



2023 STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS, GYMKHANA & MOUNTED GAMES SCHEDULE

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION (NSW)

Friday 25 August, Saturday 26th August and Sunday 27th
August, 2023

Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Saxony Road, Horsley
Park 2175.

This competition will be run under RDA(NSW) Dressage and Equestrian Australia Para
Equestrian Rules and Conditions of Entry.

Specified FEI Para Equestrian Dressage Tests
& EA National Tests

Find the Dressage Tests at these links

EA Tests - <http://www.equestrian.org.au/paraequestrian-rules>

FEI Tests - <http://www.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/p-e-dressage/tests>

ONLINE Entries open – 14 June & Close – 24 July 2023

<https://events.humanitix.com/2023-rda-nsw-dressage-championships-and-gymkahna-gala>

Enquiries email: dressage@rdansw.org.au

Postal address for entries

RDA(NSW) Dressage Sub Committee
State Dressage Championships
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RDA(NSW) STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS & GYMKHANA GALA & MOUNTED GAMES EVENTS

The following riders are eligible to enter this competition:

- All RDA(NSW) Centre registered Riders (whether classified or not)
- All RDA (NSW) Associated members (whether classified or not)
- Interstate RDA registered riders (whether classified or not)
- All Virtus Classified Riders
- All individual riders with a diagnosable disability

The dressage tests being utilised are sourced from Para-Equestrian FEI tests and Equestrian Australia Para-Equestrian tests (for sections B, C & D as specified. All Grade IV and V tests are conducted in a 20 x 60 metre arena, including EA Para Equestrian tests, Grades I through III are run in the smaller 20 x 40 Metre arena.

Each Grade will be divided into the following sections:

- Section A Registered Para Equestrian and Virtus Classified riders, who wish to ride at an international level, must ride within their classification grade. From 2017 this section will also include Section C Unclassified or Classified Riders that have placed 1st or 2nd with at least 55% for 2 consecutive years in Section C – within the same grade.
- Section B Registered Para Equestrian and Virtus Classified Riders who do not wish to compete at an international level (ie within Section A), must ride within their classification grade.
- Section C Classified & Unclassified RDA and Virtus eligible competitors and Riders with a diagnosable disability, must compete at their most appropriate level. Riders competing in Open competitions, must ride at the same level as open competition.
- Section D Unclassified Riders (with a diagnosable disability), who would like to participate in an Introductory Test and/or Gymkhana – this section will only be available during the Saturday program.

Sharing of horses

Sharing of horses between riders is possible within competition rules, however an individual horse, used only for dressage, may be used to a maximum of 4 dressage tests in any one day and a total of 6 dressage tests over the Saturday and Sunday. A horse may not be used for more than a total of 9 events – made up of all dressage and gymkhana events (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Horses being ridden in the Gymkhana Gala only may be ridden by up to 3 riders.

Shared horses may not be ridden within the same grade/section, with the exception of Section D riders. If riders elect to ride the same horse in the same class – then one rider must ride non-competitively and must ride after the competitive rider. The non-competitive rider, will be scored but does not place within the event.

If competing within the Mounted Games only – these horses may not be used for more than 9 events over the entire weekend.- see above.

This ruling starts from the commencement of the first competition event (mounted games, gymkhana or dressage) and remains in force until the conclusion of the last event (mounted games, gymkhana or dressage) over the entire competition period the event is being conducted (weekday(s) and weekend inclusive). This rule will be strictly administered.

Competition Period = 9am Friday until 3pm Sunday

Friday	Rider in Action	Prix Caprilli	Mounted Games
Saturday	Team competition tests	Freestyle competition	
Sunday	Championship Tests		

STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The event will be conducted in accordance with current RDA (NSW) Dressage Rules, FEI and EA Para-equestrian Rules, unless otherwise stated within these entry conditions
2. Eligibility:
 - a. This competition is open to the following riders:
 - b. All RDA(NSW) Centre registered Riders (whether classified or not)
 - c. All RDA (NSW) Associated members (whether classified or not)
 - d. Interstate RDA members (whether classified or not)
 - e. All Virtus Classified Riders
 - f. All individual riders with a diagnosable disability
3. Riders, competing in Sections A or B, must ride within their Para Equestrian or Virtus classification.
4. Section C horse/rider combinations cannot compete across grades, ie can only ride in one Section of each Grade eg Grade I/Section C.
5. Riders must ride and compete in the tests as listed on the schedule below – no alterations will be allowed
6. Riders may compete in the State Championships if they reach their 12th birthday in the year of the Championships. There is no upper age limit.
7. If riders are under the age of 12 and will not reach their 12th birthday in the Championship year, they are eligible to compete in the Junior Championship. (also see Rule 10)
8. Qualification required: All Riders new to this competition must supply evidence of two results within the past four years, these must be two separate events, with their State entry. Results must be 55% or above and may be obtained from RDA (NSW) State Video, Regional or Open competitions. Competitors are encouraged to provide results from the most recent events attended. Submitting a Video entry of a test for judging and approval from the organising committee is possible for Section C riders new to this event.
9. Entry Fee - Entry fee is payable at time of entry.
10. **Late Entries – WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
11. Stallions are not permitted to be ridden by RDA (NSW) Centre riders. Stallions must abide by Equestrian Australia Stallion Safe Practices Guidelines at all times and be under the control of a competent handler. Green Discs must be displayed at all times. Stallions must be stabled and supervised at all times.
12. The RDA (NSW) State Dressage Championship Organising Committee, may exclude any entrants with Stallions from participating in the competition - if at any time the Stallion Safe Practices guidelines are not followed or the entrant's horse is deemed out of control or not in control by a competent horse handler.
13. Horses must meet the minimum age of 6 years old for Dressage events.
14. Withdrawals/Scratchings - should be lodged as early as possible by email dressage@rdansw.org.au to enable the draw to be updated. All Veterinary/Medical withdrawals must be accompanied by either a doctor/veterinary's certificate and may be entitled to stable, bedding and accommodation cost refunds if notified by 15 August, 2023. **Change of Horse** - Horses may be changed, **only if a second horse has been nominated on the entry form.** The Dressage Committee must be informed of the change by the 1st August, 2023. Substitutions after this date must be referred to Louise Neill – dressage@rdansw.org.au. Only the alternate horse, named on the entry form will be accepted for substitution. Such applications must state reason for change and be accompanied by suitable supporting documentation i.e. vet certificate. Substitutions will only be accepted upon a vote from the committee. Under normal circumstances a horse cannot be changed after the closing date. Interstate Riders riding borrowed horses are permitted to submit Horse names by 6pm 14th August, 2023. The dressage committee does not organise borrowed horses, this is up to the competitor themselves.
15. Placings and Trophies – ribbons will be awarded to 4th place or further at the discretion of the committee. Ribbons, rosettes and/or Trophies will be awarded to Grade Championships, overall Section C Championship, Overall Grade Championship and Junior Championship Rider Championship. Reserve Championships will be awarded according to rules stated in this schedule.
16. Applications to compete for non-classified riders, must be accompanied by supporting medical documentation and riders must ride at the level they are competing in open competition. They may only ride as Section C. All Section C Riders are to provide copies of documentation evidencing the level they are competing at with their entry form (eg: a copy of latest test result).
17. Profile 39 Riders (riders with Intellectual Disabilities) – currently under the Para-Equestrian International rules, I.D. riders are not recognised. Therefore are eligible for Section C or Virtus events.
18. Grade 6 has been created to enable Virtus Classified riders to compete in tests specifically inline with Virtus Competition – this grade is open to Section A, and B classified competitors only. Virtus eligible riders but

are not classified must ride the scheduled tests for Section C riders Grades 2 and 4, or may elect to ride in Section C in other grades appropriate to their abilities – they may not ride across grades.

19. If an Intellectually impaired rider falls into both physical and I.D. categories – they must choose which grade is most appropriate for their circumstances. Riders falling into this category may only compete at one Grade level, i.e. they may rider Grade 6 tests or Grades 1 through 5, whichever is the most appropriate.
20. Riders currently riding as an RDA Centre Registered rider, must have an RDA coach accompany them. Associate Riders may utilise their own coach, but must advise their Chef d'Equipe prior to arriving at the venue.
21. Equipment used must conform to RDA (NSW) and EA Para-Equestrian rules. Contact the Dressage Secretary for confirmation of special equipment.
22. Nosebands must be worn.
23. **Bitless bridles are not permitted**
24. Teams - A Team may comprise of up to 4 Riders, with the best three percentages to count. A Team must comprise of at least 2 Grades – with at least one rider from Grades 1, 2 or 3 being included. A Team must also include 1 Section C Rider. The percentage from the Preliminary/team test will be will be utilised in the calculation of this event. The teams must be nominated no later than 8am Saturday 26th August PRIOR to the commencement of the dressage phase, IN WRITING to the Event Secretary. Composite teams are permitted. All riders are encouraged to enter this event.
25. Riding of Horses for warm up – All Sections
26. Horses for Grades 1, 2 and 3 may be ridden and schooled for up to twenty minutes per day by the trainer/coach or another rider designated by the competing rider's Centre Coach. The total time allowed for the above training will be carefully observed and regulated by Stewards. Horses may not be schooled by the above riders unless an Official Steward is present. The warm up rider must be nominated on the entry form – no variance will be allowed without appropriate supporting documentation being provided. A decision will be made by the Dressage Committee as to whether or not a change will be permitted.
27. Horses for Grades 4, 5 and 6 must only be warmed up by the competitor.
28. A rider should wear:
 - Light coloured jodhpurs or riding pants.
 - Long or short boots.
 - Shirt & Tie or Stock.
 - Riding Jacket, Centre coloured windcheater or vest.
 - Gloves should be worn, wherever possible.
 - AS/NZS 3838 or equivalent helmet - must not be older than 5 years.
 - Safety Helmet and boots must be worn at all times whilst mounted, by all riders.
29. Gear check is compulsory before each and every test. Riders should report for gear checking no later than 10 minutes before their allocated draw times.
30. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure they are on time for their tests. Riders must present to the nominated arena in time for their allocated draw time or may be eliminated.
31. Riders or their representative must acknowledge the Chief Judge located at C and the remaining judges located around the arena before execution of each test. Entering the arena before the "bell" has been sounded could incur elimination. Please ride around the outside of the arena to report to the judges.
32. A horse may only be ridden by one Rider within any one Grade, whether a classified or unclassified competitor. With the exception of Section D riders – where they wish to ride a "shared horse" in the same event as another rider, they may do so, but will be placed in the draw after the higher section rider. Except Grades 1 and 2, where two riders may ride the same tests within the same section, but will ride in reverse order over the two days, so as not to advantage one rider above the other. Exception refer shared horses
33. An individual horse, dressage competition only, may be ridden for 4 dressage tests in any one day and a total of 6 dressage tests over Saturday and Sunday. An individual horse may not be used for more than a total of 6 events - made up of the dressage and gymkhana events (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).
34. A Rider may only enter consecutive tests within their Grade/Section. I.e. they cannot rider one Grade I test and another Grade II. Both tests must be within the same Grading and Section eg Grade I/Section C.
35. Any rider may not ride more than 2 dressage tests (per horse), excluding the freestyle competition/test.
36. All Section C riders are encouraged to compete in the Freestyle. Section C riders must ride the Freestyle Test that aligns to the grade they are competing in.
37. A maximum of 2 horses is permitted per rider unless the event is able to accommodate more based on availability. Email dressage@rdansw.org.au if you intend to enter more than 2 horses per rider.
38. **ABSOLUTELY NO ELECTRIC SCOOTERS ARE PERMITTED AT THIS EVENT OR IN SIEC GROUNDS**

RDA(NSW) SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIONS

Riders may choose to ride in one Grade only. Section A & B are for formally classified riders.

GRADE 1 – Walk Only

All Grade 1 Tests are run in the smaller arena sized 20m x 40m

	Preliminary	Championship	Freestyle
SECTION A (classified)	FEI Para Equestrian Grand Prix A	FEI Para Equestrian Grand Prix B	Grade 1 EA Para Equestrian Freestyle 2022
SECTION B (classified)	FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate A	FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate B	
SECTION C (unclassified)	EA Para Dressage Grade 1 L3	EA Para Dressage Grade 1 L4	

GRADE 2

All Grade 2 Tests are run in the smaller arena sized 20m x 40m

	Preliminary	Championship	Freestyle
SECTION A (classified)	FEI Para Equestrian Grand Prix A	FEI Para Equestrian Grand Prix B	Grade 2 EA Para Equestrian Freestyle 2022
SECTION B (classified)	FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate A	FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate B	
SECTION C (unclassified)	EA Para Dressage Grade 2 L3	EA Para Dressage Grade 2 L4	

GRADE 3

All Grade 3 Tests are run in the smaller arena sized 20m x 40m

	Preliminary	Championship	Freestyle
SECTION A (classified)	FEI Para Equestrian Grand Prix A	FEI Para Equestrian Grand Prix B	Grade 3 EA Para Equestrian Freestyle 2022
SECTION B (classified)	FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate A	FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate B	
SECTION C (unclassified)	EA Para Dressage Grade 3 L3	EA Para Dressage Grade 3 L4	

GRADE 4

All Grade 4 Tests are conducted in the large arena sized 20m x 60m.

	Preliminary	Championship	Freestyle
SECTION A (classified)	FEI Para Equestrian Grand Prix A	FEI Para Equestrian Grand Prix B)	Grade 4 EA Para Equestrian Freestyle 2022
SECTION B (classified)	FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate A	FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate B	
SECTION C (unclassified)	EA Para Dressage Grade 4 L2	EA Para Dressage Grade 4 L3	

GRADE 5

All Grade 5 Tests are conducted in the large arena sized 20m x 60m

	Preliminary	Championship	Freestyle
SECTION A (classified)	FEI Para Equestrian Grand Prix A	FEI Para Equestrian Grand Prix B	Grade 5 EA Para Equestrian Freestyle 2022
SECTION B (classified)	FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate A	FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate B	
SECTION C (unclassified)	EA Para Dressage Grade 5 L2	EA Para Dressage Grade 5 L3	

GRADE 6 – Virtus Classification

Section A in 60m X 20m arena – Section B in 40m X 20m arena – halt at beginning of test to be omitted

	Preliminary	Championship	Freestyle
SECTION A (classified)	Grade 4 FEI Para Equestrian Novice B	Grade 4 FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate A	Grade 4 EA Para Equestrian Freestyle 2022
SECTION B (classified)	Grade 2 FEI Para Equestrian Novice B	Grade 2 FEI Para Equestrian Intermediate A	Grade 2 EA Para Equestrian Freestyle 2022
SECTION C (unclassified)	Same tests as Section C riders per grade tests 4 and 2	Same tests as Section C riders per grade tests 4 and 2	Same tests as Section C riders per grade tests 4 and 2

SECTION D – Introductory Tests – 1 test only per competitor

Grade 1 – EA Para-Equestrian Grade 1 L3

Grade 2 – EA Para-Equestrian Grade 2 L3

Grade 3 – EA Para-Equestrian Grade 3 L3

Grade 4 – EA Para-Equestrian Grade 4 L2

Grade 5 – EA Para-Equestrian Grade 5 L2

THE FOLLOWING STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS WILL BE MADE:**RDA(NSW) Grade Championship and Trophy – Limited to RDA(NSW) Classified Registered Associate and RDA(NSW) Centre riders - Grades I, II, III, IV & V individually (Section A Riders)**

- The rider with the highest total percentage from the FEI Para Equestrian Individual Championship test and the FEI Para Equestrian Freestyle will be deemed to be the Champion.
- Both the Championship and Freestyle percentages will be added together to achieve a final percentile score
- The rider with the highest score will be awarded the championship per grade/second highest score the reserve
- In the case of equality of percentages, the rider with the highest percentages in the Championship test is deemed to be the winner.
- If there is equality of percentages, in the Individual Championship test then both riders are equal Champions. No Reserve Championship will be awarded in this situation.

Riders must be a registered/classified RDA(NSW) rider (either through a Centre or as an Associate Member) to be eligible for this award.

RDA(NSW) Overall Grade Championship – Limited to RDA(NSW) Registered Associate and Centre riders - Grades I, II, III, IV & V individually (Section A, B & C Riders).

- An overall Graded Champion shall be awarded on a percentile basis
- The Team, Championship and Freestyle percentages will be added together to achieve the final percentile score
- The rider with the highest score will be awarded the championship per grade/second highest score the reserve
- The two straight dressage tests together with the Freestyle will count towards the award.
- All three tests must be ridden to be eligible for Championship.

Riders must be a registered RDA(NSW) rider (either through a Centre or as an Associate Member) to be eligible for this award.

Open Championship – Open to RDA(NSW) & Open Riders - Grades I, II, III, IV, V and VI individually (Section A & B & C Riders).

- An Open Grade Champion shall be awarded on a percentile basis
- The two straight dressage tests will count towards the award.
- Both the Team and Championship percentages will be added together to achieve a final percentile score
- The rider with the highest score will be awarded the championship per grade/second highest score the reserve
- Where an equality of points exists the higher total of the collective marks, including co-efficients will decide the better placing.

SECTION C CHAMPIONSHIP AND TROPHY – Open to all Riders competing within Section C – per grade**Section C Individual Graded Awards:**

- Awarded on a percentile basis per Grade
- Both the Team and Championships percentages are added together to achieve a final percentile score
- The rider with the highest score will be awarded the championship per grade/second highest score the reserve.

Overall Section C Championship:

- Overall Champion awarded to the highest percentile score from the above grade championship awards
- Reserve awarded to the second highest percentile score

GRADE 6 CHAMPIONSHIP/RESERVE RIDERS – VIRTUS Classified riders only

These championship/reserve championships will be awarded along the same lines as the RDA(NSW) Grade championship (Section A riders) and RDA(NSW) Overall Grade Championships (Sections A & B)

NOTE: Section A and Section B Championship awards – riders must have a current Virtus classification to be considered for these awards.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND TROPHY

Open to all riders under the age of 12 or will not reach their 12th birthday in the year of the Championships, are eligible to compete in the Junior Championship

Awarded on a percentile basis per Grade:

- Both the Team and Championships percentages are added together to achieve a final percentile score
- The rider with the highest score will be awarded the championship for the grade/second highest score the reserve.

SIEC TROPHY

Awarded to a RDA(NSW) **Centre Rider on a Centre owned horse** with multiple regular riders, with the highest point score, taken from the Dressage Preliminary and Championship Tests, during the weekend. This award is given to the centre horse.

INTERSTATE CHALLENGE TEAM COMPETITON – details to be confirmed based on entries.

JAN GEARY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - Section C & D riders - must be a Centre rider on a Centre horse – this is a rider award selected by the judges present over the weekend. The rider with the greatest number of nominations, is the winner. If there is a conflict between riders, the organising committee may be consulted.

SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIONS – GYMKHANA GALA & MOUNTED GAMES

Rider in Action	Prix Caprilli	Mounted Games
Led	Led Walk / G Jumping	Crazy 8
Walk	Walk / G Jumping	Twist & Turn
Trot	Trot / F Jumping	Snakes and Ladders
Canter	Canter / E Jumping	Bending

Ribbons will be awarded to 6th place.

Gymkhana Competitors may enter all events or a single event eg: Mounted games only.

PRIX CAPRILLI:

Prix Caprilli is Dressage with ground poles or small low jumps, Walk & Trot tests are done within a 20m X 40m arena, Canter tests will be done in a 20m X 60m arena.

Each movement is marked out of 10 with a final percentage determining the placings.

Collective marks for the event are Gaits & Jumping Style, Impulsion, Submission & Rider Position / Effectiveness.

RIDER IN ACTION:

Rider in Action - traditionally involves 3 different phases. In RDA(NSW) it involves two phases:

CoP – Control of Pace

- Where riders are required to display appropriate influence on the horses paces.

Obstacle Course

- Where riders are required to negotiate a number of obstacles and are judged on the riders effectiveness and style and may include both ridden and unmounted obstacles.
- Obstacles may include:
 - o Tight corridors
 - o Bending poles
 - o Small jumps
 - o Small shapes
 - o Bridge
 - o Tarpaulin
 - o Over and Under low obstacles

MOUNTED GAMES:

The four events will be ridden by each rider in one pace only:

- Led Walk
- Free Walk
- Trot
- Canter

RDA(NSW) Centre riders competing in these events may be invited to attend the 2024 Royal Easter Show Mounted Games Championships.

BENDING RACE:

1. There shall be five (5) pegs.
2. The distance between the start line and the first peg will be 8 metres, and between pegs 6 metres.
3. Spacing between lines of pegs will be 12 metres.
4. Pegs to be 1.35 metres high.
5. Competitors must leave the first peg on their right.
6. Each competitor must keep to his/her own line of pegs; crossing out from each line of pegs will incur disqualification.
7. The competitor is deemed to have crossed the demarcation line if one or more of the horse's feet is placed on or over this line.
8. Knocking down any pegs will mean disqualification.
9. A moving start may be allowed at the judge's discretion.
10. It is the option of the organisers to conduct the event as follows:

(A) In heats, semi-finals and finals.

(B) Against the clock.

(C) By taking the required number of fastest times to fill the placings to be run off as the final in the first past the post contest.

11. Pegs should not be touched by the contestant's hands and if in the opinion of the judge a peg is deliberately prevented from falling, such action can mean disqualification.

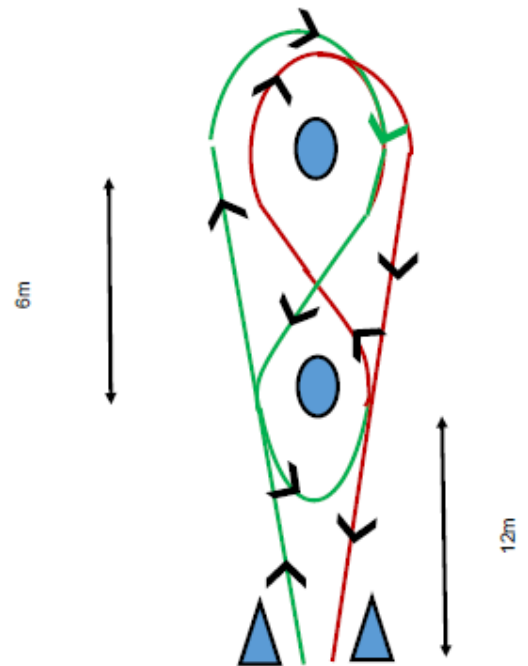
12. Any recall for infringement or false start shall be by whistle or bell.

13. A peg or pegs broken in a bending race will be deemed a knock down peg.

14. The winner and placegetters are declared when the riders have passed the finishing line, mounted on their horses, and with all pegs in his/her line standing and the course has been completed.

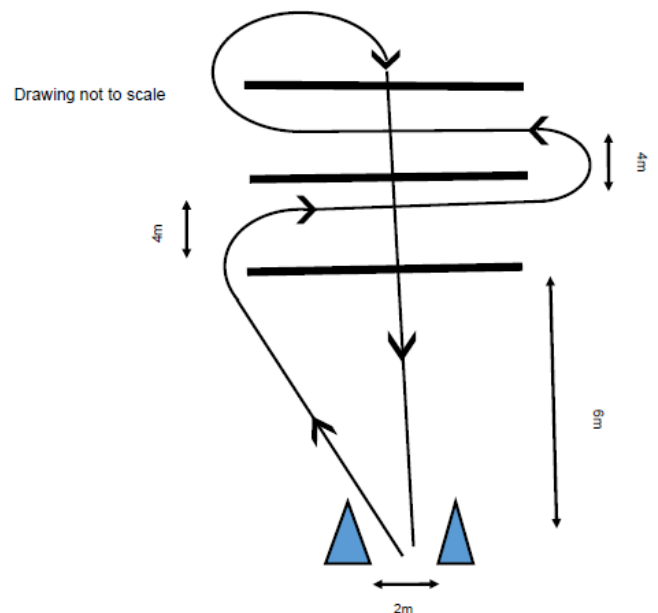
CRAZY EIGHT:

1. There will be a standing start.
2. There will be two barrels in a row placed 6 metres apart.
3. There will be a start line consisting of 2 witches hats 2 metres apart and 12 metres from the first barrel.
4. A 10 second penalty will apply each time a witches hat or barrel is knocked over. They will be returned to the upright position by an assistant.
5. If there is an error of course or assistance is needed no time will be recorded.
6. The rider will start through the witches hats riding to the left of the barrels. Turn right around the second barrel and proceed through the middle of the two barrels. Turn left around the first barrel and proceed through the middle of the two barrels. Turn right around the second barrel again. (This will make a figure 8). Rider will then continue straight down the course finishing through the witches hats.
7. It is permissible to pass the top barrel on either side.



SNAKES AND LADDERS:

1. There will be a standing start.
2. There will be a start line of two witches hats 2 metres apart.
3. There will be 3 trot poles placed in a row. The first being 6 meters from the start and 4 metres between each pole.
4. There will be a ten second penalty each time the horse refuses a pole. On the third refusal assistance will be given. If there is an error of course or if assistance is given for any reason no time will be recorded.
5. The rider will start the race through the witches hats.
6. Bend their way through the poles all the way to the top.
7. Turn down and proceed over each pole on the way back.
8. Finish through the witches hat.
9. It is permissible to go around the first pole in either side.
10. NOTE: Ground pole length is a standard 12ft. Can be flexible as all competitors compete on the same course. The difference would be minimal.
11. Leaders in led walk must not step over pole in the serpentine movement.

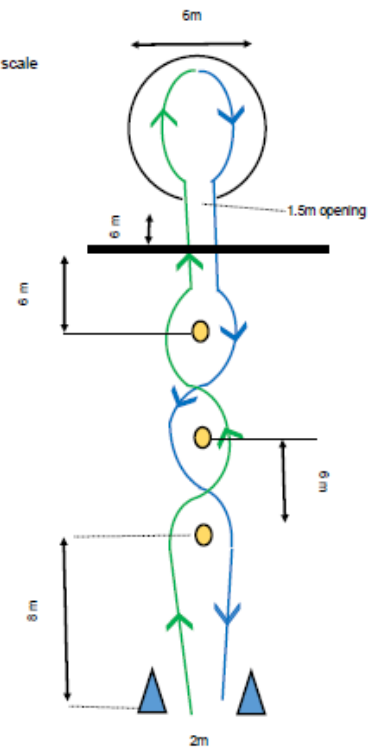


TWIST AND TURN:

1. There will be a standing start.
2. The starting line will be two witches hats 2 metres apart.
3. There will be a row of three bending poles. The first being 8 metres from the start, then 6 metres apart.
4. A single ground pole will be 6 metres from the last pole.
5. A 6 metre circle with a 1.5 metre opening will be drawn with line paint, 6 metres from the trot pole.
6. There will be a ten second penalty for each refusal of the ground pole. After 2 refusals assistance will be given. If there is an error of course (including knocking over a pole or stepping over the circle line or assistance is given for any reason no time will be recorded.
7. The rider will commence the race starting on the left of the barrel.
8. Bend through the poles starting to the left of the first pole.
9. Proceed over the trot pole and enter the circle.
10. Turn keeping inside the line of the circle.
11. Return over the trot pole then bending through poles back to finish line.
12. It is permissible to ride in either direction, bending to the left or right of the first pole (as per Bending race).

NOTE:

Drawing not to scale



GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION:

- It is expected that All Competitors will assist the organisers of the event with tasks such as set up & packing up of equipment, pencilling, stewarding arenas and ensuring the venue is kept clean & tidy.
- Only Competitors and those listed on the entry form as warm up riders, are permitted to ride horses at the venue. Warm-up riders are only available for grades 1, 2 or 3 or walk & trot riders in the Gymkhana events and must be nominated on the entry form.
- A time draw will be emailed to all competing RDA Centres or individually, if requested with an e-mail address supplied.
- Bridle numbers will be allocated in the draw. Equestrian Bridle Number kits must be used and should be purchased at a saddlery prior to the event.
- **Tack Rooms** – Shared Tack rooms will be made available however will not be locked. Competitors are able to book a private tack room – surcharge applies.
- **Tack Room / Stable competition** – Centres and Individuals & PCANSW Members are encouraged to decorate their team tack room with appropriate items e.g. Centre colours, information about riders and their horses etc. A prize will be presented to the best decorated tack room. Presentation will be held at the conclusion of the event.
- Commanders are permitted in all Sections **EXCEPT Section A within Grades 4 & 5**
- Vision impaired riders are entitled to a familiarisation of the competition arena before competing by walking around the inside of the competition arena in both directions. The rider is permitted to have additional support during the competition such as visual markers or callers. This additional support is to be provided by the rider. Vision impaired riders are also entitled to suggest a marked area for warm up. **Please make this request at the time of entry.**

Presentation Schedule will be announced during the event. Final Presentation will commence approximately 1 hour after the last Dressage test on Sunday. All Riders must attend in full Competition dress.

Riders Forum:

The RDA(NSW) Riders Representative will be holding a Rider's forum during the event. Date/Time to be confirmed.

Coaches Forum:

A Coaches forum is proposed to be held at the same time as the Riders Forum. Date/Time to be confirmed.

Thursday evening briefing @ 7pm:

All personnel staying on grounds on Thursday night are required to attend.

Friday competition briefing @ 9.30am:

Riders, Coaches are requested to attend. Details will be provided with the Event schedule.

Friday night welcome, Gymkhana Presentation and Event briefing @ 7pm:

All Riders, Coaches are requested to attend. Details will be provided with the Event schedule.

Saturday Night Dinner @ 7pm:

This is an opportunity for Riders & Coaches to network.

Presentation of the RDA(NSW) DVD Dressage Competition and Saturday Dressage events.

BYO Dinner - Access to the Riders Retreat Kitchen and BBQ will be available for use.

Sharing of the venue

The venue may have additional concurrent events. Competitors are requested to follow the instructions of the RDA(NSW) State Dressage Committee with regard to permitted riding areas.

All Dressage Competitors will be issued with a link to submit a bio and intro to be read prior to one of their tests.

FREESTYLE TESTS – open to all riders although not counted within Section C or Junior Championships.

CD's or USB's must be handed to a dressage committee representative at the Secretary's desk by 9am on Saturday the day of the Freestyle competition. **Music files should be saved as MP3's for CD's.** It is suggested that competitors have a second identical CD (preferably on a different brand of CD) on the day. Please ensure only the music to be played is on the disc and no other tracks are to be recorded thereon. Please check your CD's to ensure they are in correct working order.

A sound check will be conducted on Friday 25th August between 4pm & 5pm. Riders are permitted to ride on the outside of the arena. Please indicate on the entry form if you will be attending the sound check.

Each rider should ensure a helper is available to direct the sound deck to increase or decrease the volume of the music during the test. This helper should be standing at least 5 metres from the arena.

Each CD/USB must:

- (a) Clearly show the Name, Grade and Section of the competitor
- (b) Must be MP3 format – 2 copies provided – **enabling us to play on SIEC equipment provided**
- (c) Indicate when the music is to be started (i.e. when the rider holds up their hand, when helper indicates)
- (d) **There must be no other recordings on this CD, except that required for the Freestyle Test.** Commercially recorded CDs, or multiple recorded CDs will be returned as **unacceptable.** **Please ensure your CD notates when you want the music to start – eg when the called raises their hand, after the salute.**

A CD WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF ALL THE ABOVE IS NOT ADHERED TO.

The RDA(NSW) Dressage Committee members are there to help all Competitors have a successful and safe event. Please discuss any concerns or requests with the Committee either before the event by emailing dressage@rdansw.org.au or in person at the event.