

South Australian Judges Subsidy Scheme (Updated August 2023)

The Dressage South Australia Judges Sub-Committee (DSA-JSC) recognises that to maintain accreditation, upgrade qualifications or gain further experience, judges may need to travel interstate. As this can be costly, the DSA-JSC have allocated funds from the SA dressage judge levy collected by clubs, to support judges travelling for further education.

The purpose of the subsidy scheme is to set out a frame-work for reimbursement for South Australian judges travelling interstate (and across regions) to upgrade, remain accredited or further their judging experience, and will apply to any expenses incurred during a stated financial year.

The amounts noted in this document are intended as a guide only. Funding is subject to availability and will be reviewed as part of normal financial operations. For any financial year, a cap of \$3,000 will apply. The DSA-JSC will review all applications and approve those that meet the criteria and intention described below, and within the available budget.

For subsidies numbered 1-3, funding is limited to 5 judges per year. A judge may only apply for one subsidy per financial year. Judges must check with the committee if funds are available before travelling.

Please note:

Judges maintaining accreditation or upgrading are encouraged to seek Judging appointments Interstate and then 'piggyback' attending a Seminar or undertaking shadow judging or sit-ins. Organising Committees may pay for at least part of airfares and accommodation and this then stretches our budget further and allows for more judges to benefit from the scheme.

1. Upgrading to A or B Level

Judges upgrading to A or B Level may receive a subsidy of \$1000 (max per judge per level) for travel expenses to complete shadow judging, sit-ins and the Practical Exam. This amount will be paid on the successful completion of the qualification. A report must be submitted to the Chair, DSA-JSC together with receipts for expenses.

2. Ongoing Training for A or B Level Judges

Judges at A or B Level may receive a subsidy of 50% up to a maximum of \$100 per financial year for online courses that further their judge education. To be eligible for this subsidy, the online course must include a component of video judging. Or, they may be funded a subsidy of 50% up to a maximum of \$100 per financial year for attending an interstate seminar for their level, presented by an International Judge Educator FEI 3* or above.

3. Upgrading to C or D Level

Judges upgrading to C or D Level may receive a subsidy of \$500 (max per judge per level) for travel expenses to complete shadow judging, sit-ins and the Practical Exam. This amount will be paid on the successful completion of the qualification. A report must be submitted to the Chair, DSA-JSC together with receipts for expenses.

4. Gaining further experience in Judging Interstate

To encourage Judges to travel Interstate to see different horses and gain further experience in Judging, a subsidy of \$200 (max per judge per level) will be paid for these judges to write for higher level Judges, shadow judge or sit-in at an interstate event. The event and activity must be appropriate to the applicant's current or upgrading level. A report must be submitted to the Chair, ESA-JSC together with receipts for expenses.

5. Regional judges support

The ESA-DJC understands that for judges in regional areas, the cost to attend seminars, workshops and shadow judging can be prohibitive. Judges travelling in excess of 120km (each way) from home to a venue to shadow judge at a competition or attend a seminar for the purpose of maintaining accreditation or upgrading, may receive a subsidy of \$.50 per kilometre up to a maximum of \$250. Shared driving is encouraged where practical. Potential judges that are travelling to attend a G-level seminar or a competition for the purpose of shadow judging may apply for reimbursement when they are appointed as a G-level judge, at the completion of all the requirements. Regional judges may submit one application per year.

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