



**SOUTHERN DISTRICTS
DRESSAGE CLUB**



In conjunction with the Albany Equestrian Centre present

Southern Solstice Dressage Competition

20/21 January 2024

Albany Equestrian Centre, Roberts Road, Albany

Offering classes from Preliminary to Prix St Georges/Intermediate 1 for EA Competitor, Preparatory to Novice for Participant/SDDC/AEC Members, and Restricted Elementary for SDDC/AEC members.

EA and FEI Para dressage tests are available on request.

Entry Information

A maximum of two (2) tests per day and only two consecutive levels may be ridden per horse/pony throughout the competition.

All horses will be required to wear a number. **Restricted and SDDC class riders will be nominated a number.** Riders must provide their own number holder and it must always be displayed whilst the horse is being ridden. The number can either be displayed on the bridle or saddle blanket.

Closing Date

Saturday 6th January 2024. 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 riding more than 1 horse, an additional helper will need to be provided or an additional helper fee of \$50 will be payable. If the allocated helper duty is not completed at the event then the rider will be eliminated.

Catering

Saturday lunches to be pre-ordered via the online entry form and picked at the canteen. Sunday lunches can be ordered at the canteen on Saturday. Snacks and refreshments will also be provided at the canteen.

Competition Classes

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

Restricted SDDC/AEC classes

Participant - Open to E.A. Participant Members, offering the classes listed below under Participation/SDDC/AEC

SDDC/AEC Member - Open to S.D.D.C. and AEC Members offering the classes listed below under Restricted Participation/SDDC/AEC & Restricted Only SDDC/AEC

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 1

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

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

- SDDC Members \$25.00 per test + DDF levies (\$8 for 1 test or \$14 total for 2 tests/day)
- Non-SDDC Members \$29.00 per test + DDF levies (\$8 for 1 test or \$14 total for 2 tests/day)

Ground Fees

- SDDC or AEC Members \$ 5 per horse per day
- Non-SDDC or Non-AEC Members \$10 per horse per day.

Camping Fees (camping is to be booked directly through AEC website www.albanyequestrian.net)

Late Entries \$20 per horse

Helper Fees \$50

SDDC Day Membership \$20

Entries online via www.sddc.org.au

Payment by Direct transfer:

Account name: Southern Districts Dressage Club

BSB: 036 168

Account No 15 8842 (ensure you include "SS" and Surname of Rider)

No entries accepted without payment of appropriate fees.

Contact details:

Event Coordinator & General Information: Andrew Forbes forbesandrew82@gmail.com

Entries & Scratchings: Elissa Forbes stewartelissa@hotmail.com

Draw Information

The draw will be available from **15th January 2024** on the Club's website and will be emailed out to riders.
(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

www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules

FEI Tests – Prix St Georges to Intermediate 1

www.inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests

Para-Dressage Tests

www.equestrian.org.au/paraequestrian-rules

EA Dressage Rules

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.

Participation/Restricted SDDC/AEC Members Classes

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

Restricted SDDC/AEC Member Only Classes.

Riders must be members of SDDC 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 nominated a number. Riders must provide their own number holder and it must always be displayed whilst the horse is being ridden. 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

Sunday

Preliminary 1.1
Preliminary 1.2
Elementary 3.1
Elementary 3.2
Advanced 5.1
Advanced 5.2
Intermediate 1

Para Classes program TBC – will be dependent on entries

Code of Conduct Please ensure you are familiar with the Equestrian WA Code of Conduct, available at www.wa.equestrian.org.au.

Warm up Etiquette. (See map for areas reference) Correct protocol in the warm up area is expected. Lunging is only to be undertaken in the grassed areas 1 (close to road section) & 6 located next to the club rooms. **The round yard is not to be used during the competition.**

Ridden warmup can be undertaken in areas 1 and 2. **Final warm up area 3** will be limited to 2 riders from each of the three arenas (total of 6 riders). These riders will be the two next in line to ride in the arenas.

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

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. To book camping go to the AEC website 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 **(27 January 2024)**.

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 on the day 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.

Presentations. Presentations will take place at the completion of each day 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 Presentations. Presentations will not commence until all equipment is packed away.

Ribbons and prizes:

Restricted classes; ribbons will be awarded to place getters in each age category for each test i.e. Novice 2.1 17-39yr old. Prizes will be awarded to overall place getters as noted below, for each test. e.g. Novice 2.1.

Competitor classes; ribbons awarded to place getters for each class category for each test, Open and Pony. Young riders will additionally be awarded ribbons. Prizes will be awarded to place getters as noted below, in Open and Pony classes.

Para classes; ribbons will be awarded to place getters for each class. Prizes will be awarded to overall highest scores for EA division and FEI division as noted below.

Prizes; In a class where there are four - ten competitors, prizes will be awarded up to 3rd place. Where there are three competitors prizes will be awarded up to 2nd place. Where there are two or less competitors, prizes will be awarded up to 1st place. Where there are 11 – 14 competitors, prizes will be awarded to 4th place. 15 or more, prizes to 5th 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 accept the Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement. The Southern Districts Dressage Club 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.

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 58% or above.

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 two individual dressage tests at that level with the exception of Para Champion, with the higher total points awarded being the Champion. Para Champion is determined by the horse and rider combination with the two highest Para test scores over all the levels.

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 Competitive 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

