



2017 Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships

Tasmanian Report

The 2017 Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships were held at the Toowoomba Showgrounds from the 25th to the 29th September. The competitions included Show Horse, Dressage, Combined Training, Eventing and Show Jumping.

We had 6 riders make the team from Tasmania, out of some 330+ horses from every state in Australia. All our riders were allocated pool horses which were pre-arranged by the organisers, with the exception of Jordan Gale who arranged her own loan horse from Queensland. The event started with a vet inspection on arrival and followed by an opening ceremony on Monday evening where every rider wore their state uniforms and were introduced to the spectators state by state. The usual rider, parent and official oaths were read.

The riders & classes that were chosen by the Tasmanian selectors for each discipline were;

Rider	Pool Horses	Discipline 1	Discipline 2
Samantha Bessell (Captain)	Wilson	100cm Showjumping	95cm Combined training
Alanah Monty	River Downs Tinka Tink	90cm Showjumping	
Laura Monty	Clandy Man Can	90cm Showjumping	
Alice Paterson	Regal Rock	90cm Showjumping	
Jordan Gale	Kenallywood Cunningham	Dressage Intermediate Novice	Dressage Intermediate Preliminary
Chloe Daun	Dakoda	80cm Showjumping	80cm Combined training

Uniforms were purchased from Twenty4 Seven again and we decided to keep the uniform the same as last year. Sam Bessell arranged socks and belts from Urban Horseware. I convinced my sister in law to make a large Tasmanian Devil Mascot and Cassandra supplied a Disney cartoon version as mascots.



Team & supporters

We also arranged for rugs from Remus rugs, embroidery by Suebi's with our sponsorship moneys which looked great. Unfortunately Jordan's horse had gone home at this stage for the picture.



Pool horses (missing is Jordan & Kenallywood Cunningham)

On arrival the girls got together to decorate their stables, an encouragement from the organisers for a prize for the best team stable tidiness and display. Many thanks go to Caitlin

Radford for producing laminated individual stable posters with horse and rider details for every rider again this year.

Day 1 (Monday) was the opening Ceremony where some 300+ riders marched to the grandstand of spectators where each state was announced individually.

Day 2 (Tuesday) was dedicated to Show Horse classes and as we didn't have any competitors for this class.

Day 3 (Wed) saw the commencement of the Dressage and Show Jumping round 1.

Day 4 (Thurs) was our busy day with Combined Training Dressage and Showjumping, and Showjumping round two.

Day 5 (Frid) completed the 3rd round of Showjumping followed by the closing ceremony.

Final Prize Winners

Whilst all riders were did really well several were in the top 10 of their classes. Our outstanding performer was Chloe Daun with reserve champion 80cm showjumper. Congratulations also to Laura Monty for 6th in the 90cm AM5.





In summary I would like to thank all riders and parents for the help and comradery I received during our time away. A special thanks to Sam for her Team Captain's leadership and preparation of stable displays etc . All riders should be congratulated for their behaviour and willingness to help each other and hope they get the opportunity to continue in their favourite discipline and future trips. We say farewell to Sam and Alanah as this is their last year to be eligible for Interschool's and wish them well in future endeavours.

Next year's Interschool Championship is in Werribee, Victoria

Regards

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