2026 Shelford Quality Home
WA State Dressage Championships

DRESSAGE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

11th – 13th September 2026

State Equestrian Centre

SHELFORD QUALITY HOMES

2026 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Including Competitor, Participant, Pony, Para Dressage, Virtus, Off The Track and Young Horse/Pony

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COMPETITOR INFORMATION

The organising committee (OC) of Dressage WA (DWA) would like to thank you for your support of our annual State Dressage Championships (SDC).
Entries open through Nominate on Tuesday 21st July 2026.
Entries Close at 11pm on Sunday 16th August 2026.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The 2026 WA State Dressage Championships will be run in accordance with the documents listed below. These Rules cannot provide for every eventuality. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate Official(s) to make a decision in a sporting spirit and adhere as closely as possible to the intention of these rules:

- This Event Schedule and Terms & Conditions of entry (this document)
- The EA Dressage Rules January 2026
- The EA National Para Dressage Rules July 2026
- The FEI Dressage Rules 2026
- The Virtus Equestrian Dressage Rules 2026
- The EA General Regulations February 2026
- The EA Dressage Equipment Annexure 2026
- The EA Social Media Policy December 2025

Note Article 99(8) of the General Regulations 11 February 2026 wherein it states: “Sport Rules and Special Regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations. In cases of conflict of interpretation between the provision of the Sports Rules or Special Regulations, the General Regulations will take precedence”.

INDEMNITY

Neither the Organising Committee (Dressage WA), Equestrian Western Australia or the State Equestrian Centre accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders, grooms, ground spectators, or any other person or property whatsoever.
All competitors entering this event accept this statement of liability as per EA Dressage Rule 3.3.

EVENT OFFICIALS

Event Director	Terrina Fairbrother	0403 346 440
DWA Chair	Gabriella Robson	0408 900 702
Head of Ground Jury	Jobina Kennedy	
Technical Delegate	Georgina Marchesi	
Chief Steward	Don Smailes	0439 886 087
Rider’s Representative	Alexia Sita	0448 626 618
Young Rider’s Representative	Georgia Grose	0448 808 448
PE Rider’s Representative	Sharon Jarvis	

AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF HORSE AND/OR RIDER FOR COMPETITION

Refer EA National Dressage Rule 4.1

a) EA or affiliated organisations conducting the dressage competition(s) on behalf of EA shall be empowered to refuse any entry, with or without stating reasons. They shall be the sole judges of the eligibility according to these rules of any horse or rider to compete in any particular level and may transfer any entry of any such horse or rider to any lower or higher-ranking level.
b) Should the OC reject your entry, you will receive a full refund of your entry fee. All refunds will be completed after the Event.

The OC reserves the right to amend the Schedule of Events/Program at any time before and during the Event. In the event of an amendment the OC will make all best endeavours to notify attendees

CODES OF CONDUCT

Dressage Western Australia (DWA) reminds all attendees at the State Dressage Championships of the following “Codes of Conduct” which are to be adhered to at all times.

- FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse
- EA General Code of Conduct
- EA Code of Conduct for EA Members, Administrators, Directors and Officers
- EA Code of Conduct for Officials
- EA Code of Conduct for Participants
- EA Code of Conduct for Parents and Guardians
- EA Code of Conduct for Spectators
- EA Code of Conduct for Coaches

A copy of the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse can be found here:
FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse
Copies of each EA Code of Conduct, as listed above, can be found here:
EA Code of Conduct

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

- Withdrawals (Scratching's) and Refunds – No competitor shall withdraw from a competition within 8 hours of its commencement without the permission of the OC. A written statement must be provided to the OC (Refer rule 10.4)
- Entry fees will not be refunded after the closing date of entries unless a medical or veterinary certificate is to be produced within 24 hours of the completion of the Championships. In such cases, 50% of the entry fees will be retained by the OC. The Volunteer Levy and the Ambulance Levy are non-refundable.
- Entry fees will be refunded in full for scratchings notified in writing before the closing date.
- All refunds will be completed after the Event.

WARNING CARDS

Refer to Dressage Rule 1.6 - and General Regulations Article 169.6.3 - for the potential penalty in relation to complaints about incorrect behaviour towards Event Officials or any Other Party connected with the Event (other rider, member, journalist, public etc).

PROTESTS

Protests to the Ground July (via the Technical Delegate) must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of $250.00. Attention is drawn to Rule 1.6 of the EA Dressage Rules, and EA General Regulations (Article Numbers 165 to 169 inclusive). No deposit is required for protests concerning abuse of the horse.

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIONS FOR EACH DAY

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2026 – START TIME 8:00AM

(arenas and order of classes to be advised with the draw)

OTT Classic Preliminary 1.2
OTT Classic Preliminary 1.3
OTT Classic Novice 2.2
OTT Classic Novice 2.3
OTT Classic Elementary 3.2
OTT Classic Elementary 3.3
OTT Classic Medium 4.2
OTT Classic Medium 4.3

FEI Young Horse 4yo test
FEI Young Horse 5yo test
FEI Young Horse 6yo test
FEI Young Horse 7yo test

Virtus Equestrian Development Level Tests
PE FEI Para Novice Test A
PE FEI Para Intermediate Test A
PE FEI Para Grand Prix Test A

Competitor Advanced 5.2
Competitor Advanced 5.3
Competitor Pony Advanced 5.2
Competitor Pony Advanced 5.3

FEI Intermediate I
FEI Intermediate A
FEI Grand Prix

FEI Young Pony 4yo test
FEI Young Pony 5yo test
FEI Young Pony 6yo test

PE EA Para Prep Test
PE EA Para Preliminary Test
PE EA Para Novice Test

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026 – START TIME 8:00AM

(arenas and order of classes to be advised with the draw)

Competitor Novice 2.2
Competitor Novice 2.3
Competitor Pony Novice 2.2
Competitor Pony Novice 2.3

Competitor Medium 4.2
Competitor Medium 4.3
Competitor Pony Medium 4.2
Competitor Pony Medium 4.3

PE FEI Para Novice Test B
PE FEI Para Intermediate Test B
PE FEI Para Grand Prix Test B

Participant Novice 2.2
Participant Novice 2.3

FEI Prix St George
FEI Intermediate B
FEI Intermediate II
FEI Grand Prix Special

PE FEI Grade I, II & III Freestyles
Virtus Equestrian Performance Level Tests
Virtus Equestrian Performance Li2 Freestyle
Virtus Li2 FEI Para Challenge II Grade III
Foundation Test - Team Test

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SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026 – START TIME 8:00AM
(arenas and order of classes to be advised with the draw)

Competitor Preliminary 1.2
Competitor Preliminary 1.3
Competitor Pony Preliminary 1.2
Competitor Pony Preliminary 1.3

Participant Preliminary 1.2
Participant Preliminary 1.2

Competitor Elementary 3.2
Competitor Elementary 3.3
Competitor Pony Elementary 3.2
Competitor Pony Elementary 3.3

Participant Elementary 3.2
Participant Elementary 3.3

Medium Freestyle Horse/Pony
Advanced Freestyle Horse/Pony
FEI Intermediate I Freestyle
FEI Medium Tour Freestyle
FEI Grand Prix Kur
PE FEI Grade IV and V Freestyles
Virtus Equestrian Li1 and Li3 Performance Freestyles

ENTRY FEES

EA Competitor Classes
$65.00
FEI Classes
$85.00
EA Participant Classes
$60.00
EA Para Equestrian Classes
$65.00
FEI Para Equestrian Classes
$85.00
Virtus Equestrian Classes
$65.00
OTT Classic Classes
$60.00
Young Horse/Pony Classes
$65.00

ADDITIONAL ENTRY FEES

- Volunteer Helper Levy
  $50.00 *(per horse/rider combination for entire Event, refundable IF a helper duty is competed)*
- State Equestrian Centre Facility Fee
  $16.50 *(per horse/rider combination per day)*
- Ambulance Levy
  $20.00 *(per horse/rider combination per day)*
- Administration Fee
  $5.00
- DDF
  $10.00/$16.00 *($10.00 for one test per day $16.00 for two or more tests per day)*

PRIZES AND PRIZE MONEY

The offer and payment of prize money shall be consistent with the EA National Dressage Rules, and/or at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

- Refer EA Dressage Rule 3.20
- Goods in kind may replace prize money in some competitions.
- Unless otherwise stated, Rosettes and/or Sashes to be awarded for 1st to 6th placegetters in classes where competitors, on the day, exceed 12.
- Unless otherwise stated, Rosettes and/or Sashes to be awarded for 1st to 3rd placegetters in classes where competitors, on the day, do not exceed 12.
- Reserve Champions will be awarded for all levels where competitors on the day exceed three.
- Prize money/goods in kind to be allocated on the basis of 1 for every 5 starters e.g. 35 starters, prize money/goods in kind to at least 7th place with 3rd being no less than the entry fee.

FEI PRIX ST GEORGE – STEPH ROBSON MEMORIAL (FEATURE EVENT)

The committee of Dressage WA remains keen to support and showcase those horse and rider combinations who reach FEI level. The Prix St George class to be conducted on Saturday 13th September 2026 will be in honour of Steph Robson, a much-loved personality and great contributor to equestrian sport in Western Australia over the years.

The winner of the class will receive a beautiful presentation rug and garland, kindly donated by Steph Robson's friends and daughter - Robin Allen, Judy Weber and Bella Robson designating them as the "2026 WA State Prix St George Champion". All class entrants will receive participant sashes or rosettes in addition to awards and prize money referred to the Schedule above.

PLACINGS FOR YOUNG RIDERS

- For this Event - the 2026 WA State Dressage Championships - the definition of a Young Rider is aged from 8 years to 21 years inclusive - which is from the start of the calendar year they turn 8 years of age, up to the end of the calendar year they turn 21 years of age.
- This is for Official Competitor Riders only (athletes must be a full EWA Competitor Member, and their Pony/Horse must hold full Registration with EWA).
- Rosettes and/or sashes will be awarded to Young Rider entrants in Competitor Horse, Competitor Pony, FEI classes and Participant classes (excepting Para Equestrian classes) for 1st to 3rd placegetters.
- Refer EA General Regulations Article 108(1) and EA National Dressage Rule 4.8.4.

COMPETITIONS - OFF THE TRACK CLASSIC

Champion OTT Preliminary Horse	OTT Preliminary 1.2
	OTT Preliminary 1.3
Champion OTT Novice Horse	OTT Novice 2.2
	OTT Novice 2.3
Champion OTT Elementary Horse	OTT Elementary 3.2
	OTT Elementary 3.3
Champion OTT Medium Horse	OTT Medium 4.2
	OTT Medium 4.3

Placegetters 1st to 3rd in each class.
All entrants are to hold an OTT Passport and submit a copy to the OC.
Champions to be decided on a point system of both competitions at each level. Refer Rule 10.10 EA Dressage Rule Book.
Overall OTT Para/Virtus Champion will be determined by the Highest Aggregate Percentage of the FEI, EA and Virtus tests ridden on an Off the Track Thoroughbred. Passport must be submitted to the OC.

COMPETITIONS – COMPETITOR PRELIMINARY TO ADVANCED PONIES AND HORSES
Champions from Preliminary level to Advanced level will be decided on a point system of both competitions at 2026 WA State Dressage Championships 11th to 13th September each level unless otherwise advised in this schedule. Refer Rule 10.10 EA Dressage Rule Book.

COMPETITIONS – COMPETITOR MEDIUM AND ADVANCED FREESTYLE
Open to horse/ponies who have qualified/been accepted, entered and competed in the Medium or Advanced competition at the 2026 State Dressage Championships. The Off The Track Medium competition is open to those who have qualified/been accepted, entered and competed in the Medium Off The Track Classic competition at the 2026 State Dressage Championships. The Medium and Advanced Freestyle is a “stand alone” competition with the scores/placing having no effect/result on the Medium and Advanced Championship.

COMPETITIONS - PARTICIPANT / ADULT RIDER PRELIMINARY TO ELEMENTARY

- As per General Regulations Article 104(2) – QUOTE: “Official Participation activities are open to all members of EA and Horse Registration requirements are to be determined by the state/activity/event/OC and may be enforced for bio-security purposes. Participation Events can be limited to Athletes of certain categories stated by the OC eg: EA Participant Members”.
- “Participant/Adult Rider” Classes are designed for Grass Roots riders at restricted level competition (Preliminary/Novice/Elementary). DWA encourages “Competitor” riders (those that hold full EWA Membership for both Rider and Pony/Horse) to enter the Official Competitor classes.
- Those riders entering “Participant/Adult Rider” classes must hold a current minimum EWA Participant Membership or EWA Adult Rider Membership.

- Note that Membership to ARCA, or an EWA Affiliated ARCA Club does not (on its own) qualify for entry into EA "Participant/Adult Rider" classes at the SDC.
- For this Event – the 2026 SDC State Dressage Championships - EWA Registered Ponies/Horses that hold a current Performance Card/Competition License, with or without grading points, are requested to not enter Participant/Adult Rider classes at the State Dressage Championships.
- "Participant/Adult Rider" ponies/horses cannot also enter Competitor classes at the State Dressage Championships.
- "Competitor" ponies/horses cannot enter Participation/Adult Rider classes at the State Dressage Championships.
- Ponies and Horses will not be split at the SDC for Participant/Adult Rider classes.
- A Champion Preliminary Participant, Champion Novice Participant and Champion Elementary Participant will be awarded.

COMPETITIONS - PARA EQUESTRIAN

- All Para Equestrian tests will be conducted in accordance with this document (the Event Schedule and Terms & Conditions of Entry) as well as the latest edition (including amendments) of the EA National Dressage Rules, and the EA General Regulations of 2026, and the current Para Dressage Rules.

Para Equestrian Championships:

- EA PE Champion – Will be determined by the highest Aggregate Percentage of the EA PE Tests ridden.
- FEI PE Champion - Will be determined by the highest Aggregate Percentage of the FEI PE Tests ridden including the FEI PE Freestyle.

COMPETITIONS - VIRTUS

- All Virtus Equestrian tests will be for riders who are eligible under the criteria as defined by VIRTUS.
- All Virtus Equestrian tests will be conducted in accordance with this document (the Event Schedule and Terms & Conditions of Entry) as well as the latest edition (including amendments) of the EA National Dressage Rules, and the EA General Regulations of 2026, and the current Virtus Equestrian Dressage Rules for Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment 4th edition.
- Virtus Equestrian riders must supply their own horses.
- Please note that all tests ridden for Virtus Competitions and used under the agreement of the FEI, the initial halt on entry will be removed
- Virtus Equestrian Championships:
  - EA Virtus Champion – Will be determined by the Highest Aggregate Percentage of the Virtus tests ridden.
  - FEI Virtus Champion - Will be determined by the Highest Aggregate Percentage of the Virtus tests ridden.
- The Virtus Equestrian Dressage Rules 2026

YOUNG HORSE & PONY COMPETITION

- Judges will judge each age group in accordance with the FEI dressage test marking sheets.
- The 7 year old FEI qualifier will include a Technical Judge.
- Scores will be totaled and places in each class awarded in order of highest points.
- Fall of horse or rider will entail elimination from the competition.
- Disobedience of the horse/pony may entail elimination from the competition at the judge's discretion.
- Horse/pony for 4yr old class date of birth 1 Aug 2022 – 31 July 2023
- Horse/pony for 5yr old class date of birth 1 Aug 2021 – 31 July 2022
- Horse/pony for 6yr old class date of birth 1 Aug 2020 – 31 July 2021
- Horse for 7yr old class date of birth 1 Aug 2019 – 31 July 2020
- There is no championship for Young horse/pony classes at the 2026 State Dressage Championships.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Dressage Western Australia Committee has approved the following criteria for combinations to secure qualification to the 2026 WA State Dressage Championships:

Qualification Criteria for 2026 State Dressage Championships.

Qualification period:

- Commences 17/08/2025
- Ends 31/08/2026

Requirements:

- ONE (1) qualification score is required
- Balloting then based on top TWO (2) performances at that level if class is oversubscribed (over 30) or classes cannot be separated.
- Competitor and Pony classes from Preliminary to Advanced - One official competition score at the level to be entered over 60%. Training, unofficial, in-house club, PCWA and adult rider tests are NOT acceptable
- Eventing tests (as per conversions available in the qualification criteria document) and EWA Interschool State Championship tests will be accepted, provided that the score equates to over 60%.
- Qualification at one level, will also qualify the combination for the level below provided that the grading is appropriate i.e. combination that qualifies at Medium level may also enter at Elementary level if the horse is still graded to compete at Elementary level.
- FEI classes Prix St George to Grand Prix - One official competition score over 60% (min 2 judges officiating).

- With the exception of the FEI Small Tour i.e. Prix St George and Intermediate I – one score at one level of the FEI Medium and FEI Big Tours will qualify the combination for the other level i.e. Grand Prix qualifies the combination at Intermediate II level and vice versa.
- Participant classes at Preliminary, Novice and Elementary level - One official participant competition score over 60%. Training, unofficial, in-house club, PCWA and adult rider tests are NOT acceptable.
- Para Equestrian (FEI, EA and Virtus) – Riders must have achieved 58% in the past 12 months. It is the Rider only, NOT horse and rider combination.
- Off The Track Classic – The horse and rider combination must have completed at least one dressage test since 17/08/2025. This can be a competitor, participant, unofficial or eventing dressage test.
- Young Horse Classes – No qualification required.
- It is the COMBINATION that must obtain the qualification. With the exception of Para Equestrian.
- Hors Concourse (HC) scores cannot be used as a qualification score.
- Competition results from the 2025 WA State Dressage Championships will be accepted as the one qualification required for the 2026 WA State Dressage Championships.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING

(excluding Young Horse/Pony, Para & Virtus Equestrian Competition.)

Championships for EA Levels are to be decided on points with all horse ranked in each of the two tests (as per EA rule 10.10 for National Championships). Where there are equal places, the Champion will be the horse with the highest aggregate percentage at that level. In the event of a further tie, the horse with the highest percentage in the higher competition at that level will be deemed the Champion.

CHAMPIONSHIP RUGS will be presented as follows using Championship point system (rule 10.10) unless advised otherwise.

- Competitor Championship Awards: Championships will be awarded in the following levels: Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium and Advanced.
- Small Tour Champion will be determined by the highest combined results using the Champions point score system in the Prix St George, Intermediate I, and Intermediate I Freestyle competition.
- Medium Tour Champion will be determined by the highest combined results using the champions point scores system in the Intermediate A, Intermediate B and Medium Tour (Intermediate A/B) Freestyle competitions.
- Big Tour Champion: is the combination that achieves the best two scores in either the FEI Grand Prix and the FEI Grand Prix Special or the FEI Grand Prix and the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle (as per Rule 10.10e).
- Pony Championship Awards: Championships will be awarded in the following levels: Competitive: Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium and Advanced.

- Participation/Adult Rider Championship Awards: Will be awarded for Participant Preliminary, Participant Novice, and Participant Elementary.
- OTT Classic: Championships will be awarded in the following levels: Preliminary, Novice, Elementary and Medium.

PRESENTATIONS

As a courtesy to sponsors and organisers (and possible photographic opportunities), it is compulsory for all Champions/Placegetters to be in attendance at the Presentations. Champions/Placegetters who are not in attendance will forfeit any entitlement to prizes/prize money. Any exemptions are to be applied for to the Ground Jury.

Riders are to present in full competition attire for unmounted presentations including jacket, helmet and rider boots.

For mounted presentations (as above), but in addition, horses may be presented in white bandages or white boots.

Presentations will take place at the end of each competition. A presentation schedule will be in the digital program at the commencement of the Championships.

MEDICATION CONTROL (SWABBING OF PONIES AND HORSES)

Medication Control (Swabbing) of Ponies/Horses is mandatory at State Dressage Championships and will be carried out in accordance with the latest issue of the EA Medication Control Policy and FEI Veterinary Regulations.
Refer EA Medication Control Policy April 2024
A refusal or willful obstruction by any person to submit a horse for sampling is regarded as a doping violation.
The Person Responsible/Owner/Athlete must have their Pony/Horse EA/FEI Dressage Performance Card / Competition License available for identification purposes at all EA/FEI Events, otherwise a penalty may be applied.

Pony/Horse Identification can be presented via the following means:

a) Hard copy, or
b) Picture or photograph of the Horse Registration Certificate, or
c) Available via JustGo member portal in the Horse Hub on their phone or other digital device.

STABLING, STALLIONS, CAMPING AND CATERING SERVICES

- Stable bookings - please contact the State Equestrian Centre https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/sec/make-booking
- Stables are charged “per day” e.g. one overnight stay in the stables means two stable days to be paid.
- Temporary yards of any kind are not permitted for overnight stays.
- Competitors must use the stable allocated by the State Equestrian Centre for their Pony/Horse.
- The State Equestrian Centre must be made aware of any Pony/Horse with behavioural problems at the time of booking so that stables can be allocated accordingly.
- Any empty stables are not to be used as feed or tack rooms, or for any horse which stabling has not been booked.
- No-one is permitted to enter the stable of another Pony/Horse without the Owner’s permission and are not allowed to feed or water a horse that is not theirs. If a person has concerns about another competitor’s Pony/Horse, they should approach the Technical Delegate or the Event Office.
- Stallions are not permitted to be handled or ridden by anyone under 18 years of age.
- All stallions must be stabled and must wear at all times a green stallion disc. Refer Dressage Rule 4.8.4.2.
- Camping Bookings - please contact the State Equestrian Centre on 9296 1200.
- Food and Coffee Vans will be available each day at the State Equestrian Centre.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Nearby Veterinary Services are as follows for treatment of Ponies/Horses at the State Dressage Championships. Veterinary services are at the cost of the Owner/Rider/Person Responsible for the Pony/Horse.

- Belvoir Equine Hospital, Swan Valley, Telephone 24/7 on 9296 6666
- Valley Equine Veterinary Hospital, Swan Valley, Telephone 24/7 on 9296 3884

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

1. The State Dressage Championships are aligned to the National Dressage Championships, with some exceptions, but inclusive of Dressage Rule 10.13. The onus is on riders to know the rules under which they compete.
2. The person making the entry is wholly responsible for ensuring that the Pony/Horse/Rider is eligible for the competition/s in which they are making an entry, and that all details of the Pony/Horse match the EA database as per registration. Refer EA General Regulations Articles 114, 116, and 137.
3. Each Pony/Horse entered must have the same rider as nominated on the entry form for all Competitions for the entire event.
4. No Pony/Horse can compete with two riders excepting Para and Virtus Equestrian riders.
5. No Pony/Horse can compete in more than 3 dressage tests per day excepting Para & Virtus Equestrian horses.
6. The OC will make all efforts to conform by Rule 3.4 (timing of tests), however those with two or more ponies/horses competing may be required to ride earlier than 60 minutes (between EA tests) and 90 minutes (between FEI tests).
7. The Draw will be emailed to riders and posted on the DWA Website.
8. Once entries are closed, it is expected that there will be no changing of classes for riders. Any riders wanting to change classes must send an application to the Organising Committee with a payment of $150.00 for the OC's consideration.
9. Ponies/Horses competing in Official Competitor, Para-Equestrian, and FEI classes must be registered and financial with EWA and hold a current Dressage Performance Card/Competition License.
10. Ponies/Horses competing in Participant/Adult Rider classes are not required to be registered with EWA.
11. All Owners and Riders must be registered and financial with EWA to compete in all EA/FEI Events.
12. Ponies/Horses must compete under their full registered name. The OC can abbreviate a horse's name for printing purposes. EA Membership numbers must be shown on the Entry Form.
13. All tests are for Horses exceeding 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes.
14. Ponies must not exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes. Ponies must have a current measurement certificate to compete at any EWA Event. For the SDC please attach a copy of CURRENT Height Certificate to entries by the close of entries. Emailed copies will not be accepted unless requested by the Organising Committee. This document needs to be available at the event to present, if requested, to the Judge, Event Director, Organising Committee or Technical Delegate.
15. Riders may enter Official competitions from the start of the calendar year they turn 10 years of age when riding Horses. Riders may enter Official competitions from the start of the calendar year they turn 8 years of age when riding Ponies. Refer Dressage Rule 4.8.4.

16. Copies of current EA approved “exemption” cards/letters (non Para-Equestrian) for Ponies/Horses/Riders are to be attached to entries by the close of entries.
17. Hors Concours Entries – HC is not permitted at the State Dressage Championships.
18. For the SDC Event - EWA registered Ponies/Horses that hold a current Dressage Performance Card/Competition License, with or without grading points, must not compete in Participant/Adult Rider classes.
19. For the SDC Event - Ponies/Horses competing in Participant/Adult Rider classes, must not compete in Competitor Classes.
20. EA Level Competitions are open to Ponies/Horses that, at close of entries, have gained less than the following grading points: Preliminary/Novice: less than 40 upgrading points gained at Elementary level or above; Elementary: less than 40 upgrading points gained at Medium level or above; Medium: less than 30 upgrading points in FEI competitions. Ponies/Horses entered in all FEI competitions must have performed at the level entered (refer performance).
21. Bridle numbers must be always worn during training, warm up, competition, being led or grazed, tied to float, and/or whenever a Pony/Horse is out of its stable.
22. Participant/Adult Rider ponies/horses will be allocated a bridle number by the OC which must be worn at all times during training, warm up, competition, being led or grazed, tied to float, and/or whenever a Pony/Horse is out of its stable.
23. EA Stallion Safe Guidelines apply – stallions must always be identifiable by a green disc on both sides of the headcollar/bridle, or saddlecloth. Refer rule 4.8.5.
24. Callers: No test may be commanded (EA and FEI Tests) – except for those riders who may have their tests commanded and/or called as a compensating aid as listed on the FEI PE or EA PE ID Card.
25. Freestyle Music – details on procedure to submit Freestyle Music will be advised.
26. Dogs must always be on a lead and under control. No dogs are permitted in the Indoor Arena at any time.
27. No scooters, electric bikes, skateboards etc. are permitted anywhere on the grounds of the SEC, except for PE Mobility Scooters.
28. The following Arenas may be available for training/familiarisation on a “shared” basis, but only to any Pony/Horse entered and competing at the State Dressage Championships.
    - The Indoor Arena may be available for training/familiarisation time to be advised depending on availability.
    - The International Arena may be available for training/familiarisation time to be advised depending on availability.

    Please note that during these training/familiarisation periods, the EA Dressage Rules still apply for permitted gear, helmets, whips, arena etiquette, bridle/saddlecloth ID Numbers. No rider can make a private booking for arenas during these times. Led horses are not permitted in the arenas at any time, nor is coaching permitted unless headphones are worn.
29. Information regarding warm-up arenas, and other arena familiarisation times, will be indicated on the Draw.

ANNUAL AWARDS

To be presented at the DWA Awards Function in January 2027.

- **Award for FEI Riders:** The El Caballo Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the horse and rider combination who achieves the highest percentage in an FEI class during the SDC Event.
- **The Dressage WA Award:** The DWA Award will be awarded to the horse and rider combination who achieves the highest percentage in a Competitor class during the SDC Event (excluding Pony and Para Equestrian).
- **The Don Philino WE Award:** In memory of the wonderful Pony dressage stallion Don Philino WE. This Award will be presented to the Competitor pony and rider combination who achieve the highest percentage in a Pony class at the Competition.
- **Beelo-Bi Moondyne Joe Award:** Awarded in memory of the successful Advanced Pony Beelo-Bi Moondyne Joe and his contribution to the development of pony dressage in Western Australia. This award will be presented to the Competitor pony that achieves the highest percentage in highest level pony classes at the Competition

For the following awards please indicate and upload registration documents with your entries.

- **The Millionaire 'Royal Doulton' Memorial Award**: In honour of Life Member, Valerie Mayger's wonderful show and dressage horse "Millionaire". This Award will be presented to the registered thoroughbred who achieves the highest percentage in any Competitor, Pony, FEI or Para-Equestrian classes during the SDC.
- **The Australian Warmblood Horse Association Ltd Perpetual Trophy**: The AWHA Ltd Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the horse who is currently registered with the Association who achieves the highest percentage in any Competitor or FEI class during the Competition. The registered owner of the horse must be a current financial member of the Association. The award may also incorporate a presentation rug or award at the discretion of the Association.
- **The Grand Espoir Perpetual Trophy**: In celebration of Roz Tippett's FEI star, Grand Espoir, the trophy will be awarded to the Australian bred warmblood which obtains the highest score in any FEI classes during the Competition. The horse must be registered with any recognized breed society including ACE, AWHA Ltd, Hanoverian Horse Society of Aust etc.
- **Hanoverian Horse Society of Australia Award (Hanover or Rhineland):** This will be awarded to the registered Hanoverian or Rhineland horse which achieves the highest percentage in a Competitor or FEI class during the Competition. The registered owner of the horse must be a current financial member of the Society. The award may incorporate a presentation rug or other commemorative award at the discretion of the Association.
- **Tim Weigall Memorial – Arabian Achievement:** Award In honour of Tim Weigall and his amazing contribution to equestrian sport – a special presentation rug will be awarded to the Arabian or Arabian derivative registered with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia that achieves the highest percentage in EA competitor, para-equestrian or FEI classes at the Event. For registration enquiries for the Arabian Horse Society of Australia – go to https://www.ahsa.asn.au/registry

- **Welsh Pony & Cob Society Australia Incorporated** - Highest Percentage Award: Dressage WA is delighted to hold a partnership with the Welsh Pony & Cob Society Australia Inc to award the following:
  a) The registered Welsh Pony or Cob that achieves the highest percentage in any Competitor, Pony or FEI classes during the Competition.
  b) The registered Part Welsh Pony or Cob that achieves the highest percentage in any Competitor, Pony or FEI classes during the Competition. The winning combinations will receive a commemorative award. To be eligible, owners of the horse or pony must be current financial members of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Inc and the horse or pony entered in the relevant registry
- **Spanish Award- Highest Percentage Award**: Proudly sponsored by Sonar Contigo Spanish Horses - for horses registered with either the AHAA or the PREAA in any of the respective stud books under those organisations. To be eligible, horse or pony entered in the relevant registry of either AHAA or the PRESS