name of rider *Family name:* ..... *Given name(s):* .....

Date of birth: 

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 Age on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2023: .....

Name of school: .....

Regular Riding School: .....

Contact mobile number: ..... HKEF Membership No.: .....

Contact E-mail: .....

Weight: ..... Height: .....

Riding competition experience (see note on 'Entries & Eligibility' on page 4):  
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### Parent/Guardian details:

Name of parent/guardian: .....

Mobile: ..... E-mail: .....

*To be signed by rider's parent/guardian:*

We have read and understand the Rules of the Competition and agree to be bound by its terms.

Images and Publicity: I understand that any images of competitors are the property of the event organisers\* and that competitors may be called upon to give interviews to the media.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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### To be completed by the rider's regular riding instructor:

Name of instructor: .....

Name of riding school: .....

*Please tick:*

- I have seen this rider complete a course of 6 or more fences at 50 cm/70 cm [delete as appropriate].
- This rider can execute the movements of a preliminary level dressage test.
- This rider is confident enough to ride an unfamiliar horse/pony.

Signature of instructor: .....

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\* i.e. the HKEF, Ingestre Stables and others from time to time.



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## 2023 Competition Format

### Higher Division (12-16 yrs.)

Venue: HKJC Tuen Mun Public Riding School (TMPRS)

Heats: February 8, 15 (Wednesdays 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.)

### Lower Division (10-14 yrs.)

Venue: Lo Wu Saddle Club (LWSC)

Heats: February 10, 17, 24 (Fridays 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.)

### Higher & Lower Division finals

April 21 & 22 at Lo Wu Saddle Club (Friday & Saturday)

### Format

Competing schools enter teams of **three** or **four** riders (N.B. in a team of three riders, each rider may only compete once). See also **Individual riders** below. All riders compete in both dressage and showjumping (*first round*: clear round and form over fences; *final*: optimum time and faults).

## Information and Rules of the Competition

### COVID-19 vaccination requirements

At all venues, participants and visitors must adhere to the prevailing health advice and requirements for the prevention of COVID-19.



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## The Higher Division competition

The Higher Division competition is open to teams of riders aged **12-16 yrs.** (*i.e.* 16 or under on January 1, 2023), who are competent enough to handle ex-racehorses (>15HH) over the competition disciplines. Riders should be riding regularly in Hong Kong and teams should represent Hong Kong schools.

In the Higher Division competition, all riders will compete in (i) dressage (using a test selected for this class); and, (ii) showjumping (70-80 cm) (clear round and form over fences).

After the first round of heats, the four teams with the highest scores will proceed to the competition final for which a different dressage test and course of jumps will be used. The winning Higher Division team will have the opportunity to ride at Ingestre Stables (UK) during the last week of June (*see additional details below*). In addition, based on individual scores in the first round heats, special prizes and/or medals will be awarded to the top five riders in each discipline.

The Higher Division heats will take place at HKJC Tuen Mun Public Riding School (TMPRS) on February 8 & 15 (Wednesdays, 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.). The Higher Division final will be held on Saturday April 22, at Lo Wu Saddle Club (LWSC).

## The Lower Division competition

The Lower Division competition is open to teams of riders aged **10-14 yrs.** (*i.e.* 14 or under on January 1, 2023), who may not yet be proficient enough or old enough for the Higher Level competition. Riders should be riding regularly in Hong Kong and teams should represent Hong Kong schools.

In the Lower Division competition, all riders will compete in (i) dressage (using a test selected for this class); and, (ii) showjumping (40-50 cm) (clear round and form over fences).

After the first round of heats, the four teams with the highest scores will proceed to the competition final for which a different dressage test and course of jumps will be used. The Ann Baron Memorial Cup will be awarded to the highest scoring team and the team will receive a training session in Hong Kong. In addition, based on individual scores in the first round heats, prizes and or medals will be awarded to the top five riders in each discipline.

The Lower Division heats will take place at Lo Wu Saddle Club (LWSC) on February 10, 17 & 24 (Fridays). The Lower Division final will be held at LWSC on Friday April 21 (dressage) and on Saturday April 22 (showjumping) at LWSC.

## Individual riders

Individual riders may take part in the first round of the competition. Such riders may attend schools without enough riders to form a team; or, they may be entered by a school in addition to a team (subject to the limits of competitor numbers at each of the heats). In the latter case, the following rules apply:

- The scores of individually entered riders may not contribute to a team score, but they are eligible for individual prizes in the first round (dressage and jumping).
- Participation in a first round heat qualifies an individual rider to act as a reserve rider for his/her school team in the final.
- Horses selected for an individually entered rider may not be exchanged with those selected for a team.



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## Team scores

The scores of the first three riders will count towards the final team score. The winning team will be the one with the highest total score. The four highest scoring teams from the first round in each Division will go forward to the final. Individual winners of dressage and of showjumping will also receive rosettes after each heat and after the final. (*Scoring details are given below*)

## Horses

Horses will be drawn for teams and individuals in the presence of HKEF staff and TMPRS/LWSC staff on or around **19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 (Monday)** in TMPRS/LWSC. Riders will then be able to familiarise themselves with the horses during practice sessions before the competition date

For the Lower Division heats and for the competition finals (both Divisions), arrangements for practice sessions (one-hour lessons in *either* dressage *or* jumping) should be made directly with LWSC (2673 0066 or [lwsc@netvigator.com](mailto:lwsc@netvigator.com)).

To book practice sessions for the Higher Division heats (one-hour lessons in *either* dressage *or* jumping), please contact the HKEF at 2966 5078 or [info@hkef.org](mailto:info@hkef.org).

If deemed necessary (e.g. for veterinary reasons), alternative horses/ponies may be assigned at the discretion of the riding school. Riders will not be allowed to request particular horses or ponies.

For the final only, all of the teams will ride the same four horses selected for each discipline. A team may decide the allocation of riders to individual horses, but with the following caveats: (i) each horse may only be used by one rider; (ii) a horse may not be allocated to a rider if, within the current season, the rider-horse combination has been placed (within the top three scores) in a graded competition; (iii) an exchange of horses may be required for veterinary or other reason approved by the competition organisers.

## Higher Division prize for the winning team

The winning Higher Division team (up to four riders), together with a supervising teacher (or *chef d'équipe*), will be invited to spend a week at Ingestre Stables, UK, during the last week of June. This prize will consist of 7 nights' accommodation near Ingestre Stables and at least 5 days of riding/equestrian activities (mounted and unmounted), to be organised at the discretion of Ingestre Stables, as well as direct flights to/from the UK, as determined by Hong Kong Equestrian Federation (HKEF), and transportation to/from Birmingham Airport (BHX) or Manchester Airport (MAN) and Ingestre Stables. The HKEF is not responsible for any other losses, costs or damages (direct or indirect) associated with the trip and team members are encouraged to purchase travel insurance in this respect. Costs associated with flight delays, alternative flights and detours/trips to/from other destinations are not included. [**N.B.** In the event that it is not possible to offer this prize (e.g. due to travel restrictions), an alternative prize will be awarded.]

## Reserve Riders

In case that a finalist team member is unable to ride on the day of the competition final, a reserve rider may ride in his/her place. Eligible reserve riders must have participated in a first round heat, representing the relevant school either as an individual or as a member of an additional team. A rider in a Lower Division heat may ride in the Higher Division final if selected to do so by the team's *chef d'équipe*, who is responsible for ensuring that the selected rider is competent enough to ride at this level. A rider in a Higher Division heat may not ride in the Lower Division final.



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## Entries and Eligibility

Participants in the HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge must be members of the HKEF.

Each entrant must have previously competed in each discipline at a level equivalent to that of the relevant Division of entry (e.g. the same Division of the HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge in a previous year; the preliminary class of a 'Mini' Inter-school competition at LWSC (for the Lower Division) or the 'Warm-up' Show at TMPRS (for the Higher Division); a gazetted show at BREC, etc.).

In order to further encourage young riders to continue to compete throughout the year, the HKEF will provide **free junior membership for the current season**\* to all participants in the HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge *who have not already been admitted as members*.

To apply for free membership, entrants should complete the membership form and return it to the HKEF together with a HK Identity Card/passport copy and address proof.

Competing schools should supply (i) a completed entry form for each rider, countersigned by a parent/guardian and the rider's regular riding instructor; (ii) a HKJC (Higher Division) or LWSC (Lower Division) indemnity form for each rider (if not already submitted to the stable), signed by a parent/guardian; and, (iii) an entry fee of **\$650** per rider (cheques should be made payable to **Hong Kong Equestrian Federation** and carry the name of the competitor clearly written on the reverse).

Entry fees are non-refundable.

Entry forms and cheques should be returned by post to the HKEF, at the address below, on or before **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. Entries submitted after this date will be subject to an additional administration fee of \$100. (N.B. Late entries will not be accepted after Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2023)

Hong Kong Equestrian Federation, 8/F Central Complex, Shatin Racecourse, N.T.

## Other Payment Methods

a.	<b>FPS (Fast Payment System)</b> ID-0892570; Hong Kong Equestrian Federation <b>*Scan/pdf copy required</b>
b.	<b>Bank-in</b> Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) A/C no: 411-0-326427-0 <b>*Scan/pdf copy required</b>
c.	<b>Cheque</b> Payable to "Hong Kong Equestrian Federation"

For further information:

Email: [wendy.wong@hkef.org](mailto:wendy.wong@hkef.org) or  
or see the HKEF website [www.hkef.org](http://www.hkef.org)

\* from the date of approval until 25 October 2022.



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## Scoring

The scores of the first three riders will count towards the final team score. The winning team will be the one with the highest total score. The highest scoring teams from the first round will go forward to the final.

In the first round, team scores are calculated in the following way:

- In general, HKEF rules apply.
- The sum of the three highest dressage scores in each team will be the team dressage score.
- The sum of the three highest scores for clear-round showjumping will be the team showjumping score.
- The final team score is the sum of the team dressage score and the team showjumping score (out of a maximum of 600).
- In case of equal total scores, the higher dressage score is relevant to determine the higher placing. In case of equal dressage scores, the sum of the collective marks in each discipline will determine the placing.
- **Teams of riders aged 12 years or above and with sufficient competition experience are strongly encouraged to enter the Higher Division.** For a Lower Division team containing 3 or 4 riders aged 12 years or above who have previously competed in the HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge for two or more seasons, a 10-point handicap will be deducted from its overall team score. [N.B. Riders' individual scores in each discipline, relevant for rosettes or individual prizes, will be unaffected.]

## Dressage tests

Dressage tests are given on separate sheets. The dressage tests for the first round will be

Lower Division: *Ingestre Preliminary Dressage Test 5 (2018) (20 x 40 m)*

Higher Division: *Ingestre Preliminary Dressage Test 9 (2018) (20 x 40 m)*

The dressage tests for the competition finals will be made available on the HKEF website [www.hkef.org](http://www.hkef.org) after the completion of the last heat.

## Showjumping assessment

In the first round, the showjumping competition will be judged according to jumping faults and by the horse and rider's form over each fence (a sample scoring sheet is attached).

The chief attributes for the assessment of form are rhythm, line and tempo.

Riders should aim for a regular, rhythmical tempo between the starting and finish lines. They should also look for harmony in their lines between fences.

The approach to a fence should be in the correct canter lead. Riders should correct the canter lead after the jump (if necessary) either through the trot or with a flying change; horses should not be allowed to continue in counter canter.

In addition, a rider should have a balanced seat and a stable position with a secure lower leg. Over the jumps, riders should follow the movement of the horse with an elastic contact that allows the horse to move freely.



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## Scoring for the final

In the final only, team scores are calculated in the following way:

- In general, HKEF rules apply.
- Each rider's dressage score is transferred into a percentage.
- In the jumping competition, penalties are deducted from an individual rider's dressage score in respect of the following faults:
  - 5% for each obstacle knocked down
  - 5% for the first and second refusal (including technical refusal)
  - 25% for elimination
  - 1% per second for times shorter than the *optimum time* or more than 15 seconds longer than the optimum time. Riders taking longer than the *time limit* to complete the course will be eliminated.
- The result after dressage and jumping is the final individual score of each rider. This score is relevant for individual and team results.
- To determine the team result, the three highest final individual scores per team are added. This total is the team score.
- In case of equal total scores, the higher dressage score will determine the higher placing. In case of equal dressage scores, the higher showjumping score will determine the placing.

## Showjumping rules for the final

In the final, the showjumping round will be run as a 'jump penalties with optimum time' class. The course, together with the optimum time and time limit, will be posted at the competition venue before the start of the class. The time limit for the course, which is relevant for penalties described above, is double the optimum time.

## Ranking:

The ranking of riders is relevant for rosettes awarded for this class but does not affect the team score beyond the penalties previously described. The ranking of riders follows the order of (1) least penalties; and, (2) proximity to the optimum time, either above or below, so that the first-placed rider has the least jumping penalties and a time that is closest to the optimum time. Riders with equality of penalties and whose times differ from the optimum time by an equal amount (either above or below) have equal placing.

In the Higher Division, the optimum time is based on an assumed speed of **350 m/min**.  
In the Lower Division, the optimum time is based on an assumed speed of **330 m/min**.

**IMPORTANT: It is the responsibility of parents/guardians and *chefs d'equipes* to ensure that riders are of a sufficient standard to complete the competition disciplines safely in the Division entered.**

Parents/guardians understand that there are risks and dangers involved in horse riding and that riders' participation in horse riding activities may result in damage to personal property, illness, personal injury or death. These risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable circumstances. By entering the competition, riders/parents/guardians knowingly and voluntarily accept and assume these risks and dangers.

Parents/guardians on their own behalf, and on behalf of their child/ward riders and their respective personal representatives, executors, administrators, heirs, successors and assigns, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Hong Kong Equestrian Federation and its employees, officers and agents from any and all losses, liabilities, damages, obligations, claims or demands of whatever nature for any injuries, damage, losses, liabilities, costs, fees, claims or demands of whatever nature incurred or sustained by riders or others during the course of, as a result of, or in connection with riders participating in the HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge.