

## Annex H: Categories of National dressage events

FEI-sanctioned events such as CDIs are conducted under FEI rules and are excluded from this plan.  
In order to assist OCs the following tables summarise the recommended criteria for each category of event.

	Regular club events including Official Competitive and Participation competitions	Regional and major Club Championships (to be defined by SDA in calendar)	State Championships	National Championships
<b>Participation</b>	Open to all EA members unless special rules apply e.g. club members only	As per rules determined by OC and approved by SDAs  Unrestricted competition, held over 2 days unless permission granted to hold over 1 day. *See Annex I below	Open to riders who have obtained performances as per National rules.	As per National rules for a National Championships, see Section 8 of this rule book. Open to horses that exceed 148 cm without shoes or 149 cm with shoes.
<b>Competitions/Tests</b>	No restrictions	All tests Official. Nov to GP to be scheduled. Other levels/competitions may be offered e.g. Pony or Young Horse. Two competitions at each EA level required with Champions awarded.	All tests Official. Nov to GP. Other levels and competitions may be offered.	All tests Official. As per current EA National Championship rules in Section 8 of this rule book .  Elementary to Grand Prix Special compulsory.
<b>Passports/ Identification</b>	EA papers required for Official Competitive as per EA rules	EA papers required	EA papers required	EA papers required
<b>Prize Money/Trophies/Prizes</b>	EA Dressage rule book applies	See rule 3. 19 and 3.20 Prizes, EA Dressage rule book applies. Champion award at each level.	EA Dressage rule book applies	EA Dressage rule book applies and rules for Aus Champs.

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<b>Judges</b>	Normal EA rules for judges apply	Normal EA rules for judges apply. OC's encouraged to use D+ judges with some from outside the region (e.g. C/D judges to judge Nov/Elem, etc). If E-level judge used then co- judge must be 2 levels above e.g. C-level judge.	Normal EA rules for judges apply. OC's encouraged to use interstate judges of B level and above and also FEI-accredited judges	As per rules for Australian Dressage Championships. To be approved by the ADJC.
<b>Appeal Committee</b>	Not compulsory	Event Chief Judge should be nominated by OC and to act as technical assistant and also to resolve judging issues if necessary. See Rule 4.1.	Full Appeal Committee required. EA Dressage rule book applies	Full Appeal Committee required. See Rule 4.2.
<b>Technical Delegate (TD)</b>	Highly desirable but not compulsory	Highly recommended but not compulsory	TD required, appointed by SDA and reporting to SDA	TD required, appointed by ADC and reporting to ADC
<b>National steward</b>	Desirable	Highly desirable	Compulsory	Compulsory

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<b>Gear steward</b>	Compulsory as per rule book	Compulsory as per rule book	Compulsory as per rule book	Compulsory as per rule book
<b>Warm-up arena steward/s</b>	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
<b>Horse Inspection</b>	Not required	Not required	Not required	Inspection required for GP horses. As per Australian Dressage Championships rules
<b>Calendar</b>	Application to SDA by August each year for following year's calendar	Application to SDA by August each year for following year's calendar	Application to SDA by 1 Sept each year for following year's calendar	Application to ADC by end of February of preceding year
<b>Draft Schedule Approval</b>	Not required	Draft schedule to SDA 6 months prior to event highly recommended but not compulsory	Draft schedule to SDA	Draft schedule to ADC 6 months prior to event
<b>Program and Results</b>	Results to be recorded on EA software (or EA compatible software) and uploaded onto a website. Uploaded onto National database ASAP and also send to SDA	Results to be recorded on EA software (or EA compatible software) and uploaded onto a website. Uploaded onto National database ASAP and also send to SDA	Results to be recorded on EA software (or EA compatible software) and uploaded onto a website. Uploaded onto National database ASAP and also	Results to be recorded on EA software (or EA compatible software) and uploaded onto a website. Uploaded onto National database ASAP and also send to SDA
<b>Stable security</b>	Not compulsory	Not compulsory	Not compulsory	Not compulsory
<b>Stable requirements</b>	Not compulsory	Not compulsory	Each state to determine a minimum number which meets all of their requirements for state	Stables available on competition grounds to accommodate 90% of horses entered

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<b>Arenas</b>	Sand preferred or other suitable surfaces (soft grass). Best conditions possible for horses taking into account weather conditions  Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.	At least 1 sand arena is recommended  Other arenas sand preferred or other suitable surfaces (soft grass) so that arenas are the best possible, taking into account weather conditions.  Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.	Preferably 3 to 4 sand arenas. Must include 1 for warm-up. Each state to determine suitability of grounds  Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.	Minimum of 4 sand arenas required and one sand warm- up arena  Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.
<b>Camping</b>	Truck and float parking required. Camping facilities not compulsory	Truck and float parking required. Camping facilities not compulsory	Camping sites should be available on the ground with access to power, water and amenities	Camping sites for up to 80 campers, incl access to power, water and amenities
<b>Catering</b>	Not compulsory	Not compulsory	To be provided on the competition grounds from start of competition	To be provided on the competition grounds from start of
<b>First Aid</b>	Highly desirable	Highly desirable	Highly desirable	Compulsory

**Annex I: Regional/ and major club championships – To be defined by the SDA in the calendar process**

For regional and major club competition where it is a championship event, the following applies:

- a) There must be two tests at each EA level.
- b) There must be at least two judges for each competition.
- c) Champions must be awarded at each level. Championships are decided on points with all horses ranked in each of the two tests. First placed horses will get 35 points, second will get 34 points, third will get 33 points and so on to the last placed horse.
- d) The Champion is the horse with the highest combined points of the two tests. In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest percentage in the higher level test will be deemed the Champion.
- e) EA Rule Book (Prizes) apply, with trophy or at least a sash for the Champion (refer to rule 3.19).