

NSW Dressage Championships

Wednesday 21st to Sunday 25th August 2019

Australian Equine Livestock & Events Centre, Tamworth (AELEC)



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COMPETITOR INFORMATION

The Organising Committee would like to thank you for your entry and wish you the very best of luck at the Horse First 2019 NSW Dressage Championships. Please read through the following important information regarding the event.

Details of the "Time Draw" are now available on the Dressage NSW website. A revised draw may be necessary the day before and during each competition to allow for withdrawals. The starting order will not alter and a move up system will apply. **The onus is on the competitor to confirm/check their start times the day before the competition and on the day of the competition.** All changes will be posted on the notice board outside the Rider Info Office and the website will be updated with changes. We will endeavour to keep changes to a minimum.

Arrival of Horses: AELEC will be open for arrival of horses from **12pm, Tuesday, 20th August**, in day-time hours only. On other days, please plan your arrival between 8am and 5pm. Exception for day parkers who have an early draw.

Horse Health Bio Security Declaration: It is compulsory on arrival at the venue that all competitors hand in a "Horse Health Bio Security Declaration" at the Gate House upon arrival (or at the Rider Info Office for day parkers). The Declaration form is on the website.

COMPETITION

Competitors be aware that **competition conditions apply** from the opening of the stables at 12pm, Tuesday, 20th August.

Withdrawals (Scratchings) and Refunds: Competitors are not permitted to 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 8.4). Entry fees will not be refunded after the closing date of entries unless a medical or veterinary certificate is produced within 24 hours of the completion of the event. In such cases, 50% of the entry fees will be retained by the O.C. Entry fees will be refunded in full for scratchings before the closing date minus any administration fees.

- In circumstances where the competitor wishes to withdraw from a competition shortly before the starting time for their test (eg. if horse is found to be unsound, rider illness or for safety reasons) then the rider must either:
 - 1) ask a Steward to call the Chief Steward or Technical Delegate; or
 - 2) report to the Chief judge in person or send a representative if unable to go in person before withdrawing from that competition.
- For EA level tests, riders who withdraw from the first test of the day will not be allowed to start in the second test.

CAN YOU HELP?

Riders, grooms or family members please consider helping out during the event.

We have a huge programme and finding volunteers especially on week days is difficult.

Any offers of help please contact:

Judith Roughley on email: judithroughley@gmail.com

or Meg Drury email: gillabri@bigpond.com

Use of arenas prior the event:

- Arena 9 will be available for the duration of the competition **during daylight hours only** (subject to closure during watering and grading).
- Lunging areas (2) are located in arena 9 and are open for lunging only at any time, horses must not be left unattended at any time.
- No lunging on any of the other arenas or on the grass areas.
- A notice will be placed on the notice board at the Rider Info Office indicating the arenas allocated for specific warm-up arena on competition days.
- Please use the warm-up arenas as instructed by the stewards to allow for free flow into the competition arenas.

COMPETITORS at all levels please note

Horses are not to leave the stable precinct before daylight or after dark (unless competing in the event)

Arena Familiarisation: A schedule of arena familiarisation is on the website and will be placed on the notice boards at the Rider Info Office.

- Competitors who require day parking for arena familiarisation days outside their competition days have the choice to use the free day parking area or to pay \$27.50 to park near the stables for the day – to be paid at the gate house.

Freestyle competitors: A timetable for a sound check of music on the PA system will be posted on the notice board located at the Rider Info Office and on the website prior to the event. There **will not be an allocated time** for riders to ride their horses during the testing of their freestyle music **accept** for the GP Freestyle.

Freestyles:

	Music (no CD or USB – electronic versions ONLY)	Sound check times	Sound check Location
Para	Please email to tamworthdc@hotmail.com	Thu: 4:30 to 6pm	Indoor
Med Tour	As above	Thu: 4:30 to 6pm	Indoor
Advanced	As above	Thu: 4:30 to 6pm	Indoor
Inter I	As above	Fri: 4 to 5pm	Indoor
Grand Prix	As above	Sat: 6:15 to 7:30pm	Indoor

EO=Event Office in the Indoor; **RIO**= Rider Info Office stable area)

The time draws for the Intermediate Freestyle, the Medium Tour and Grand Prix Freestyle are dependent on achieving the necessary minimum qualifying scores in the respective competitions.

Notice Boards: Notices will be posted at the Event Office and the Rider Info Office located between stable blocks C and D near the Rider Retreat

Accreditation: There will be no accreditation as such for competitors for this event. Admission is free to the venue.

“Championship Memento” an event gift package will be waiting for each competitor and can be picked up from the Rider Info Office

SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT

Protective Headgear: Approved safety helmet to be worn by all competitors in training and in the practice areas. An approved safety helmet is compulsory for all competitors competing up to and including Advanced level as per EA rules. Competition attire including headwear is allowed in the final warm-up arena.

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.

- **Whips are not permitted at FEI level at State Championships.**

Nosebands and Ear Hoods: Checks will be carried out by stewards to ensure nosebands and ear hoods comply with EA/FEI rules.

Para-Equestrian rules: Whip rules apply at all times when horses are on the venue. Only those compensating aids listed for the rider FEI PE Master List can be used at the event. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that all special equipment/compensating aids are permitted under Para-Equestrian rules, and that any used are noted on the FEI PE Master List.

STABLING & CAMPING – Please contact AELEC direct with any questions. Ph: 02 6767 5658

Stabling: The stable allocation will be posted on the website.

Communal Tack rooms will not be available

Note: Please bring your own feed and water bins, shovels, etc as these are not provided at AELEC. A limited supply of bedding will be supplied with the stable. Bedding ordered with stable bookings will be placed just outside the stable.

Stabling cleaning. As per the conditions of entry, a cleaning fee of **\$45.00** per stable/tack room has been charged to all competitors. This bond will be retained if stables are not left completely empty and clean. All bedding is to be removed and stables swept prior to departure. Stable bonds will be refunded at the completion of the competition and will be paid back into the account used to pay entries, via Nominate.

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.**

Produce & Deliveries: If you're able to pick up your required produce then please consider supporting our SPONSOR Pursehouse Rural Tamworth (48 Dampier Street) on 02 6765 4488. Furneys Stockfeeds will deliver to AELEC – 02 6762 1363.

Day Parking/Yards: Day parking is available free of charge at the designated area (refer to AELEC map) or competitors can park near the stables and amenities for \$27.50/day (pay at the gate on the day). Stallions must be supervised at all times and ideally stabled or secured in trucks or floats. AELEC does not have day yards

Car Parking: Car parking is available on site – please refer to AELEC map

Bridle numbers: Riders are responsible for providing bridle numbers for their horses. Bridle numbers must be worn **whenever a horse is out of the stable**, eg when grazing or training. We suggest owners have two sets of numbers on hand, one for head collar and the other for competition.

Competitors **grazing their horses** must take extreme care and have horses in full control of the handler. If grazing horses appear to be upsetting competing horses or horses under saddle they will be asked to return to the stable enclosure.

Please do not graze or lead horses close to the competition arenas when horses are competing.

EA Stallion safe guidelines as of the 1 July apply eg. stallions should be identifiable by a green disc on halter/bridle or saddle cloth. [Click here to access the guidelines](#)

Arrival at AELEC: Access to AELEC is via Jack Smyth Drive. Competitors are to enter through **GATE 8**. Follow the new access road and either veer right to the free day parking area or proceed to the gate house. Competitors will be asked to show **proof of stable/camping booking** & hand in their **Horse Health Bio Security Declaration (PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THIS INFORMATION WITHIN EASY REACH SO YOU DON'T HOLD ANYONE UP!)** Then proceed to your booked parking/camping space – Camping spaces are specifically booked **PLEASE ENSURE YOU PARK IN THE CORRECT SPACE!**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Facilities: We request that competitors take the utmost care in looking after the wonderful facilities that are being provided.

Equissage Riders Retreat: Located in between stable block C and D, the Equissage Riders Retreat is a facility available to competitors. If you are camping on the grounds, you are welcome to use the facilities at any time. Facilities include fridge/freezer space, microwave, coffee/tea facilities. We do ask that you keep the area clean and tidy.

Catering facilities are available from two (2) locations; the main shop located inside the indoor arena on the mezzanine and from the pop-up shop located in the new amenities building above the Woodley's Motors Ebb & Flow arenas.

The pop-up shop will be open from 6am Wednesday to Sunday serving a range of espresso coffees and breakfast choices.

NSW Riders Meeting will be held on **Friday 23rd August directly following the Presentations at around 6.15pm in the Indoor arena**. All riders are welcome and encouraged to attend. Agenda items to be sent to Lizzie Wilson-Fellows em: wilsonfellows@gmail.com or ph 0414 606 656.

Wheelchairs and Scooters: As this event is running para-equestrian competitions, there will be wheelchairs and scooters in and around the horse areas, could all riders please be aware as some horses may not be used to seeing them and please take caution when moving "Slowly" around the venue.

Golf carts: Please take care when driving through the venue and remember that horses have right of way. All golf carts or similar must be registered.

Test papers: Will be emailed to competitors as soon as the Ground Jury has signed off on the competition. The Horse First 2019 NSW Dressage Championships will use the LiveScore Dressage paperless scoring system.

Presentations: A schedule will be posted on the website, at the Rider Info Office and the main Event Office in the Indoor Arena. Riders are requested to be neatly attired for the presentations. Presentations will be unmounted except for the Grand Prix Freestyle and will take place in front of the Event Office on the mezzanine of the indoor arena. The Grand Prix Freestyle presentation will be held mounted in the indoor arena directly following the completion of the competition.

Where a competition has up to 3 entries, prize money will be paid to 1st place only; competitions with 4 to 6 entries, prize money will be paid to 1st & 2nd place; competitions with 7 to 10 entries, prize money will be paid to 3rd place; competitions with 11 to 20 entries, prize money will be paid to 4th place; and competitions with 21 or more entries, prize money will be paid to 6th place. Rosettes will be given to 8th place.

Competitions 24 to 29 (from FEI Inter A to GP level), separate divisions for AOR and Pony will not apply. Ribbons will be presented to the highest scoring AOR and Pony in each competition.

**** Competitors please note;**

please show your respect for the sponsors and the OC by making sure you attend the presentations – whether you're a placegetter or not!

Placegetters who fail to appear at presentations (on time) and who haven't registered a written apology 30 minutes prior to the start of presentations will forfeit ALL winnings – no exceptions **

Prize Money will be paid in cash at the presentation

Prize money for some competitions will be replaced with goods in kind to the value of the prize money noted in the schedule.

We look forward to seeing you soon and best of luck at the Championships.

Presentations, Happy Hour & Rider Welcome supported by Wunderbar Warmbloods

from 6.00pm **Thursday, 22nd August** in the Indoor Arena.

Riders, grooms, owners invited. Finger food and wine provided.

NSW Rider Representative – Riders Meeting

from 6.15pm **Friday, 23rd August** in the Indoor Arena

directly following the Presentations

Everyone welcome & attendance is highly encouraged!!

Saturday Night BBQ & Riders Party supported by McKinnon Sport Horses

from 7.00pm **Saturday, 24th August** at the Riders Retreat

Everyone welcome!!

***** Eat, dance and be merry *****

Handy telephone numbers and information:

Event Co-ordinator	Marjolyn Thomas – 0428 671 338 or marjolythomas@hotmail.com
Organising contacts	Allissia Curry (President Tamworth Dressage Club) – 0499 606 696 or allissia@currypower.com.au
Event Secretary & Scratchings	Karen Lever – 0405 384 201 or karen@snafflebytes.net
Stable/camp enquiries	AELEC – 02 6767 5658
Technical Delegate	Toni Venhaus – 0418 686 781
Chief Steward	Cathie Drury Klein – 0417 224 432
Para-Equestrian	Nell Marshman – 0427 785 568
Veterinarians	Tamworth Equine Veterinary Centre – 02 6766 4333 Scone Equine Group - 02 6545 1333
Farriers	Jamie Clarke – 0417 874 760, Paul Hannan – 0427 923 624
Feed Supplies	Pursehouse Rural Tamworth (SPONSOR!) – 02 6765 4488 (not able to deliver to AELEC) Furney's Stockfeeds (able to deliver to AELEC) – 02 6762 1363
AELEC	02 6767 5658
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
Photos	Amy Sue Alston 0439 042 204 E. asphotodesign3@gmail.com
Accommodation	We recommend the Stockmans Motel (SPONSOR!) just down the road. 2-24 Spains Ln, Kingswood NSW 2340 P: 02 6765 8525

Would you like your photo taken?

Contact Amy Sue Alston to arrange - **0439 042 204** E. asphotodesign3@gmail.com