

# Dressage NSW - Clarendon Events - Conditions of Entry

This event will be held in accordance with current EA National Dressage Rules and any subsequent amendments. The 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 competitions held by DNSW at Clarendon.

**COVID 19:** Refer event schedules regarding requirements that will apply during events.

## 1. Competitions:

- a) **Official Competitor** competitions: Open to all EA Competitor members. Official competitions attract grading points.
  - b) **Official Participant** competitions: Open EA Participant or Competitor members. Participant competitions **do not** attract grading points.
  - c) **Other Closed Restricted or Closed Un-restricted** competitions, as described in the schedule for the event.
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 and EA horse registration is not compulsory but encouraged for Participant competitions.
    - c. **Closed events:** EA horse registration is not compulsory but encouraged.
  3. Competitions are open to riders aged 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. Riders or owners who have an outstanding debt with DNSW will not be permitted to enter a horse or compete in any event run by DNSW until that debt has been settled.
  7. Entries are taken on a first in basis. Telephone/Late entries will not be accepted.
  8. Grading and eligibility to compete at FEI level: As per current EA rules.
  9. 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. DNSW members will be given preference if oversubscribed. Only one rider may ride a horse at the event.
  10. Bridle & EA numbers must be shown on entry form. If awaiting issue of either please indicate on entry.
    - a. Bridle numbers (2) - one on either side of the horse must be worn at all times when the horse is out of the stable. The numbers must be clearly displayed so that the judge can identify the horse/rider when riding in front of the judges' vehicle. Official tests: Riders are not required to stop at the judge's car. Note: -2 points per judge is deducted if horses are not wearing the correct identification in the competition area (refer rule 4.8.5).
  11. Scratchings will be accepted up to the closing date. After the closing date, a 50% refund will be issued if a veterinarian or doctor's certificate is provided within 24 hours of the completion of the event.
  12. Refunds as per EA rules. In the event of cancelled events, \$10 (per test) will be retained to cover administration expenses.
  13. DNAs, riders will automatically be placed on the reserve list the next event they enter if the competition is there are oversubscriptions.
  14. 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.
  15. Registration and Dressage Performance Card/Competition Licence must be available on the day of competition.
  16. Entry Fees: (GST Inc.) Unless otherwise stated in the event schedule:
    - a. Official Competitor: Members- \$50.00 per test for; Non Members - \$65.00 per test.
    - b. Official Participant: Members - \$45 per test; Non Members - \$55 per test.
  17. Ribbons awarded in Official Competitive Competitions as per normal Clarendon conditions of Entry. Competitions may be split into divisions (Amateur, Open, Pony, Jnr/Young Rider) if entries warrant. For competitions that are not split, AOR, Pony, J/YR riders will be identified on the draw and results. Amateur riders and ribbons awarded for that section as per normal conditions. Riders will need to indicate online that they are an amateur/owner rider, if this is not indicated you will be placed in the open division. More information regarding the AOR (amateur/owner rider divisions can be found in the EA rule book.
  18. Prizes-Ribbons: Unless otherwise stated in the schedule for each event: Up to 5 horses: Ribbons to 3rd place; - Over 5 horses: Ribbons to 6th place.
  19. Entries will be noted as pending on the draw for riders who are not current members and pay only member entry fees. The balance of entry fee must be paid before the event. Failure to pay the balance may result in the rider being refused a start or put on reserve list.
  20. Stabling: Stables are available on the showgrounds. DNSW accepts no responsibility for the condition or state of repair of the stables. Stables must be booked when entering via Nominate. A fee will apply.
  21. Camping: Available on the grounds. Bookings to be made when entering via Nominate. Campers who stay on the grounds and do not book may find their entries refused for future events.
  22. Gear Check – all competitors must present to the Gear Steward prior to each test you are riding. Failure to do so will incur elimination.
  23. Warm up arenas and lunging arenas: Refer website for a layout of the grounds.
  24. **Dogs** must be on a leash, dogs, children, prams etc are not allowed in the competition and practice areas or the stables. Dogs should not be left tied to vehicles, trees or other areas unless supervised. Dangerous dogs and yapping dogs (big and small) have no place at horse events and owners should consider others when taking their dogs to events as not all people or horses like dogs.
  25. Conditions for Riding Attire & Hats. As per EA Rules  
Headgear:

- a. Helmets must comply with the Current EA safety standards. Refer EA Regs or EA Dressage rules re requirements.
26. Video Cameras and equipment must be kept at least 10 meters from the arena, preferably at the A end of arena.
27. 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.
28. Any power or authority vested in the committee by these conditions of entry may be exercised by the Official of the Day or, with the concurrence of that person, any member of the committee. The "Official of the Day" is the person from time to time nominated by the committee as such. Any rider who fails to comply with these conditions of entry, or a direction of a member of the committee, may be eliminated.
29. Random swabbing may take place at any event. A reminder for all competitors to have their horse's EA registration papers with them at all times at EA events.
30. **Vaccinations:** We recommend that horse vaccinations for Strangles and Tetanus are up to date.
31. **Falls and injuries:** EA Dressage Rules 3.8 and 3.23 and the EA Concussion Policy applies (refer Annex G).

#### **Spectators and visitors are welcome at all times.**

#### **Notice to all competitors: The welfare of the horse is paramount.**

If at any time it appears to a member of the Committee of DNSW that a horse may for any reason require veterinary attention, and

- (a) the rider, or other person apparently in charge of that horse, is not immediately available to attend to that horse's welfare, or
- (b) such rider or other person declines to adequately attend to that horse's welfare, the member of the Committee is authorised to call in veterinary assistance for the horse, and the veterinarian attending is authorised to administer to the horse such treatment (including euthanasia) as the veterinarian considers appropriate in the circumstances. The rider of the horse is responsible for and must meet the cost of such veterinary treatment. A rider who does not meet that cost will not be permitted to enter any future competition conducted by DNSW.

Riders and owners of competing horses and other people associated with them must, under penalty of elimination, obey any order or direction given to them by any responsible official (judges, official of the day, committee members, gear steward) and they must, in particular, be careful not to do anything liable to upset or hinder the undisturbed progress of the competition.

Competitors please note: **Only horses that are entered for the competition are permitted on the grounds during the event.** Riders competing on Sunday are allowed to bring their horses to the grounds on Saturday. Reserve listed horses/riders may attend on the day/s entered for the competition. Companion horses/ponies not entered for competition **may be permitted** at the discretion of the Organising Committee depending on the circumstances. Please apply in writing no later than 5 days before the start of the event.

#### **Stallion Safe Guidelines**

EA & EA Dressage rules apply regarding Stallions. **Stallion identification discs must be worn by stallions at all times at event either on the bridle or saddlecloth.**

If you see a horse with a "Green" disc on the saddlecloth, bridle or halter 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 and DNSW websites.

#### **Property Identification Codes**

Property Identification Codes (PIC) numbers are required for all event. Please note your PIC on the entry form.

#### **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 Equestrian Australia, Dressage NSW, 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 Dressage NSW, the Committee or a member thereof.