

Expressions of Interest

To be part of the “2018 Dressage NSW Regional Dressage Festival Series”



Aim & Purpose

DNSW is committed to supporting Clubs in regional areas through a series of “Regional Dressage Festival Events Series” in key hubs in regional (country) areas. Funds to support this initiative are provided from Equestrian NSW to Dressage NSW with additional contributions from DNSW.



In 2018 we plan on holding four to six (4-6) regional events in different locations and where possible holding one event in the North, South, East and West regions. Consideration may be given for an additional two (2) events. Clubs may apply to either hold a new event or incorporate a regional festival event with an existing event, e.g. Club Championships. Clubs may also join with other clubs in their area to run a joint Regional Festival event.

To be eligible the Club/Event must be located a minimum of 100km from the Sydney CBD.

Objective

- Provide support for Clubs in the regions;
- Provide grass roots regional riders with the opportunity to participate in a championship style event;
- Provide incentive to riders to train and improve performance;
- Build awareness and grow the sport in the regional areas;
- Provide Clubs with opportunity to increase club membership and provide more members and volunteers;
- Provide a pathway for competitors to compete at regional events leading to State and National Championships;
- Encourage more people to take up dressage in the regional areas.
- Encourage riders to travel to areas outside their normal competition area.

Other benefits

- Possible increase in membership for Clubs, DNSW and EA;
- Boost morale and provide something for competitors to aspire to in the;
- Judges who may not get to judge at State or National Championships will get a chance to judge at a higher profile event together with more experienced judges;
- Clubs in regional areas gain experience in running bigger events;
- Opportunity to train local people in the roles of stewards, writers and other key roles.
- Increase pool of volunteers and judges;
- Increased opportunities for sponsorship.

Events

Several Clubs already conduct successful Club Championships that draw on competitors from around their region and beyond; these events can be part of the series.

What support will be offered to the Club hosting these events?

- Dressage NSW will provide a contribution of approx. \$1000 to each event. The amount of funding will depend on the applications received (a draft budget would be beneficial).
- Four (4) (possibly extended to 6) events will be considered in 2018.
- DNSW to provide promotional support of the series by promoting events in Centreline and on the Official calendar;
- A Regional Dressage Festival Series designated page will feature on DNSW website with all events listed;
- DNSW will provide Medallions for Champions at each regional event on application.

Expectations and requirements

- Competitions from Preliminary to Grand Prix to be offered;
- Champions at each EA level and for FEI level at Small Tour and Big Tour Champions to be awarded;
- Official competitive competitions must be offered;
- Minimum two judges on all competitive competitions;
- Shadow judging opportunities encouraged;
- At least one EA Accredited Steward required;
- Amateur Owner/Rider Awards and Young Rider recognition encouraged;
- Sand arenas or arenas with suitable footing required (e.g. grassy sand);
- Stabling and powered camping on the grounds or available nearby;

- Preference will be given for events that offer two (2) judges on all competitive competitions. Exceptions for lower levels will be considered.
- Prize money is not mandatory;
- Regional Teams competitions recommended at the event to encourage friendly competitions between regions;
- DNSW & ENSW must be duly acknowledged in the Event programme, Club websites and other promotional activity with the following tag line:
 - *This event is part of the “Dressage NSW **Regional Dressage Festival Series**” supported by Dressage NSW and Equestrian NSW.*
- DNSW & ENSW Logos should be included on schedules, websites and promotional material;
- Copy or link to draws and results to be sent to DNSW so we can help publicize the event on social media
- Clubs who are conducting educational activities for Officials in 2017/2018 may be considered more favorably than other applications.
- A post event report is required along with an acquittal of the funds provided e.g. details on what the funds allocated was used for and an overall profit and loss for the event would be useful.

When considering applications, the Committee will be looking to support events that aim to develop and raise the profile of the sport. Allocated funds could be used to secure additional and experienced judges, increase prizes or prize money, provide additional facilities or other infrastructure costs that would not be possible without additional income.

Date changes must be approved by DNSW.

If the event is cancelled any funds provided by DNSW must be returned to DNSW.

Please complete the EOI application and return to us by: **Friday, 3 November 2017**

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