

**Hello everyone!** Welcome to Dressage Tasmania's newsletter, excited to be reissued and due for distribution with the start of each beautiful season here in Tassie. The newsletter is intended to present news and updates to members. If you think of anything you'd like included, please let us know at Email: [dressagetasmania@outlook.com](mailto:dressagetasmania@outlook.com).

A **huge thank you** to the outgoing SDA Committee for the amazing effort managing dressage in Tasmania and the valuable time dedicated to our sport: Shani Radford, Suzan McDermott, Lydia Eastwood, Alison Hall, Sue Lamont, Judy Atkinson, Penelope More and Tania Hay.

Welcome to the 2022-23 SDA committee:

President – Judy Atkinson

Vice President – Sue Lamont

Secretary – Alana Fazackerley

Social Media – Lydia Eastwood

Treasurer – Alison Hall

Equestrian Tasmania Representative – Tania Hay

Dressage Officials Panel (DOP) Chair - Suzanne Betts

Committee: Heather Stewart, Gill von Bertouch, Suzan McDermott

If you would like to communicate with the Committee, please email [dressagetasmania@outlook.com](mailto:dressagetasmania@outlook.com).

*Please allow at least 48 hours for an email response.*

Decision-making is achieved through SDA meetings which occur monthly – the next meeting is scheduled for 26 October 2022.

**Zone contacts** (at the time of publication)

## **North**

Co-Presidents – Judy Atkinson and Sue Lamont

Secretary – Megan Whalley

Treasurer – Katelyn Coniston

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Vice President – Linda Smink

Secretary – Jodi Towns

Treasurer – Annika Lockwood

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Vice President – Gill von Bertouch

Treasurer – Katherine Drake

TEC Representative – Karen Allen

Draw – Jill Schwartz

SDA Representative – Suzan McDermott

General committee: Tracey Johnston, Chloe and Georgia Amos, Millie Ashton, Sophie McDermott

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## **Dressage Tasmania events**

*Access events through Nominate. Flag in Nominate to receive email notifications of upcoming events.*

Dressage Tasmania printable calendar: <https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/news/printable-dressage-tasmania-calendar-2022-2023> Access the link and scroll down the page to download a PDF calendar of events.

## 2023 State Dressage Championships

Great news that a committee has been appointed, and a Provisional Schedule approved for the upcoming Championships! Thank you to those who have offered their precious time to run another Championships for the sport.

### Committee:

Chair: Linda Smink

Deputy Chair: Kenya Broad

Secretary: Penelope Moore

Treasurer: Alison Hall

### Eligibility criteria

**4.1.** Official horse and rider (combination) are required to receive scores of 60% or more, at the level they have entered for the 2023 State Championships, between the qualifying period of 30 January 2022 and 29 January 2023. Please note qualifiers are not required for Para Equestrian, or Young Horse classes.

**4.2.** FEI horse and rider (combination) are required to receive scores of 55% or more for the tour level they are competing in at the State Championships.

**4.3.** Unofficial horse and rider (combination) are required to compete at two DTas Events between the qualifying period of 30 January 2022 and 29 January 2023.

**4.1.** Horses/ponies may only compete at their graded level or higher, where eligible.

**4.2.** Entries and the Competition Program may be limited and revised at the discretion of the Organising Committee (OC).

**4.3.** The OC reserves the right to cancel classes if insufficient entries are received.

**4.4.** Pony Dressage will be run in accordance with current EA Pony Dressage rules. Please take care to select the corresponding class. Ponies are only eligible to compete in DTas Pony or FEI classes.

**4.5.** Regarding heights, as per EA Rule 4.8.3.3 Heights of Horses & Ponies:

- a) horses must exceed 149 cm with shoes or 148 cm without shoes
- b) ponies entered for Competitive pony competition must comply with the regulations for horses in Rule 4.8.1 with the following exceptions and additions:
  - ponies must not exceed 149 cm with shoes or 148 cm without shoes
  - Ponies must have a valid height certificate.

## Stewards

By 2024 all EA Competitive and Participant dressage events must have an accredited EA Steward on duty. This will mean we will need to develop more accredited EA Stewards.

There is a formal process to be followed to become a Steward. Below is a link to the 'How to become a Steward booklet'. Scroll down to the Stewards section to access the information.

Once the new education pathway is finalised, Steward seminars and practical assessment days will be added to the calendar and anyone interested can begin the journey.

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/officials/dressage>

Please consider!

## Rule updates

### Numbers Rule reference **4.8.5 Horse Identification numbers and Stallion ID at events**

In the most recent EA Dressage rule updates, a minimum bridle number height of **4cm** was stipulated. The intent of the rule is to ensure officials, and more specifically judges and writers, can clearly identify the horse. The EADC have received feedback and would like to emphasise the following:

- Numbers need to be clear and readable.
- Numbers in plastic or leather holders with wide borders can be difficult to read.
- Ensuring the number is clearly identifiable is the responsibility of the athlete.

Some number holders with clear plastic windows currently in use are 4cm with the numbers being slightly smaller; there are also state-issued numbers that are slightly less than 4cm. The EADC is allowing a tolerance for a minimum number size of 3.5 cm – 4 cm with a view of encouraging athletes to display their numbers on their saddle cloths, when possible, to improve readability.

Failure to correctly wear Horse Identification Numbers will incur the following:

- When led, grazed, lunged or ridden on the grounds. An initial verbal warning followed by the issuing of a Yellow Warning Card for further non-compliance.
- If the horse does enter in the competition arena not wearing correct identification numbers, -0.50% per judge is deducted.

### Warning Cards

[Yellow Warning Card - QA - Final 11-12-18.pdf \(equestrian.org.au\)](#)

A Recorded Warning Card will be issued for:

- Removal of sensory hairs (except with Vet's approval e.g. stitches/infection) *See Rule 1.6.*
- Wearing a legal but untagged helmet. If a helmet is untagged and not legal means elimination.
- Other 'Offences' deemed lesser than warranting a Yellow Card will be added in the near future.

Yellow Cards may be imposed for the following:

- Abuse of horse (an action or omission involving the mistreatment of a horse).
- Abuse of an Official (including abusive or bullying behaviour directed to an Official and conduct directed toward an Official that denigrates the Official).
- Failure to follow a direction of an Official relating to compliance with these rules.

Zones need to print copies of Yellow Cards for events. A template can be found here: [Dressage Rules & Tests | Equestrian Australia](#)

There has been an updated version of the EA Dressage Equipment Annex published to the EA web site known as Version 20: [Equestrian Australia Equipment Annex - Version 20 - 10.9.2022.pdf](#)

### 2023 – 2026 Dressage Tests

The EADC will shortly be receiving from the USDF, the dressage tests to be used at EA competitions from 1 January 2023. Athletes, Officials and Organisers will be informed when they become available via the EA website.

Riders may now ride only two tests a day at any level.



## Squad Update

Dressage Tasmania would like to thank Katelyn Coniston for generously taking on the role of Squad Coordinator and developing an ambitious plan for the State Squad going forward.

As SDA did not feel it could fully commit to all aspects of the proposed model, and were looking to modify some criteria, Katelyn has chosen to step down from the role.

We thank Katelyn for her time and effort volunteered.

As a result, the Senior and Junior Squads have been recessed for the current year.

## Friendly reminders

- Helmet tagging has been mandatory from 1 July 2022 for all EA affiliated dressage events: [Helmet Tagging | Equestrian Tasmania](#)
- Dressage Tasmania membership is now open for the new 2022/23 dressage season via Nominate.
- Height certificates are essential for ponies at the State Dressage Championships.
- Numbers need to be visible on the horse/pony at all times at dressage events e.g. halters, saddle pads, bridles etc. when in yards, being led/lunged or competing.

## Equestrian Tasmania Riders' Representative

A Riders' Representative is a part of the ETas Board. Keep your eyes on the web site: [Board Information | Equestrian Tasmania](#) for update following the Annual General Meeting on 14 October, 2022. Email: [office@equestriantas.com](mailto:office@equestriantas.com) for further information.

## Dressage Tasmania ball

What a night! From all accounts the Ball was a huge success and fabulous opportunity for catching up without helmets. Thank you to Lydia Eastwood, Lucy Davis, Claire Lester, Molly Evans and Teresa Darcy. Next year is planned to be even better – watch this space!

**Congratulations** to winners of the fabulous raffle:

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| 1. 2 Carl Hester Masterclass Tickets        | Lucy and Sarah Johnston |
| 2. Tegan Murray Photography Voucher         | Lisa Cleary             |
| 3. Radford Dressage and Freestyle Voucher   | Michelle Milne          |
| 4. Pair Equestrian Collective tights        | Lucy and Sarah Johnston |
| 5. KP Performance and Recovery PEMF session | Megan Whalley           |
| 6. Huon Valley Equestrian Voucher           | Emily Fish              |
| 7. Amelia Coffee voucher                    | Jennifer Shepherd       |

Huge shout out to sponsors and organisers of this amazing raffle!





## 2021-22 Horse of the Year awards

**Congratulations** to the following combinations for their achievement over the 2021-22 dressage season. Thank you to Remus Rugs, Saddleworld and Suebie's for providing such quality prizes.

### **Novice HOTY:**

Champion - Heathmont Furst Dancer (Kim Phillips)  
Runner Up - Courtlands Cognac (Kerrie Swan-Bates)

### **Elementary POTY:**

Champion - Fairfield Staccato (Lucy Johnston)

### **Elementary HOTY:**

Champion - Debussy (Amy Griffiths)  
Runner Up - Merricks Fiderdance (Aysha Kemp)

### **Medium HOTY:**

Champion - MS Cocktail (Caitlin Radford)  
Runner Up - Clearview Francesca (Linda Smink)

### **Advanced POTY:**

Champion - Sheldene Benallen (Leanne Moore)

### **Advanced HOTY:**

Champion - Mr Shirvington (Annelise Britt)  
Runner Up - AEA Twigg (Katelyn Coniston)

### **Preliminary POTY:**

Champion - Deveron Prince Regent (Michelle Milne)  
Runner Up - Glenesk Rush Hour (Millicent Ashton)

### **Preliminary HOTY:**

Champion - Courtlands Cognac (Kerrie Swan-Bates)  
Runner Up - Wolter Van Gelder (Kenya Broad)

### **Novice POTY:**

Champion - Fairfield Staccato (Lucy Johnston)  
Runner Up - Glenesk Rush Hour (Millicent Ashton)

### **Small Tour POTY:**

Champion - Wembleybrook Sergio (Michelle Milne)

### **Small Tour HOTY:**

Champion - Her Royal Ruby (Penelope Moore)  
Runner Up - Leadburn Don Amour (Jordan Gale)

### **Young Rider of the Year:**

Champion - Aysha Kemp (Merricks Fiderdance)  
Runner Up - Lucy Johnston (Fairfield Staccato)



Caitlin Radford, Amy Griffiths, Michelle Milne, Judy Atkinson, Lucy Johnston, Jordan Gale



Kim Phillips, Judy Atkinson

## Web links

[Dressage Tasmania \(equestrian.org.au\)](http://equestrian.org.au)

[Horse Registration | Equestrian Tasmania](#)

[Your Membership | Equestrian Tasmania](#)

[Insurance | Equestrian Australia](#)

[Medication Control | Equestrian Tasmania](#)

[Discipline rules & regulations | Equestrian Australia](#)