



## **SOUTHERN DISTRICTS DRESSAGE CLUB**



**In conjunction with the Albany Equestrian Centre present**

# **Southern Solstice Dressage Competition**

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Albany Equestrian Centre, Roberts Road, Albany**

Offering classes from Preliminary to Prix St George/ Intermediate 1 for EA Competitors,  
EA and FEI Para dressage tests on request for EA Para-riders,  
Preparatory to Novice for Participant/ SDDC/ AEC Members,  
and Restricted Elementary for SDDC/ AEC members.

**Closing Date - Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

**Entry Information:**

A maximum of three (3) tests per day and only two consecutive levels may be ridden per horse/pony throughout the competition.

**Closing Date:**

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.** Late entries **may** be accepted after this date, on payment of an additional fee of \$20 per horse/rider combination.

**Helper Duties:**

**Riders may self-help for one horse only.** If you ride more than 1 horse, an additional helper will need to be provided or an additional helper fee of \$80 will be payable. ***If the allocated helper duty is not completed at the event then the rider will be eliminated.***

**Riders must check in at the helper desk 10 mins prior to their help time to be signed off.** This ensures the smooth running of the event and so the Organising Committee know if a job needs to be filled.

**Catering:**

There will be a coffee van and limited catering available.

**Competition Classes:**

**Competitor Classes** - Open to E.A. Competitor Members, offering the classes listed below under Competitor

**Restricted SDDC/AEC & Participant classes:**

**Participant** - Open to E.A. Participant Members, offering the classes listed below under Restricted( Participant/ SDDC/ AEC)

**SDDC/ AEC Member** - Open to S.D.D.C. and AEC Members offering the classes listed below under Restricted (Participant/SDDC/AEC) & Restricted SDDC/AEC respectively.

**Training tests** – Open to E.A. Competitor Members with horses who are graded at the appropriate level.

**Competitor**

Preliminary 1.1 & 1.2  
Novice 2.1 & 2.2  
Elementary 3.1 & 3.2  
Medium 4.1 & 4.2  
Advanced 5.1 & 5.2  
Prix St Georges  
Intermediate I

**Restricted (Participant/SDDC/AEC)**

Preparatory 1 & 2  
Preliminary 1.1 & 1.2  
Novice 2.1 & 2.2

**Restricted (SDDC/AEC)**

Elementary 3.1 & 3.2

**Training Tests**

Intermediate A  
Intermediate II

**Pony Classes:** Separate Pony Classes will be offered in all Competitor classes.

**Para Classes:** EA and FEI Para dressage tests are available on request.

**Entry Fees:**

- Per test; \$35.00 + DDF levies (\$10.00 for 1 test or \$16 total for 2 or more tests/day)
- SDDC Members & SDDC Day Members will receive a \$5.00 discount per test (DDF = Dressage Development Fund)

**Ground Fees:**

- \$10.00 per horse per day.

- SDDC, SDDC Day Members or AEC Members will receive a \$5 per horse, per day, discount

**SDDC Day Membership:**

- \$20.00 per rider

**Camping Fees: (camping is to be booked directly through AEC website [www.albanyquestrian.net](http://www.albanyquestrian.net))**

Contact person: Karen Mayfield 0408 099 757

**Helper Fees:** \$80.00

(see helper fee section. Only payable if not completing a helper duty)

**Entries online** via [www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au)

**Contact details:**

Event Coordinator & General Information queries: Maggie Hill - [maggiehill1@bigpond.com](mailto:maggiehill1@bigpond.com);  
0438 902 448

Entries & Scratchings queries: Barbara Cook - [Barbara.cook@uwa.edu.au](mailto:Barbara.cook@uwa.edu.au); 0409 100 621

Stewards: Peter Madigan 0437 464 342; maddog@iinet.net.au  
Andrew Forbes forbesandrew82@gmail.com; 0488 562 542

Medical Response: Medical Response Person - TBC

Vet on call: Wendy Rogers 0402 330 437

Farrier on call: Tony Riley – 0418 449 440

**Draw Information:**

The draw will be available from **14<sup>th</sup> January 2026** on the Club's website and Facebook page.  
([www.sddc.org.au/site/compsthnsolstice](http://www.sddc.org.au/site/compsthnsolstice))

Amendments to the draw may be made no later than 48 hours before the start of the event.

**Links to Current Tests & EA Dressage Rules:**

EA Tests - Preparatory to Advanced

FEI Tests – Prix St Georges to Intermediate I

Para-Dressage Tests

EA Dressage Rules

[www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules](http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules)

[www.inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests](http://www.inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests)

[www.equestrian.org.au/paraequestrian-rules](http://www.equestrian.org.au/paraequestrian-rules)

[www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules](http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules)

# Conditions of Entry

A completed entry acknowledges understanding and acceptance of all Conditions of Entry.

This event will be conducted in accordance with the current EA Dressage Rules (as amended) and FEI Dressage Rules (as amended).

## Classes:

### Competitor Classes:

- i. Rider must be a Competitor member of EA;
- ii. Horses & Ponies must be EA registered and hold a current Dressage Performance Card;
- iii. Ponies must hold a current, valid EA height certificate.
- iv. Young rider: from beginning of the year rider turns 16, until the end of the calendar year they turn 21.
- v. Junior rider: from the 01 January in the year a rider turns 10 (or 8 if riding a pony), until the end of the calendar year in which the rider turns 18.

### Participant/ Restricted SDDC/ AEC Members Classes:

Riders must be either a Participant member of EA, a member of SDDC, SDDC Day Member or AEC.

### Restricted SDDC/ AEC Member Only Classes:

Riders must be members of SDDC, SDDC Day Members or AEC

**Registration & Performance Cards:** All membership & registration documents must be available on request. (Copy of current valid Dressage Card to be provided with entry).

**Dress** Formal riding attire is required for all classes.

**Plaiting of horses:** Horses are to be plaited for all classes.

**Horse numbers:** All horses will be required to wear a number. Restricted and SDDC/ AEC class riders will be allocated a number. Horse numbers must be clearly visible and should be worn whenever the horse is out of the stable/yard including leading, grazing, and under saddle at any time. Riders must provide their own number holder. The number can either be displayed on the bridle or saddle blanket. There must be a number on both sides of the horse.

## Proposed Program:

### Saturday

Preparatory 1  
Preparatory 2  
Novice 2.1  
Novice 2.2  
Medium 4.1  
Medium 4.2  
Prix St Georges  
Intermediate A

**Para Classes program TBC – will be dependent on entries**

### Sunday

Preliminary 1.1  
Preliminary 1.2  
Elementary 3.1  
Elementary 3.2  
Advanced 5.1  
Advanced 5.2  
Intermediate I  
Intermediate II

**Code of Conduct:** Please ensure you are familiar with the Equestrian WA Code of Conduct, available at [www.wa.equestrian.org.au](http://www.wa.equestrian.org.au).

**Warm up Etiquette:**

(See map for areas reference) Lunging is only to be undertaken in the grassed 'Area 6', located next to the club rooms.

**The round yard is not to be used during the competition.**

There are a number of warm up areas, please follow any instructions from Stewards who may limit number of horses in a given area to maintain safety.

When using a shared warm up area at a competition or training day, riders need to be aware of the 'Warm up Arena Etiquette' to ensure all riders are allowed to give their horses the best preparation they can for a test as some horses may be quite inexperienced &/or easily upset. Dressage competitors must always consider the safety of other riders.

***The following are some courtesy guidelines:***

- The more progressive (faster) gait has priority both on the outer track and in figures, i.e.: Canter has priority over trot; Trot has priority over walk;
- At halt, dismounting, adjusting gear or 'chatting' riders should keep out of the way of traffic;
- Riders should pass left shoulder to left shoulder;
- Counter canter has priority over other gaits;
- Lateral work has priority over normal gaits;
- Lower level horses should not disturb the warm up of higher level horses (unwritten ground rule based on the current EA Dressage Rule Book);
- Riders should remove horses which are upsetting others from the warm up area;
- An Official may be asked to request removal of any horses upsetting others;
- Horses are to be lunged in the designated lunging area set aside by the organisers;
- Please avoid:
  - i. Passing close to &/ or heading straight at other horses;
  - ii. Hitting your horse hard when close to other horses;
  - iii. Accelerating rapidly in canter when close to other horses;
  - iv. Walking on the arena track (walk on an inner track instead).

**Protests and Appeals:** These must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$50. Refer to 'SDDC Protest Protocol' at [www.sddc.org.au/site/competitions](http://www.sddc.org.au/site/competitions)

**Yards and Camping:** There are yards and camping available at the AEC however no powered sites. If yards are used, they must be cleaned of manure and hay, and the gates closed before leaving the AEC. Camping is booked directly with the AEC. To book camping go to the AEC website [www.albanyequestrian.net](http://www.albanyequestrian.net).

**Refunds and Scratchings:** Entry fees will not be refunded after the closing date of entries unless a medical or veterinary certificate is produced within 5 days of the completion of the event (**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026**) and in such cases, there will be a full refund less an administration fee of \$20.00. Scratchings received in writing before the closing date of entry will receive a full refund.

**Change of Riders & Horses:** Riders may be changed before the start of the class however a rider of a horse may not be changed if another rider has ridden the horse at the competition either in warm-up or in the competition. Horses cannot be changed, and the draw position cannot be changed without the permission of the Organising Committee.

**Presentation:** Presentation will take place at the completion of each day (Sat & Sun) at the club rooms. Competitors are asked to attend presentations in full competition dress.

Competitors are asked to acknowledge the generosity of our sponsors in either writing or in person.

Championships and High Point Awards prizes will be awarded at Presentation. Presentation will not commence until all equipment is packed away on the Sunday.

**Competitor Junior rider:** A rider may compete as a Junior Rider from the 01 January in the year a rider turns 10 (or 8 if riding a pony), until the end of the calendar year in which the rider turns 18. Each rider must nominate as a junior rider when entering.

**Restricted riders:** There are two age categories for restricted riders: 18 years and under (until the end of the calendar year in which the rider turns 18) and, 19yrs and over (from 01 January in the year the rider turns 19yrs).

**Ribbons and prizes:**

*Restricted classes:* ribbons will be awarded to placegetters in each age category for each test e.g. Novice 2.1. Prizes will be awarded to overall place getters as noted below, for each test.

*Competitor classes:* ribbons awarded to placegetters for each class category for each test, Open and Pony. Additionally Junior and Young Riders will awarded separate placings and ribbons in each class given to 3rd place. Prizes will be awarded to overall place getters in Open and Pony classes as noted below.

**Class sizes – Prizes:**

Classes of two or less competitors, prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Classes of 3 competitors, prizes will be awarded up to 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Classes of 4 - 10 competitors, prizes will be awarded up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Classes of 11 – 14 competitors, prizes will be awarded to 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Classes of 15 or more, prizes will be awarded to 5<sup>th</sup> place.

**Dogs:** Must be on a leash at all times. If complaints are made regarding an unruly dog, the Organising Committee may require the dog to be removed from the event.

**Officials, ground staff and volunteers:** These people are essential to the running of the event. Please treat them with respect. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Verbal or physical bullying behaviour will be reported to the Organising Committee and disciplinary action will be taken where appropriate.

**Duty of Care:** It is your responsibility to promptly report unsafe and/ or hazardous situations to the Event Organiser.

**Disclaimer of Liability:** Neither the Organising Committee, AEC, EA nor SDDC accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, grooms, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever. By submitting an entry form for this event, all riders acknowledge and accept the requirements of the EA Entrant Declaration – Events available on the Club's website [sddc.org.au](http://sddc.org.au)). The Southern Districts Dressage Club/AEC accepts no liability for the loss of, or damage to vehicles, or any other goods or articles, and does not offer any personal insurance to riders.

**Reservation of Right:** The Organising Committee reserves the right:

- To cancel any class or event;
- To divide any class;
- To transfer competitors between sections of a class;
- To alter the advertised times; and
- To refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason.

## Championships & Awards

### Championship Awards

Separate Championships are awarded for overall Competitor and overall Restricted classes.

There is no restriction on a horse/rider combination being awarded more than one Championship.

At Competitor level, Pony classes are combined with the Open class to form an overall placing for the allocation of points, and in the Restricted classes the age categories are combined in an overall class to form an overall placing for the allocation of points.

There will be no separate championships for ponies.

For each dressage test, points are awarded, based on the points system of 30 for 1st, 29 for 2nd, 28 for 3rd and so on, on placings gained within the overall class.

**The Championship at each level is determined by the total points achieved in the individual dressage tests at that level, except for Para Champion, with the higher total points awarded being the Champion.**

In the case where there is only one competitor at a level, the Championship will only be awarded where the required tests are completed with an average percentage of 67% or above.

### **Para Champion**

**The Para Champion is determined by the horse/ rider combination with the two highest Para test scores over all the levels adjusted in accordance with the table below acknowledging the degree of difficulty in the higher-level tests:**

Para Dressage Test	Score %	Adjusted Score %
Grade V test	67.00	67.00
Grade IV test	65.00	65.00
Grade III test	63.00	68.00
Grade II test	61.00	71.00
Grade I test	60.00	70.00

In the case where there is only one competitor at a level, the Para Championship will only be awarded where the required tests are completed with an average non-adjusted percentage of 67% or above.

In the event of a tie, the Championship will be determined with the combination with the higher percentage in the higher individual dressage test at that level being the Champion.

If still tied, the higher collective marks in the higher individual test will decide, if the collective marks are equal, the collective marks of the Judge at C will be decisive.

## **Special Awards**

### **Sharon Masters Perpetual Trophy**

Sharon was a long-serving Club member, who also served on the S.D.D.C. Committee for a number of years. Whenever she competed, Sharon always had a smile on her face, with both her and her horse immaculately presented.

Unfortunately, we lost Sharon in 2018, and in her memory her partner, Peter Malins, had a special perpetual trophy crafted, to be presented to the best turned out local horse and rider at the Southern Solstice each year.

### **OTTWA Awards**

Best performed and Runner up Best Performed OTT Thoroughbred Competitor Horses

Best performed and Runner up Best Performed OTT Thoroughbred Participant/ Restricted Horses

To be eligible for the OTTWA awards riders must have successfully applied for their OTTWA passport and provide their Horse's racing name and Horse ID number on their entry.

## Map of grounds

