



ACT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2026

ENTRY FEES (Fees subject to changes)

Event Fees		
Administration Fee	\$25 per Horse (non-refundable)	
Equestrian Park Horse Levy	\$5 per Horse	
Volunteer Levy	\$50 Per Rider (Refundable if you volunteer for 60mins min)	
Entry Fees		
	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Official Competitions	\$50.00 per test	\$60.00 per test
Closed Un-Restricted	\$40.00 per test	\$50.00 per test
Closed Restricted (Members Only)	\$40.00 per test	
Yards Per Day	\$20 Per Yard	
Yards Overnight	\$25 per Yard	

Entering Events

Entries to events will be open on Equestrian Hub <https://equestrian-hub.com/>

Please ensure you fill out the correct information, EA numbers must be filled in when entering.

Yards

Yards can be booked with your entries on Equestrian-Hub

Rules and Regulations

Events will be conducted in strict accordance with the current edition (including amendments) of EA Dressage Rules & Official Procedures for Dressage Competition as at 1/1/26 (and subsequent amendments), EA Current General Regulations. **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

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.

Closed Restricted Classes

You must be a member a financial member of ACTDA to compete.



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Withdrawals & refunds

In regards to any scratching or withdrawing from a test or competition:

- A competitor may withdraw any or all of the horses that he/she has entered, subject to the Conditions of Entry - which will take precedence over these rules.
- Scratching/withdrawals before the closing date will be refunded in full minus the administration fee.
- A refund may only be made if documented proof (i.e. veterinary or medical certificate ONLY) is provided prior to the commencement of the event or produced within 3 days of the completion of the event to the Event Secretary.
- A refund shall be a minimum of 50% of the entry fee. The administration fee is not refundable. Any additional fees as incurred by the OC, refunded at the discretion of the OC as stated in the conditions of entry
- No refunds will be issued for withdrawals/scratchings advised from the day prior to the commencement of the event.
- Scratching/withdrawals must be advised via email karen@snafflebyes.net

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>

ACTDA Conditions of Entry – 2026

- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- 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, 2026 Dressage Rule book for more information.
- Competitions are open to riders aged 10 year on horses and 8 years on ponies. Height of horses and ponies: Refer current 2026 EA Dressage Rules regarding measurement requirements. Pony entrants will need to produce a height certificate if requested by the ACTDA.
- 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)
- 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.
- 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.
- HORS CONCOURS (Non competitive): Riders wishing to ride HC/NC must declare their intention in writing before the start of competition (test) with entry.
- Entries are taken on a first in basis. Telephone/Late entries will not be accepted except where late entries event is advertised on Equestrian-Hub. Reminder to riders, entering after entries close does not guarantee you a ride.
- 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.
- DNAs, riders will automatically be placed on the reserve list the next event they enter if the competition is over subscribed.



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- In the case of oversubscription, entries may be limited and a max. of two horses per rider will apply. Events are open to all EA members. ACTDA members will be given preference if oversubscribed. Only one rider may ride a horse at the event.
- Grading Points and eligibility to compete at FEI level: As per current EA rules.
- 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.
- Registration and Performance Cards must be available on the day of competition.
- Entry Fees: As stated in the respective event schedule
- Prizes-Ribbons: Unless otherwise stated in the schedule: Up to 5 horses: Ribbons to 3rd place; - Over 5 horses: Ribbons to 6th place.
- Gear Check – all competitors must present to the Gear Steward after their test. Failure to do so will incur elimination.
- Warm up Arenas: Riders competing should use the nominated sand/grass 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.
- Dogs must be on a leash, dogs, children, prams etc are not allowed in the actual competition area.
- Conditions for Riding Attire & Hats. As per EA Rules or special conditions covered in the competition schedule.
- Video Cameras and equipment must be kept at least 10 metres from the arena, preferably at the A end of arena.
- 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.
- Only horses that are entered in the ACTDA event are permitted on or around the competition area during the event, including the warmup arenas.
- Callers are allowed in all tests, except FEI Competitions
- 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.