



DRESSAGE WA STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND 2025 FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE DRESSAGE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Dressage WA (DWA) is a discipline committee of Equestrian Western Australia (EWA). The Committee's role is to develop and administer the technical aspects of dressage in WA and promote education, training and competition at all levels.

DWA's vision is to create an inclusive culture for all dressage riders, supporters, officials and enthusiasts in WA and to facilitate an environment where participation and performance scores can grow at all levels.

What is the Dressage Development Fund?

The Dressage Development Fund (DDF) supports development of Dressage in WA. The DDF is a levy paid by riders when a horse/pony enters an Equestrian Australia (EA) approved Dressage Event. The amount paid is based on a number of tests entered.

For 2025 the DDF levy is \$10 for one test and \$16 for two or more tests. There has been a small increase in levies commencing 1st January 2025. Prior to this, the DDF had remained the same value since before 2015.

The DDF levy is collected by the Dressage event organiser when a horse/pony enters their Dressage Event. At the completion of the Dressage event the event organisers transfer the levy monies to Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) along with the Dressage event results where it is then transferred into a DDF levy account.

At the beginning of each calendar year the previous year's DDF revenue is used to fund the succeeding year's priority areas. The percentage of DDF money available each year may vary depending on the previous year's DDF collected revenue.

To achieve DWA's vision, five key result areas have been agreed. These are:

1. Increased opportunities for the training, education and accreditation of WA dressage and para-equestrian judges;
2. Increased opportunities for dressage and para-equestrian competition and training at all levels throughout Perth and regional WA;
3. Improved performance scores across all levels;
4. Increased interest, participation and innovation in dressage and para-equestrian in WA as a competitor, spectator, coach, official, organising committee or owner; and
5. Efficient and transparent governance and administration of dressage and para-equestrian in WA.

Initiatives to be delivered in 2025 are as follows:

| Key Result Area | | Proposed Initiatives |
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| 1. | Judge education, accreditation and training | Judge seminars and training opportunities run through the DJTF |
| 2. | Dressage competition opportunities for all levels across WA | Club incentive grants |
| | | State Dressage Championships |
| | | Participant (Grassroots) Dressage Championships |
| | | Mid-week dressage series |
| | | Pony Showcase |
| | | Para Equestrian Championships |
| 3. | Rider education and performance improvements | Support for WA participation at Australian Dressage Championships |
| | | Visiting clinicians and masterclasses |
| 4. | Interest and participation in dressage at all levels | Social awards event Leaderboard Marketing of events Innovation projects |
| 5. | Transparent governance and administration of dressage in WA | Website maintenance Riders' Forums Dressage WA administration and acquittal of DDF funds |

High Performance Pathway to Australian Dressage Championships

It is the vision of DWA to have the cream of WA Dressage combinations compete at the Australian Dressage Championships. To fulfill this vision, a grant of \$1,000 is available to Western Australian (WA) Combinations competing at CDI dressage events in 2025. Combinations must return to WA within 3 months of the CDI event.

Riders must apply for this grant using the form below following their return from the East Coast. Only one application will be accepted per horse, per financial year. Combinations need not compete in CDI classes.

Expenditure of the DDF levy will be supported by receipts and other information from grant recipients in a formal acquittal process.

Expenditure in 2025 on DDF grants are proposed as follows:

| Key Result (Priority) Area | | Proposed DDF Grant Initiatives | 2024 |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1. | Judge education, accreditation and training | Judge seminars and training opportunities run through the DJTF | \$8,500 |
| 2. | Dressage competition opportunities for all levels across WA | Club incentive grants | \$9,000 |
| | | Support for WA participation at Australian Dressage Championships | |
| | | Support for State Dressage Championships | Breakeven |
| | | Other DWA Events | Breakeven |
| Visiting clinicians and masterclasses | | | |
| 3. | Interest and participation in dressage at all levels | Social awards event Leaderboard Marketing of events | From Cash Reserves as insufficient 2024 levies |
| 4. | Transparent governance and administration of dressage in WA | Website maintenance Riders' Forums Dressage WA administration | \$1,500 |
| TOTAL | | | \$19,000 |

Expenditure of the DDF levy will be supported by receipts and other information from grant recipients in a formal acquittal process.

During the 2024 and 2025 years, additional levies have been allocated to fund judges grants which are used to help cover judges' training and upgrading costs.

Allocation of levies to club incentives includes amounts to fund grants to help cover the costs of bringing in interstate and overseas judges.

Where the previous year's levies are insufficient to fund Key Result Areas as described above, provision for additional funds will be made from current cash reserves.