

EQUIFEST

DRESSAGE SPECIFIC - CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

This event will be held in accordance with current 2017 EA National Dressage Rules and any subsequent amendments. The EquiFest Organising Committee may grant exemptions to the rules for special promotional competitions. The onus is on the competitor to know the rules. The conditions below are relevant for this event held by EquiFest at Clarendon, Hawkesbury Showgrounds.

1. Competitions:

a) **Official Competitive competitions:** Open to all EA Competitor members. Official competitions attract grading points. Horses/ponies must be registered with EA and hold a current competitive licence/grading card.

b) **Official Participant competitions:** Open to EA Participant or Competitor members. Horses need **not** be registered with EA. These competitions do not attract grading points.

c) **Youth Rider Official Competitor competitions:** Open to EA Competitor members. Horses and or Ponies must be registered with EA and hold a current competitive dressage licence/grading card.

Age groups:

Youth pony competitions: open to riders aged 8 up to & incl. the age of 21

Youth horse competitions: open to riders aged 10 up to & incl. the age of 21

2. Horses/ponies EA registration:

a. **Official Competitive** competitions are open to horses or ponies with EA full horse registration.

Please indicate on the entry form if your horse is a pony.

b. **Official Participant competitions** are open to horses/ponies, EA horse registration is not compulsory but encouraged for Participant competitions.

3. Height:

Horses – exceeding 149cm with shoes, 148cm without shoes, **Ponies** – not exceeding 149cm with shoes.

3. Competitions are open to riders aged from 10 year on horses and 8 years on ponies.

4. After close of entries a rider may be changed if notified in writing to the OC no later than 40 minutes prior to the start of competition, proof of EA membership, e.g. membership card must be provided. A rider of a horse may not be changed if another rider has ridden the horse on the day, either in warm-up or in a competition. Competitors may only substitute a horse with the approval of the OC and no later than 48 hours before start of the event. The draw position cannot be changed without the permission of the Organising Committee. One rider per horse for the entire event.

5. **HORS CONCOURS** (Non competitive): Riders wishing to ride HC/NC must declare their intention in writing before the start of competition (test).

6. All entries must be made online at www.nominate.com.au Entries are taken on a first in basis. Telephone/Late entries will not be accepted.

7. Grading and eligibility to compete at FEI level: As per current EA rules.

8. In the case of oversubscription, entries may be limited and a max. of two horses per rider will apply. The event is open to all EA members. Only one rider may ride a horse at the event.

9. Bridle & EA numbers must be shown on entry form. If awaiting issue of either please indicate on entry. Bridle numbers (2) - one on either side of the horse, must be clearly displayed so that the judge can identify the rider when riding in front of the judges' vehicle. Official tests: Riders are not required to stop at the judge's car.

10. Scratchings will be accepted up to the closing date.

11. Refunds as per **EquiFest** terms and conditions

12. **Veterinary checks:** Random swabbing may take place. If approached by Official Steward/ Vet Officer of the day, competitors/person responsible for horses must allow samples to be taken from their horses for drug tests.

13. Registration and Performance Cards must be available on the day of competition.

14. **Entry Fees: (GST Inc.)** Please refer to the schedule of competitions.

15. **Prizemoney & Ribbons** will be awarded please refer to the schedule of competitions.

16. **Stabling:** Stables will be available on the showgrounds and must be booked at time of entry. It is not compulsory to stable horses on the grounds overnight. Day parking is permissible.

17. **Camping:** will be available on the grounds. Bookings to be made at time of entry.

18. **Gear Check** – all competitors must present to the Gear Steward. Failure to do so will incur elimination.

19. Warm up arenas and lunging arenas: Refer website for a layout of the grounds.

20. **Dogs** must be on a leash at all times; dogs, children, prams etc are not allowed in the competition area. Dangerous dogs are not welcome at this event.

21. **Conditions for Riding Attire & Hats.**

As per EA Rules Headgear: **a.** Helmets must comply with the new safety standards. Refer EA Regs or EA Dressage rules. **b.** Safety approved helmets mandatory for all levels up to and including Advanced and for all riders under the age of 22 from 1 Jan 2017. For more information

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/content/current-approved-safety-standards-helmets>

22. **Video Cameras** and equipment must be kept at least 10 metres from the arena, preferably at the A end of arena.

23. No temporary yards/fences made substantially of electrical fencing/rope or similar material is to be used to construct yards/fences in float or car park/camping areas.

24. **Vaccinations:** We recommend that horse vaccinations for Strangles and Tetanus are up to date and we suggest owners vaccinate against the Hendra Virus.

Notice to all competitors: The welfare of the horse is paramount. Refer to current EA Dressage rules & current EA General Regulations.

25. Please refer to **other conditions of entry** as set down by the EquiFest Organising committee available on the website <http://www.equifest.com.au/competition/>

Stallion Safe Guidelines:

This event supports stallion safe guidelines adopted by EA. If you see a horse with a "Green" disc on the saddlecloth or bridle then this indicates the horse is a Stallion. Floats and Trucks transporting stallions also feature a Green disc. Stallion owners are well aware of taking necessary precautions with Stallions. Other owners/riders and others however are not so mindful. If you see a green dot on a horse, float or truck, disregard the normal convention of "Green means Go" and take care not to park too close or to provoke Stallions in any way. More information on the Stallion Safe Guidelines can be found on the EA website.

Property Identification Codes:

Property Identification Codes (PIC) numbers are required when entering this event.

Risk Warning and Disclaimer

1. Horse riding is a dangerous activity and can result in serious injury (including death) and loss.
2. All persons who ride, or tend, a horse on these grounds do so entirely at their own risk.
3. Neither the Equestrian Australia, EquiFest, nor the Committee or any member thereof, accepts any liability for any personal injury (including death) suffered by any person from or relating to any incident involving a horse and whether or not caused or contributed to by the negligent act, error or omission of EquiFest, the Committee or a member thereof.