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**NOTE: ALL COMPETITORS HORSES WHICH TAKE PART IN THE EVENT WILL BE PLACED IN A DRAW TO TAKE PLACE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE**



**EVENT ON SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. THE ENTRIES FEES WILL BE REFUNDED TO THE FIRST DRAWN HORSE.**

**NOTES, ABBREVIATIONS AND CONTEXT**

Please note that within this document, all references to one gender shall also apply to the other. All references to horses shall also apply to ponies, and vice versa, unless otherwise stated.

OC means the Organising Committee of the event.

EV means Equestrian Victoria

DV means Dressage Victoria

DJEP means the Dressage Judges Education Panel

Persons Responsible means the rider, owner, entrant, groom, or parents (where the rider &/or owner is under 18)

All times shall be given in 24 hour time i.e. 0900 means 9am and 2100 means 9pm.

All dates shall be written in full or as DD-MM-YYYY.

Dressage Rules means the current Equestrian Australia Dressage Rules

This Event is run, in order of preference, under the following rules and regulations: Event Schedule (this document), relevant Test Sheets, EA Medication Control policy, EA Dressage Rules, EA General Regulations, FEI Dressage Rules, FEI General Regulations.



## VICTORIAN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

### EVENT INFORMATION

<b>Event Date</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Event venue</b>	Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre 170 K Road Werribee 3030 Victoria AUSTRALIA
<b>Event Website</b>	<a href="http://www.vicdressagechamps.org.au">www.vicdressagechamps.org.au</a> <i>Please refer here for further information, acceptance lists, draws and timetable updates in the lead up to the event.</i>
<b>Entries Below</b>	Nominate <a href="https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Nominate.aspx">https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Nominate.aspx</a>
<b>Entries close</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018

### PERSONNEL

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<b>Chief Steward</b>	Jan Smith
<b>Scoring</b>	Equiscore <a href="http://www.equiscore.com.au">www.equiscore.com.au</a>



## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

It is a requirement of entry that you volunteer to assist in making our state championships a success. Please go to “SignUp” at: <http://signup.com/go/jkjpgin> to register;

Get in quick to ensure you can nominate the jobs and times that you want!

We will work with people to adjust their volunteer times to fit their draw times if there is a conflict.

## Provisional Timetable

### Thursday

Preliminary 1.2 (Horses)

Preliminary 1.3 (Horses)

Preliminary 1.2 (Ponies)

Preliminary 1.3 (Ponies)

Advanced 5.2 (Horses)

Advanced 5.3 (Horses)

Advanced 5.2 (Ponies)

Advanced 5.3 (Ponies)

Intermediate 2

Intermediate A

Young Horse & Pony 6YO

***Riders' WELCOME kindly put on by the Victorian Dressage Club***

### Friday

Novice 2.2 (Horses)

Novice 2.3 (Horses)

Novice 2.2 (Ponies)

Novice 2.3 (Ponies)

Para Equestrian Team Test

Prix St Georges (Horses)

Prix St Georges (Ponies)

Young Horse & Pony 4YO

Grand Prix

Intermediate B

***Sound Checks (GP and Medium Tour)***



## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE CONTINUED

### Saturday

Elementary 3.3 (Horses)

Elementary 3.2 (Horses)

Elementary 3.3 (Ponies)

Elementary 3.2 (Ponies)

Intermediate 1

Participation 1.1

Participation 1.2

Para Equestrian Individual

Young Horse & Pony 5YO

Medium (Inter A and B) Tour Freestyle

***Dog Races and Saturday Night BBQ***

***Performance Medals Presentation***

***Grand Prix Freestyle***

***Sound checks for Inter 1 and PE Freestyles***

### Sunday

Medium 4.3 (Horses)

Medium 4.2 (Horses)

Medium 4.3 (Ponies)

Medium 4.2 (Ponies)

Para Equestrian Freestyle

Intermediate 1 Freestyle

Grand Prix Special

Young Horse & Pony 7YO

Participation 2.1

Participation 2.2

***Club Teams Presentations***



## TABLE OF COMPETITIONS, FEES AND PRIZE MONIES

No	Competition	Entry Fee	Test	Prize Money			Rosettes to
				1	2	3	
1	Preliminary (horses)	\$130	Prelim 1.2	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Prelim 1.3	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
2	Preliminary (Ponies)	\$130	Prelim 1.2	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Prelim 1.3	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
3	Novice (Horses)	\$130	Novice 2.2	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Novice 2.3	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
4	Novice (Ponies)	\$130	Novice 2.2	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Novice 2.3	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
5	Elementary (Horses)	\$130	Elem 3.2	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Elem 3.3	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
6	Elementary (Ponies)	\$130	Elem 3.2	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Elem 3.3	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
7	Medium (Horses)	\$130	Medium 4.2	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Medium 4.3	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
8	Medium (Ponies)	\$130	Medium 4.2	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Medium 4.3	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
9	Advanced (Horses)	\$130	Adv 5.2	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Adv 5.3	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
10	Prix St Georges	\$100	PSG	\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>
11	Intermediate I	\$100	Inter I	\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>
12	Intermediate 1 Freestyle	\$100	Inter I Freestyle	\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>
13	Intermediate A	\$100		\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>
14	Intermediate B	\$100		\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>
15	Inter A/B Freestyle	\$100		\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>
16	Intermediate II	\$100	Inter II	\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>
17	Grand Prix	\$100	GP	\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>



## TABLE OF COMPETITIONS, FEES AND PRIZE MONIES

No	Competition	Entry Fee	Test	Prize Money			Rosettes to
				1	2	3	
18	Grand Prix Freestyle	\$100		\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>
19	Grand Prix Special	\$100	GP Special	\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>
20	Para-Equestrian Grade 1	\$150	Team Test	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Ind Test	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Freestyle	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
21	Para-Equestrian Grade 2	\$150	Team Test	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Ind Test	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Freestyle	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
22	Para-Equestrian Grade 3	\$150	Team Test	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Ind Test	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Freestyle	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
23	Para-Equestrian Grade 4	\$150	Team Test	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Ind Test	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Freestyle	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
24	Para-Equestrian Grade 5	\$150	Team Test	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Ind Test	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Freestyle	\$70	\$60	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
25	Participation Preliminary	\$100	Prelim 1.1				8 <sup>th</sup>
			Prelim 1.2				8 <sup>th</sup>
26	Participation Novice	\$100	Novice 2.1				8 <sup>th</sup>
			Novice 2.2				8 <sup>th</sup>
27	Young Horse 4YO	\$65	FEI 4YO Dressage test	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
28	Young Pony 4YO	\$65	FEI 4YO Dressage test	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>



29	Young Horse 5YO	\$65	FEI 5YO Preliminary test	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
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## TABLE OF COMPETITIONS, FEES AND PRIZE MONIES

No	Competition	Entry Fee	Test	Prize Money			Rosettes to
				1	2	3	
30	Young Pony 5YO	\$65	FEI 5YO Preliminary test	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
31	Young Horse 6YO	\$65	FEI 6YO Preliminary test	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
32	Young Pony 6YO	\$65	EA 6YO Pony test	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
33	Young Horse 7YO	\$65	FEI 7YO	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
34	Young Pony 7YO	\$65	EA 7YO Technical test	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
35	Advanced (Ponies)	\$130	Adv 5.2	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Adv 5.3	\$100	\$85	\$65	8 <sup>th</sup>
36	Prix St Georges (Ponies)	\$100	PSG	\$150	\$120	\$100	8 <sup>th</sup>

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### 1. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

- The Gert Donvig Memorial Trophy**  
 Awarded to the highest placed Victorian in the Prix St Georges Championship
- The CK Perpetual Trophy**  
 Awarded to the highest placed Victorian in the Grand Prix Championship
- 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





- **Off The Track**  
The best performed OTT Thoroughbred across all official competitive classes (excluding freestyles) will receive a Championship Rug.
- **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 (Prelim – Small Tour) will receive a Rug and Rosette, Reserve will receive a Rosette. Rugs will only be awarded where there are more than 6 AOR competitors in each class. The 3 highest scores in each test (Horse and Pony) will receive a rosette. Competitors must tick the “Are you an AOR Competitor” at time of entry to be eligible.

## 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

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 A presentation schedule will be made available on the event website in the lead up to the event. Riders should check the Presentation Schedule on the Notice Board outside the Secretary’s Office and Event Website for updates.

## 3. PRIZES

- 3.1 Prizes shall be awarded according to EA National Dressage Rules 3.19 and 3.20
- 3.2 Prize Money shall be paid strictly to the nominated account on the entry form.
- 3.3 Goods in kind must be collected on the day, otherwise it will be forfeited to EV. Prizes “to the value of” may be cash/vouchers or other product.
- 3.4 Prize money is GST inclusive
- 3.5 No championship prize will be awarded where there are less than 6 (six) starters (or less than 3 -three- starters in the para-equestrian classes)
- 3.6 Championship Prizes will be presented as follows using Championship point system:
  - 3.6.1 Open Champions: Prelim, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced, FEI Small Tour, FEI Medium Tour and FEI Big Tour Champion.



- 3.6.2 The Small Tour Champion will be determined by the Intermediate I Freestyle competition.
- 3.6.3 The Medium Tour Champion will be determined by Intermediate A/B Freestyle competition.
- 3.6.4 The Big Tour Champion will be determined by the Grand Prix Freestyle competition
- 3.6.5 Pony Champions: Prelim, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced and Prix St Georges

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

- The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.
- 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.
- Horses and athletes 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.



## EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA EVENTS SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### 1 APPLICABLE EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA (EA) DOCUMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 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 [www.equestrian.org.au/rules](http://www.equestrian.org.au/rules). The EA Codes, Policies etc. may be accessed on the EA website “Policies & Bylaws” page via the following link [www.equestrian.org.au/policies](http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies)
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The EA National Sports Rules applicable to the event are referred to in the Conditions of Entry.
- 1.4 All EA and EV events are subject to the EA Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct). The Code of Conduct can be accessed on the EA website via the following link [www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian\\_Australia\\_Code\\_of\\_Conduct.pdf](http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian_Australia_Code_of_Conduct.pdf)
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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 [www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian\\_Australia\\_Member\\_Protection\\_Policy\\_updated05072017.pdf](http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian_Australia_Member_Protection_Policy_updated05072017.pdf)



- The EA Social Media Policy, which should be read in conjunction with the MPP. Can be at [www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Social%20Media%20Policy.pdf](http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Social%20Media%20Policy.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.
- 1.7 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 [www.equestrian.org.au/policies](http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies)
- 1.8 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 [wpnec.com.au/risk-management](http://wpnec.com.au/risk-management)

## **2 ENTRANTS AND COMPETITORS ARE BOUND BY EA DOCUMENTS**

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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.



- 2.5 The Organising Committee for the event is referred to in the Conditions of Entry. The Organising Committee may at its absolute discretion, decline to receive any entry or return any fee without being liable for any compensation as per General Regulation, Article 116.11. The Organising Committee's decision in relation to any entry for the event shall be final and binding.

### **3 CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT**

- 3.1 EV or the OC may, at their sole discretion, cancel the event due to catastrophic conditions, disease or force majeure, or for any other reason.
- 3.2 If the event is cancelled after it has commenced, no refunds will be issued.
- 3.3 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 EV, having regard to the direct or fixed costs for the event.
- 3.4 Entrants who have provided an email address and/or mobile phone number will be notified of event cancellation by email and/or text message.
- 3.5 The refund policy for withdrawal, scratching or change of an entry is set out in the Conditions of Entry.

### **4 RELEASE AND INDEMNITY**

- 4.1 You acknowledge that horse riding, working with or being around horses can be dangerous. Horses can act in sudden and unpredictable ways, especially if frightened or hurt. As a consequence, there is a real risk of damage to property, serious injury or even death. In consideration of acceptance of your entry and participation in the event you agree to release and forever discharge EA, EV, their servants and agents and the Organising Committee and each member thereof from all claims, proceedings or demands for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.
- 4.2 In consideration of acceptance of your entry and participation in the event, you agree to indemnify and keep indemnified EA, EV, their servants and agents and the Organising Committee and each member thereof against all claims, proceedings or demands brought by or on behalf of any participant or competitor



named in your entry form for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.

## **GENERAL EVENT RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

The 2018 Victorian Dressage Championships will be conducted in strict accordance with the:

- 1.1 Current EA National Dressage Rules, EA General Regulations and all other EA policies and by-laws
- 1.2 Current FEI Statutes, General Regulations, FEI Veterinary Regulations, & FEI Dressage Rules
- 1.3 Competitors are advised to be aware of the current Rules. The onus is on the rider to know the rules under which they compete. For example, riders in the HRCVA and PCAV section should be aware that they must adhere to EA rules at all times except when in actual competition.
- 1.4 The EA Dressage Rules and Dressage Tests may be downloaded from the EA web site: [www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules](http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules)
- 1.5 Para Equestrian riders must ride in their classified grade.
- 1.6 No tests may be commanded (“called”).
- 1.7 Horses shall not compete below their grade under any circumstances, including HC. Official grading will be taken as at 27th October 2018.
- 1.8 The OC reserves the right to cancel or combine competitions if insufficient entries are received
- 1.9 The timed draw will be available at least 24 hours before each competition, at the event office, website and Facebook.
- 1.10 It is the duty of the persons responsible to confirm/check their start times the day before the competition. The committee recommends that you check your times the morning of competition in case of last minute updates.



## 2 CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

2.1 Nominations in EA National and FEI level tests must qualify by achieving at least 3 (three) performances in official competitive competition at the level they wish to compete between the 28th October 2017 and the 4th November 2018. At least one performance by the **nominated horse and rider combination** must meet or exceed the qualifying scores below.

- Preliminary and Novice 62.000%
- Elementary 60.000%
- Medium and Advanced 60.000%
- Small Tour and Medium Tour 60.000%
- Big Tour 58.000%

2.2 1 (one) HC (hors concours) score only, shall be allowed.

2.3 1 (one) score from a competition with only 1 (one) judge shall be allowed.

2.4 The aggregates of the 3 (three) scores shall be used to rank the eligible nominations, the 35 (thirty-five) combinations with the best aggregates at each level shall be accepted.

2.5 Unsuccessful eligible nominations shall be added to a reserve list. Should the number of reserves exceed 20 (twenty), the OC may conduct a second division of competition.

2.6 In the event that a competition is under-subscribed, the OC *may* accept nominations with performances below the qualification score.

2.7 Notwithstanding the above, the OC reserves the right to accept or reject any nomination for any reason whatsoever, at their sole discretion.

## 3 CLUB TEAM COMPETITIONS

3.1 All Victorian Dressage clubs are encouraged to enter a team(s).



3.2 Nomination of a club team is free of charge.

3.3 There are three two categories:

- |                         |                 |              |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| ➤ <b>Novice Team:</b>   | Preliminary 1:2 | Novice 2:2   | Elementary 3:2  |
| ➤ <b>Advanced Team:</b> | Medium 4:2      | Advanced 5:2 | Prix St Georges |

3.4 All riders must be members of the club they are nominated for. A rider may compete for multiple clubs provided they do not compete for different clubs at the same level, however a horse may represent only 1 (one) club.

3.5 Teams may be composite of horses and ponies.

3.6 The winning team will be the team with the highest aggregate percentage. In the case of equalities, the club with the best lowest score shall lead. If still equal, the better percentage in the highest test shall lead.

3.7 Nominations of Club Teams should be made by the club secretary no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

#### 4 PARTICIPATION COMPETITIONS

Participation Preliminary and Novice classes are open to current financial members of EA, HRCAV or PCAV, and shall be conducted under EA Dressage rules except the following:

4.1 Horses do not need to be registered with EA

4.2 No qualifications are required to enter.

4.3 HRCAV and PCAV members will be required to sign a waiver prior to competing. The waiver can be downloaded from [www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Waiver%20form%20for%20non-members.pdf](http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Waiver%20form%20for%20non-members.pdf)

4.4 The numbers for each competition shall be strictly limited. The first 25 (twenty-five) nominations received shall be accepted, and a reserve list shall be made for further nominations in the order they were received.





- 4.5 An additional 10 (ten) slots shall be assigned to the reserves of the championship competitions. In the event that there are less than 10 (ten) championship reserves, the remaining slots shall be allocated to Participation reserves.
- 4.6 The EA Dressage Rules and Dressage Tests may be downloaded from [www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules](http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules)
- 4.7 HRCav and PCav members should carefully note differences from their own rules, especially with regards to prohibited equipment, warm-up etiquette and bridle numbers.

## 5 WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

- 5.1 Entry fees shall, with the exception of the administration fee, be refunded in full for withdrawals before the closing date of entries.
- 5.2 Horses shall not, in principal, be permitted to withdraw after the posting of the Acceptance lists without due cause. Entrants wishing to withdraw must declare in writing (using the withdrawal form which can be downloaded from [www.vicdressagechamps.org.au/competitors/withdrawals](http://www.vicdressagechamps.org.au/competitors/withdrawals)) their intention to withdraw.
- Refunds shall not be offered unless an original (not copy, photo or faxed) medical or veterinary certificate is provided to the Event Secretary within 24 hours of the completion of the Event.
  - Such evidence must accompany the withdrawal form.
  - In such a case, the administration fee and 50 (fifty) percent of the nomination fee shall be retained by the Organising Committee.
  - Because of reserve lists and possible distances to be travelled by reserve riders, all riders are asked to consider their fellow competitors and notify the Event Secretary as soon as possible of their intention to withdraw.
  - Failure to comply with this rule shall result in all fees being withheld, and incur a maximum fine of AU\$200.00.
- 5.3 Reserve list horses who are not offered a start in a competition, shall receive a full refund for that competition. However, stabling and administration fees shall not be refunded unless the horse is not offered a start in any competition at the event.



## **6 PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

- 6.1 Any appeal or protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a bond of AUD\$200.00. This must be handed to the Event Secretary within one hour of the occurrence (for score related protests, this must be within 1 hour of the test sheets being released).
- 6.2 Protests related to abuse of a horse shall be refunded unless considered to be spurious or malignant.
- 6.3 Attention is drawn to Rule 1.5 current EA National Dressage Rules and Articles 163 and 165 of the current EA General Regulations

## **7 MEMBERSHIP AND HORSE AND PONY REGISTRATION**

- 7.1 Please refer to Section 1 of the EA Dressage Rules.
- 7.2 Horses and riders must compete under their full registered name. The OC reserves the right to truncate or abbreviate a horse's name for printing purposes.

## **8 BRIDLE NUMBERS**

- 8.1 Two bridle numbers (as per listed competition number in program/draw), and stallion discs for stallions must be worn on each side of the horse (either on bridle or saddle cloth) at all times whenever the horse is out of its stable, whether led or ridden.
- 8.2 Riders must notify the OC immediately if the wrong bridle number is printed on any draw or list.
- 8.3 Riders shall provide their own bridle numbers
- 8.4 In the event of an interstate horses' number clashing with a Victorian number the OC shall issue the interstate horse with a temporary bridle number.



## **9 ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS**

- 9.1 The age of the rider shall be calculated from the beginning of the calendar year. Competition is open to riders in at least their 10th (tenth) year for horses, or 8th (eighth) year for ponies.
- 9.2 Each horse entered must have the same rider as nominated on the entry form for all competitions
- 9.3 The persons responsible must notify the Event Secretary of a substitution of rider no later than 2100 hrs on the day prior to competition.

## **10 MEDICATION CONTROL**

- 10.1 Will be carried out in accordance with the current EA/FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, EA National Medication Control Policy and FEI Veterinary Regulations

## **11 INSURANCE**

- 11.1 All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out a third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.

## **12 SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT**

- 12.1 As per Section 2 current EA National Dressage Rules and the current EA Equipment Annex  
Note: Whips are not allowed at FEI level competitions at State Championships.

## **13 HELMETS AND TOP HATS**

- 13.1 Riders under 18 (eighteen) and all riders of horses/ponies under 7 (seven) years old (age at natural birthday) must wear an approved safety helmet (Rule 2.2) at all



times.

13.2 An approved helmet must be worn by ALL riders whilst training and practice at competition venue - EA Dressage Rule 2.2

13.3 Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards outlined below. The EA General Regulations at rule 122.2 prescribe the current standards. It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure they are using a current standard safety helmet.

- Current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked.
- New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked.
- American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001.
- British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked.
- European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark.

## **14 PARA-EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION**

14.1 Para Equestrian riders must ride in classified grade

14.2 The tests will be run under FEI Rules in accordance with the FEI Para Equestrian Dressage Rules 2018

## **15 AACHEN CHALLENGE**

15.1 Please note that the Aachen Challenge Competition shall not take place this year, but will run at Dressage & Jumping with the Stars 2019

## **16 FREESTYLE COMPETITIONS**

16.1 Horses need to achieve 58.000% at the test level to be Eligible. Inter 1 Freestyle will be for the top 15 qualified horses from the Inter 1. The GP Freestyle will be for the top 12 qualified horses (over 58% in the GP). Entry fees will be refunded to horses which do not qualify.

16.2 Submission of freestyle music must be made only via the online submission system. To submit your music, please click on the link below, or type the web address into your preferred web browser, and follow the prompts to upload your



music. [www.musikur.com.au/uploads/2018/vicdressagechamps](http://www.musikur.com.au/uploads/2018/vicdressagechamps)

**Notes:**

- Please make sure the file name includes the name of the rider, horse and level when you submit your freestyle
- Freestyles music is preferred in one of the following formats (we recommend that you use Windows Media Player or iTunes to extract music from your CD if you do not already have a digital copy).

Once your music has been submitted through the online portal, no further contact is required until your sound check, however, in the interests of due diligence, it is recommended that you contact Musikür at [competitions@musikur.com.au](mailto:competitions@musikur.com.au) if you do not receive confirmation of receipt of music within two days.

## 17 AMATEUR OWNER RIDERS

17.1 To qualify as an amateur owner rider, all riders must declare that they meet the criteria as outlined:

[www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/National\\_Adult\\_Amateur\\_Owner\\_Rider\\_Division.pdf](http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/National_Adult_Amateur_Owner_Rider_Division.pdf)



## **WERRIBEE PARK NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE**

### **RISK MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS**

Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre Committee of Management considers it a privilege that you are allowed to bring your dog to this venue. We insist you keep your dog under effective control at all times.

### **NO DOGS PERMITTED IN THE INDOOR ARENAS**

- Approved Safety Helmets must be worn at all times when riding
- Cross Country obstacles must not be jumped / used unless a non-riding level one coach is present.
- Riding of horses bareback is prohibited
- Riding of rugged and/or unbridled horses is prohibited
- Any person may lead a maximum of two horses while mounted
- Stallions must have an adult handler in the vicinity at all times
- Horses are not permitted within/upon the quadrangle (between the barn and Indoor 1)
- Horses are not permitted near pedestrian door ways
- Bicycles are not permitted in the Indoor Arenas or any stable block. Approved helmets must be worn at all times.
- Bicycles are not permitted near doors designated as public entrances or exits
- Motor Cyclist riders must wear approved safety helmets and hold the appropriate licence
- Speed limits must be adhered to at all times, the speed limit at WPNEC is 10km p/h
- Power leads must not be on the ground or over roadways
- Construction of portable/tape yards is prohibited
- Alcohol must not be consumed in the Indoor Arenas, unless purchased from the licensed bar located in Indoor Arena No 1
- Please observe all signs at the venue
- Horses must be tied in a safe manner. Horses must not be tied to unattached floats, wheelie bins etc.
- No infrastructure to be erected on WPNEC Grounds without written approval by management prior to event.
- Entry and Exit doors to Indoor Arenas are not be obstructed at any time



## **FACILITY INFORMATION**

### **STABLING**

- All stabling requirements, including bedding, must be booked with entries
- Stables will be available for occupancy from 14:00 on Monday 3rd December and must be vacated by 11:00 Monday 10th December. Competitors wishing to stay outside this period must book with WPNEC directly.
- If bookings exceed availability, there will be a waiting list and competitors will be advised by email when a stable becomes available. Stables will be allocated in the following order of preference:
  1. Stallions.
  2. Interstate Horses.
  3. Horses competing in multiple championships
- Stables can be hired at \$35.00 per stable per night.
- Bedding (shavings) can be purchased for \$12.50 per bag (recommended 5-6 for per stable). Additional bedding may be purchased from WPNEC on site.
- Temporary yards of any kind are NOT permitted at WPNEC; however the permanent yards may be used with prior arrangement with the OC. This does NOT extend to stallions, which must be stabled.
- Horses must be stabled as allocated. If you have multiple horses, you must make a request to the OC if you plan to swap horses between your allocated stables.
- Horses with behavioural problems must be declared on the Stable Booking Form so that appropriate stables can be allocated.
- Under no circumstances are empty stables to be used as tack rooms. Should there be a surplus of stables, the OC may choose to allocate stables for communal tack rooms.
- It is strictly prohibited to enter a stable, feed or water a horse for which you are not a Person Responsible. If you have concerns about another competitor's horse or pony, please refer the matter to the OC.
- Only the shavings provided shall be used at WPNEC. The use of any other kind of bedding may incur fines to cover the manual removal of the bedding.
- Failing to comply with these rules shall result in Elimination from the event, and possible legal action.

### **HORSE FEED**

- Horse feed is the responsibility of the Persons Responsible.
- Horse feed can be ordered through Country Link Rural Supplies and they deliver, contact number is 03 5282 1280.



## **CAMPING FACILITIES**

- All persons planning to stay onsite must book and pay for a camping site. All camping sites are \$30.00 per night and will have access to electricity.
- Allocated sites must be strictly observed. Please indicate on your entry form the size of camping site you require and ensure that your vehicles do not exceed the allocated area.
- Caravans may be separately hired from Eastern Caravans, Phone 0400 679 744

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation will not be arranged for competitors; however, the following are suggested:

- The Mansion Hotel      Werribee Park      Phone 03 9731 4000
- Quest Werribee      69 Synnot St Werribee      Phone 03 8744 6000
- Quest Sanctuary Lakes  
Cook      Phone 03 9394 2100      9 Greg Norman Drive Point
- Quality Suites Seasons 5      454 Point Cook Rd, Point Cook  
Phone 03 8376 5300
- Werribee Park Motor Inn      112 Duncans Road Werribee  
Phone 03 9741 7222
- Comfort Inn and Suites      6 Tower Road Werribee  
Phone 03 9741 9944
- Carter Cottages      1 College Road Werribee      Phone 0424 867 259

## **CATERING FACILITIES**

Catering will be available 9:00 – 17:00 onsite.

Werribee township has multiple restaurants/cafés open until late.

## **EVENT MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

The event office will be open from 14:00 Tuesday 4th December. Times for collection of rider bags will be advised closer to the event

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