



AUSTRALIAN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2024

17 to 20 October 2024

Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Saxony Road, Horsley Park

Conducted by Dressage NSW on behalf of Equestrian Australia & Equestrian NSW

Including

- Novice to Grand Prix Titles
- Pony Novice to Grand Prix Titles
- Para Dressage Championships
- Virtus exhibition competitions

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Entries online from 1 August 2024 on Nominate, a direct link will be added to this schedule and published on the website.

Entries Close: **Wednesday, 4 September 2024**

Competitor information including draws and other important information will be updated regularly on the Event Website: <https://australiandressagechampionships.com.au>

Competition Schedule

(Please note that this schedule is subject to change)

Wednesday, 16 October

Virtus Exhibition Competitions

FEI Para Novice B & FEI Para Intermediate A – Grades II 1-3.

Thursday, 17 October

Arena Familiarisation

Fitness Inspection (Trot-Up) Grand Prix Horses

Riders Forum and Riders Welcome

FEI Prix St Georges & FEI Prix St Georges Pony

FEI Intermediate II & FEI Intermediate II Pony

Para Dressage FEI Novice A – Grades I-V

Para Dressage FEI Intermediate A - Grades I-V

Para Dressage FEI Grand Prix A - Grades I-V

Friday, 18 October

EA Advanced 5.2 & 5.3

EA Advanced 5.2 & 5.3 Pony

FEI Intermediate I & FEI Intermediate I Pony

FEI Intermediate A & FEI Intermediate A Pony

FEI Under 25 Intermediate II (CDN)

FEI Grand Prix & Grand Prix Pony

Para Dressage FEI Novice B - Grades I-V

Para Dressage FEI Intermediate B - Grades I-V

Para Dressage FEI Grand Prix B - Grades I-V

Saturday, 19 October

EA Elementary 3.2, 3.3 Championship

EA Elementary 3.2, 3.3 Pony Championship

EA Advanced Freestyle

FEI Intermediate B & FEI Intermediate B Pony

FEI Intermediate Freestyle

FEI Under 25 Grand Prix (CDN)

FEI Grand Prix Special

Para Dressage FEI Novice Freestyle - Grades I-V

Para Dressage FEI Intermediate Freestyle - Grades I-V

Para Dressage FEI Grand Prix Freestyle – Grades I-V

Sunday, 20 October

EA Novice 2.2, 2.3 Championship

EA Novice 2.2, 2.3 Pony Championship

EA Medium 4.2, 4.3 Championship

EA Medium 4.2, 4.3 Pony Championship

FEI Intermediate A/B Freestyle

FEI Under 25 Grand Prix Freestyle

FEI Grand Prix Freestyle

Entries close: Wednesday 4 September 2024 - On line entries only accepted –insert link

Technical Delegate: Lee Howell (VIC), Chief Steward: Anthony Reckin (QLD).

Prize Money & Entry Fees

Comp No	Test	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Tot \$	Sashes	Entry Fee
1 & 2	Novice 2.2 & 2.3	225	175	150	130	110	90	sash	sash	\$880 ea	1-8	\$140ea
3 & 4	Pony Novice 2.2 & 2.3	225	175	150	130	110	90	sash	sash	\$880 ea	1-6	\$140ea
5 & 6	Elementary 3.2 & 3.3	225	175	150	130	110	90	sash	sash	\$880 ea	1-8	\$140ea
7 & 8	Pony Elementary 3.2 & 3.3	225	175	150	130	110	90	sash	sash	\$880 ea	1-6	\$140ea
9 & 10	Medium 4.2 & 4.3	225	175	150	130	110	90	sash	sash	\$880 ea	1-8	\$140ea
11 & 12	Pony Medium 4.2 & 4.3	225	175	150	130	110	90	sash	sash	\$880 ea	1-6	\$140ea
13 & 14	Advanced 5.2 & 5.3	225	175	150	130	110	90	sash	sash	\$880 ea	1-8	\$140ea
15 & 16	Pony Advanced 5.2 & 5.3	200	140	Sash	sash	Sash				\$340 ea	1-5	\$140ea
17	Advanced Freestyle	225	175	150	130	110	90	sash	sash	\$880 ea	1-8	\$140ea
18	FEI Prix St Georges	300	250	220	150	120	100	sash	sash	\$1140	1-8	\$155
19	FEI Pony Prix St Georges	300	sash	sash						\$300	1-3	\$155
20	FEI Intermediate I	300	250	220	150	120	100	sash	sash	\$1140	1-8	\$155
21	FEI Pony Intermediate I	300	sash	sash						\$300	1-3	\$155
22	FEI Intermediate Freestyle	300	250	220	150	120	100			\$1140	1-6	\$155
23 & 25	FEI Inter. A & B	300	250	200	150	130	sash			\$1030ea	1-6	\$155
24 & 26	FEI Pony Inter. A & B	300	sash	sash						\$300ea	1-3	\$155
27	FEI Int. A/B Freestyle	300	250	200	150	130	sash			\$1030	1-6	\$155
28	FEI Intermediate II	300	250	200	150	120	100	sash	sash	\$1120	1-8	\$155
29	FEI Pony Intermediate II	300	sash	sash						\$300	1-3	\$155
30	FEI U25 Int II	250	200	160	sash	sash	sash			\$610	1-6	\$155
31	FEI U25 Grand Prix	300	200	160	sash	sash	sash			\$660	1-6	\$155
32	FEI U25 G. Prix Freestyle	300	200	160	sash	sash	sash			\$660	1-6	\$155
33	FEI Grand Prix	400	300	250	200	150	125	sash	sash	\$1425	1-8	\$155
34	FEI Pony Grand Prix	350	sash	sash						\$350	1-3	\$155
35	FEI Grand Prix Special	400	300	250	200	sash	sash			\$1150	1-6	\$155
36	FEI Grand Prix Freestyle	400	300	250	200	150	125	sash	sash	\$1425	1-8	\$155
37-40	State Teams	sash	sash	sash							1-3	N/A

Prize money or goods in kind to the equivalent value will be allocated in line with EA Dressage Rules 3.20. For competitions with 3 or less starters prize money will be allocated to first place only.

Refer page 10 for Para Dressage & Virtus details.

Comps. 34-37: State Teams competitions refer to page 13

Championship Rugs

Championship Rugs will be presented using the championship point score system or as detailed below.

- Horse & Pony Champions – Novice to Advanced
- FEI Small Tour Champion (Prix St Georges & Intermediate I)
- FEI Medium Tour Champion (Intermediate A & Intermediate B)
- FEI Intermediate II & Grand Prix
- FEI Grand Prix Special
- FEI Pony Champions will be determined by the highest average of two performances at the same level (e.g. Prix St Georges & Inter I; Intermediate A & B; Intermediate II /Grand Prix).
- Overall Grand Prix Champion (as per 10.10 e.)
- Winner of the FEI Under 25 GP Freestyle

Special National Awards and Trophies

- **The Dietmar Specht Memorial Trophy:** This perpetual trophy donated by the Horse Magazine is designed to encourage talented young dressage riders. Riders must be under 30 years of age on the first day of the National Championships. The winner is chosen from the best two placings of the nominated combination in official competitions from Elementary to Grand Prix including Freestyles and G.P. Special. The winner will hold the Perpetual trophy for one year and will receive a mounted photograph from the Horse Magazine. Riders are to nominate on the entry form if they wish to nominate for this award. No entry fee is required. **A rider may enter one horse only.** In the case of equality, the horse with the highest aggregate score is the winner.
- **The Rod Barker Memorial Trophy:** Presented by the Horse Magazine for the highest percentage score gained during the Australian Dressage Championships excluding freestyles.
- **The Crown Law Memorial Trophy:** Presented by Mrs Erica Taylor to the winner of the Grand Prix Special.
- **Australian Grand Prix Champion:** The Australian Grand Prix Champion is the combination that achieves the best two scores in **the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle or the Grand Prix and the Grand Prix Special** (as per rule 10.10 e).

Details of competitions

Entries and the competition program may be limited and revised at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

EA Competitions Novice to Advanced: A maximum of 35 qualified combinations per competition (35 horses) will be accepted. Champions to be decided on point system of both competitions at each level. Refer Rule 10.10 EA Dressage Rule Book.

FEI Competitions Prix St Georges through to Grand Prix: A maximum of 35 qualified combinations per competition (35 horses) will be accepted. Competition champions will be the winner in each competition.

FEI Grand Prix Special: limited to a maximum of 15 combinations that gain at least 60% in the Grand Prix (rule 4.8.3 e. Participation is **not compulsory** for combinations that qualify. Entry fees will be refunded to the combinations that enter and do not qualify.

Freestyles

Advanced Freestyle: Open to 15 combinations who have qualified in the Advanced competitions (based on championship point score system).

FEI Intermediate I Freestyle: Participation will be determined by performances gained in the Intermediate I Championship and combinations must receive a minimum score of 60% in the Intermediate I as per rule 4.8.3.

FEI Intermediate A/B Freestyle: The number of entries will be limited to a maximum of 8. Participation will be determined by performances gained in the Inter A/B Championship and combinations must receive a minimum score of 60% in the Intermediate A or B as per rule 4.8.3 d).

FEI Grand Prix Freestyle: Combinations must receive a minimum score of 60% in the Grand Prix to qualify for the Freestyle. The number of entries will be limited to a maximum of 15 horses.

- Only the movements up to and included in the current tests at the level being ridden may be shown. Read section 8 of the EA Dressage rules for further advice in preparing freestyles.
- The format and procedure for supplying music will be notified after the close of entries. Music must be provided one week before the start of the event.
- Equality of scores: if two competitors receive the same final score, the one with the highest marks for artistic presentation is the winner.
- Refunds will be issued for riders that enter and don't qualify for the Freestyles.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The 2024 Australian Dressage Championships will be conducted in strict accordance with the current edition (including amendments) of:

- *EA Dressage Rules & Official Procedures for Dressage Competition as at 1/1/24 (and subsequent amendments), EA General Regulations (2023); EA Para Dressage Rules 1/7/23*

The EA Dressage Rules & Dressage tests may be downloaded from the EA web site: www.equestrian.org.au

- Competitors are advised to be aware of the Rules, refer **Section 10** of the current EA dressage rule book for rules relating to the conduct of **National Championships**. The onus is on riders to know the rules under which they compete.

Membership & Horse Registration

- Horses must have a current dressage EA competition license; horses, owners and riders must be **registered and financial with EA** or, if from overseas, with their National Federation. Horses must compete under their full registered name. The OC reserves the right to abbreviate a horse's names for printing purposes. EA Membership numbers required at time of entry. All horses must be micro-chipped as per national rules.

Entries & Eligibility

- **Open competitions:** All competitions are for horses exceeding 149 cm with shoes or 148 cm without shoes.
- **Pony competitions:** Open to ponies who must not exceed 149 cm with shoes or 148 cm without shoes. Please note that all ponies must be measured before entering the Championships and a current height certificate must be produced on request. Measuring will be provided at the event at a date to be advised.
- **Rider Age:** For **National Championship competitions**, current EA Dressage rules apply (i.e. **From the start of the calendar year in which they turn 8 years of age riding ponies & from the start of the calendar year they turn 10 years of age riding horses.**
- **Age of horses**, as per rule 4.8.3.5.
- Horses may compete in two **(2) consecutive** levels only. For example, Nov/Elem; Adv/Prix St Georges, Inter B/Inter II etc. Each horse entered must have the same rider as nominated on the entry form for all competitions. Any change of rider must be notified to the Event Secretary before the commencement of the event.
- **Official Grading:** This will be taken as at the date of close of entries. Refer EA dressage rule 4.8.3.2 for grading eligibility.
- **Callers:** No test may be commanded.
- **Entry fees:** Refer page 5 of this schedule.

Performance (Open and Pony)

- **Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER):** Each combination must have achieved a minimum eligibility score in an official competitive competition during the qualifying period (see below). The competition must have been officiated by a minimum of two judges and be a competitive (not HC) entry.
- **At least one qualifying score MUST have been obtained by the nominated horse/rider combination** (rule 10.2).
- **Only one score from a competition with one judge to be accepted per combination** (rule 10.2).
- One HC result in an Official Competitive competition may count as a qualification.
- **Performance Eligibility** All entries must be qualified by having gained at least the minimum performance as detailed below in an **Official** Competitive competition at the level entering during the 12-month period preceding the closing date.
 - **Novice:** horses one performance of at least **70%, Pony 68%**
 - **Elementary;** one performance of at least **68%, Pony 67%**
 - **Medium/Advanced** one performance of at least **63%** at each level
 - **FEI PSG** one performance of at least **63%**
 - **FEI Int. I** one performance of at least **62%**
 - **FEI Inter A or B:** one performance of at least **60%** in an official Inter A or B competition.
 - **Intermediate II & CDN Grand Prix** at least **one** performance of at least **60%** at each level (e.g. Int II for entry in Int II)
 - All combinations should submit **their best three performances** in an **Official** competition at the appropriate level, in the 12-month period preceding the closing date for entries, from **3 September 2023 to 4 September 2024, one of these scores must be a MER score with the entered rider.**
 - **Eventing, Official Participation, Restricted, Freestyle, Young Horse & Interschools results are not considered.**

Ranking (balloting): In the case that a competition is oversubscribed, balloting will take place. Each horse must submit their three best performances in an Official Competitive event as per above obtained during the qualification period (which may be with different riders), which will be used to determine the ranked list. One score may be a HC result, and one score may have been obtained with only one judge officiating.

In exceptional circumstances, the OC may rank a horse with two very high scores ahead of a horse with three scores. consideration may be given for a horse that has two high qualifying scores to be ranked above horses with three lower scores. Such exceptions must be approved by the EADC and the Technical Delegate.

Draw: A revised draw may be necessary the day before each competition to allow for withdrawals. The starting order will not alter and a move up system will apply. The final draw will be published by 5pm on the day before the respective competition, should withdrawals occur after this time, reserve listed riders will be advised and offered a start in the competition. **The onus is on the competitor to confirm/check their start times the day before the competition which will be displayed on the event website.**

Please refer EA Dressage **Rule 10.6** for other requirements relating to **State representation and participation**.

Withdrawals/Refunds

- **Refunds:** The following applies.
 - Scratching/withdrawals before the closing date will be refunded in full minus the office fee.
 - Entry fees will be refunded for scratching/withdrawals advised after the closing date up to (5) five days prior to the start of the event (e.g. up to and including the 12 October, if a Veterinary or Doctor's certificate is provided within 3 days of the completion of the event. In such cases, 50% of the entry fees will be refunded.
 - Entry fees refunds for scratchings/withdrawals received (5) five days or later before the start of the event (e.g. from 12 October) will not be refunded.
- **Other refund information**
 - * Office Fee: A non-refundable office fee is charged per horse entered in the event. Funds are allocated towards, but not limited to: administration, staffing, volunteers, security and first aid services.
 - In all instances, the Office fee (per horse) will not be refunded. A portion of these fees goes towards event director fee, secretarial support, scoring/results, staffing costs inc venue staff, security, volunteers and first aid expenditure.
 - Entry fees (inc. stabling/camp/cabins etc not used) for riders on the reserve list who are not offered a start in a competition will be refunded.
 - Riders who are not offered a start in a Freestyle competition will be refunded after the event.
 - Refunds for stables and camping/cabins will not apply for riders who arrive at the venue and decide to leave early.
 - Stabling/camping/cabin/shaving fees will be refunded for horses not at the venue.
 - Refunds may be considered for withdrawals from competitors travelling long distances who are placed 5th or lower on the reserve list if the OC is notified no later than Friday, 11 October.
- **Withdrawals (Rule 10.4):** No competitor shall withdraw from a competition within 8 hours before the start of the competition without the permission of the Organising Committee. A written statement giving reasons for the withdrawal must be handed to the Event Office prior to the commencement of the competition, horses may be subjected to a veterinary inspection. Penalty for non-compliance – max. of \$A200.
 During the competition, from Thursday ,17 October to Sunday, 20 October all competitors who withdraw from a competition must complete a withdrawal form and have the relevant officials sign the form and hand it to the Event Office. Withdrawal forms can be obtained from the Rider Info Office located opposite the Riders Retreat.

Objections & Appeals

- **Protests and Appeals:** Objections must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$150.00. Attention is drawn to Rule 1.6 of EA Dressage Rules (refers to EA General Regulations 163, 165, 166). Protests must be lodged within 30 minutes of the final posting of placings.

Saddlery & Equipment

- **Saddlery & Gear:** As per current EA rules.
- **Reminder re whips at National competitions:** Whips are **not allowed at FEI level** competitions at National Championships. **EA levels (Nov to Adv)** whips are permitted but must not exceed 1.2m in its entirety or 1m for ponies. (Rule section 2).
- Riders should be aware of their obligations under EA General Regulations Art. 135 – regarding Advertising and Publicity on Athletes and Horses.

Fitness Inspection & Medication Control

- A fitness Inspection for horses entered in the Grand Prix will be held on Thursday afternoon as per EA Rule 10.9.
- Random Swabbing will take place.

Presentations, Prize Money & Prizes

Presentations will take place at the end of each day or at the completion of each competition (depending on daily program **and the competition**). A presentation schedule will be available on the website and posted on the notice board in the Event Office at the commencement of the Championships and updated as required. Presentations (including un-mounted) are for riders and owners are welcome. No children or dogs please on the podium during presentations.

- Participation in the prize-giving ceremony of placed rider/horse combinations is **compulsory. Failure to do so will result in combination losing the classification (rosette, prize in kind, prize money).**
 - Failure to appear at presentations without obtaining permission from the OC and Ground Jury will result in losing the classification (rosette, prize in kind, prize money).
- **Ties:** In the case of a tie for any of the first three places, the higher total of the collective marks will decide the better placing at Novice to Advanced, for FEI level Competitions, the better median Judge's Total will determine the better placing. In Freestyle competitions, the better artistic total score will determine the better placing. If the placings are still equal after applying the relevant tie breaking procedure, the places remain tied. When there is equality of places from 4th place and below, the competitors are joint equal place getters.

Prize money will be credited to competitors within 10 working days after the event via **Electronic Funds Transfer**. **Please ensure you enter the correct bank details of the person to receive prize money on the entry form.**

Accreditation & Ticketing

- Accreditation/Ticketing: Will be allocated as follows: One pass per rider, one pass per groom, one pass for the registered EA horse owner (where different to the rider). This entitles the bearer to free admittance to the venue and to all sessions except separate ticketed events. Accreditation (in the form of wrist bands) will be issued at the venue to those eligible.
- There will be tight control of wrist bands issued at this event. One groom per horse applies for the duration of the event and no swapping permitted.
- Riders who scratch before the start of the event are not entitled to any competitor privileges or passes.

Camping & Catering

- Camping facilities: These are available on the grounds. All sites are powered. There are good shower and toilet facilities with hot and cold water for males and females in both north and south camping areas. Sites nearest the stables will be allocated firstly to competitors staying for the longer periods. All camping vehicles must have an approved lead connecting to power outlets. Please note SIEC charges for every power lead connected to power so if you have more than one lead connected to a power outlet you will need to pay for 2 camp sites and camp in the North Camping area due to lack of power outlets in the South Camp Area. Please indicate the number of outlets you require on the camping booking. Camping cost \$55 per night.
Large semi-trailers will be located in the North Camp area or P3 parking area in most cases.
- Cabin Accommodation on grounds: Small cabins are available for hire. Rooms contain 2 bunk beds with mattress, small hanging cupboard, 2 chairs, wall heater, power point and lights - linen is not provided. Rooms must be left clean and tidy and no cooking in rooms. Cabins are popular so we suggest you book with your entry or you could miss out. Preference for cabins is given to long distance travelers, competitors staying for longer periods, competitors with more than one horse and for stallions. Cabin hire - \$80 per night.
- A "Riders Retreat" with cooking, BBQ, TV, Video facilities is available for competitors to use during event.
- Local Caravan Rental: Discovery Caravan Hire 0413 455 161; 2U Caravan Hire ph 0427 302 336 em: enquiries@2uch.com.au, or try Camplify 1300 416 133 www.camplify.com.au. Please make sure you obtain your site number and advise the caravan company before delivery.
- Accommodation: There are plenty of options for accommodation, from budget motels through to more upmarket hotels in nearby Parramatta. Some Motels/Hotels available in the near vicinity are listed below.
 - We recommend the Mercure Hotel, Hoxton Park Rd, Liverpool (easy access of the M7) 02 8777 0600 e-mail: hotel@mercuresydneyliverpool.com.au (easy access from M7, 10 mins from SIEC). Mention Dressage NSW for our corporate rate.
 - Novotel, Rooty Hill: Cnr Railway & Sherbrooke Sts, Rooty Hill. Tel: 02 9832 3888 Fax: 02 9832 1347
 - Alpha Hotel, Eastern Creek. 4.5*, corner Brabham & Peter Brock Drive, Eastern Creek. Tel: 02 8889 7700
 - Atura Blacktown: 32 Cricketers Arms Rd, Prospect Tel: 02 9421 1000.
 - Moderately priced motels: Voyager Motel, Minchinbury Tel: 02 9625 9902; Blue Cattle Dog Motel, St Clair Tel: 9670 3050; Travelodge Blacktown - Tel: 02 8822 2000; Motel Formule 1, Wentworthville. Tel: 02 9769 1240;
 - Parramatta area: Holiday Inn Tel:02 98911277; Rydges Tel: 02 9897 2222; Crowne Plaza Tel: 02 9689 3333
- Caravan Parks – Penrith Caravan Park 02 4735 4425, Casa Paloma, Leppington 02 9606 5470, Fairfield West Caravan Park 02 9604 8981
- **Transport:** There is no public transport to the venue.

The riding of electric powered scooters is illegal on public roads in NSW and not permitted at SIEC. Motorised foot scooters, human transporters (Segway) and skateboards are also not permitted. Mobility devices used by disabled persons are permitted. If riding a bicycle or non-powered scooter at SIEC helmets are mandatory.

HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

ELECTRIC SCOOTER USE AT NSW EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

WHAT HAPPENED

At a recent event, a person riding an electric scooter during an event at SIEC lost control and was ejected from the scooter. They sustained serious abdominal injuries and underwent emergency surgery.

ROOT CAUSE: FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Electric scooters are increasingly being used to travel around the grounds at equestrian events with most people being unaware that they are illegal for use except on private property.

SIEC, AELEC, Public Showgrounds, etc are **NOT** Private Property.

NSW Police have issued the flyer on the right to clarify electric scooter use within NSW.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Competitors and their support teams must not bring electric scooters, hoverboards or electric skateboards to equestrian events held on public property.
- Mobility scooters designed for the mobility impaired are allowed.
- Bicycles, motorised bicycles and unpowered scooters are allowed – a helmet must be worn.
- Where events are held on Private Property check with the event coordinator to determine whether electric scooters are permitted under their event risk management plan prior to bringing them to the event. If allowed wearing a helmet would be recommended.


Issued by Vireena Peacock (Acting CEO)

MOTORIZED WHEELED DEVICES

Devices such as electric scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards are **ILLEGAL in NSW.**

Although a motorised scooter, skateboard, or hoverboard (electric or petrol powered) are considered motor vehicles, they do not satisfy the Australian Design Rules and for this reason, cannot be registered in NSW and are unable to be insured.

These devices cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.



Anyone caught riding a motorised device on a road or road related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$723

Further information is available at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

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Stabling

- Owners/riders who have booked stables for more than one day but are taking their horses home at night must advise the stable manager. Stable cost \$55 per day.
- No horses are to be moved without permission from the Stable Manager.
- EA Stallion Safe Practices Policy apply and can be found here - <https://www.equestrian.org.au/stallion-safe-practice> Stallions must be stabled or if tied to a truck or float be supervised at all times.
- Stables are to be booked at the time of entry. All horses staying overnight must be stabled. For safety reasons, we recommend that competitors book a stable for their horses. All stables will be empty on arrival and must be completely cleaned out on departure. Changes to arrival/departure days will incur a fee.

Bedding (shavings) are not provided. Shavings can be purchased with your entry, refer entry form (cost \$18 per bag). Please note stables now have rubber on the floor reducing the bedding required 4-6 bags is sufficient depending on your preference and number of days. Please place order for shavings with your entry to avoid unnecessary delay in getting stables ready for horse arrivals. Placing orders for bedding on the day of arrival creates additional work for the stable manager and venue staff at a very busy time. **Competitors may not bring their own bedding unless approved prior by the venue management.** Please email: toni.venhaus@bigpond.com and include the type of bedding to be used and a Vet certificate, this will be forwarded to SIEC for approval. Bedding that is not accepted by the waste removal company for composting must be taken away by the competitor.

- A compulsory \$150 stable bond applies with each stable booking which will be refunded after the event. All stables must be inspected prior to departure and locked by the stable manager for a "clean pass".
- Tack Rooms: Share tack rooms in each aisle will be allocated for general tack storage for all competitors to share/use if we are not fully booked (these are not to be locked). Competitors wishing to have their own private tack room can request same at a cost of \$70 per day. The number of tack rooms available is limited and private tack rooms **may not be considered for competitors staying for less than three days**. Competitors are encouraged to consider sharing with a friend. Preference for tack rooms will be given to riders with two horses or more. Please indicate request and include payment on entry form. Please sweep clean on departure, if tack rooms are not left completely clean, competitors will be charged a \$150 cleaning fee. All stables must be inspected prior to departure by the stable manager for a "clean pass".
- No temporary yards of any kind are allowed. Day yards are available the parking area above the Main outdoor arena and in the North car/camping area. Horses may not be left in day yards over night.
- Day parking is in P7 and Parking area above the main arena, cost is \$30 per day.
- Please note: Charges for stable hire at SIEC apply to use of stables per day **not per night**, eg. from midnight to midnight. If you arrive before midnight and leave at 6am the following day, this is classed as 2 days. Please take this into account when booking stables.
- A late booking fee will apply for all stables not booked at the time of entry.
- Fodder: Macarthur Stockfeeds will delivery any day ph: 0459 021 788, Leppington Farm supplies, Tel: 02 9606 5427. Orders must be placed the day before delivery and all orders must be pre-paid. Delivery days usually Tue & Thu.
- Arrival of Horses: The time and date of arrival of horses must be stated on the entry form. S.I.E.C. will be open for arrival of horses from midday Tuesday, 15 October. For competitors arriving earlier, stabling is available from Horse 'N' Around (Mulgoa) 02 4773 4169. Details on how to get to the S.I.E.C. will be provided.
- **STABLE PROTOCOL:** SMOKING is not permitted in the stables! Prams, bicycles, scooters and golf carts are not permitted in the stable area. (Exception – vehicles used by Stable Manager and venue staff and mobility vehicles used by disabled persons). Children must be supervised at all times. For safety reasons we recommend that all persons including children wear closed footwear whilst in the stables.

Other/General information

- Dogs – S.I.E.C. is located within a Regional Park under the control of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and dogs must be on a leash at all times. No dangerous dogs please
- Exercise and Warm-up Area: Outdoor warm-up arenas are available for use prior to the competition. More information will be contained in the entry confirmation sent to riders.
- Seating, rider facilities: A section of seating in the Indoor arena will be reserved for riders, owners and grooms.
- Riders' Welcome: A casual Welcome will be held for all accredited riders, their partners, owners and grooms on Thursday, 17 October. Location and Time to be confirmed.
- Riders' Forum: A Riders Forum will be held at the event. Details will be confirmed. All riders are encouraged to attend.
- The serving of Alcohol to underage persons is not permitted. Competitors have a responsibility to ensure that grooms or family members under their care are supervised.
- Indemnity: Neither the Organising Committee (Dressage NSW Inc), Equestrian Australia, Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Department of National Parks and Wildlife, nor the Department of Sport and Recreation accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders, grooms, owners, ground spectators or any other person or property whatsoever. All competitors, in entering, undertake to accept this regulation.
- Insurances: The OC (Dressage NSW) has public liability insurance through Equestrian Australia (EA). AUS competitors have some personal accident and public liability insurance as part of their membership of Equestrian Australia.
- All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are, therefore, strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.

WELFARE OF THE HORSE – FEI CODE OF CONDUCT

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and athletes must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. **The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.**

A full copy of this code of conduct is available on the [FEI Website](#) and included in the FEI Dressage Rules.

Vaccinations & Biosecurity:

- **Vaccinations:** We recommend that horses are vaccinated for Hendra virus in particular those that reside in high risk Hendra areas we also recommend horse vaccinations for Strangles and Tetanus are up to date.
- **Biosecurity Horse Health Declaration:** Competitors may be required to complete an online Biosecurity Horse Health Declaration for all horses attending the event. More information and link to the declaration form will be provided after the close of entries to participants accepted to compete at the event.

EA General Codes of Conduct: EA Members should be aware of the EA Codes of Conduct for competitors, officials and EA Members. Refer the EA web site for more information www.equestrian.org.au

PARA DRESSAGE

The Para Dressage Championships will be conducted in principle as per section 9 of the EA Para Dressage Rules for the Para-Dressage Championships.

The conditions of entry for Para Dressage are the same as for able bodied with some exceptions as noted, e.g. refund policy (page 7) and prize money allocation is as per EA Dressage rules.

Competitors are advised to be aware of the rules. It is on riders to know the rules under which they compete.

Para Dressage Prize Money & Entry Fees:

Entry fees are \$140 per competition.

Prize money or goods in kind will be allocated depending on the number of entries received for each competition.

Competitions with fewer than 3 starters - prize money will be allocated to first place only, competitions with 4 starters - prize money to second place, competitions with more five or more starters - prize money third place. A sliding scale will apply, refer graph below.

Number of starters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
1st	160	160	160	160	160	160	160
2 nd				150	150	150	150
3 rd				sash	140	140	140
4 th					sash	100	100
5 th						sash	80
6 th						sash	sash

Sashes/ribbons will be allocated as per above.

The Grade Champions will be determined by the point score system in the Grand B test and the Freestyle as per rule 9.6.

Rugs will be presented to all Para Dressage Champions.

Entries & Eligibility

- Riders: No rider should be un-accompanied at the event.
- Age of horses/ponies, as per rule 5.6.2. Age of athletes from 12 years of age as per rule 5.6.3.
- Classification: Athletes must meet the criteria as detailed in the Para Equestrian Classification rules.
- Participation is open to any rider who is a member of Equestrian Australia that appears on the EA Master List.
- All Riders must be eligible to compete as per the current EA Para Equestrian rules.
- It is a condition of participation that the rider has a measurable physical or visual impairment that satisfies the minimal impact criteria as detailed in the PE Classification Manual.
- Compensating aids – as per rule 3.2.
- Schooling, refer rule 9.1.3.
- Saddlery & Gear, as per current EA Para Dressage rules.
- Horses: A rider can enter more than one horse per level. Horses may compete in a maximum of two tests in one day. Horses may be shared by two Athletes in different grades, refer rule 9.1.3

Performance requirement

- To be eligible to enter the Grand Prix A & B competitions, horse and rider combinations need one performance of 60% or above at their graded level in an EA or CPEDI 3* equivalent level competition.
- To be eligible to enter the Intermediate A & B: horse and rider combinations need one performance of 60% or above at their graded level in an EA or FEI Official equivalent CPEDI 2* competition.
- To be eligible to enter the Novice A/B competitions, horse and rider combinations need one performance of 60% or above at their graded level in an EA or FEI Official equivalent CPEDI 1* competition.
- Combinations must score an average of 60% or higher across the relevant qualifying competitions as per rule 9.12 f to be eligible to take part in the Freestyle.

Presentations & Prizes

The Australian Champion for each grade is the combination that achieves the highest points in the Individual and the Freestyle competition. Championships are to be decided on points system as per rule 9.6.

Other information

- No test may be commanded unless specified on Athletes FEI/EA PD Master List.
- Withdrawals, as per rule 9.1.4 & 9.14. The penalty for non-compliance is \$200AUD.
- Where possible a 40x20m arena will be available for warm-up but may not be in the same area as the competition arena.
- Stabling/camping and other general conditions and information, please refer other details provided in this schedule.
- One cabin per rider will apply unless cabins are available.

Virtus Exhibition

- To be considered for entry, horse and rider combinations must provide recent performance details of 60% or higher at their graded level in an EA official or equivalent level competition.
- The Champions for Virtus will be the combination who achieves the best two scores using the championship point score system across the two competitions. Rosettes presented
- Rosettes presented for Champions.
- Prize money and entry fees as per the Para Dressage above. Ribbons for all placegetters.
- There must be a minimum of two riders in a grade for a championship to be awarded otherwise grades may be combined.
- Virtus competitions will be on Wednesday. It will be necessary for competitors to vacate stables, camping and cabins on Thursday to allow for other competitors.
- Virtus riders need to choose whether to ride in the Para Dressage or Virtus competitions. They can't do both with approval.

ONLINE ENTRIES

All competitors **must** provide the following information when entering the event. A 5.5% transaction fee applies to all online entries.

Before you start your entry make sure you have the following information handy so you can complete the entry before the system times out. The system has a 60-minute timeout for security purposes, which means that you have a max of 1 hour to complete your entry. If you take longer than this the system will shut down and you will need to start the process all over again, losing all your entry details so far.

Please make sure you enter an arrival and departure date when booking stables/camp/cabins.

If you don't enter the arrival and departure dates, the system will default, and you will be charged for the entire period (Tue-Sun).

* Indicates Compulsory

Horse Details	Rider Details	Owner Details	Other information
Horse's full Name	First Name	First Name	* Arrival & Departure dates
ID number (bridle #)	Surname	Surname	* Stable / Tack/ Day Park booking (per day)
Horse EA number	Rider EA number	Owner EA number	Stable cleaning bond
Sex	Rider full Address & State	Owner E-mail	Camp site or Cabin booking (by night)
YOB	Rider E-mail	Home Phone	
Country of Birth	Mobile phone number (vital for contact during event)	* Prize Money and GST declaration	Shavings order
Colour & Height in cm	Home Phone	* Bank Account details For prize money paid EFT	Name of Groom
Stud book Initials (breed)	Nationality		* Performance Qualifications all horses
Sire	Bank Account details For prize money paid EFT		
Dam			
Breeder			
Property PIC number			
* Hendra vaccination Status			

* All prize money will be paid by Electronic Bank Transfer.

Other charges and fees that apply for this event.

- Office fee: * \$120.00 per horse (non refundable)
- Stabling: \$ 55.00 per day **1 overnight stay = 2 x days stabling**
- Day Parking: \$ 30.00 per day
- Tack room Hire: \$ 60.00 per day
- Stable cleaning fee: \$150.00 (compulsory and refunded if stables are *left empty and clean*)
- Shavings: \$18.00 per bale * (subject to SIEC fees if increased before entries open)
- Camping: \$ 55.00 per night (**per** power outlet)
- Cabins: \$ 80.00 per night

When you book your stables please remember that stables are charged **per day** - One overnight stay in stables means two stable days to be paid.

Camping and cabins are paid by night.

Please note the correct arrival and departure day on the entry.

Changes to entry for any of the above items after the close of entries will incur an additional late booking fee.

Bedding: All stables now have rubber floor and the number of shavings depends on length of stay and preference. 4-6 bales should be sufficient for a 4 day stay.

* Office Fee: A non-refundable office fee is charged per horse entered in the event. Funds are allocated towards, but not limited to: administration, staffing, volunteers, security and first aid services.

Entries close: Wednesday 4 September 2024

STATE TEAM COMPETITIONS

Competition	Event	Prizes
Comp. 37	Official State Team – B Elementary 3.3 (Comp. 6) Medium 4.3 (Comp. 10) Advanced 5.3 (Comp. 14)	Sashes to 3 rd place
Comp. 38	Official State Team – A Prix St Georges (Comp. 18) Intermediate I (Comp. 20) Grand Prix (Comp. 28.)	Sashes to 3 rd place
Comp. 39	Official State Team – Pony Pony Novice 2.3 (Comp. 4) Pony Elementary 3.3 (Comp. 8) Pony Medium 4.3 (Comp. 12)	Sashes to 3 rd place
Comp. 40	Para Dressage Teams As per PE rules 9.16 3 different athletes on three different horses. At least one combination from grade 1/II/III. A max of 2 combinations in any grade.	Sashes to 3 rd place

- Refer EA Dressage rule 8.6.1 for details on the requirements for Team Competitions. Para dressage rules 9.16
- State Teams competition entries must be made in writing by the appropriate State Branch by **Monday 7 October**.
- The winning team will be the team with the highest total score; the second is the one with the next highest score and so on. Scores (percentages) of team members will be added together to determine team scores.
- Chefs d'Equipe must be appointed for Official State Teams by the SDA no later than Monday, 7 October 2024.
- Team Entry Fee is free
- State Team declarations must be made in writing or via email by the relevant Chefs d'Equipe's by:

17:00 (5pm) Wednesday, 16 October 2024

STATE TEAM ENTRY NOMINATIONS FORM to be submitted by State Branches

Nominations close Monday, 7 October 2024

STATE: _____ (indicate below which Teams events you are entering)

Note: Where there are insufficient entries to enable a State Team, to be entered the smaller states may combine to enter a mixed team.

	COMPETITION 34: Elementary 3.3, Medium 4.3, Advanced 5.3
	COMPETITION 35: Prix St Georges, Intermediate I, Intermediate II or Grand Prix
	COMPETITION 36: Pony Novice 2.3, Pony Elementary 3.3, Pony Medium 4.3
	COMPETITION 37: Para Dressage Teams

Entry fees: Nil

Contact person:	
Address:	
Post code:	
Tel:	Email:
Name of Chef d'Equipe:	
Mob:	Email:

(Note: There is no entry fee for Teams Competitions)

Please email Team nomination form to: toni.venhaus@bigpond.com.au

Signature: _____ Date: _____