

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

6-8 NOVEMBER

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Strathalbyn Polo &
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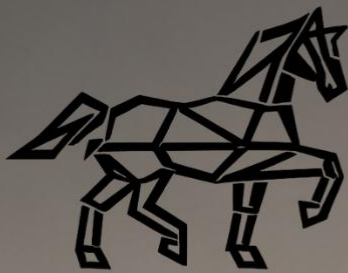
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Hosted by the DRESSAGE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA on behalf of DRESSAGE SA

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Strathalbyn Polo & Recreation Grounds - CALLINGTON ROAD, STRATHALBYN, SA 5255

FRIDAY 6th, SATURDAY 7th & SUNDAY 8th of NOVEMBER 2026

Event web site: dressageclubofsa.weebly.com

Technical Delegate: Stuart Platt

Chief Steward: Sarah White

Enter at <https://eventsecretary.com.au/>

Entries Open: 8th September 2026 Entries Close: 9th October 2026

Scoring Provider Event Secretary

Schedule Approved by Dressage South Australia Committee –30/8/2026.

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EA CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES	MEDIUM PRIX ST GEORGES INTERMEDIATE I INTERMEDIATE A GRAND PRIX	PRELIMINARY ELEMENTARY ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE B INTERMEDIATE II GRAND PRIX SPECIAL	NOVICE FREESTYLES GRAND PRIX INTERMEDIATE A/B INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED
PE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES	ESA – EAPD Novice Test (Grade 1-5) FEI (Novice, Intermediate or Grand Prix) Test A Test (Grade 1-5) ESA Virtus Competitive Championships – FEI Team Test (ii1, ii2, ii3)	ESA - EAPD ELEMENTARY TEST (GRADE 1-5) FEI (Novice, Intermediate or Grand Prix) TEST B TEST (GRADE 1-5) ESA VIRTUS COMPETITIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS – FEI INDIVIDUAL TEST (II1, II2, II3)	ESA PE– EAPD FREESTYLE TEST (GRADE 1-5) FEI PE – FEI (Novice, Intermediate or Grand Prix) FREESTYLE TEST (GRADE 1-5) ESA VIRTUS – FEI FREESTYLE TEST (II1, II2, II3)
YH QUALIFIERS & NON-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES *Please note these are not state championship classes.	4YO YOUNG HORSE/PONY 5YO YOUNG HORSE/PONY 7YO YOUNG HORSE	PARTICIPANT PREP / PRELIM / NOVICE / ELEMENTARY ESA PE DRESSAGE EAPD PRELIMINARY TEST (GRADE 1-5) ESA VIRTUS DEVELOPMENT CLASS – FEI INDIVIDUAL TEST (II1, II2, II3)	6YO YOUNG HORSE/PONY

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 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. The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Email enquiries preferred office@eventsecretary.com.au OR dcsa2022@gmail.com

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Ryan Fletcher, Event Director
Anne Raymond
Di Pritchard
Elise Spark
Kristy de Bruin
Natasha Cockburn
Ruth Thompson
Jo Swinton
Libby Freeman

ARENA FAMILIARISATION: As per the official draw. **Para Athletes (PARA):** A 20x60 or 20x40 area (if possible) will be available to ride around and in the competition arenas at walk, as per the official draw (Annex D – EA Para Rules 2026).

FLOATS AND TRUCKS: Will be able to park within the grounds in the designated area; please contact us for camping details should you wish to stay overnight.

DAY YARDS: Undercover yards are available on site and will be available to book via entries.

ACCOMMODATION: Airbnb accommodation options are available in the area as well as hotels and Caravan Park options – Camping at grounds is available.

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 Arena.

In addition, for PARA & Virtus:

1. Horses for Grades I, II, and III may be ridden and/or schooled for up to 30 minutes per day by the Trainers/coach/groom or Athlete designated by the competition Athlete (EA Rule 4.3.4.c) and only the Athlete for 15 minutes before they enter the competition arena to perform their dressage test (EA Rule 4.3.4.e)
2. Where trainers are mounted on grade I, II and III horses, they must wear a yellow armband stating 'Trainer' whenever mounted on a para dressage horse (EA Rule 3.7.2.i)
3. Where possible, provision should be made for Athletes with classified visual impairment to train and warm up alone if the Athlete requests. (EA Rule 4.9)
4. All Athletes with a visual impairment may start the test from within the arena. (EA Rule 4.9)
5. Athletes with classified visual impairments are recommended to wear a white armband when mounted outside of competition (Field of Play) (3.7.2 g).
6. Athletes with classified hearing impairments are recommended to wear a light blue armband when mounted outside of competition (Field of Play) (3.7.2 h).

QUALIFICATIONS HORSE/PONY & RIDER COMBINATIONS**Preliminary – Novice**

Horse/pony & rider combinations are required to have a minimum of one performance of at least 62% as a qualification at this level.

Elementary – Advanced

Horse/pony & rider combinations are required to have a minimum of one performance of at least 60% as a qualification at this level.

FEI

Horse/pony & rider combinations are required to have a minimum of one performance of at least 55% as a qualification at this level.

PARA/Virtus – All Grades and levels

Horse/pony & rider combinations are required to have a minimum of one performance of at least 58% as a qualification at the level entered.

Please note: Small Tour and Big Tour qualifications are required from the highest level test entered

CONDITIONS

- The qualifying period is 12 months preceding the closing date 9/10/2026.
- Entries will be taken pending qualifying scores (to include events up to 1/11/2026)
- You need one performance at the required percentage to allow you to make an entry within the Pony, AOR & Open divisions of the below classes. Youth entrants do not require any qualifications to enter.
- Further performances are required for balloting purposes and may be with another rider. Should balloting need to occur the aggregate of the three scores shall be used to rank the eligible nominations, the thirty-five combinations with the best aggregates at each level shall be accepted. One HC score can be used as a qualification.
- All performances must be gained at official competitive competitions.

- Qualification scores must have two judges. You may submit qualification/s with one judge that may be accepted at the discretion of the OC.
- If the competition is undersubscribed the OC may, at their discretion, accept nominations with only one judge, or accept the following lower qualification scores as follows
 - Preliminary – Novice – 60%
 - Elementary – Advanced – 58%
- You need one performance at the required percentage to allow you to make an entry within the Para, Virtus, Pony, AOR & Open divisions of the below classes. **Youth entrants do not require any qualifications to enter (excluding PARA/Virtus).**

LEVEL	
Preliminary	62%
Novice	62%
Elementary	60%
Medium	60%
Advanced	60%
Small Tour	55%
Medium Tour	55%
Big Tour	55%

PARA & VIRTUS LEVEL	
EA Tests	58%
Virtus Development	58%
FEI Tests	58%
Virtus Performance	58%

ENTRY FEES

Preliminary – Advanced & EA Para/Vitus Development

ENTRY \$215 for both championship tests entry fees are INCLUSIVE of all additional fees and levies. Test to be run will be 2's & 3's.

FEI Tests & Para/Vitus Performance Tests

ENTRY \$140 per test entry fees are INCLUSIVE of all additional fees and levies.

Freestyles Tests & Para/Virtus Performance Tests

ENTRY \$95 per test entry fees are INCLUSIVE of all additional fees and levies.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **The FEI Small Tour Champion:** will be determined by the highest combined results using the championship point score system in the Prix St George, Intermediate I and Intermediate I Freestyle - no qualification requirements for the freestyle.
- **The FEI Medium Tour Champion:** will be determined by the highest combined results using the championship point score system in the Intermediate B & Medium Tour Freestyle competition - no qualification requirements for the freestyle.
- **The FEI Big Tour Championship** will be determined by the GP & GP Freestyle, there will be no qualification requirements for the freestyle. Riders will have the opportunity to enter the Inter II & Grand Prix Special test if they wish but these will not be counted in the championship and will be determined by the highest combined results using the championship point score system.

- **The ESA Para Championships** will be determined by the highest combination results in the EAPD Novice & Elementary and Freestyle tests.
- **The ESA Virtus Championships** will be determined by the highest combination results of FEI Individual Test, Team Test and Freestyle test.
- **The ESA FEI Para Championships** will be determined by the highest combination of FEI Test A, Test B and Freestyle test.

Participant Preparatory –Elementary & Para Prep-Prelim/Virtus Development

ENTRY \$140.00 for both level tests (for Example 2.2 & 2.3) entry fee is INCLUSIVE of all additional fees and levies. No Qualifications Required. **Para & Virtus: a qualification of 58% is required.**

Young Horse Classes

ENTRY \$140 for both two rounds entry fees are INCLUSIVE of all additional fees and levies. (These will provide 2x Qualifications as judging panel will change). PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE NON-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The 2026 EQUINE FINANCE SOLUTIONS SA State Dressage Championship 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;

- **Riders:** taking part in the Competition must be financial members of EA
- **Youth Competition:** Are open to riders who are 10 years (on the day of competition except pony riders) and over up to the end of the year in which they turn 21 riding horses and from 8 years if riding a pony.

Youth horses and ponies will compete together (no separation of classes for horses and ponies).
Horses and ponies must be registered with ESA. (Para/Virtus is not eligible for Youth Classes)

- **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).
- **AOR Competitions:** riders please be aware of the rules governing AOR (4.6.1) Para/Virtus is not eligible for AOR
- **Para/Virtus Equestrian:**
 - Riders must ride in their classified Para grade or Virtus level
The Athlete needs to be listed on either the FEI, EA Master List or Virtus Master List
 - Virtus Performance, EA Para Athletes riders riding EAPD Novice and Elementary, and PARA FEI riders **MUST BE** a competitive-level member and **DO** require a dressage card
 - Virtus Development and EA Intro riders in EAPD Prep and preliminary tests must be minimum ESA participant members and **DO NOT** require a dressage card
 - Riders entering championship classes who do not qualify for freestyle will not get a refund
 - All Para/Virtus Riders **MUST** email your compensating aid to the organising committee as per the rules (EA Rules 3.2.1.a)
- Horses and Ponies entered in the competition must be currently registered with EA, have a current Competition Licence (Dressage or Pony Dressage – excluding Participant entries) and be owned by a financial member of EA.
- 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. Ponies must submit a CURRENT height card. If measurement is needed, prior notice will need to be obtained before the start of the event as the only working measuring bay is in Strathalbyn.
- The entered horse must have the same rider as nominated on the entry form for all competitions.
- No substitution of rider will be granted.
- Any horse may compete in two consecutive levels only and a maximum of three tests can be ridden on any single day, two tests per day for FEI level classes.
- No rider may ride more than two horses in any class without prior approval from OC.
- No test may be commanded (called) **PARA/Virtus** is allowed if the Athlete has a commander listed on their Master List (9.12, a) or ridden Hors Concours (HC).
- Horses shall not compete below their grade under any circumstances. Official grading will be taken as at 9/10/2026.
- **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. Participant competitors will be supplied with a number.
- **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.

Please note: It is the rider/owner responsibility to have the horse registration papers or a copy with them available for the swabbing stewards.

- **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 9/10/2026 Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OC with conditions and fees. Change of rider as per rule (g iv) also 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 doctors 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 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 online OR on paper via the office if paper tests are utilised. Results for the competition will be officially posted online under rule 7.6 s & t) allocation of marks via electronic scoring.
- 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.

- **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:** All 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 scratching on the morning of competition is
0428 889 679 (SMS MESSAGE ONLY).
- **LEVIES:** \$4.40 Judges levy, administration fee of \$25.50, arena levy of \$5 per competition championship payment, are included in your entry fees and are non-refundable.
- 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. Any competitor not available to collect their prizes must notify the organisers prior to leaving and nominate another person to collect them or forfeit the prizes.

a) Championships will be determined using rule 3.19.

b) Class placings will be allocated as per rules 3.19 and for 3.19(d) it will be “in case of equality of percentage for any of the first three places, the higher total of the 4 collective marks, including coefficients, will decide on the better placing. If these marks are tied, placings remain tied as per the EA Dressage Rules.

c) Goods in kind must be collected on the day, otherwise it will be forfeited.

d) Prizes as per rule 3.19 “to the value of” may be cash/voucher or other product.

e) Prize money as per rule 3.20 and is GST inclusive.

- **Class Winners & Championship Trophies** are awarded in accordance with the EA Dressage Rules www.equestrian.org.au Rule 3.19 (i) Effective 1 January 2026. These perpetual trophies are awarded to the overall champion at each level (Best performed combination from any category - Open/AOR/Pony or Youth). All categories at each level must be judged by the same panel of judges to be eligible for the championship trophies.

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CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

SA Preliminary Champion

SA Novice Champion

Parkfield Float Repairs - SA Elementary Champion

Wendts - SA Medium Champion

Eyre Peninsula Dressage Club - SA Advanced Champion

Marian Malecki - SA Prix St George Champion

South Australian Dressage Association - SA Intermediate I Champion

Erica Taylor - SA Intermediate A Champion

Dressage SA – SA Intermediate B Champion

Equestrian SA - SA Intermediate II Champion

Erica Taylor - SA Grand Prix Champion

ESA EA Para Champion

ESA FEI Para Champion

ESA Virtus Competitive Champion

SA PERPETUAL TROPHIES

- Jane Brown - EA OPEN Champion
- Erica Taylor - EA Amateur Owner Rider Champion
- Jane Brown - FEI Open Champion
- Dressage SA - FEI Amateur Owner Rider Champion

- Almazaan Stud - EA Pony Champion
- Wyebo Skylark Memorial - Youth Champion

These perpetual trophies are awarded to ESA Dressage card holders competing at the South Australian State Dressage Championships.

The highest aggregate percentage of the best 2 tests from any level or consecutive levels for each category will be the trophy winner. Weighting will be applied according to the level competed (Refer Table 1). A maximum of 2 tests will count for EA and FEI awards. Freestyle tests do not count.

Percentage weighting for each test level will be applied as per the below tables

EA Levels	Percentage added to score
Preliminary	0%
Novice	+1%
Elementary	+2%
Medium	+3%
Advanced	+4%

FEI levels	Percentage added to score
PSG	0%
Inter 1	+1%
Inter A and Inter B	+2%
Inter 2	+3%
Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special	+4%

The ‘Iron Horse Equine Nutrition’ Dressage Club Team Challenge Dressage clubs will be able to nominate teams to compete in this competition. The Club Team’s challenge will be split into two team levels:

Novice Team: Individual combinations to be selected for the team competing in the following classes -

Prelim 1.3 / Novice 2.3 / Elementary 3.3

Advanced Team: Individual combinations to be selected for the team competing in the following classes -

Medium 4.3 / Advanced 5.3 / FEI

- The average percentage scored by each combination will be converted into points (65.32% = 65.32 points) and the highest scoring team will be the winners on their respective divisions.
- A combination can only be selected once per team and can be competitors from any category (OPEN / AOR / YOUTH / PONY). However, could ride in both teams on the same or different horses.
- Clubs can nominate multiple teams in each division.
- In the case of a rider being a member of multiple clubs, they are only eligible to represent ONE club per combination.
- Composite teams can be formed across clubs, when there are not enough riders from the club to complete a team.

- A separate entry form will be emailed to clubs for them to nominate their teams via JotForm.
- FEI Riders will be based on the highest-level test entered.
- Freestyles are excluded.

Additional Awards

- The Highest % AOR
- The Highest % Pony
- The Highest % Rider/Breeder
- The Highest % 'Bred to Race' Thoroughbred
- The Highest % Next Gen Rider
- The Highest % Youth Rider
- The Highest % Open Rider
- The Highest % Para/Virtus Rider

The above Awards will be based on the highest singular test percentage (based on the average of all judges scores) across all test levels in the respective categories.

Please note freestyles are excluded from the highest % awards.

Breeder/Rider - Rider needs to have bred & own the horse they are competing at the competition.

'Bred to Race' Thoroughbred - All thoroughbreds registered with the Australian Thoroughbred Studbook and bred for the purpose of racing, including imported thoroughbreds and those who have not trialled or raced are eligible to compete in South Australian "Bred to Race" classes, events and awards. Eligibility will be checked through the Registrar of Racehorses, or international equivalents prior to competition

Youth - EA Classes only. Riders 21 years and under at the start of the year.

Next Gen Rider - EA Classes only. Riders 12 years and under the year they turn 12.

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:

- 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.
- If the event is cancelled after it has commenced, no refunds will be issued.
- 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.
- Entrants who have provided an email address will be notified of event cancellation by email.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY - YOUNG HORSE QUALIFIERS

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE NOT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

The competition will be conducted in strict accordance with the EA Dressage Australia National Dressage Rules 1st Jan 2025).

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. Dressage Performance Card: 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. Riders of Ponies, from the start of the year in which they turn 10 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 60m x 20m.

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 2 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—

http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA_Stallion_Safe_Practices_Guidelines_Jan%202011_V2.pdf

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.