



# 2025 SCHEDULE

# About THE FESTIVAL

## Date

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Event Venue

Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre

## Event Website

**[www.dressagefestival.com.au](http://www.dressagefestival.com.au)**

Please refer here for further information, acceptance lists, draws and timetable updates in the lead up to the event.

## Entries

**Enter online via [www.dressagefestival.com.au](http://www.dressagefestival.com.au)**

## Entries Close

Sunday 2nd November 2025

## Event Committee

Dressage Victoria State Committee

Enquiries: [secretary@dressagefestival.com.au](mailto:secretary@dressagefestival.com.au)



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# PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

## THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

- 4-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 1
- 5-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 1
- 6-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 1
- 7-Year-Old Horse First Round 1
- Inter II
- Para Equestrian Grand Prix A – All Levels
- Virtus – All Levels

## SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

- Preliminary Horse Championship
- Preliminary Pony Championship
- Elementary Horse Championship
- Elementary Pony Championship
- Inter I Horse & Pony
- Advanced Horse & Pony Championship
- Inter B Horse & Pony
- Off The Track Novice Championship
- CDN Grand Prix Freestyle
- FEI CDI-W Grand Prix Freestyle
- FEI CDI-W Pacific League Final Freestyle

**DINNER**

## FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

- 4-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 2
- 5-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 2
- 6-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 2
- 7-Year-Old Horse First Round 2
- PSG Horse & Pony
- Inter A Horse & Pony
- Off The Track Elementary Championship
- Para Equestrian Grand Prix B – All Levels
- Virtus-All Levels
- CDN Grand Prix
- FEI CDI-W Grand Prix
- FEI CDI-W Pacific League Final

**VDC RIDERS' BBQ, VICTORIAN RIDER FORUM AND PERFORMANCE AWARDS**

## SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

- Novice Horse Championship
- Novice Pony Championship
- Inter I Horse & Pony Freestyle
- Medium Horse Championship
- Medium Pony Championship
- Medium Tour Freestyle
- Advanced Freestyle
- Off The Track Preliminary Championship



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# *Victorian* STATE HORSE & PONY CHAMPIONSHIPS

|                          | TESTS                              | ENTRY FEE              | PRIZE MONEY PER TEST   |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP | PRELIMINARY 1.2<br>PRELIMINARY 1.3 | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes  |
| NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP      | NOVICE 2.2 NOVICE 2.3              | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes  |
| ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONSHIP  | ELEMENTARY 3.2<br>ELEMENTARY 3.3   | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes  |
| MEDIUM CHAMPIONSHIP      | MEDIUM 4.2 MEDIUM 4.3              | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes  |
| ADVANCED CHAMPIONSHIP    | ADVANCED 5.2<br>ADVANCED 5.3       | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes  |
| SMALL TOUR. CHAMPIONSHIP | PSG INTER 1 INTER 1<br>FREESTYLE   | \$120 per Test         | 1st \$150, 2nd \$130, 3rd \$120, 4th \$80, 5th \$60, 6th \$40 7th & 8th Rosettes |



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|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| MEDIUM TOUR<br>CHAMPIONSHIP    | INTERMEDIATE A<br>INTERMEDIATE B<br>INTER A/B FREESTYLE    | \$120 per Test                             | 1st \$150, 2nd \$130,<br>3rd \$120, 4th \$80,<br>5th \$60, 6th \$40 7th<br>& 8th Rosettes |
| LARGE TOUR<br>CHAMPIONSHIP     | INTER 2 GRAND PRIX<br>GRAND PRIX<br>FREESTYLE              | \$120 per Test                             | 1st \$150, 2nd \$130,<br>3rd \$120, 4th \$80,<br>5th \$60, 6th \$40 7th<br>& 8th Rosettes |
| CDIW                           | CDI-W GRAND PRIX<br>CDI-W GRAND PRIX<br>FREESTYLE          | \$400 INCLUDES<br>BOTH TEST<br>(MANDATORY) | 1st \$500, 2nd \$400,<br>3rd \$300, 4th \$200,<br>5th \$100                               |
| PACIFIC LEAGUE<br>CHAMPIONSHIP | CDI-W PL GRAND<br>PRIX CDI-W PL<br>GRAND PRIX<br>FREESTYLE | \$400 INCLUDES<br>BOTH TEST<br>(MANDATORY) | 1st \$500, 2nd \$400,<br>3rd \$300, 4th \$200,<br>5th \$100                               |

- Prizes may replace prize money. Prize money will be paid out as per EA Dressage Rule 3.20  
Eg: For competitions with 3 or less starters on conclusion of the class, prize money will be allocated to first place only. The schedule states the allocation of prize money based on full classes of (35) competitors.
- FEI Ponies will only be separated in FEI classes if 3 or more enter, if not included in horse classes.



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# *Victorian* YOUNG HORSE & PONY CHAMPIONSHIPS

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|--|---|------------------------|---|
| 4YO YOUNG HORSE & PONY CHAMPIONSHIP                      | 1ST ROUND - EA YH COMMANDED 4YO<br>2ND ROUND - EA YOUNG HORSE DRESSAGE TEST 4YO | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes |
| 5YO YOUNG HORSE & PONY CHAMPIONSHIP                      | 1ST ROUND - EA YH COMMANDED 5YO<br>2ND ROUND-FEI YH PRELIMINARY TEST 5YO        | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes |
| 6YO YOUNG HORSE & PONY (Pony separate test) CHAMPIONSHIP | 1ST ROUND-EA YH COMMANDED 6YO<br>2ND ROUND-FEI YH PRELIMINARY TEST 6YO          | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes |
| 7YO YOUNG HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP                             | 1ST ROUND - YH 7YO ADVANCED 5.2 2ND ROUND- EA YOUNG HORSE DRESSAGE TEST 7YO     | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes |

- Prizes may replace prize money. Prize money will be paid out as per EA Dressage Rules 3.20 Eg For competitions with 3 or less starters on conclusion of the class, prize money will be allocated to first place only. The schedule states the allocation of prize money based on full classes of (35) competitors.

# *Victorian* PARA EQUESTRIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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|----------------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| GRADE 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP | GRADE I. GRAND PRIX<br>A GRAND PRIX B  | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes |
| GRADE 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP | GRADE II GRAND PRIX<br>A GRAND PRIX B  | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes |
| GRADE 3 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP | GRADE III GRAND PRIX<br>A GRAND PRIX B | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes |
| GRADE 4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP | GRADE IV GRAND PRIX<br>A GRAND PRIX B  | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes |
| GRADE 5 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP | GRADE V GRAND PRIX<br>A GRAND PRIX B   | \$160 PER CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th \$40, 6th \$20 7th & 8th Rosettes |

- Prize money or goods in kind will be allocated depending on the number of entries received for each competition.
- Competitions with fewer than 3 starters- prize money will be allocated to first place only, competitions with 4 starters- prize money to second, competitions with more five or more starters- prize money third place.



# Victorian VIRTUS EQUESTRIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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| II1<br>(60x20) | FEI Grade 1V Novice<br>B<br>FEI Grade IV<br>Intermediate A<br>FEI Grade IV Novice<br>Freestyle    | \$160 PER<br>CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100,<br>3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th<br>\$40, 6th \$20 7th &<br>8th Rosettes |
| II2<br>(40x20) | FEI Grade 111 Novice<br>A<br>FEI Grade 111<br>Intermediate B<br>FEI Grade 111 Novice<br>Freestyle | \$160 PER<br>CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100,<br>3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th<br>\$40, 6th \$20 7th &<br>8th Rosettes |
| II3<br>(60x20) | FEI Grade 1V Novice<br>B<br>FEI Grade IV<br>Intermediate A<br>FEI Grade IV Novice<br>Freestyle    | \$160 PER<br>CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$120, 2nd \$100,<br>3rd \$80, 4th \$60, 5th<br>\$40, 6th \$20 7th &<br>8th Rosettes |

- Prize money or goods in kind will be allocated depending on the number of entries received for each competition.
- Competitions with fewer than 3 starters- prize money will be allocated to first place only, competitions with 4 starters- prize money to second, competitions with more five or more starters- prize money third place.



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# *Victorian* OFF THE TRACK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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| OTT PRELIMINARY<br>STATE<br>CHAMPIONSHIP | EA PRELIMINARY 1.2<br>EA PRELIMINARY 1.3 | \$160 PER<br>CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$250<br>2nd \$150<br>3rd \$140<br>Per Test |
| OTT NOVICE STATE<br>CHAMPIONSHIP         | EA NOVICE 2.2 EA<br>NOVICE 2.3           | \$160 PER<br>CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$250<br>2nd \$150<br>3rd \$140<br>Per Test |
| OTT ELEMENTARY<br>STATE<br>CHAMPIONSHIP  | EA ELEMENTARY 3.2<br>EA ELEMENTARY 3.3   | \$160 PER<br>CHAMPIONSHIP | 1st \$220<br>2nd \$150<br>3rd \$140<br>Per Test |

- OTT classes will be held for Preliminary, Novice and Elementary.
- One qualifying performance of 60% required at the level entered.
- OTT can compete open classes on other days of the championships.

Riders must register their OTT horse on the Community platform to be eligible for the OTT classes.

[OTT Community Website](#)

Prize money or goods in kind will be allocated depending on the number of entries received for each competition.

Competitions with fewer than 3 starters- prize money will be allocated to first place only, competitions with 4 starters- prize money to second, competitions with more five or more starters-prize money third place.



# *Victorian* DRESSAGE FESTIVAL

## QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All entries for EA and FEI Level tests must be qualified by having gained at least the following during the 12-month period preceding the closing date.

### **Performance requirements by Level.**

- **Preliminary Level** – Open: two performances of 64% or higher: Pony: two performances of 63% or higher
- **Novice Level** – Open: two performances of 64% or higher: Pony: two performances of 63% or higher
- **Elementary Level:** Open: two performances of 63% or higher:
- **Pony:** two performances of 60% or higher
- **Medium Level:** Open: two performances of at least 62% or higher: Pony: two performances of 60% or higher
- **Advanced Level:** Open: two performances of at least 62% or higher: Pony: two performances of 60% or higher
- **Prix St George:** Open & Pony: two performances of 62% or higher at PSG
- **Intermediate I:** Open & Pony: two performances of 60% or higher at Inter I
- **FEI Medium Tour:** Open & Pony: two performances of 60% or higher at Inter A and/or B is required
- **Intermediate II & Grand Prix:** Open & Pony: two performances of 60% is compulsory at the competition level entered. Grand Prix results will count towards qualification for the Inter II
- **CDI-W Combinations:** Must have gained at least 62% or above on one (1) occasion in official Grand Prix competitions to be eligible to compete at CDI Grand Prix competition
- **Young Horse and Pony Championships:** no qualification requirements
- **Pacific League World Cup Final:** See Below Page
- **Para Equestrian & Virtus levels :** one performance of 60% or higher
- **OTT classes:** one performance of 60% or higher at the level entered

### **Performance Information:**

- At least one qualifying score **MUST** have been obtained by the nominated Horse/Pony Rider combination. If there is a rider change this applies to the new Horse/Pony Rider combination also.
- To enter you must have at least one score which is at or above the required percentage for the level you are entering.
- Only one HC (non-competitive) score is allowed to count at each level entered.
- If a class is oversubscribed horses will be accepted based on their three best scores. A reserve list will be posted.



# *Pacific* LEAGUE WORLD CUP FINAL

- To be eligible for the PAL Final, combinations must have competed at a CDIW qualifier or CDI3\* or higher on at least one (1) occasion in the preceding twelve (12) months and gained a minimum of at least 68% in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.
- The Pacific League Final will consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) eligible combinations:
- Up to five (5) places will be reserved for visiting combinations. In the event the visiting NF requests more than five (5) places, the Chairman of Dressage from each NF or their nominated representative will determine the numbers from each country based on performance in the preceding twelve (12) months.
- Host NF-qualified combinations may complete the field.
- At the Pacific League Final, an Athlete may ride two (2) Horses in the Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix, however, must declare to the OC prior to the Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix draw which of the two (2) Horses is their nominated choice for the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.
- Only one (1) Horse per Athlete is permitted in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music
- The highest placed combination from the PAL Final is eligible to represent the PAL at the FEI Dressage World Cup TM Final of the season, provided they have reached the minimum qualification criteria of having scored at least 68% in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music in a CDIW qualifier, including the PAL Final on two different occasions.
- If the winning combination is unable to travel to the FEI Dressage World Cup TM Final, the next placed Athlete/Horse combination from the Pacific League Final may represent the League at the FEI Dressage World Cup TM Final.
- In the event that neither combination as stated in Art 13.7 and 13.8 is able to take part in the FEI Dressage World Cup TM Final, the AUS and NZL NF Selectors may nominate an Athlete/Horse combination from the PAL region which is domiciled in another NF and has declared prior to the start of the season to qualify for the PAL (Athlete/Horse combination is subject to having scored at least 68% in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music in a CDIW qualifier on two (2) different occasions). This place will not be considered as an Extra Starting place, but as the PAL place. If the AUS and NZL Selectors cannot agree on which Athlete/Horse combination to nominate (as per the process above), The FEI will select the AUS or NZL Athlete (provided they have fulfilled the AUS/NZL requirement to declare as above) with the highest ranking on the FEI World Ranking List – Athletes for February of the year of the FEI Dressage World Cup TM Final.

## *Freestyle* DETAILS

- Riders are required to confirm their intention to start in the freestyle should they qualify at the time of Accreditation at the Rider info office.
- Freestyle Music: Details on procedure to submit freestyle music will be advised via our website.
- CDI Grand Prix Freestyle: A horse must obtain a minimum score of 60% in the qualifying Grand Prix to be eligible to start in the Freestyle competition. Limited to 15 horses. A rider may start only one (1) horse.
- CDN Grand Prix Freestyle: Open to up to 15 horses who qualify with a score of 60% in the CDN Grand Prix.
- Intermediate I Freestyle: Open to up to 15 horses who qualify with a score of 60% in the Intermediate I
- Intermediate A/B Freestyle: Open to up to 10 horses who qualify with a score of 60% or higher in the Inter A or B.

## *Prize* MONEY DETAILS

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to review the prize money allocation for competitions in line with EA Dressage rules 3.20, specifically:
- Where a competition has fewer than three competitors complete the class, prize money will be paid to 1st only.
- Competitions with five competitors or fewer complete the class, prize money will be paid to 1st & 2nd placegetters only.
- Competitions with ten competitors and below complete the class, prize money to 3rd Place placegetters only.
- Goods in Kind will replace prize money in some competitions.
- Prize money will be credited to competitors within 14 working days after the event via Electronic Funds Transfer.
- Please ensure you enter the correct bank details on the entry.



# Rug DETAILS

Championship Rugs will be presented as follows using Championships point system (rule 10.11) unless noted advised otherwise below.

- **Open Championship Awards:** Championships will be awarded in the following Levels: Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, and Advanced.
- **Pony Championship Awards:** Championship will be awarded in the following Levels: Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, and Advanced.
- **The Small Tour Champion:** will be determined by the highest combined results using the championship point score system in the Prix St George, Intermediate I and Intermediate I Freestyle.
- **The FEI Medium Tour Champion:** will be determined by the highest combined results using the championship point score system in the Intermediate A, Intermediate B & Medium Tour Freestyle competitions.
- **The CDN Big Tour Champion:** is the combination who achieves the best two scores out of the FEI Intermediate II, FEI Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle (as per Rule 10.11e).
- **FEI Pony Champion:** will be presented to the pony with the highest combined score in two FEI competitions (small tour, medium tour & large tour) Only if more than 3 pony entries.
- **Para Dressage & Virtus:** Rug awarded to highest % over all grades.
- **Off the Track Championship Awards:** Championship will be awarded in the following levels: Preliminary, Novice & Elementary.



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# *Trophy*/EXTRA AWARD DETAILS

## THE GERT DONVIG MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the highest placed Victorian in the Prix St Georges.

## THE CK PERPETUAL TROPHY

Awarded to the highest percentage gained by a Victorian from all Grand Prix Classes.

## THE STATENE PARK TROPHY

Awarded to the Rider aged 25 years of age and under with the highest percentage gained in an Official FEI test.

## CLUB TEAM TROPHIES

Awarded to the winning clubs in each category: see General Event Rules & Regulations Below.

## AMATEUR OWNER RIDERS (AOR)

The AOR Champion Horse and AOR Champion Pony in each class (Preliminary-Small Tour) will receive a special trophy and rosette. Trophies will only be awarded where there are more than 5 AOR Competitors in each class. The 3 highest scores in each test (Horse and Pony) will received a rosette. Competitors must tick the "Are you an AOR Competitor" at time of entry to be eligible.

## YOUNG RIDER AWARDS 16-21 YEARS

Rosettes awarded to the highest place Young Rider in all National Classes.

## JUNIOR RIDER AWARDS 16 AND UNDERS

Rosettes awarded to the highest placed Junior Rider in all National Classes.

### NOTES:

- All trophies will be held by Equestrian Victoria and a suitably engraved plaque be given to winners.
- There will be an opportunity for photos to be taken with the trophy following presentations.

# Other CHARGES

Other charges and fees that apply for this event.

- **Administration fee:** \$33 per horse (non-refundable)
- **Medical Fee:** \$20 per rider (non-refundable)
- **Volunteer Levy:** \$30 (refundable on completion of two hours of volunteer time by rider or nominee)
- **FEI Fees for CDI horses:** Riders entered in the international events will also pay the below fees per horse – CHF \$43 per horse.
- **Facility Fee:** \$20 per horse per day.

As per the FEI general regulations. Prize money will be paid to 25% of participants.

Please note the correct arrival and departure day on the entry.

Stabling and Camping bookings contact <https://www.wpnec.com.au>



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# Horse WELFARE

## FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to always acknowledge and accept that the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in their areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the competition horse.





# Conditions OF ENTRY

## APPLICABLE EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA (EA) DOCUMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. This Equestrian Victoria (EV) event is governed by the Equestrian Australia (EA) General Regulations, applicable EA Sports Rules and all relevant EA Codes, policies, bylaws, rules and regulations. The EA Sports rules (i.e. the National Rules for each EA sport or discipline) and regulations may be accessed on the EA website "Discipline Rules & Regulations" page via the following link [\*\*https://www.equestrian.org.au/rules\*\*](https://www.equestrian.org.au/rules). The EA Codes, Policies etc. may be accessed on the EA website "Policies & Bylaws" page via the following link [\*\*https://www.equestrian.org.au/policies\*\*](https://www.equestrian.org.au/policies).
2. To be eligible to participate in this event you must be a current EV member or current member of an EA state branch. You must also satisfy any further membership or registration requirement (including those for any horse entered) referred to in the General Conditions of Entry for the event (Conditions of Entry) and individual disciplines.
3. The EA National Sports Rules applicable to the event are referred to in the Conditions of Entry.
4. All EA and EV events are subject to the EA Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct).
5. It is important that all members understand that the Code of Conduct also covers parents, guardians and spectators in respect of any activity held or sanctioned by EV or an EA state branch. A key aim of the Code of Conduct is to respect the rights of everyone involved, to abide by all EA rules and requirements, to be fair, considerate, honest and professional in all aspects of the sport.
6. EA and EV are committed to the protection and welfare of its members. The EA Member Protection Policy (MPP) can be accessed on its website via the following link [\*\*https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/NIF%20Member%20Protection%20Policy%20December%202021.pdf\*\*](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/NIF%20Member%20Protection%20Policy%20December%202021.pdf). The EA Social Media Policy, which can be accessed via the following link, should be read in conjunction with the MPP. [\*\*https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian\\_Australia\\_Social\\_Media\\_Policy\\_February2018.pdf\*\*](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian_Australia_Social_Media_Policy_February2018.pdf) These are important documents designed to ensure the safe and fair conduct of the event for everyone involved. They should be read, understood and complied with.
7. EA and EV events are also subject to various codes and regulations designed to protect the horse, the welfare of which is paramount (Horse Welfare Provisions). Entrants and Competitors must familiarise themselves with the Horse Welfare Provisions and ensure that they are complied with. These Provisions may be accessed on the EA website via the following link [\*\*http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies\*\*](http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies).

# Conditions OF ENTRY CONTINUED

8. If the event is conducted at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre (WPNEC) the WPNEC Risk Management Conditions shall apply to the event. The Risk Management Conditions can be accessed via the following link <https://wpnec.com.au/risk-management/>.

## MEDICATION CONTROL

This event will be run in accordance with the current EA Medication Control Policy and the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations.

## PROTEST

Any appeal or protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a bond of AUD\$200 to the event secretary. No bond is required to protest relating to abuse. If a protest is to be lodged it must be within 30 minutes from the posting of final scores in accordance with Annexe F 15(d) and Rule 7.14 (c) of the EA National Dressage Rules.

## ENTRANTS AND COMPETITORS BOUND BY EA DOCUMENTS

1. Entrants and Competitors must familiarise themselves with the provisions of the EA documents referred to above (EA documents) and ensure that they comply with them.
2. By submitting an entry for the event you agree to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the EA documents, these Special Conditions and the Conditions of Entry.
3. If you are the parent or guardian of a participant or competitor under the age of 18 years, by submitting an entry for the event you consent to their participation in the event and undertake to the best of your ability to ensure that they understand and comply with the provisions of the EA documents, these Special Conditions and The Conditions of Entry.
4. If there is any conflict in the interpretation between the provisions of the General Regulations and any of the EA documents, these Special Conditions or the Conditions of Entry, the General Regulations will take precedence. If there is any conflict in the interpretation between the provisions of these Special Conditions and the Conditions of Entry, the Special Conditions will take precedence.



# Conditions OF ENTRY CONTINUED

## SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Equestrian Victoria Social Media policy along with the FEI social media policy will be in play and heavily policed. Competitors may not make derogatory, offensive, or inflammatory comments about other Participants, EA, EV, the FEI, Dressage Victoria the organising committee or any other individuals involved in equestrian sport.

## FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Failure to comply may result in sanctions including being asked to leave the venue at any time with no refund.



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# *Withdrawals* & REFUNDS

- No competitor shall 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 10.4).
- 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 (5) five days prior to the start of the event. In such cases, 50% of the entry fees will be refunded with a valid vet or medical certificate.
- Entry fees refunds for scratchings/withdrawals received (5) five days or later before the start of the event will have a 35% refunded.
- Refunds may be considered for withdrawals from competitors travelling long distances who are placed 5th or lower on the reserve list if the OC is notified 48 hours prior to the commencement of the class.
- Fees for stables/tack/cabins/camp sites will not be refunded for competitors who depart earlier than indicated on the entry form.
- Equestrian Victoria (EV) or the Organising Committee (OC) may, at their sole discretion, cancel the event due to pandemic, catastrophic conditions, disease or force majeure, or for any other reason.
- If the event is cancelled after it has commenced, no refunds will be issued. If the event is cancelled prior to commencement, the entrant may be entitled to a partial refund of the entry fees paid.
- Any such refund will be determined at the absolute discretion of Equestrian Victoria, having regard to the direct or fixed costs for the event. Entrants who have provided an email address and/ or mobile phone number will be notified of event cancellation by email and/or text message.
- The refund policy for withdrawal, scratching's or change of an entry is set out above.

# *Commentary* FORM

Full Name

Age

Horse Name

Horse Age

Other Information eg. Trainer, Breeding, Ownership, or any other information you would like to share.