



Canberra Classic
14-16 November 2025
ACT Dressage Association
Championship event



Entries Close – Wednesday 22nd October

Competition Schedule

2025 Canberra Classic

Friday 14th November – Non Championship Competitions – classes will be held

- FEI Children– FEI Children Preliminary A & B Test (riders aged 12 – 14 years)
- FEI Junior– FEI Junior Team and Individual Test (riders aged 14-18 years on horses)
- FEI Young Rider– FEI Young Rider Team and Individual Test (riders aged 16-21 years)
- FEI Big Tour Under 25– FEI Intermediate II and FEI Grand Prix Under 25 Test
- FEI Pony – FEI Pony Team and Individual Test (riders aged 12-16 years)
- FEI Prix St George Cup – Horses not exceeding 10 years
- FEI Young Horse Qualifier all Age Groups
- FEI Young Pony Qualifier All Age Groups
- Para Equestrian Test of Choice 1 and 2
- Equibility Para Equestrian Test of Choice 1 and 2
- Closed Un-Restricted Prep Championship – Prep 2 and Prep 3

Saturday 15th November

- Divisions – Open, Pony, AOR and Young Rider
 - Novice Championships – Novice 2.2 and Novice 2.3
 - Medium Championships – Medium 4.2 and Medium 4.3
 - FEI Small Tour – FEI Prix St George
 - FEI Medium Tour – FEI Intermediate A
 - FEI Big Tour – FEI Intermediate II
- Closed Un-Restricted Preliminary Championship – Preliminary 1.1 and Preliminary 1.2

Sunday 16th November

- Divisions – Open, Pony, AOR and Young Rider
 - Preliminary Championships – Preliminary 1.2 and Preliminary 1.3
 - Elementary Championships – Elementary 3.2 and Elementary 3.3
 - Advanced Championships – Advanced 5.2 and Advanced 5.3
 - FEI Small Tour – FEI Intermediate I
 - FEI Medium Tour – FEI Intermediate B
 - FEI Big Tour – FEI Grand Prix
- Closed Un-Restricted Novice Championship – Novice 2.1 and Novice 2.2

Divisions

For a division to be awarded there must be at least 5 in a division for the Championship to be awarded. If less than 5 levels may be combined. Eg Medium/Advanced Pony, FEI AOR Championship. Eg. Advanced - 4 Open riders and 2 AOR Riders – riders will be combined to one championship;

ENTRY FEES

EA Competitions:	Members- \$70.00 per test; Non Members - \$80.00 per test.
FEI Competitions:	Members - \$75.00 per test; Non Members - \$85.00 per test.
Closed Un-Restricted Competitions:	Members - \$60.00 per test; Non Members - \$70.00 per test.
Administration Fee	\$50 per Horse (non-refundable)
Paramedic and EA Steward Levy	\$10 per Rider
Equestrian Park Levy	\$5 per horse
Yard Bookings	\$40 per day per horse

Volunteering

It is an ACTDA requirement that all competitors undertake a short shift to assist with the running of the competition. The Signup App will be circulated after the release of the draw so that competitors may choose a time that is suitable to them. Any competitor that does not sign up within 48 hours of release of the draw will be allocated a duty at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Failure to attend your allocated shift may result in disqualification from receiving prize money and championship points.

Championship Calculations

Champions to be decided on a point system of both competitions at each level. As Per EA Dressage Rule Book

Championship Awards and Prizes

Friday FEI classes **ARE NOT** run as Championships events – prizemoney will **NOT** be awarded.

Saturday and Sunday – Rugs will be awarded for the Official Championship Winners if entries are warranted. Closed Un-Restricted Championships – awards will be dependent on entries received.

Presentations

To receive your ribbons/prizes you **MUST** be present at Presentations. If you cannot attend, you must arrange another ride to collect them on your behalf. All riders **must** be fully dressed when attending presentations, photographs for sponsors will be taken during this time. Presentation Schedule will be available closer to the event.

Prize Money – Official Competitions only – Saturday and Sunday Championships Only

The Organising Committee reserves the right to review the prize money allocation for competitions, specifically:

- Where a competition has fewer than 3 entries, prize money will be paid to 1st only;
- Competitions with 5 entries or fewer, prize money will be paid to 1st and 2nd place only; and
- Competitions with more than 5 entries, prize money to 3rd place.

In the event of less than 3 entries in a particular Division (Open/AOR/YR/Pony), divisions will not be split for the purposes of prize money. Championship Points will still be awarded as per division.

Prize money will be as follows:

- 1st: \$100
- 2nd: \$80
- 3rd: \$60

*Goods in Kind will replace prize money in some competitions. Prize money will not be awarded to competitions running on Friday 14th November 2025 and Closed Un-Restricted Competitions

Camping

There are no powered camp sites at Equestrian Park. Competitors are welcome to camp however must abide by the following Equestrian Park Rules. Shower (hot water) facilities are available onsite. Fires are not permitted at Equestrian Park. Facilities will be unlocked by the organising Committee on Thursday, 13th November 2025.

Yards

Yards can be booked at the time of entry, at a cost of \$40 per day. The Organising Committee will send out yard allocations with the draw. If a yard is not booked, there is no guarantee a yard will be available. Yards must be cleaned prior to departure.

Official Competitive Classes

You must be an EA member to enter. PLEASE check your membership is current and your horse's competition licence is also current before entering.

Closed Unrestricted Classes

You must be a member of the EA at either Participation or Competitor level or a financial member of ACTDA to compete. Refer to EA website for more information regarding membership categories.

DRAW

A provisional draw will be sent out shortly after entries close and final draw will be sent out on the Thursday prior to the event. Please note there may be some changes in the draws due to judge allocations and timings etc.

Objections and Appeals

Protests and Appeals are to be made to the Official Steward in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$100.00. No fee is required for protests concerning an abuse.

Dressage Test and Rule Book Links:

- Rule book link: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/Dressage-rules>
- Link to EA Dressage Tests: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules>
- Link to FEI Dressage Tests: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests>
- Link to FEI Para Tests: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/p-e-dressage/tests>

Withdrawals & refunds

- During the competition all competitors who withdraw from a competition must complete a withdrawal form and hand it to the Event Office. Withdrawal forms can be obtained from the Event Office located near the Container
- Scratchings/Withdrawals - Please email karen@snafflebytes.net (Those riders who are not at the venue)
- Scratching/withdrawals before the closing date will be refunded in full minus the Administration Fee.
- Entry fees will be refunded for scratching/withdrawals advised after the closing date up to and including 11th November with a Veterinary or Doctor's certificate will receive, 50% of the entry fees refunded less administration Fee.
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- Yard fees will be refunded for horses not at the venue.

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1. Competitions:
 - a. Official Competitor competitions: Open to all EA Competitor members. Official competitions attract grading points.
 - b. 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. Closed Restricted or Closed Un-restricted Competitions: EA horse registration is not compulsory but encouraged.
3. Junior/Young Riders
 - a. Junior Rider is eligible to compete from the start of the year they turn 10 (the year they turn 8 if riding a pony) to the end of the year they turn 18.
 - b. Young Rider is eligible to compete in Young Rider competitions from the start of the year in which they turn 16 years of age to the end of the year they turn 21
 - c. For the Hawkesbury Dressage Festival Junior/Young Riders are combined into one division.
4. Amateur Owner Rider
 - a. The rider must be aged 21 and over – can enter in the calendar year in which they turn 21
 - b. The horse/pony must be primarily ridden and trained by the rider/owner with only periodic ridden assistance by person(s) other than the owner. This specifically includes the period 4 weeks up to and including the event
 - c. If the OC receives evidence that the rider is in breach of these rules then this rider will forfeit any awards and prizes
 - d. Please refer to rule 4.6.1. page 44, 2024 Dressage Rule book for more information.
5. Competitions are open to riders aged 10 year on horses and 8 years on ponies. Please indicate on the entry form if your horse is a pony. Height of horses and ponies: Refer current 2024 EA Dressage Rules regarding measurement requirements.
6. Number of Competitions per horse – Each horse can only compete in two tests per day, EA Level no more than 8 tests over a 7 day period, FEI Level no more than 6 tests in a 7 day period. Refer to rule 4.8.1 (page 45)
7. 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.
8. This event will be held in accordance with current EA National Dressage Rules as amended except where FEI Rules apply. The Committee may grant exemptions to the rules for special promotional competitions. The onus is on the competitor to know the rules.
9. HORS CONCOURS (Non competitive): Riders wishing to ride HC/NC must declare their intention in writing before the start of competition (test) with entry.
10. Entries are taken on a first in basis. Telephone/Late entries will not be accepted except where late entries event is advertised on Nominate. Reminder to riders, entering after entries close does not guarantee you a ride and there is a late fee applied
11. Bridle & EA numbers must be shown on entry. Bridle numbers (2) – one on either side of the horse, must be clearly displayed so that the judge can identify the rider when riding in front of the judges' vehicle. Riders are not required to stop at the judge's car.
12. DNAs, riders will automatically be placed on the reserve list the next event they enter if the competition is over subscribed.
13. 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. ACTDA members will be given preference if oversubscribed. Only one rider may ride a horse at the event.
14. Grading Points and eligibility to compete at FEI level: As per current EA rules.
15. 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.
16. Registration and Performance Cards must be available on the day of competition.
17. Entry Fees: As stated in the respective event schedule
18. Prizes-Ribbons: Unless otherwise stated in the schedule: Up to 5 horses: Ribbons to 3rd place; - Over 5 horses: Ribbons to 6th place.
19. Stabling – Stabling to be booked on separate Nominate Event.
20. Gear Check – all competitors must present to the Gear Steward after their test. Failure to do so will incur elimination.
21. Warm up Arenas: Riders competing should use the nominated warm up arena – please observe the rules in the warmup arena as per EA Dressage Rules. Do not ride around the actual competition arena until it is your turn to be judged.
22. Dogs must be on a leash, dogs, children, prams etc are not allowed in the actual competition area.
23. Conditions for Riding Attire & Hats. As per EA Rules or special conditions covered in the competition schedule.
24. Video Cameras and equipment must be kept at least 10 metres from the arena, preferably at the A end of arena.
25. 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.
26. 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.

Notice to all competitors:

The welfare of the horse is paramount. Refer Section EA Rules. 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.

Spectators and visitors are welcome at all times.

Risk Warning and Disclaimer

Horse riding is a dangerous activity and can result in serious injury (including death) and loss. All persons who ride, or tend, a horse on these grounds do so entirely at their own risk.

Neither the organising committee nor the EA accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders, owners, grounds, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.



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