



SCHEDULE AND ENTRY

2024 NSW GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

In conjunction with Dressage to Music on Sunday 13th October 2024

Venue: Hawkesbury Showground – Racecourse Road, Clarendon NSW
Event Date: Saturday 12th October 2024

Hawkesbury Carriage Driving Club and Hunter Horse Driving Society present on behalf of the NSW ACDS the 2024 State Graded Driven Dressage Championships.

Championship Qualifying: ALL single horses and combinations in multiples MUST have competed and completed **a minimum of TWO** Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers, comprising of two tests at the qualifiers to be eligible to enter this Championship – as stated in the ‘Conditions of Entry No.3.

Unofficial/Hors Concours (HC):– HC entries will be accepted in all classes for those wishing to enter but have not qualified as per the above regulation. HC entrants will NOT be eligible for Championship awards. Official entries will be given priority if capacity is reached

Classes

Single and Multiple classes will be offered at each Graded level.

NB: At ALL GDD CHAMPIONSHIPS THE SAME TEST AND WILL BE DRIVEN TWICE – (Refer Rule 8.5 page 15)

Level	Class		Test
Preliminary	1	Single	ACDS Preliminary No 1
	2	Multiples	
Novice	3	Single	ACDS Novice No 1
	4	Multiples	
Elementary	5	Single	ACDS Elementary No 1
	6	Multiples	
Intermediate	7	Single	ACDS Intermediate No 1
	8	Multiples	
Open	9	Single	ACDS Open No 2
	10	Multiples	
Advanced	11	Single	BC Open Single
	12	Multiples	FEI 6A
Cones	13	Prelim or Novice pony ne 14hh	The cones competition is to be conducted according to the current 'Rules for Australian Carriage Driving Society Combined Driving Events', including use of groom(s).
	14	Prelim or Novice Horse over 14hh	
	15	Intermediate Pony ne 14hh	
	16	Intermediate Horse over 14hh	
	17	Open Pony ne 14hh	
	18	Open Horse over 14hh	
	19	Pony Pair ne 14hh	
	20	Horse Pair over 14hh	
	21	Pony or Horse Tandem	
	22	Pony or Horse Team	

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All entries will be via the online entry form link:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/HCDC1/EntryForm2024NSWGradedDrivenDressageChampionshipsSaturday12thOctober2024>

Entry and Fees: **\$80.00 per entry**
 Includes 2 dressage tests and 1 timed cone course.

Entries Close: 9pm Sunday 6th October 2024

Officials:

Event Manager Ally Fraser

Event Secretary: Kim Schumacher 0433 777 763

Dressage Judges: Cheryl Dowling VIC (Advanced)
 Dot Wilcoxson NSW (Advanced)
 Yvonne Wood NSW (Advanced)
 Belinda Casper NSW (Novice)

Cones Judge: Tom Dowling VIC

Scorer: Shannon Toomey and Kim Schumacher

General Information

Dress/Attire: ***At State Driven Dressage Championships a BEST PRESENTED AWARD will be given.*** A whip, gloves, hat or helmet and jacket are compulsory, and a more formal attire is expected. Approved safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.

Champion: There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion at each Graded level.

Awards: Sashes or Rosettes will be awarded to 1st thru 3rd place or higher, if warranted, in each Class. Champion and Reserve Champion Sashes or Rosettes will be awarded at each level. Overall High point score will be awarded in cones.

Catering: KD's Coffee & Treats Van will be onsite all weekend with hot and cold beverages, snacks and light meals.

Camping: Camping is available – power/showers etc. and **MUST** be pre-booked. Please contact Hawkesbury Show Society directly via the attached camping and stabling form
Camping - \$25.00 per night
Stabling \$25.00 per day (6pm to 5pm day of booking).

Dogs: **Dogs are Not permitted** at this venue unless a trained assistance dog. Any dog owner that does not abide by these rules will be asked to leave the venue. (Entry

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money will not be refunded).

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Conditions of Entry

1. This event will be conducted according to the current ACDS Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines dated 1 January, 2023 (**1 January, 2023 Version 3.0**) including State variations.
2. All competitors **MUST** be members of the ACDS. All judges must be selected from the ACDS judge's list, one of which must be an Advanced Judge. (Refer 12.2.2 page 20).
3. **Championship Qualification details MUST be listed on the Entry Form.** ALL horse/s **MUST** be ACDS registered *and to qualify must have competed and completed two (2) Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers completing two (2) tests as listed at the horse's graded level or one (1) test at the horse's graded level and one test at the level immediately above. (See Grading 5.7.5). Horse/s may compete in any National and/or State Graded Driven Dressage Championships held in that calendar year, provided they have qualified. (See Annual Graded Season 6.2).*
4. At State/National Graded Driven Dressage Championships each horse will compete in two (2) tests, (as listed in the schedule). **The new/second test in the Championship Schedule will be driven twice.** Horse/s may only compete at the Championship at their graded level. Multiples will be graded per each combination. Grading is taken as at the date of close of entries. Drivers should check the ACDS National GDD Grading List to ensure that the horse/s is entered at its correct level. <https://www.australiancarriagedrivingsociety.org>
5. Singles and Multiples will have separate classes at each level.
6. Subject to Organizing Committee approval, competitors may drive more than one combination in the same class.
7. **Awards:** Sashes/Rosettes will be awarded at each Graded Level at ALL Graded Driven Dressage Championships. Each Graded level will have a Champion and Reserve Champion for both Single and Multiples. The Champion in each level is the horse with the highest aggregate gained from the two (2) tests driven. Awards will be given to third (3rd) place (more if class entry numbers warrant) at each level.
8. **At NATIONAL GDD Championships a BEST PRESENTED AWARD will be given. AT STATE GDD Championships** it is up to each individual State whether to offer a BEST PRESENTED AWARD (as per rules 14.3-14.4). At all GDD Championships a whip is compulsory and a more formal attire is expected. Drivers and Grooms under 18 **MUST** wear an approved helmet. Safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.
9. Grooms are optional for Adult Drivers in Single graded driven dressage classes. Pairs and tandems – one (1) groom, four-in-hand – two (2) grooms.
10. Junior Drivers – as per the current ACDS By-Laws. Junior drivers aged 6-7 inclusive must be accompanied in the vehicle by an ACDS adult member (an experienced driving person) seated alongside at all times and holding a second pair of reins attached to the bit. Junior drivers aged 8-15 years inclusive must be accompanied in the vehicle by an ACDS adult member (an experienced driving person) who must be facing forward. Junior Drivers under 18 are not allowed to drive Stallions at ACDS events. Junior Multiple Drivers aged 16-17 years inclusive may drive a tandem or pair or team of ponies and they must be accompanied in the vehicle by an ACDS adult member

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(an experienced driving person). A Junior Driver cannot drive a horse multiple (pair, tandem, four in-hand) until they turn 18 years of age.

11. Safety Rules must be adhered to.
12. Helmets are not compulsory in Graded Driven Dressage, other than for Drivers/Grooms under the age of 18. Helmets must comply with the current ACDS By-Law. For all other drivers, grooms, safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.
13. It is the responsibility of each competitor to inspect their vehicle and equipment to ensure that it is safe to proceed with the day's activities. All drivers and grooms compete at their own risk.
14. Competitors are aware of and agree to pay the current excess that applies to any insurance claim, which may arise from their participation in this event.
15. The Organisers have the right to alter any advertised times, refuse any entry with or without stating the reason, or re-allocate a horse or pony to the appropriate class.
16. Only horses on the entry form are permitted to attend, unless prior approval has been received from the Organising Committee.
17. **No fully completed forms NO ENTRY.**
18. **Parents are responsible for their children at this event.**
19. **RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DECLARATION:

Please read carefully:

Any person causing a claim to be made against the ACDS Insurance Policy is personally liable for the excess amount in full as determined by the Insurance Policy at the time of the incident. I/We agree to abide by and adhere to the rules and the by-laws of the Australian Carriage Driving Society and all conditions of entry as stated in the Event Schedule incorporating the relevant State variations. All Competitors and Grooms compete at their own risk; neither the ACDS nor their appointed officials accept any liability for any accident, theft, illness or damage to horses, drivers, grooms or any person whatsoever. All competitors, by entering this event, agree to be bound by this regulation.

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