



ACDS 2023

GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

Venue: Maffra Show grounds – Maffra/Newry Roads MAFFRA

Date: Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th February, 2023

On behalf of the Victorian Branch of the ACDS, **Eastern Vic. Pleasure Harness Club** presents Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers for the **2023 State/National Graded Driven Dressage Championships**.

Classes:

All Classes will be offered at the Qualifier/s.
Single and Multiple classes will be offered at each Graded Level.

Freestyle to Music will also be offered, for both Single & Multiples. (TBC)

Level	Class		Test
Preliminary	1	Single	ACDS Preliminary Test No. 2
	2	Multiples	
Novice	3	Single	ACDS Novice Test No. 2
	4	Multiples	
Elementary	5	Single	ACDS Elementary Test No. 2
	6	Multiples	
Intermediate	7	Single	ACDS Intermediate Test No 2
	8	Multiples	
Open	9	Single	FEI No 7
	10	Multiples	
Advanced	11	Single	FEI 3* BHP1
	12	Multiple	FEI 8B
Cones	13	Single	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). Horses MUST be at least four (4) years of age.
	14	Multiples	
## Freestyle to Music (TBC)	15	Single	<i>Please supply your own music with appropriate device</i> <i>Music is to be supplied by the close of entries so equipment can be tested</i>
	16	Multiples	

CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES MUST BE ADHERED TO WITHIN WELLINGTON SHIRE VICTORIA, AT THE TIME THIS EVENT IS HELD

Cancellation of Event: If the event has to be cancelled due to Covid-19 or you are unable to attend due to Covid restrictions, all monies will be refunded. Please supply your bank account details on the Declaration Form to use for refund purposes.

Indemnity: Neither the Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS), *Victorian Branch of the ACDS; Eastern Vic. Pleasure Harness Club; Wellington Shire Council; Maffra Recreation Reserve Committee;* the Officials/Organising Committee, or their appointed officials accept any liability for any accident, theft or illness to horses, drivers and grooms or any person or property whatsoever, in connection with this event.

Officials:

Event Manager: John Heath

Event Secretary: Tom Dowling Ph: 0428 957 052

Dressage Judges: Liz Pugh (NSW)
Sarah Kievers (NSW)

Cones Judge: Phil Marshall

Scorer: Eastern Vic. Pleasure Harness Club

General Information:

Dress/Attire: Presentation is not scored at GDDQ's. Approved safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.

Catering: FREE Tea/coffee will be available both days. No catering available.

Camping: Is available – power/showers etc. (See Entry form).

Shelters: Are available. (2 allocated per horse). Total Fee \$5.00 for 1 or both events. Please leave all shelters clean and manure bagged and placed in the trailer provided – Thankyou 😊

Dogs: Dogs are allowed but **MUST** be restrained/controlled at ALL times. No dogs are permitted on the Main Oval/Arena. Any dog owner that does not abide by these rules will be asked to leave the venue. (Entry money will not be refunded).

TRIVIA & GAMES NIGHT PLUS AUCTIONS



**PLUS: A CATERED 2 COURSE MEAL
PRIZE FOR WINNING TRIVIA TABLE
PLENTY OF VARIETY GUARANTEED! COME ALONG & HAVE SOME FUN
TRIVIA ENTRY \$5.00 MEALS: Adults \$15 Children \$10 (Under 15)**

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Conditions of Entry

Current Covid-19 Guidelines must be adhered to within each State/Municipality at the time this event is held.

1. This event will be conducted according to the current ACDS Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines dated **1 January, 2023 Version 3** including State variations.
2. All horses/ponies competing at Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers must be ACDS registered to be eligible to qualify for GDD Championships.
Non-ACDS drivers competing under a One Activity Membership may drive an unregistered horse, however, that horse is not eligible for qualification for GDD Championships or for any awards at any GDDQ events.
3. At Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers, each horse must compete in two (2) tests, (as listed in the schedule) at the horse's graded level OR one test at their graded level & one test at the level immediately above. 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 is entered at its correct level. <https://www.australiancarriagedrivingsociety.org>
4. **CDE grading does not apply to horses in this competition.**
5. Subject to Organising Committee approval, competitors may drive more than one combination in the same class.
6. Drivers, passengers and grooms under 18 years **MUST** wear an approved helmet. For all other drivers, grooms, safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.
7. **Any helmets/protective headgear worn at this event**, must conform to ACDS By-law 14.11. and be securely fastened.
8. Official judges must be ACDS members or judges approved by the ACDS. All Competitors qualifying **MUST** be members of the ACDS. ACDS One Activity Membership is available at an additional cost of \$30.00 per day for non-members for DRESSAGE TESTS ONLY (No Cones).
9. Singles and Multiples will have separate classes at each level.
10. *Only horses on the entry form are permitted to attend*, unless prior approval has been received from the Organising Committee.
11. Grooms are optional for adult drivers in all Single dressage classes. Pairs and tandems – One (1) groom, Four-in-hand – Two (2) grooms.
12. Junior Drivers – as per the current ACDS By-Law 14.8. 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 (an experienced driving person). A Junior Driver cannot drive a horse multiple (pair, tandem, four in-hand) until they turn 18 years of age.
13. Awards for Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers are at the discretion of the event organisers.
14. 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 compete at their own risk.
15. Safety Rules must be adhered to.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. **Parents are responsible for their children at this event.**
19. **RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED.**
20. **Declaration form MUST be completed with the Entry Form.**

21. Up to date **Medical Information Holders** must be worn and be clearly visible when on a carriage at all times during an ACDS event in Victoria.
22. **EVPHC Members entering either of these events will be listed onto the daily rosters.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DECLARATION:

Please read carefully before signing:

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.

Please tick the appropriate box below:

- The horses/ponies listed are the only ones I am bring to this event.
- I have contacted the Secretary and have permission to bring additional horses/ponies to the event and have provided their details.

I also agree to abide by and adhere to the current state/municipality COVID19 GUIDELINES at the time this event is held and I will contact the Event Secretary immediately should I feel unwell after the event.

Competitor's
Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardians Name if competitor is a Junior: _____

Parent/Guardians
Signature: _____
Parent/Guardian must sign if the Driver is a Junior

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS IN THE EVENT A REFUND IS REQUIRED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTION CHANGES.

ACCOUNT NAME: _____

BSB: _____ **ACCOUNT NO:** _____

