



DRESSAGE
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2026

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DRESSAGE *Spectacular*



SCHEDULE



STATE YOUNG HORSE FINALS

4 | 5 | 6 | 7
year-old classes

HORSE & PONY



FREESTYLES to music

EA & FEI



FEI CHILDREN'S & PONY TESTS



PARA & VIRTUS

EA & FEI



28
FEBRUARY
2026

INTERSTATE JUDGE
MARIA SCHWENNESEN

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Entries via Event Secretary

FEI5* JUDGE





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COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Dressage South Australia Proudly Presents

THE 2026 DRESSAGE SPECTACULAR

Saturday 28th February 2026

Incorporating the

INTERNATIONAL SPORT HORSE BREEDERS SOUTH AUSTRALIAN YOUNG DRESSAGE HORSE & PONY FINAL

4 Year Old Dressage Horse & Pony | 5 Year Old Dressage Horse & Pony | 6 Year
Old Dressage Horse & Pony | 7 Year Old Dressage Horse

APK HELMETS FREESTYLE CHALLENGE

Novice Freestyle | Elementary Freestyle | Medium Freestyle | Advanced Freestyle
| Inter I Freestyle | Intermediate A/B Freestyle | Grand Prix Freestyle

PARA & VIRTUS TEST

EA Para Intro Tests Prep & Prelim | EA Para Tests Preliminary & Novice | Para
FEI Tests Novice, Intermediate & GP
All para tests offered for grades 1-5
Virtus tests offered Level II1, Level II2 & Level II3.

NEW THIS YEAR

FEI CHILDREN'S & PONY TESTS FOR OUR YOUTHS

With guest judge,
Maria Schwennensen
FEI 5* Dressage Judge



Conducted by Dressage South Australia on behalf of EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA
in accordance with current EA Rules. <http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules>

Venue: Danson Dressage - Birdwood South Australia
Entries Close: Midnight - Monday the 16th of February 2026
Enquiries: Ryan Fletcher - dressage@equestriansa.com.au
Entries: via Event Secretary



GENERAL INFORMATION

DAY YARDS: Subject to availability.

ARENA FAMILIARISATION: As per the official draw.

FLOATS AND TRUCKS: Will be able to park within the grounds in the designated area.

DRESSAGE WARM-UP ARENAS: The designated Warm-Up Arena will be available for general work and pre-test warm-up. No lunging will be allowed on the Warm-Up Arena. Lunging will only be allowed in the designated Lunging Arenas.

DRESSAGE SPECTACULAR WORKING COMMITTEE

RYAN FLETCHER
ANNE RAYMOND
SUE BROWN



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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YOUNG HORSE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

please also refer to the general conditions of entry

The competition will be conducted in strict accordance with the EA Dressage Australia National Dressage Rules (1st Jan 2026).

Competitors are advised to be aware of the Rules – in particular section 9. The onus is on riders to know the rules under which they compete and to use gear in accordance with the Rules.

1. Membership and Horse/Pony Registration: Horses/Ponies must be registered with, and owners and riders must be current financial members of the EA.

2. All Horses/Ponies must hold a current Dressage Performance Card.

3. Rider's Age: Riders of horses are eligible from the start of the year they turn 12 years of age.

4. Horse's/Pony's Age: To be calculated as of the 1st August. All horses/ponies MUST compete at their correct age.

4 Year olds Born between 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022

5 Year olds Born between 1 August 2020 and 31 July 2021

6 Year olds Born between 1 August 2019 and 31 July 2020

7 Year olds Born between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

5. Proof of Age: Riders/Owners may be requested to produce the horse's EA registration certificate to show proof of age prior to being allowed to compete.

6. Horses and Ponies Height: Horses must exceed 149cm with shoes in height, and ponies must not exceed 149cm with shoes on or 148cm without shoes.

7. Snaffle Bridles: All horses & ponies must be ridden in a snaffle bridle.

8. Whips: A whip is not permitted in 5,6 and 7yo classes. Refer to EA rules for details on 4yo and ponies.

9. Arena Size: The arena size for all rounds will be 20m x 60m.

10. All other dress and saddlery requirements as per current EA rules.

11. Maximum number of horses per rider: One rider may have a maximum of 3 horses entered for the event and no more than 2 in any one age group.

12. Stallion owner/riders: Strict abidance to Stallion Safe Practices Guidelines -

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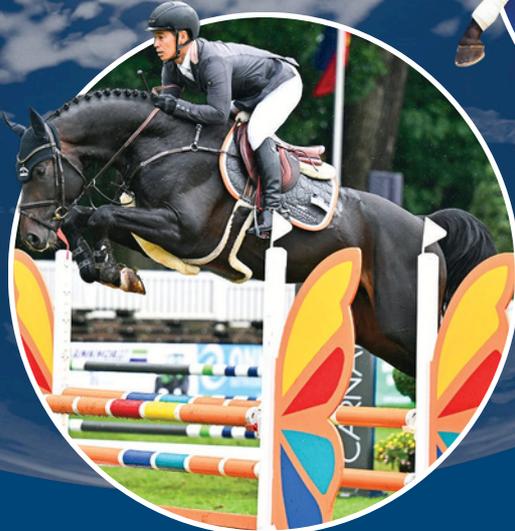
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YOUNG HORSE STATE FINALS

Young Horse Classes			
Class 1	4 Year Old Dressage Horse	Class 5	4 Year Old Dressage Pony
Class 2	5 Year Old Dressage Horse	Class 6	5 Year Old Dressage Pony
Class 3	6 Year Old Dressage Horse	Class 7	6 Year Old Dressage Pony
Class 4	7 Year Old Dressage Horse		

Starting Order / Draw: The first round will be drawn in groups of two horses / ponies. The second round will be ridden in reverse order of the places from the first round.

AGE	First round	Second round
4YO	EAYH commanded test for 4-year-olds	FEI Young Horse test for 4-year-olds
4YO Pony	EAYH commanded test for 4-year-olds	FEI Young Horse test for 4-year-olds
5YO	EAYH commanded test for 5-year-olds	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 5-year-olds
5YO Pony	EAYH commanded test for 5-year-olds	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 5-year-olds
6YO	EAYH commanded test for 6-year-olds	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 6-year-olds
6YO Pony	EAYH commanded test for 6-year olds	EA test for 6-year-olds
7YO	EAYH test for 7year olds (current EA Advanced 5.2 test)	FEI 7-year-olds Preliminary Test

ENTRY \$160 per class (2x tests)
entry fees are INCLUSIVE of all additional fees and levies



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FREESTYLE CHALLENGE

HAVE YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AND APK PACK VALUED AT OVER \$500

Novice Freestyle
Elementary Freestyle
Medium Freestyle
FEI JNR Freestyle
Advanced Freestyle

PSG/Inter I Freestyle
Intermediate A/B Freestyle
Grand Prix Freestyle

WEIGHTING OF LEVELS TO DETERMINE PLACINGS

EA Classes	
Novice	0
Elementary	+1
Medium	+2
Advanced	+3

FEI Classes	
Small Tour	0
Medium Tour	+2
Big Tour	+4

ENTRY \$120

per test - one entry accepted only.
entry fees are INCLUSIVE of all additional fees and levies



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CLASS 17 EA PARA INTRO

Grade 1-5 test options
EA PE Preparatory Test
EA PE Preliminary Test

CLASS 18 EA PARA

Grade 1-5 test options
EA PE Preliminary Test
EA PE Novice Test

CLASS 19 FEI PARA DRESSAGE

Grade 1-5 test options

(riders can only chose one level of test, e.g
if a rider enters FEI PE Grand Prix A, they
must ride FEI PE Grand Prix B.)

FEI PE TEST OF CHOICE 1

FEI PE Novice Test A
FEI PE Intermediate Test A
FEI PE Grand Prix Test A

FEI PE TEST OF CHOICE 2

FEI PE Novice Test B
FEI PE Intermediate Test B
FEI PE Grand Prix Test B

CLASS 20 EA VIRTUS

Level ii1

FEI Grade IV Novice B
(NO FIRST HALT)
FEI Grade IV Intermediate A
(NO FIRST HALT)

Level ii2

FEI Grade III Novice A
(NO FIRST HALT)
FEI Grade III Intermediate B
(NO FIRST HALT)

Level ii3

FEI Grade IV Novice B
(NO FIRST HALT)
FEI Grade IV Intermediate A Test
(NO FIRST HALT)

FEI YOUTH TESTS

FEI PONY

FEI Pony Riders Preliminary Competition
FEI Pony Riders Individual Competition

**** OPEN TO RIDERS 8-16****

FEI Childs

FEI Children Preliminary A Competition
FEI Children Preliminary B Competition

**** OPEN TO RIDERS 10-14****

ENTRY \$70

per test
entry fees are INCLUSIVE of all additional fees and levies



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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The 2026 SA Dressage Spectacular is run under the auspices of Equestrian SA (ESA) in strict accordance with Equestrian Australia (EA) Dressage Rules (current edition), official procedures for dressage competitions and the FEI Rules for Dressage Events (current addition).

The Organising Committee (OC) may at their absolute discretion, decline to receive any entry or return the entry fee without being liable for any compensation as per General Regulation Article 116.11. The OC's decision in relation to any entry for the event shall be final and binding.

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

a) You acknowledge that horse riding, working with or being around horses can be dangerous. Horses can act in sudden and unpredictable ways, especially if frightened or hurt. As a consequence, there is a real risk of damage to property, serious injury or even death. In consideration of acceptance of your entry and participation in the event you agree to release and forever discharge EA, ESA, their servants and agents and the OC and each member thereof from all claims, proceedings or demands for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.

b) In consideration of acceptance of your entry and participation in the event, you agree to indemnify and keep indemnified EA, ESA, their servants and agents and the OC and each member thereof against all claims, proceedings or demands brought by or on behalf of any participant or competitor named in your entry form for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.

To be eligible to participate in this event you must be a current ESA member or current member of an EA state branch. You must also satisfy any further membership or registration requirement (including those for any horse entered) below;

a) Riders: taking part in the Competition must be financial members of EA

b) FEI Children's Tests: Are open to riders who are 10 years and over up to the end of the year in which they turn 14.

FEI Pony Tests: Are open to riders who are 8 years and over up to the end of the year in which they turn 16.

c) Open Competitive Competitions: riders must be 14 years of age and over on the day of the competition. Current EA membership is mandatory. The horse must have obtained qualifications in open competition at the level in which it is entered (see qualifications).

d) AOR Competitions: riders please be aware of the rules governing AOR (4.6.1)

e) Para Equestrian: riders must ride in their classified grade.

f) Horses and ponies

i. in the competition must be currently registered with EA, have a current Competition Licence (Dressage or Pony Dressage) and be owned by a financial member of EA.

ii. Horses in EA and FEI classes must exceed 149cms with shoes or 148cms without shoes. Riders of Ponies please be aware of rules regarding heights and certificates. EA rules will be applied.

iii. The entered horse must have the same rider as nominated on the entry form for all competitions.

iv. No substitution of rider will be granted.

v. Any horse may compete in two consecutive levels only and a maximum of two tests can be ridden on any single day. One test per day for FEI classes.

vi. No rider may ride more than 2 horses in any class without prior approval from OC.

vii. No test may be commanded (called) (para excluded) or ridden Hors Concours (HC).

viii. Horses shall not compete below their grade under any circumstances. Official grading will be taken as at 17/2/2025.



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- **Bridle Numbers:** Riders shall provide their own two bridle numbers (as per listed competition number in program/draw), and stallion discs for stallions must be worn on each side of the horse (either on the bridle or saddle cloth) at all times whenever the horse is out of their stable, whether led or ridden. Riders must notify the OC immediately if the wrong bridle number is printed on any draw or list.
- **Swabbing:** Random swabbing will take place as required by the EA National Rules governing State Championship events in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Rules, subject to any amendments or inclusions as at the date of the event. Please make yourself aware of prohibited substances & the relevant withdrawal period. Check the ingredients of all products you are using including herbal products with your vet. Security & access to the horse is the sole responsibility of the owner/rider.
- **Protective Headgear:** as per EA Dressage Rules and Official Procedures for Dressage Competitions.
- Entries are via eventsecretary.com.au and must be correctly and fully completed. Any errors and omissions may result in the entry being rejected. **Entries close midnight on Monday 16/2/2026.** Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OC with conditions and fees. Change of rider as per rule (g iv) and at the discretion of the OC.
- Competitors are advised to be aware of the current Rules. The onus is on the rider to know the rules under which they compete. The EA Dressage Rules and Dressage Tests may be downloaded from the EA web site: www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules.
- The OC reserves the right to cancel or combine competitions if insufficient entries are received.
- **Withdrawals and Refunds:**
 - a) withdrawals before the closing date of entries, full refund.
 - b) Refunds shall not be offered unless a medical or veterinary certificate is provided to the Event Secretary within 24 hours of the completion of the Event. In such a case 50 (fifty) percent of the entry fee and all other fees and levies shall be retained by the Organising Committee. Because of reserve lists and possible distances to be travelled by reserve riders, all riders are asked to consider their fellow competitors and notify the Event Secretary as soon as possible of their intention to withdraw.
 - c) Reserve list horses who are not offered a start in a competition, shall receive a full refund for that competition.
 - d) A full refund of fees will be given for entries not accepted or balloted out.
 - e) Once an entry is accepted, the Administration Fee and ESA judges levy is non-refundable.
- **Protests and Appeals:**
 - a) Any appeal or protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a bond of AUD\$200.00. This must be handed to the Event Secretary within one hour of the occurrence (for score related protests, this must be within one hour of the test sheets being released).
 - b) Protests related to abuse of a horse shall be refunded unless considered to be spurious or malignant.
 - c) Attention is drawn to Rule 1.5 current EA National Dressage.
- Test Sheets will be available via Event Secretary live scoring and results for the competition will be officially posted.
- The OC reserves the right to change the day of competition, limit entries, combine classes, withdraw prize money or cancel classes with insufficient starters at their discretion. All effort will be made to run classes with 5 or less horses but prizes are not guaranteed.



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- **BALLOTING OF ENTRIES:** There will be a limit of 35 horses per event with 6 reserves and one division only in all classes. Where more than 35 entries are received balloting will occur. See qualifications.
- **THE DRAW:** Will be strictly adhered to and riders must present at their specified times. Failure to present to the judge at the correct time may incur elimination. The timed draw will be available at least 24 hours before each competition on the ESA – DSA Page. It is the duty of the persons responsible to confirm/check their start times the day before the competition. The committee recommends that you check your times the morning of competition in case of last-minute updates.
- **GEAR STEWARD/CHECK:** Competitors must present to the Gear Steward for each test, directly after their test, for both EA and FEI classes. **FAILURE TO DO SO WILL INCUR ELIMINATION.**
- **SCRATCHINGS:** Contact for scratchings on the morning of competition is 0417 810 530 (text message ONLY).
- **LEVIES:** \$4.40 Judges levy/horse and an administration fee of \$16.50/test will be charged.
- A copy of the draw will be available at www.sa.equestrian.org.au/dressage-sa
- **PRIZES & PRIZE MONEY:** Presentations will be unmounted but competitors must be in full competition attire, winning horses will be required in hand with bridle, unless otherwise stated. **Failure to comply will result in withdrawal of prizes & prizemoney.** Some presentations may be done during the lunch break.
- Please ensure that you have your and your horses EA registration and membership paperwork with you (copy of photo is acceptable).
- **Cancellation of the Event:**
 - a) DSA or the OC may, at their sole discretion, cancel the event due to catastrophic conditions, disease or force majeure, or for any other reason.
 - b) If the event is cancelled after it has commenced, no refunds will be issued.
 - c) If the event is cancelled prior to commencement, the entrant may be entitled to a partial refund of the entry fees paid. Any such refund will be determined at the absolute discretion of ESA, having regard to the direct or fixed costs for the event.
 - d) Entrants who have provided an email address will be notified of event cancellation by email.

LIABILITY:

NEITHER THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, ESA or EA NOR THE OWNERS/LESSEES OF THE VENUE ACCEPT ANY LIABILITY FOR ACCIDENT, DAMAGE, INJURY OR ILLNESS TO HORSES, OWNERS, RIDERS, SPECTATORS, PERSONS OR PROPERTY WHATSOEVER.



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