



Olympic Sports: Equestrian

About Equestrian Events

Show Jumping: team and individual

Dressage: team and individual

Eventing: team and individual

Show jumping is also a part of the Modern Pentathlon event along with fencing, running and swimming.

An equestrian event is one where a horse and rider complete a set of skills. As an Olympic sport, it is unusual because it is the only sport that involves an animal. It is also one of the very few events where women and men compete together and can be on the same team.



Dressage

At the Olympics, there are three major types of equestrian events. In Show Jumping, riders take their horses over a series of high fences, called jumps. The rider or team with the fastest time and fewest mistakes wins. In Dressage, riders and their horses perform a set of complicated steps. Judges score each rider on how well they perform the steps. Those that score highest win. The final type of equestrian event is Eventing, which takes place over three days. Riders and their horses compete in show jumping, dressage and cross-country riding, which is a race across an open field with jumps and obstacles. The highest combined score is the winner.



U.S. athlete Eli Bremer in the 2000 Olympics

Secret Code Word

Use the secret code to find a word about equestrian events. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

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8	15	18	19	5	19

Secret code

1 = A	7 = G	13 = M	19 = S	25 = Y
2 = B	8 = H	14 = N	20 = T	26 = Z
3 = C	9 = I	15 = O	21 = U	
4 = D	10 = J	16 = P	22 = V	
5 = E	11 = K	17 = Q	23 = W	
6 = F	12 = L	18 = R	24 = X	

Q&A

What equestrian event includes cross-country?

Eventing

Show jumping is included in what Olympic event with fencing and swimming?

Modern Pentathlon

Equestrian events are the only Olympic events that include what?

Animals or horses

In Olympic equestrian events, can men and women compete on the same team?

Yes