

DDC EVENT INFORMATION



The following is important information for riders to review prior to entering a DDC event:

1. DEFINITIONS

Clinic – is an education opportunity for riders to be coached by an experienced dressage coach.

Closed Restricted – closed restricted is a competition classification. To enter you must be a member of DDC as the competition is only open to current DDC members to enter.

Competition(s) – defines the test level. For example: Preliminary 1.1 is considered a competition and the level you will compete at a DDC show.

Day Membership – day membership with DDC permits you the opportunity to enter the show for which you have paid your 'day membership'. DDC reserves the right to determine for which events day membership will be offered.

DDC – Darwin Dressage Club Incorporated

EA – Equestrian Australia

ENT – Equestrian Northern Territory

FEI - Fédération Equestre Internationale

Official Competitive – Official Competitive is a competition classification. To enter you must be either a Competitive Senior or Junior EA member, and your horse and/or pony must hold full EA life registration (that is current).

Show – is an event where you will compete against other riders within your level of competition. Results from this event will go toward the various leaderboards offered by DDC.

Training Day Show or Protocol Day – is an event that may be run similar to a show environment. Results from this event will not go toward the various leaderboards offered by DDC.

2. AGREEMENT

When becoming a new member or renewing your membership with DDC you agreed to abide by all club policies, guidelines, protocols and procedures in addition to EA rules, regulations, policies and procedures. Membership also comes with the responsibility to help with the running of the year's events. This is a compulsory aspect of being a member of DDC.

Failure to present for your member duty obligations may result in rejection of any entries until you have met your obligation. Please note it is not compulsory for you to physically fill your member duty position if you are unable to. But it is compulsory for you to find a replacement to undertake your duties, and that replacement DOES NOT have to be a DDC member.

3. SHOW CLASSIFICATION

DDC offers both closed restricted and official competitive competitions at their shows. All shows are conducted in accordance with the EA National Dressage Rules, and EA General Regulations and Protocols. Visit the EA website for more information [Dressage | Equestrian Australia](#)

4. JUDGES

Judges will be appointed per the EA National Dressage Rules. Efforts will be made to advertise judges' names before show entries open to prevent conflicts of interest.

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5. COMPETITIONS

The Nominate entry platform will supply the information regarding the competitions you can enter and/or the event offered by DDC.

6. SHOW CONDITIONS

In accordance with the EA National Dressage Rules, the following conditions apply:

- horses/ponies may only enter 2 consecutive levels
- from twenty-four hours prior to the event starting, a horse/pony may be ridden only by its nominated rider on the competition grounds
- no one other than the rider entered in the show may ride the horse/pony they are entered with from the arrival at the event venue as well as for the duration of the whole event.
- a groom mounted in the saddle may walk the horse on a long rein only
- lunging by someone other than the nominated rider is permitted
- work in-hand by someone other than the nominated rider is not permitted

7. HORSE WELFARE

Welfare of the horse is paramount.

Horses exercising and competing in hot environmental conditions can be affected by heat stress. When environmental heat conditions are adverse, exercising horses require appropriate cooling measures to safeguard their welfare.

Refer to Section 1 of the EA National Dressage Rules to review the Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, developed by the FEI and adopted by EA.

The welfare of the horse must take precedence over all other demands. DDC is responsible for ensuring the welfare of horses is upheld, and as such may impose conditions at times to address issues that arise. For example: to address the risk of heat stress DDC may reduce the pre-competition warm-up maximum duration and the post-test repetition of movements allowable time.

Any practices that could cause physical or mental suffering, in or out of competition, will not be tolerated.

8. RIDER WELFARE

Riders must be fit, competent and in good health. Riders should be aware of the EA Anti-Doping Policy.

9. MEDICATION CONTROL

DDC events are subject to the conditions contained the in the EA Medication Control Policy. Horses ridden in EA competitions must not compete under the influence of prohibited medications. The FEI defines what a prohibited substance is in the FEI Veterinary Regulations. EA agrees and uses the same definition.

The FEI publishes an 'Equine Prohibited Substances List' (EPLS). This enables Persons Responsible (PRs) to ensure that they are not treating or feeding horses with substances that are prohibited for use during competition and substances that are not permitted for use in the horse at any time

For more information in relation to the FEI Prohibited Substance list visit [Clean Sport for Horses - FEI Prohibited Substances List | FEI](#)

10. BRIDLE NUMBERS

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All competitors must wear a bridle number on both sides of either their saddlecloth or bridle. Please refer to the EA National Dressage Rules for regulations on the size of the bridle numbers. If you don't have a bridle number, please contact DDC via ddc@darwindressageclub.com or if you have an EA registered horse contact ENT via sports@ent.org.au to be issued one.

11. HELMET TAGGING

All competitors must wear a helmet that conforms with the EA approved safety standards and is tagged with an EA helmet tag.

12. RIDER FALL

If a rider experiences a fall, they must undergo an evaluation by the designated medical officer during a show or by the appointed coach in the case of a clinic. The assessment will focus on potential concussion/injury, and the rider may resume riding only after receiving clearance from the medical officer or coach. Sanctions for a specified duration may be imposed on riders in accordance with the EA Concussion Protocols.

13. ENTRY FEES

DDC reserves the right to determine the fees at the time of the event.

Test Fee	\$30.00 per test entered
Facility Fee	\$20.00 per show entry
Swabbing Fee	\$5.00 per show entry
Practice Day	\$20 per time slot
Clinic	To be determined per clinic

14. AWARDS

DDC reserves the right to determine the awards for the show.

15. HOW TO ENTER

DDC facilitates entries through the Nominate entry platform, accessible at www.nominate.com.au

16. LATE ENTRIES

DDC will NOT entertain requests for entries after the entry deadline.

17. DRAWS

Draws will be made available via the Nominate entry platform.

18. REFUNDS

Will be managed in accordance with the DDC Refund Policy. You can view a copy of the policy on the DDC website www.darwindressageclub.com.

19. DISPUTES

Competition disputes will be managed following the EA National Dressage Rules by the Ground Jury. Non-competition complaints will be handled through the EA National Integrity Framework. If beyond the framework, DDC committee intervention will occur.