

has been an olympic event since 1984.

In the **jumping event**, riders and horses attempt to complete an obstacle course while avoiding penalties for knocking over any of the 12 obstacles or for completing the course two slowly.

The qualification round in equestrian jumping actually determines the finals in both the individual and the team competition. The individual jumping final consists of two rounds and the rider with the best penalty score at the end of the two rounds wins the gold medal. If there is a tie after two rounds (as has been the case in previous Olympic Games), a *jump-off* occurs. In the jump off, time is used as a tiebreaker if the penalty scores in the jump-off round are the same.

In the team final, four riders compete on each team. The team's best three scores in each of the two rounds are added together to establish the team score.

In **dressage**, the horse and rider perform a series of movements synchronized to music, and the judges evaluate and score the performance. There are three rounds in equestrian dressage, the *grand prix*, the *grand prix special*, and the *grand prix level freestyle test*. Each rider earns points individually and for their respective team simultaneously. The team dressage event actually ends following the grand prix special while the individual event utilizes all three rounds.

Eventing combines both jumping and dressage and adds a third component: cross-country. Cross-country is a longer obstacle course that typically takes place on something resembling a trail compared to the riding arena used for the jumping events. Riders earn points based on how they finish each of the three events and the lowest score wins the competition. Teams are made up of three athletes and the individual and team events happen simultaneously.

Equestrian Schedule

Events in ET, medal events in bold

Date	Time	Event
Sat, July 27	3:30 AM	Eventing Dressage
Sun, July 28	3:30 AM	Eventing Cross Country
Mon, July 29	5:00 AM	Jumping Qualifier
Mon, July 29	9:00 AM	Eventing Jumping Final
Tue, July 30	5:00 AM	Dressage Grand Prix Day 1
Wed, July 31	4:00 AM	Dressage Grand Prix Day 2
Thu, Aug 1	5:00 AM	Jumping Team Qualifier
Fri, Aug 2	8:00 AM	Jumping Team Final

Date	Time	Event
Sat, Aug 3	4:00 AM	Dressage Grand Prix Special
Sun, Aug 4	4:00 AM	Dressage Grand Prix Freestyle
Mon, Aug 5	8:00 AM	Individual Jumping Qualifier
Tue, Aug 6	4:00 AM	Jumping Individual Final

2020 Equestrian Medal Count



