



2025 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
**STATE DRESSAGE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
OFFICIALSCHEDULE



14, 15 & 16 NOVEMBER 2025
SOUTHERN VALES DRESSAGE CLUB GROUNDS



2025 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

SOUTHERN VALES DRESSAGE CLUB GROUNDS - 185 BOWERING ROAD, ALDINGA SA 5178

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

MEDIUM
PRIX ST GEORGES
INTERMEDIATE I
INTERMEDIATE A
GRAND PRIX

YOUNG HORSE QUALIFIERS

4YO YOUNG HORSE / PONY
5YO YOUNG HORSE / PONY
7YO YOUNG HORSE

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2025

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

PRELIMINARY
ELEMENTARY
ADVANCED
INTERMEDIATE B
INTERMEDIATE II
GRAND PRIX SPECIAL

PARTICIPANT - PREP
PARTICIPANT - PRELIM
PARTICIPANT - NOVICE



SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

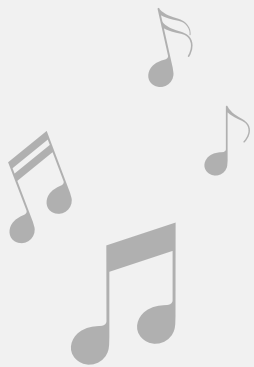
CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

NOVICE

GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE
INTERMEDIATE A/B FREESTYLE
INTERMEDIATE I FREESTYLE
ADVANCED FREESTYLE

YOUNG HORSE QUALIFIERS

6YO YOUNG HORSE / PONY





ABOUT OUR EVENT PARTNER



Christina has won multiple top performing broker awards in SA and is currently completing her MBA. Her passion is her clients, which shows in everything she does and to ultimately help to make their dreams come true - this is really what she loves to do. She has a client for life mentality and her extensive credit and lending experience makes her one of the most experienced brokers in the industry. She is currently completing her MBA.



Christina Slingsby commenced her career in banking and finance with the Commonwealth Bank in rural NSW in 1996, quickly progressing into a Relationship Manager Commercial Business role after working her way back to South Australia, winning multiple sales and service awards.

She left the bank 5 years later to take on a role as a mortgage consultant after returning to Adelaide and was one of the top performing brokers within Aussie where she worked for 4 years before taking on the role of State Business Development Manager for Rams Home Loans managing SA, NT and TAS where she grew the business significantly in her time there.

In April 2006 she opened Infinite Lending Solutions in their first office in Christies Beach, before relocating after 4 years to Aldinga where she stayed for 10 years before purchasing the current office in Alberton which has been the base for the past 5 years.

In 2022 she opened a second office in the Gold Coast and now lives and works between Burleigh Heads and Adelaide.



GENERAL INFORMATION

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS WORKING COMMITTEE



Ryan Fletcher
Anne Raymond
Sue Brown
Di Pritchard



DRESSAGE SOUTH AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE

Chair | Cheryl Hatswell
Vice Chair | Julia Weir
Secretary | Ryan Fletcher
Treasurer | Judith Sonnefeld
Minute Secretary | Lorraine Wohling
Clubs Rep | Julia Weir
Awards | Catherine Skinner
Riders Rep | Natasha Cockburn
Squad Rep | Karen Horsell
Bred to Race Rep | Karen Wilson
Youth Rep | Natasha Cockburn
Event & Promotions | Ryan Fletcher
Selectors | Liz Duncan & Jen Gilligan

YARDS: Some yards are available on site, will be available to book via entries. Please note priority will be given to those that need to camp on site.

ARENA FAMILIARISATION: As per the official draw.

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.

ACCOMODATION:

Camping & Overnight Yarding is available on the grounds, however please note there are minimal facilities.

BIG4 Port Willunga Tourist Park - www.big4.com.au - 3minutes from event.

Airbnb accommodation options are available in the 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 Arena.

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.

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.

CONDITIONS

- The qualifying period is 12 months preceding the closing date 14/10/2025.
- Entries will be taken pending qualifying scores (to include events up to 9/11/2025)
- 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.
- In the event, the event is undersubscribed the OC may, at their discretion, accept nominations with only one judge or under the qualification score.

ENTRY FEES

PRELIMINARY – ADVANCED

ENTRY \$205 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

ENTRY \$135 per test entry fees are INCLUSIVE of all additional fees and levies.

FREESTYLES TESTS

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

PLEASE NOTE:

-FEI Small & Medium Championships will be determined by one of the 'level' tests and the Freestyle (for example; PSG & Small Tour Freestyle). Riders can elect to ride in all 3 FEI level tests (for example; PSG, INTER I & Small Tour Freestyle), the highest placing test of the two would combine with the Freestyle to determine the overall FEI Small or Medium.

-Big Championship will be determined by the GP & GP Freestyle, there will be non-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.

PARTICIPANT PREPARATORY – NOVICE

ENTRY \$140.00 for both level test (for Example 2.2 & 2.3) entry fee are INCLUSIVE of all additional fees and levies. No Qualifications 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 2025 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.
 - **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)
 - **HORSES AND PONIES:**
 1. 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.
 2. 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. Pony's 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.
 3. The entered horse must have the same rider as nominated on the entry form for all competitions.
 4. No substitution of rider will be granted.
 5. 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.
 6. No rider may ride more than two horses in any class without prior approval from OC.
 7. No test may be commanded (called) or ridden Hors Concours (HC).
 8. Horses shall not compete below their grade under any circumstances. Official grading will be taken as at 14/10/2025.
 - **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.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- **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 Tuesday 14/10/2025. 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 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 online OR on paper via the office. Results for the competition will be officially posted online.
- 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:** 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 0413 417 915 (text message ONLY).
- **LEVIES:** \$4.40 Judges levy/horse and an administration fee of \$25.50/test 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

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- **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 2025. 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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- **Big Championship** will be determined by the GP & GP Freestyle, there will be non-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.
- **South Australian Trophies** (EA AOR, EA Pony, EA Youth, FEI AOR)
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%

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The 4Cyte Dressage Club Team Challenge – we are excited have this competition return with the support of 4Cyte. 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.
- A separate entry form will be emailed to clubs for them to nominate their teams via JotForm.

Additional Awards

- The Highest % AOR
- The Highest % Pony
- The Highest % Rider/Breeder
- The Highest % 'Bred to Race' Thoroughbred.
- The Highest % Youth Rider
- The Highest % Open Rider

If 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.

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.

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.

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