

Competitor Information

The Organising Committee and Dressage NSW would like to thank you for your entry and support of the 2025 NSW Regency Floats Dressage Championships.

Thursday 14th August – Tamworth Dressage “Welcome Drinks” and Oatley Wine Tasting

Join us in the indoor mezzanine for our Thursday Presentations and some cheese & biscuits while tasting some Oatley Wines.

Friday 15th August – Rider’s Party

Join us in the indoor mezzanine for Presentations and after we will kick into our Rider’s Party. Finger food will be available, and the bar will be Open! If you can please let us know if you are coming but clicking on the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DEFTC>

Volunteering

Please click on the SignUp link - <https://signup.com/go/CTeQUSH>

There are many spots available just to help out for a short time so you should be able to find some way to help out at the Championships! Reminder, you need to help out to get your volunteer levy refunded. You must provide approximately 3 hrs during the event to have your volunteer levy refunded to you after the event.

Indoor Event Office (Indoor Mezzanine Level)

- Opening Hours
 - Tuesday – 3.00pm – 5.00pm
 - Wednesday – 10.00am – 5.00pm
 - Thursday – 7.00am – 5.30pm
 - Friday – 7.00am – 5.30pm
 - Saturday – 7.00am – 5.30pm
 - Sunday – 7.00am – 2.30pm

Horse Arrivals

- Horse Arrivals: **Tuesday 12th August, 2025 from noon**
- Horse arrival times are during day light hours only.
- Please read and note the following DPI regulations that need to be strictly adhered to by QLD competitors.
 - All horses coming to AELEC originating from QLD in the cattle tick infested zone or a restricted property in the cattle tick free zone **MUST** be sprayed for ticks by an accredited tick sprayer or vet. (certification to be shown).
 - All horses coming in from QLD in the cattle tick infested zone or a restricted property in the cattle tick free zone must have a Record of Movement.
 - If you are coming from a QLD cattle tick free area directly to AELEC (not unloading through an infested region) you do not need to spray.
 - No untreated hay can be brought into NSW from QLD from fire ant infested areas.

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Time Draw/Results/General Information

- The Event Draw is available on Equestrian-Hub. Once the competition starts it will also show your results.
 - <https://equestrian-hub.com/show/256436>
- To keep up to date with the Championships
 - <https://www.dressagensw.equestrian.org.au/content/2025-nsw-states-competitor-information>
- Please contact Karen Lever for scratchings and withdrawals email: karen@snafflebytes.net
- **Draws will be updated by 5pm the day before the event.**
- **The onus is on the competitor to confirm/check their start times the evening before the competition.**

Pony Measuring

- Pony measuring will be available at the Event.
- **Times will be advised.**
- Cost is \$15 per pony (this will cover the measurer's travel and expenditure) Please bring cash with you to give to the measurer.
- You will need your pony's Registration Papers and your pony must also have a bit in its mouth.
- Measuring form is on the event website which you will need to have filled out and bring with you.
- **Ponies without a current height certificate will not be allowed to compete.**

Arena Familiarisation

- Please refer to the timetable that will be posted on the event webpage.
 - <https://www.dressagensw.equestrian.org.au/content/2025-nsw-states-competitor-information>
- The times may be updated if the competition programme changes

Withdrawals and Refunds

- Withdrawals (scratchings) and Refunds: No competitor shall withdraw from a competition within 8 hours of its commencement without the permission of the OC. A written statement must be provided to the Secretary (Refer rule 10.4). Penalty for non-compliance is a maximum fine of AU\$200, horses withdrawn may be subject to a veterinary inspection
- Withdrawal Forms will be available the indoor Event Office
- Withdrawals (scratchings) and Refunds: No competitor shall withdraw from a competition within 8 hours of the commencement without the permission of the OC. A written statement must be provided to the Secretary (Refer rule 10.4).
- Scratching/withdrawals before the closing date will be refunded in full.
- Entry fees will be refunded for scratching/withdrawals advised after the closing date up to (5) five days prior to the start of the event (e.g. up to and including the **8th August**, if a Veterinary or Doctor's certificate is provided within 3 days of the completion of the event. In such cases, 50% of the entry fees will be refunded.
- Entry fees refund for scratchings/withdrawals received (5) five days or later before the start of the event (e.g. **from 9th August**) will not be refunded.
- Refunds may be considered for withdrawals from competitors travelling long distances who are placed 5th or lower on the reserve list if the OC is notified no later than **4th August 2025**.
- Fees for stables, tack rooms and camping sites will be refunded as per AELEC policy. Please contact AELEC directly in regards to stabling and camping.

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General Information

- This Event will run under the current dressage rules. <https://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules>. It is the competitor's responsibility to know the rules of competition.
- Admission is free, please share this around. Spectators are most welcome to attend.
- Reminder: Competition rules/conditions apply once horses arrive at the venue.
- Please ensure you promote our event through your social media #dnswstates2025 and tag event on FB. Also tagging the relevant sponsors for your class would be great, these can be found on the draw. Without sponsors support events like this would not happen.
- Riders at all levels must have their horse's EA papers available for inspection if requested. Swabbing will take place. Penalty fines will be imposed for those who do not have their horse papers available at the event. If you need to call a vet to attend to your horse while at the event, the Organising Committee MUST be notified.
- GEAR CHECK - Under the current EA Dressage rules, it is compulsory for every horse and rider combination to have a gear check for every test they ride. Gear check will take place after each test.

Photographers

- **Rodney's Photography** - For Bookings please email - info@Rodneysphotography.com.au
- **Amy-Sue Alston** - For Bookings please email - asphotodesign3@gmail.com

Catering

- Breakfast, morning and afternoon tea and lunch available from Wednesday
- Catering will be open in the indoor arena.

Callers

- No test may be commanded. (EA and FEI Tests)
- Para-Equestrian
 - The official FEI PE Tests must be carried out entirely from memory, and all movements must follow in the order laid down in the test.
 - Except for those riders who may have their tests commanded and/or called as a compensating aid as listed on the FEI PE or EA PE ID Card.

Saddlery & Equipment

- Identification (ID) numbers (bridle numbers) Please use your existing bridle number. In the case of a double up of numbers, the OC will allocate one of the combinations with a temporary bridle number for this event. Please note that ID numbers (one on each side) must be displayed on the horse's saddlecloth, bridle and/or halter at all times other than when in the stable. This rule applies to all horses.
- WHIPS & GEAR - A reminder that whips that do not comply with current EA rules (must not exceed 1.2m in entirety for horses, and 1.0m for ponies), will not be allowed in the warm-up and competition areas. A whip may be carried in all Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, and Advanced competitions.
- **Whips ARE NOT PERMITTED in the FEI Competitions at a State Championship**
 - In FEI-level competitions at Australian and any State Championships a rider:
 - circling the arena carrying a whip will incur a technical fault of 0.5% from each judge
 - entering the dressage arena with a whip will incur a technical fault of 0.5% from each judge (this is not an error of course)
 - Carrying a whip in a test for more than 3 movements will entail elimination

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Day Parking

- Day parking is located through gate 8 before the gate horse. Free of Charge.

Dogs

- Dogs must be on leash at all times and please don't bring dangerous or aggressive dogs to the event.
- Dogs are permitted in the stables but must be on a lead and supervised at all times.
- PLEASE do not tie dogs in the aisles or leave them unattended.

Stable Protocol

- The riding of electric powered scooters is illegal on public roads in NSW and is not permitted at AELEC. PLEASE do not bring your electric scooter.
- SMOKING is not permitted in the stables! Prams, bicycles, non-powered scooters and golf buggies are not permitted in the stable area. (Exception - vehicles used by Stable Manager and venue staff). Children must be supervised at all times.
- For safety reasons we recommend that all persons including children wear closed footwear whilst in the stables.

Objections and Appeals

- Protests and Appeals to the Ground Jury or Appeal Committee must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$150.00. Attention is drawn to Rule 1.5 of EA Dressage Rules, and EA Gen. Regs. 165/166. No deposit required for protests concerning an abuse.

EA General Codes of Conduct

- EA Members should be aware of the EA Codes of Conduct for competitors, officials and EA Members. Refer the EA web site for more information www.equestrian.org.au

Produce Deliveries

- Produce such as horse feed, hay and extra shavings can be ordered directly through Furneys Stockfeeds - 02 6762 1363.
- Orders made before 2pm will be delivered to your stable on the same day.
- Furneys Stockfeeds opening hours are:
 - Weekdays: 8am - 5pm
 - Saturday: 8am - 12pm
 - Sunday: Closed.

Veterinary and Farrier Services

- Veterinary Services will be available from.
 - Dr Tamara McElroy – Equine Vet Care New England
 - 0421 575 237
 - tamara@equinevetcarenewengland.com.au
 - Tamworth Equine Veterinary Centre (TEVC)
 - Phone – 02 6766 4333
 - After Hours - 0427 359 280
- Farriers: -
 - Jamie Clarke 0417 874 760

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Prize Money

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to review the prize money allocation for competitions, specifically:
 - **Where a competition has fewer than 3 starters, prize money will be paid to 1st place**
 - **Competitions with 3- 6 starters prize money will be paid to 1st and 2nd place**
 - **Competitions with 7-10 starters prize money to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place**
 - **Competitions with 11 or more starters prize money will be paid to 1st - 6th place**
- Goods in Kind will replace prize money in some competitions
- Prize money will be credited to competitors within 10 working days after the event via Electronic Funds Transfer. Please ensure you enter the correct bank details on the entry
- Non Championship competitions do not receive prize money, ribbons only will be awarded.

FEI Freestyle Competitions

- Freestyle Music will need to be uploaded using the link on the championships webpage.
 - <https://www.dressagensw.equestrian.org.au/content/2025-nsw-states-competitor-information>
- Freestyle competitors: We will be testing music prior to the event and no times have been set for music testing other than for the Grand Prix Freestyle. If you want to check your music you may enquire at the event office.
- GP Freestyle competitor's music tests will be held in the Indoor arena on Saturday morning from around 7.00am to 8.00am. Riders may note the time they would like on the timetable at the Rider Info Office otherwise they will be allocated in order of the draw.
- Para-Equestrian Music Test – Friday Morning.

FEI Intermediate Freestyle to Music

A score of 60% in the qualifying Intermediate I Open, AOR and Pony competition is required to be eligible to start in the Intermediate Freestyle competition. Competitions will be limited depending on time constraints.

FEI Medium Tour Freestyle to Music

A score of 60% in the qualifying FEI Intermediate A or B Open, AOR and Pony competition is required to be eligible to start in the Freestyle competition. Competitions will be limited depending on time constraints. Max 12 horses/ponies will be accepted.

FEI Grand Prix Special

The Grand Prix Special is limited to the best 15 combinations entered that gain at least 60% in the Grand Prix. Participation is not compulsory for combinations that qualify, and entry fees will be refunded to the combinations that enter and do not qualify. This competition may be cancelled if less than 3 entries are received.

FEI Grand Prix Freestyle

The Grand Prix Freestyle is limited to the best 15 combinations entered that gain at least 60% in the Grand Prix Open, 58% AOR and Pony Competition. Participation is not compulsory for combinations that qualify, and entry fees will be refunded to the combinations that enter and do not qualify.

FEI Para-Equestrian Freestyle

Entry to the Freestyle will be based on the score in the B competitions. A score of 58% or higher is required. Only one horse per rider allowed. Virtus II1 & II3 Riders score of 58% or higher in the Intermediate A Test

A Codes of Conduct <https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian Australia Code of Conduct.pdf>

FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in their areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the competition horse.

Contact telephone numbers and information

Event Director:	Karen Lever Mob: 0405 384 201 email: karen@snafflebytes.net
Event support	Jo Gunn, ph 0414 416 362 email: honsecretary@dressagensw.com.au
Scratchings/Time Draw:	Karen Lever 0405 384 201 email: karen@snafflebytes.net
Technical Delegate	Toni Venhaus 0418 686 781
Chief Steward	Earle Olaisen 0416 088 830
Vet On Call:	Dr Tamara McElroy – Equine Vet Care New England - 0421 575 237 tamara@equinevetcarenewengland.com.au Tamworth Equine Veterinary Centre (TEVC) - Phone – 02 6766 4333 After Hours - 0427 359 280
Farrier/s:	Jamie Clarke 0417 874 760
Feed Supplies:	Produce such as horse feed, hay and extra shavings can be ordered directly through Furneys Stockfeeds - 02 6762 1363. Orders made before 2pm will be delivered to your stable on the same day. Furneys Stockfeeds opening hours are: Weekdays: 8am - 5pm, Saturday: 8am - 12pm, Sunday: Closed.
AELEC	(02) 6767 5658 - 9.00am - 5.00pm weekdays - enquiries@aelec.com.au
Medical	000 - Tamworth Base Hospital – Dean Street, Tamworth – 02 6767 7700
Laundry facilities	Available onsite - The Executive Laundrette – 5 Bourke Street – 02 6766 2657
Eating out	There are huge variety of restaurants and pubs in and around Tamworth. The following are close to AELEC: Carmen's Italian Restaurant (SPONSOR!) Spains Lane – 02 6765 8525 The Longyard Hotel – 12 The Ringers Rd – 02 6765 3411 The Cattleman's Steakhouse – 559-597 Burgmanns Ln – 02 6765 7922
Motel	Check out our Sponsors - CH Boutique Hotel & Apartments, Ascend Hotel Collection 52 Brisbane St, Tamworth NSW 2340 - (02) 5712 9700