



**ACDS 2023  
GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIER**

**Venue:** Leighdale Equestrian Centre  
1248 Bannockburn-Shelford Road, Teesdale

**Date:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

*On behalf of the Victorian Branch of the ACDS, Geelong and District Carriage Drivers presents Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers for the 2023 State 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.

Level	Class		Test
<b>Preliminary</b>	1	Single	ACDS Preliminary Test No. 2
	2	Multiples	
<b>Novice</b>	3	Single	ACDS Novice Test No. 2
	4	Multiples	
<b>Elementary</b>	5	Single	ACDS Elementary Test No. 2
	6	Multiples	
<b>Intermediate</b>	7	Single	ACDS Intermediate Test No 2
	8	Multiples	
<b>Open</b>	9	Single	FEI No 7
	10	Multiples	
<b>Advanced</b>	11	Single	FEI 3* BHP1
	12	Multiple	FEI 8B

**COVID GUIDELINES MUST BE ADHERED TO WITHIN EACH STATE/MUNICIPALITY  
AT THE TIME QUALIFIER/S ARE HELD**

*Indemnity: Neither the Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS); Victorian Branch of the ACDS; Geelong and District Carriage Drivers, Golden Plains Shire Council, Leighdale Equestrian Centre, 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:** Karina Moore Ph: 0407271222

**Event Secretary:** Zander McGuire Ph: 0422362176

**Dressage Judges:** Cheryl Dowling  
Debra Fuller

**Scorer:** Geelong and District Carriage Driving Club Inc

## General Information:

**Dress/Attire:** Presentation is not scored. Approved safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.

**Catering:** No catering available.

**Camping:** Is available – power/showers etc. and **MUST** be pre-booked Via CDE Entry Form. Please contact the Event Secretary for details.

**Yards:** Are available via CDE Entry Form. Limited number & must be booked in advance. All yards must be left clean of manure.

**Dogs:** Dogs must be restrained at ALL times. NO EXCEPTIONS. Dog manure must be bagged and placed in a bin.

**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.**

**[Please enter here using the Online Entry Form](#)**

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## **Conditions of Entry**

***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 including State variations.
2. All horses/ponies competing at Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers must be ACDS registered. Non-ACDS drivers competing under a One Activity Membership may drive an unregistered horse, however, that horse is not eligible for grading points, 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. Horses/ponies gaining 10 grading points at one level must upgrade to the next level. ***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 14.10. and be securely fastened.
8. Official judges must be ACDS members or judges approved by the ACDS. All Competitors **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 14.7. 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.