Equestrian Australia is pleased to announce a new home for the Equestrian Grand Final in 2015 – Australia’s International Three Day Event, happening in Adelaide from 19-22 November 2015.

EA is excited to be taking the Grand Final to a new city and having it run alongside one of Australia’s most spectator friendly events. For competitors, it presents a chance to compete in the heart of Adelaide, in front of big crowds and unique atmosphere.

While the location may be changing, you can be assured of a Grand Final as spectacular as ever, bringing together the best of the best in the Olympic disciplines, offering big thrills, big suspense and big prize money.

In a unique and exclusive opportunity for Dressage, competitors will be able to compete alongside some of Australia’s best in the lead up to Rio in an event style similar to the calibre found in European competitions, unlike anything else found in Australia.

**CLASS TYPE:**
The Dressage Grand Final will be a CDN Small Tour teams competition. The classes run will be a Prix St-Georges (Edition 2009, update 2015) and an Intermediate 1 Freestyle (Edition 1998, revision 2009). Nominations are welcome from both Young Riders (16 – 25) and riders over 25 years of age.

**EVENT DATES:**
- Stabling access: Open Wednesday 18 November 2015 – from 4:00pm
- Veterinary Arrival Examination: Wednesday 18 November 2015 – Time TBC
- Horse Inspection: Thursday 19 November 2015 – Time TBC
- Starting Draw Release: Thursday 19 November 2015 – Time and Venue TBC
- Prix St-Georges: Thursday 19 November 2015 4.15pm – 6.00pm
- Intermediate 1 Freestyle: Friday 20 November 2015 4.30pm – 6.30pm

**COMPETITION FORMAT**
The highest cumulative points from both the Prix St-Georges test and the Intermediate 1 Freestyle test will be totalled to award final placings. In the event of tied cumulative points, the highest % score from the Freestyle will define the higher placing.

Points per test will be allocated as per placings, i.e. 1st place receives 16 points, 2nd – 15 points, 3rd – 14 points and through to 16th receiving 1 point.
The winning team will be awarded to the team with the highest cumulative points of three of the four team members. In the event of tied cumulative points, the highest average % score from each team will define the higher placing. The % average of each team is calculated by totalling the highest three team member’s scores and dividing by three to find the average team score.

**WHAT IS AT STAKE?**
The 2015 Dressage Grand Final crown and more than $12,000 in incentives is up for grabs.

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**HOW CAN PEOPLE QUALIFY?**
Entry nominations are currently being accepted by EA; of which 16 riders (8 seniors and 8 young riders, competing in teams of four) will be invited to attend.

**ENTRY NOMINATIONS**
Entry fee is due upon nomination and will be $200 per combination and a stable fee of $65.00 per night. On-site powered camping is available for $30.00 per night per site.


Entry requirements include the submission of up to three recent performance results at Prix St-Georges level. Horses must be 7 years of age or over to compete.

Entry nominations close: 5:00pm Friday 16 October 2015

Entries will only be refunded if the horse is officially withdrawn no later than 8 hours before the start of the competition and an original doctor/veterinary certificate issued to the event secretary no later than one hour prior to the start of the competition. 25% of all fees paid will be retained to cover administration costs.

In the event that entry nominations exceed the number of places available, EA reserves the right to select combinations to increase the competitive and entertainment value of the event based on the information supplied in the entry nomination process. Entry nomination fees will also be refunded for riders not selected to compete in the event.
APPOINTED OFFICIALS
Technical Delegate: Jan Smith (AUS) 
Judges: Sandy Phillips (GBR) FEI 4* Dressage
FEI Vets: Dr. Andrew Hunt (AUS) 
Nick Burton (GBR) FEI 3/4* Eventing 
Dr. David Johnson (AUS) 
Mary Seefried (AUS) FEI 5* Dressage

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Competition Surface - The Equestrian Grand Final Dressage events will be conducted on irrigated special purpose turf. The surface has been carefully developed over a number of years; being described as “the best its ever been”, setting a high standard for the competition.

Entry Passes - Each rider entered into the Equestrian Grand Final will receive 1 Rider, 1 Owner and 1 Groom entry pass to the Event (including access to the Australian International 3 Day Event). Additional entry passes must be purchased directly with the Australian International 3 Day Event.

Event Location - The 2015 Equestrian Grand Final is being held in conjunction with the Australian International 3 Day in Adelaide’s city parklands; with the Dressage arena in front of the grandstand and VIP marquee.

Accommodation - Camping is available on-site. Accommodation packages can be sought through the designated travel agent for the Australian International 3 Day event, Inflight Travel. For more accommodation and travel packages please contact rposalie@inflight-travel.com.au.

OTHER INFORMATION:
- Medication Control of horses will take place in accordance with the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (2nd edition, effective 1 January 2015) / EA Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (1st edition, effective 5 April 2010 and updates)
- Athletes: Medication control for athletes may be undertaken according to the FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes based on the 2009 revised Code, 1 January 2011, updated 1 January 2014 in conjunction with the World Anti-Doping Code.
- Advertising on Athletes and Horses and Promotion: as per FEI General Regs Article 135
- Riders may only compete with one horse, however in the event that entries do not reach the maximum 16, riders with a second horse may be considered.
- Arena familiarisation: Will be available during allocated times. Arenas can only be ridden during the times designated by the OC. Any breaches may lead to elimination. Allocated times will be advised by the organising committee closer to the event.
- Music test for Freestyle: Time to be advised. See below for acceptable music formats.
- Bridle numbers: must be easily visible on horses at all times when out of the allocated stable
- Code of Conduct: please refer to the FEI code of conduct for Horse welfare and the EA codes for athlete/spectator conduct at all times during the event. Breaches of the code may result in elimination.
REQUIRED INFORMATION FROM COMPETITORS:
Music for Freestyle performance: It is absolutely necessary that you provide a copy of your freestyle music to EA no later than 6th November 2015. No CDs/USB will be accepted at the event as music will be programmed on the system prior to the event. Submission of your music file can be done:
  o Via email – please email the file to: info@equestrian.org.au
  o Via dropbox – please set up a drop box and share the file with info@equestrian.org.au
  o CD/USB – please mail a CD or USB to EA, PO Box 673, Sydney Markets, NSW 2129

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Additional event details and services available on site will be made available closer to the event date or as confirmed.

If you require any further information, please contact Equestrian Australia on 02 8762 7777 or amelie.patrux@equestrian.org.au.

All attendees of the Equestrian Grand Final are reminded to note the FEI Code of Conduct for Horse Welfare below as well as the EA Athlete and spectator codes of Conduct.

THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI’s Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and athletes must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

A full copy of this Code can be obtained from the Fédération Equestre Internationale, Chemin de la Joliette 8, CH-1006 Lausanne, Switzerland. Telephone: +41 21 310 47 47. The Code is available in English & French. The Code is also available on the FEI’s website: www.fei.org.