

## New rules from 1 July 2013

These guidelines have been put together as a simple easy to understand guide for Clubs and Organisers grappling with the new rules and how to structure their events. More information can be found in the EA Dressage Rules and on the EA New membership structure and Event Organiser guidelines.

Type of Competition	Membership Type	Level of Competition
<b>Official</b>		
Competitive	Open to all EA Competitive Members Horse/ponies – EA full registration required with a current Competition License	Prelim to Grand Prix
Participant	Open to all EA Participant or Competitive members Horse/pony EA registration is not required but encouraged)	Prep to Novice
<b>Restricted Competitions</b> (Horse/pony EA registration is not required)		
Closed Restricted	Open to host club members only	Prep to Grand Prix
Closed Un-Restricted	'Invited' EA Competitive & Participation members (can also be a host club member)	Prep to Novice

\* Invited means the host club invites all EA members to enter (see page 2 for more information)

It is important that Clubs/Organisers make it clear to competitors re the types of competitions they are offering for each event in their schedules and conditions of entry and on results.

Clubs can continue to run a mixture of types of competitions as they did under the old rules (Official and Associate). e.g. Host Club programme could include a competition programme as described below:

### 1. [Host Club Name] 7 August 2013 Event

*Including, Official Competitive/Participation & Closed Restricted Competitions*

List the competitions offered at the event e.g.

**Official Competitive:**

Comp. 1: Novice 2A, Comp. 2: Elementary 3C etc

**Official Participation:**

Comp. 4: Prep. 1D: Comp. 5: Prelim 1B, Comp.6: Novice 2A

**Closed Un-restricted:**

Comp. 7: Prep. 1A; Comp 8: Prelim 1A; Comp. 9: Novice 2B

**Closed Restricted:**

Comp. 10: Novice 2C; Elementary 3B; Medium 4A

### 2. [Host Club Name] 7 August 2013 Closed Event

*Including, Closed Un-Restricted & Closed Restricted Competitions*

List the competitions offered at the event e.g.

**Closed Un-Restricted**

Comp. 1: Prep. 1A; Comp 2: Prelim 1A; Comp. 3: Novice 2B

**Closed Restricted**

Comp. 4: Novice 2C; Elementary 3B; Medium 4A

## Club Championships

Most Clubs conduct a yearly Club Championship event and depending on the event, various types of Champions are sometimes presented e.g. "2013 Bowral Dressage Club Novice Champion (awarded to members of the Club).

Club Championships could be advertised as "[Host Club] 2013 Championship" or "[Host Club] 2013 Members Championship"

Club Championships for Club members only are regarded as closed restricted. The rugs/ribbons/trophies can be tagged as such

"2013 [Host Club] Novice Champion".

Some Clubs present a mixture of Champions at the one event (Club member only Champions and Open Champions)

"2013 [Host Club] Novice Champion" (awarded to Club members only)

"2013 [Host Club] Open Novice Champion" (open to all who enter the relevant competitions as detailed in the schedule) \*

\* The above could be for competitors who are not members of the Club who enter competitions that are open to them such as "Official competitions". Clubs to provide information in the schedule regarding the awarding of different levels of Champions at the competitions that apply for eligibility for these awards.

In some situations, the Club Champion may be the same as the Open Champion if the results are decided from the same qualifying competitions.

## Competitions:

Competition types can be abbreviated using this code:

OC = Official Competitive; OP = Official Participant; CR = Closed restricted; CU = Closed un-restricted.

See below for more information

- a) **Official Competitor** competitions: Open to all EA Competitor members. Official competitions attract grading points.
- b) **Official Participation** competitions: Open EA Participant or Competitor members. Participant competitions **do not** attract grading points.
- c) **Closed Restricted** competitions: Open to members of the host Club only.
- d) **Closed Un-restricted** competitions: Open to Host Club members and EA members (Competitive or Participant) are invited to enter.

### Horses/ponies EA registration:

- a. **Official Competitive** competitions are open to horses or ponies with EA full horse registration.
- b. **Official Participant** competitions are open to horses/ponies and EA horse registration is not compulsory but encouraged for Participant competitions.

**Closed events:** EA horse registration is not required.

Other Club activities such as Protocol and Training Days can still be offered and should be advertised as such to club members and available to host club members only. Clubs decide on the activity they wish to offer e.g. a Protocol test or training type test etc.

## Judges:

The Dressage Rules describes the judges required for Official competitions. The ADC is considering requirements for judges for Closed Events.

In the meantime, DNSW recommends that for Closed competitions (Restricted and Un-restricted), Clubs use the same level of Judges that were used for Associate competitions in the 2013 rule book (see next page).

### For more detailed Information on the new membership structure:

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/default.asp?Page=32559&MenuID=Members/11759/0>

Event Organisers Quick Guide

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/site/equestrian/national/downloads/2005/Quick%20Guide%20for%20Event%20Organisers.pdf>

Suggested level of Judges for Closed Competitions (restricted and un restricted)  
 (old Associate level)

Level of Judge	LEVEL OF COMPETITION									
	Prelim	Nov	Elem	Med	Adv	PSG	Inter I	Big Tour Entry	Inter II	Grand Prix
<b>A</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>B</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>C</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
<b>D</b>	1	1	1	1	1					
<b>E</b>	1	1	1	1						
<b>F</b>	1	1	1							
<b>H</b>	1	2								

\*\* The 2<sup>nd</sup> judge can be another H level judge or an NOAS accredited judge of at least F level