

REGIONAL JUDGE EDUCATION



Dressage NSW has developed an initiative to support Clubs in Regional Areas, with funding provided by Equestrian NSW

Background

Many Dressage Clubs in NSW, but particularly those outside the Sydney Metro region, experience challenges securing enough Judges for their events. Organising Committee's describe all, or a combination of :

- Not enough judges to meet needs of their events
- Not able to book higher level judges at all
- Same judges all the time
- Cost to bring in Metro judges is prohibitive
- Local judges are mostly at lower levels

A review by a DNSW working group in 2022 highlighted that the most viable long-term solution is to **increase the number of Judges based in the regional areas & upgrade local judges to higher levels.**

Over the last two years, DNSW has conducted various Seminars in Regional areas with good participation numbers, however only a small number of attendees have undertaken the Mentoring needed to complete their accreditation or upgrade.

This indicates that whilst many regional people are *willing* to become judges or upgrade – they find the Mentoring requirements too onerous. Why?

- Mentoring opportunities are often only available at larger events
- Candidates incur significant out of pocket expenses to travel
- Candidate may not have anyone to function as a “writer” for Shadow Judging – particularly if they have to travel out of area



What's on offer ?

Clubs are invited to apply for Regional Judge Education funding. DNSW will arrange for at least two Mentor Judges (C Level & above) to officiate at a nominated Club Event (1 or 2 days). The funding provided will cover costs including:

- Travel and accommodation expenses
- Judge honorarium costs
- Administrative support / Scoring support if needed (via Nominate)

Clubs are also encouraged to express interest in offering Judge Protocol sessions the day prior to their nominated Event for the benefit of Club Members and AOR riders.

Application Criteria

Club's applying should expect to have sufficient class sizes at their Event + be willing to arrange:

- At least two local Judges (either new or current, looking to accredit or upgrade) who are prepared to undertake Mentoring at the nominated event (Mentee's)
- Writers to assist Shadow Judging candidates

Mentee's must reside in the Region where the Club is based

- At least one Club in all three Regions (outside Metro) will receive funding
- Applications will be considered on merit - please consider which Club in your Region is best placed to provide maximum benefit for all
- A maximum of \$10,000 in total funding is available

[Join the information session on Monday 11 March at 7pm via Zoom with Q&A](#)

[Click here to submit application for funding](#)

Applications Close 19 April, 2024