

## DNSW Official Event Calendar – How Does this Work

The basis of the DNSW official event calendar is co-operation and decency and respect between clubs, and between individual clubs and DNSW.

Official events must be approved by the SDA (ie DNSW), and clubs are reminded to show careful consideration of neighbouring clubs when applying for dates.

Clubs are referred to the EA Rules Annexure G.2 final - "Calendar"

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/2020\\_EA\\_National\\_Dressage\\_Rules-Clean\\_Version-Final\\_29-1-20.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/2020_EA_National_Dressage_Rules-Clean_Version-Final_29-1-20.pdf)

Ideally the calendar co-ordinator will call for dates in March for submission by early June. The calendar will be presented to the DNSW committee for endorsement by the July meeting.

**Delegates role** – liaise with clubs in their region for the delivery of dates, and if there is an obvious clash of dates try to work it out between clubs before the dates are sent to the calendar co-ordinator.

**Delegates role** – if there is a clash of dates that is inappropriate, or a weekend that is too heavily loaded with events (thus placing too much stress on judging resources) the calendar co-ordinator will refer this back to the delegates to ask the particular clubs to look at alternative dates.

Such clashes may not become apparent until the state-wide calendar is close to completion.

Sometimes clashes between clubs across different regions may not be apparent until late in the process eg SIEC clubs and Bowral, championship dates across regions eg CWDC and ACTDA

Many clubs run on the same weekends each year. Clubs are encouraged to do this however it is by no means a directive and sometimes public holidays, Easter and other holiday periods impact on available dates. Competition dates are not "set in stone" nor are they allocated by DNSW.

It is clearly not always possible for those clubs who are dictated to by councils, showgrounds etc to use the same weekend each year – they must work around the dates that are available to them eg APDC and Hunter Valley DC, Northside and Warringah, Sugarloaf, Dungog DC and many others.

Clubs who don't wish to clash with another club should liaise with the relevant club/s or liaise with their respective Delegates in the planning stages. (e.g. Bowral does not want to clash with any Sydney based Club)

If a club wants to run on a different weekend by choice, or if they are forced to by availability of dates then that is incorporated into the calendar. Sometimes another club may be asked if they can change their date to make it workable.

Dates are not OK'd by the calendar co-ordinator on a "first in gets the date basis" – there are many reasons why a club may not be able to advise their delegates of dates early in the calendar process eg venue authority does not act quickly, small committees may not meet regularly etc

If there is a dispute between clubs that cannot be resolved between the clubs themselves (clubs resolve things themselves almost 100% of the time) the calendar co-ordinator will review the calendar and see if they can find a solution.

If there is no clear solution then the clubs involved may agree to run on the same weekend, or ultimately, the calendar co-ordinator will make a decision on the dates in conjunction with the Hon Sec or the President. This is extremely rare.

If a club has a grievance that the calendar co-ordinator is unable to resolve the club is advised they can address the DNSW committee where a final decision will be made.

No date is final until the calendar is completed and then approved by the DNSW committee.

Success of this general process depends upon respect and co-operation between clubs, and between clubs and DNSW

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