

2021/2022 EQ Summer Virtual Dressage Series



****Open to EA Members****

Conducted by Equestrian Queensland & Dressage Queensland

ABN: 79 598 577 242

Round 1 – November/December 2021

Round 2 – January 2022

Round 3 - February 2022

<http://www.nominate.com.au/>

Event Schedule Round 1

Entries Close: Sunday 28 November 2021

Video Submissions: 4 December – 12 December 2021

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

The goal of this event is to provide a fun opportunity for riders to compete during the COVID-19 event restrictions.

**** This event will be classified as "Participant" and will not be a "Competitive" (Official) event. Results will not count towards end of year DQ Awards.***

Classes will be available from Preparatory to Grand Prix.

A series winner will be decided from the best performing combinations at each EA level and FEI Tour.

All classes will be judged by EA-accredited judges appropriate to the level, as per the Equestrian Australia National Dressage Rules effective 1 January 2021.

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2021 EQ/DQ Virtual Dressage Series Schedule

Round 1		Round 2		Round 3	
Class	Level	Class	Level	Class	Level
1	Prep A	1	Prep C	1	Prep D
2	Preliminary 1A	2	Preliminary 1B	2	Preliminary 1C
3	Novice 2A	3	Novice 2B	3	Novice 2C
4	Elementary 3A	4	Elementary 3B	4	Elementary 3C
5	Medium 4A	5	Medium 4B	5	Medium 4C
6	Advanced 5A	6	Advanced 5B	6	Advanced 5C
7	Prix St George	7	Intermediate I	7	Intermediate I
8	Intermediate A	8	Intermediate B	8	Intermediate B
9	Intermediate II	9	Grand Prix	9	Grand Prix Special
10	Para Nominated Classes	10	Para Nominated Classes	10	Para Nominated Classes

Entry Fees:

\$25 per FEI level test

\$20 per EA level test, Preparatory to Advanced

\$5 Administration Fee per Horse

Series Champions:

A series champion at each level will be decided from the highest aggregate percentage of a horse/rider combination over the three rounds. Combinations must submit entries for all three rounds to be eligible. For FEI combinations, two separate entries for the higher-level tests must be submitted (i.e. the same filmed test cannot be submitted in rounds two and three). Riders may submit entries and be eligible for series champion over consecutive levels as per rule 4.8.1C

Prizes:

Rosettes will be awarded to 8th place.

Prize money will not be awarded.

Conditions of Entry & General Information

1. Membership and Horse Registration:

- Riders entered in classes 1,2 & 3 (e.g. Preparatory, Preliminary & Novice) must be current Participant or Competitive members of EA and it is recommended that Horses/Ponies be base registered. Horses/Ponies do not need to be EA life registered
- Riders entered in EA/FEI classes (Elementary and above) must be current Competitive members of EA and Horses/Ponies must be EA life registered
- Entry checks for membership and eligibility will be conducted by EQ

2. Arena requirements

- Tests must be conducted in an approximately 60m x 20m arena, either in a specifically constructed arena or a grass paddock
- Arena boundary must be clearly demarcated by a fence, poles, cones or other obvious safely constructed boundary
- Arena letters must be clearly marked and in the correct position around the arena

3. Video requirements

- Videos must be taken from C
- Videos must be clear with minimal shaking
- Videos must be taken in one continuous viewing – movements cannot be cut and pasted together
- Videos are not to be edited to include effects or enhancing
- Appropriate zooming is highly encouraged to assist the judges. Riders may lose marks if the judge is unable to accurately view the movement
- Submitted videos must have been taken after 1 July 2021
- On close of entries and following entry checks **entrants will need to join the closed Facebook group 2021 EQ/DQ Virtual Dressage Series** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/296780505632849/>
A post/thread will be created for each class. Participants are to post their video in the comments section of their nominated class/es. Participants may upload their video to youtube or similar and post the link in the comments. Entrants will have 7 days to upload their videos
- Riders who do not have access to Facebook can email their video link to enquiries@equestrianqld.com.au and Equestrian Queensland will post the link on Facebook on their behalf
- Only one video per combination per class can be uploaded
- Videos will be deleted if submitted after the video submission closing time

4. Callers: Callers are permitted for all EA levels. Callers are not permitted for FEI levels

5. Horse grading eligibility for levels:

- Official grading will be taken at the date of the close of entries. Horses must meet EA grading requirements as per rule 4.8.3.2 for grading eligibility.

6. Combinations may submit entries in **two (2) consecutive** levels per event; for example. Preparatory/Preliminary; Preliminary/Novice; Medium/Advanced; Prix St George/Intermediate I.

7. Saddlery and Equipment EA rules apply to permissible saddles, bridles and bits. Horses may wear boots or bandages. Saddlecloths may be any colour.

8. Protective Headgear: For all riders approved safety helmets must be worn at all times when training, warming up or competing at this event. Please refer to rule 5.2 for the list of standards that headgear must comply with.

9. Dress: Formal attire is not required. Riders may wear any colour breeches and shirt, so long as they are tidy and tucked in. Shirts must be sun-safe and at a minimum cover the riders shoulders. Footwear must comply with rule 5.3 points a to b. Boots can be coloured or have decorative features.

10. Horse Identification Numbers do not need to be worn.

11. Entries: can only be made online at www.nominate.com.au. Incomplete information may result in the entry not being accepted.

12. **Results** will be posted in the comments section of each class within 14 days
13. **Return of test sheets** will be via email on completion of judging
14. **Scratchings, Withdrawals and Refunds:** Entry fees will not be refunded after the closing date of entries unless a medical or veterinary certificate is produced within 24 hours of the closing date of the event. In such cases, 25% of the entry fees will be retained by the OC. Entry fees will be refunded in full for scratchings before the closing date of entries. The administration fee will **not be refunded**.
15. **Indemnity:** Riders and/or owners whose entries have been accepted, undertake to indemnify the Committee against all claims, losses, suits and damages made against or suffered by the Committee by reason of any negligent act or omission on the part of any riders, trainers or attendants whilst they are attending, riding or otherwise handling a horse and agree that any act or omission on the part of such riders or attendants found in any action against the Committee to be negligent, shall be deemed to have been negligent for the purpose of any claim under this indemnity. Riders are required to acknowledge the Declaration form included on Nominate.com.au. Failure to agree to this condition will result in non-acceptance of the nomination.
16. **Code of conduct:** It is a condition of participation at this event that each person submitting an entry and their associates are bound by the rules, policies and by-laws of Equestrian Australia. This includes comments made on social media. Any complaints or conflicts should be managed with respect through official channels. As per EA Disciplinary By-Laws 3(j) any other person or organisation (for example, a parent/guardian, spectator or sponsor) who or which agrees, in writing or otherwise (whether on a ticket, entry form, conditions of entry displayed at a venue etc) to be bound by these By-Laws. Any rider, parent, official or associate to be found in breach of these By-Laws will be render the rider's entry forfeit with no refund of entry fees.
17. **Protests and Appeals:** Objections must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit fee of \$150.00 (refer EA Gen. Regs) Art. 163/164/165). Attention is drawn to Rule 1.5 of EA Dressage Rules. Protests must be lodged with Dressage Queensland within 24 hours of results being posted.

Risk Warning and Disclaimer

1. Horse riding is a dangerous activity and can result in serious injury (including death) and loss.
2. All persons who ride, or tend, a horse as part of this event do so entirely at their own risk.
3. Neither the Organising Committee of any event to which these rules apply, or the EA, accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grounds, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.