



EFHKC Inter-school Equestrian Challenge 2024

Entry Form

Please complete this form in **BLOCK LETTERS** – Closing date for entries: **11th December, 2023 (Monday)**

N.B. Entries that are incomplete, contain 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 1st Jan. 2024: _____

Name of school: _____

Regular Riding School: _____

Contact mobile number: _____ EFHKC Membership No.: _____

Contact E-mail: _____

Weight: _____ Height: _____

Riding competition experience (see note '2. Eligibility' on page 1):

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: _____

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: _____

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



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Rules and Regulations for the EFHKC Inter-school Equestrian Challenge 2024

1. Events, Dates & Venues

a. Lower Division (10-14 yrs.)

Heats	February 23; March 1, 15, (22*) (Fridays)
Time	2.00 – 5.00 p.m.
Venue	Lo Wu Saddle Club (LWSC)
Level	i. Dressage (Ingestre Preliminary Dressage Test 1 (2013) (20 x 40 m) ii. Showjumping (40-50 cm) (clear round and form over fences)

b. Higher Division (12-16 yrs.)

Heats	February 21, 28; March 6, (13*) (Wednesdays)
Time	2.00 – 5.00 p.m.
Venue	HKJC Tuen Mun Public Riding School (TMPRS)
Level	i. Dressage (Ingestre Preliminary Dressage Test 6 (2013) (20 x 40 m) ii. Showjumping (70-80 cm) (clear round and form over fences)

* backup date

c. Higher & Lower Division finals

The Lower Division final will be held on Friday April 12 (dressage) and on Saturday April 13 (showjumping) at Lo Wu Saddle Club (LWSC).

The Higher Division final will be held on Saturday April 13, at Lo Wu Saddle Club (LWSC).

2. Eligibility

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

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 EFHKC 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.).

The Lower Division is open to teams of riders aged **10-14 yrs.** (i.e. 14 or under on January 1, 2024), 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.

The Higher Division is open to teams of riders aged **12-16 yrs.** (i.e. 16 or under on January 1, 2024), 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.

a. Teams

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.

[N.B. See also 9. Team scores (p.5) when assigning riders to Lower Division teams.]



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b. Individual riders

Individual riders may take part in the heats. 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 heats (dressage and showjumping).
- Participation in a 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.

c. 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 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.

3. Entries

In order to further encourage young riders to continue to compete throughout the year, the EFHKC will provide **free junior membership for the current season*** to all participants in the EFHKC 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 EFHKC 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 **The Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China** 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 EFHKC at the address below, on or before **Monday 11th December 2023** (other payment methods are shown below). 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 26th January, 2024)

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

Payment Methods:

a.	FPS (Fast Payment System) ID-0892570; Hong Kong Equestrian Federation (Old Name) The Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China (New Name) *Scan/pdf copy of payment confirmation required
b.	Bank-in Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) A/C no: 411-0-326427-0 *Scan/pdf copy of payment confirmation required
c.	Cheque Payable to "The Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China"

For further information:

Email: yung.lai@efhkc.org or see the EFHKC website www.efhkc.org

* from the date of approval until 25 October 2024.



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4. Ground Juries

For the heats only, both the dressage and jumping competitions will be judged by at least one ground jurist drawn from the EFHKC's panel of judges. To ensure fairness and consistency, all heats will be evaluated by the same judge(s).

If no listed judge is available during weekday scheduling, EFHKC may appoint an experienced riding instructor or expert, subject to approval by the EFHKC Board of Directors.

For the final, both the dressage and jumping competitions, in both Lower and Higher Divisions, will be judged by two ground jurists drawn from the EFHKC's panel of judges.

5. Dress and Saddlery

Riders must be appropriately dressed for competition (and when receiving awards), which includes approved protective headgear (conforming to EFHKC General Rules Article 113.2).

Dress requirements for dressage and jumping: a hunting or hacking jacket with a white collared shirt and a stock or tie; cream, beige or white jodhpurs; gloves; long boots or boots with matching chaps.

For the EFHKC Inter-school Equestrian Challenge, jackets need not be worn but riders must be tidily presented with a short- or long-sleeved white shirt and white stock or tie. In lieu of a white shirt, teams may choose to wear a school-approved polo or rugby shirt with collar and sleeves (for which no stock or tie is required).

Whips may be carried for dressage but should not exceed the length of 100 cm. For jumping, a whip should not exceed 75 cm in length. Any use of spurs must be approved by the chief riding instructor or manager of the riding school hosting the competition heat or final.

For full dress and saddlery requirements, please refer to the EFHKC General Rules Article 113 – 117, which are available on the EFHKC website: see Rules & Regulations. <http://bit.ly/efhkc-rules>

6. Heats

a. Lower Division

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). (see 7.)

Upon the conclusion of all 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 (see 7.c.).

b. Higher Division

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).

Upon the conclusion of all 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 (see 7.c.).

7. Competition Format

a. Dressage Test

Dressage tests are given on separate sheets and may be downloaded from the EFHKC website www.efhkc.org. The dressage tests for the heats will be:

Lower Division: Ingestre Preliminary Dressage Test 1 (2013) (20 x 40 m)

Higher Division: Ingestre Preliminary Dressage Test 6 (2013) (20 x 40 m)

The dressage tests for the competition final will be made available on the EFHKC website www.efhkc.org after the completion of the last heat.



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b. Jumping test for the heats

In the heats, points are awarded for the horse and rider's form over each fence, collective points are also awarded for *rhythm* and *track*, as well as the rider's *position* and *effectiveness* (a sample scoring sheet is attached on pp.7-8 for guidance).

c. Classification for the heats

For the calculation of team scores in the heats, the sum of the scores of the three best-placed team members in dressage is added to the sum of the scores of the three best-placed team members in jumping. When all of the heats have been completed, the four top-scoring teams in each division will proceed to the final.

In the event of equality of team scores, the classification is decided by the highest team score for dressage. And if there is still equality, then the sum of the collective marks in dressage (for those riders relevant to the team score).

d. Jumping test for the final

In the competition final, jumping penalties will be judged under "Table A not against the clock" (see table below) and, in the event of equal faults, the time of the first placed rider will be closest to the calculated **time allowed**. There will be no jump-off.

The time allowed = (length of the course) / (the speed demanded)

Completing the course in less than the time allowed is not rewarded, but exceeding the time allowed is penalised by 0.4 penalty for each commenced second exceeding the time allowed, up to the time limit, which is twice the time allowed.

Course and Obstacles:

	Lower Division	Higher Division
Obstacle heights	40 - 50 cm	70 - 80 cm
No. of obstacles	8 - 10	8 - 10
Maximum length	450 m	450 m
Speed	325 m/min	350 m/min
Maximum Spread	0.70 m	1.00 m

The course may include only one double combination.

Penalties (*Table A not against the clock*):

Knockdown	4 penalties
First run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	4 penalties
Second run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	8 penalties
Third disobedience in whole test	Elimination & 25 penalties
Fall of athlete	Elimination & 25 penalties
Fall of horse	Elimination & 25 penalties
For every commenced second in excess of the time allowed	0.4 penalty
Exceeding the time limit (which is twice the time allowed) and allowed to continue if safe	Elimination & 25 penalties
Time correction for knockdown with disobedience	6 seconds added to test completion



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e. Classification for the final

For the calculation of team scores in the final, penalties incurred for the jumping test are added to a rider's penalties incurred for the dressage test (*i.e.* 100 minus the percentage awarded). The team score is the sum of the penalties of the three best-placed team members. The winning team will be the team with the lowest total penalties.

In the event of equality of team scores, the classification is decided by the highest marks for the Dressage test. If there is still equality, the best jumping round and if still equality the time closest to the optimum in the jumping test determines the result.

8. Horses

Horses for the heats will be drawn for teams and individuals in the presence of EFHKC staff and TPRS/LWSC staff on or around **18th December, 2023 (Monday)** in TPRS/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@biznetvigator.com).

To book practice sessions for the Higher Division heats (one-hour lessons in *either* dressage *or* jumping), please contact the EFHKC at 2966 5078 or info@efhkc.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. Each 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 ranking competition; (iii) an exchange of horses may be required for veterinary or other reason approved by the competition organisers.

9. 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.

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 EFHKC 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.]

10. Rosettes and other prizes

a. Rosettes for each heat

At the completion of each heat of the Lower and Higher Divisions, 1st-6th place rosettes will be awarded to individuals for each discipline.

b. Prizes for Lower Division Heats

Following the completion of all heats in the Lower Division, the top 5 individuals overall in each discipline will receive medals, which will be awarded at the competition final on Saturday April 13.

c. Prizes for Higher Division Heats

Following the completion of all heats in the Higher Division, the top 5 individuals overall in each discipline will receive medals, which will be awarded at the competition final on Saturday April 13.



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10. Rosettes and other prizes (cont.)

d. Prizes for Lower Division Final

The top 5 individuals in each discipline will receive rosettes.

Team finalists in the Lower Division will be awarded 1st-4th place rosettes. The winning team will also be awarded the Ann Baron Memorial Cup and will receive a special training session in Hong Kong in November 2024.

A special award, sponsored and judged by LWSC, is given for the best turned-out horse and rider combination.

Where provided by competition sponsors, additional prizes may be awarded for team placings and/or high-scoring individuals.

e. Prizes for Higher Division final

The top 5 individuals in each discipline will receive rosettes.

Team finalists in the Higher Division will be awarded 1st-4th place rosettes. Details of the Grand Prize for the winning team – an opportunity to ride at Ingestre Stables (UK) during the last week of June – are given below (see 10.e.).

A special award, sponsored and judged by LWSC, is given for the best turned-out horse and rider combination.

Where provided by competition sponsors, additional prizes may be awarded for team placings and/or high-scoring individuals.

f. Grand Prize for the winning Higher Division 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 The Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China (EFHKC), including transportation to/from Birmingham Airport (BHX) or Manchester Airport (MAN) and Ingestre Stables. The EFHKC 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.]

IMPORTANT: It is the responsibility of parents/guardians and chefs d'équipes 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 Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China 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 EFHKC Inter-school Equestrian Challenge.

SAMPLE SHOWJUMPING SCORESHEET

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Showjumping

Higher Division (70-80 cm)

No. _____ Horse: _____ Rider: _____ School: _____

Fence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Clear /5									
Form over fence /5									

Time*	Time* penalties	Total ¹

* for elimination mark 'E' and relevant penalty

		Max. marks	Judge's marks	Coefficient	Total	Remarks
Rhythm	Correct speed to stay in balance	20		1		
Track	Correct track to and away from fences. Correct or corrected canter leads and track around arena	20		1		
Position	Rider's seat, leg and hand positions	20		1		
Effectiveness	Use of correct aids to maintain harmony in jumping	20		2		
Total ²						

Final mark ⁽¹⁺²⁾ /180

%

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Position:

Date:

Judge's signature:

- Penalties:
- 5 for each fence down
 - 5 for first refusal
 - 25 for second refusal elimination and elimination for fall
 - 1 for every 4 seconds, or part thereof, in excess of the time limit

SAMPLE SHOWJUMPING SCORESHEET

Showjumping assessment in the heats

In the heats, the showjumping competition will be judged according to jumping faults and by the horse and rider's form over each fence.

The chief attributes for the assessment of form are rhythm, line (track) 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.