

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

EVENT INFORMATION

Event Date 4th and 5th March 2023

Event Venue Thirlstane Golf Course

Event Website

<https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/content/2023-state-championships>

Please refer here for further information, acceptance lists, draws and timetable updates in the lead up to the event.

Entries via www.nominate.com.au

Entries open 1 December 2022

Entries close 29 January 2023

PERSONNEL

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Technical Delegate To be advised

Chief Steward To be advised

Scoring Nominate Scoreboard
www.nominate.com.au

1.0 Conditions of Entry

The Equestrian Tasmania State Dressage Championships, and DTAS Participant Championships will be run in strict accordance with:

- 1.1. 2021 EA National Dressage Rules (www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules), EA General Regulations and all other EA policies and bylaws (www.equestrian.org.au/policies); FEI Statutes and General Regulations; FEI Veterinary Regulations; FEI Dressage Rules.
- 1.2. Competitors are advised to be aware of the current rules and regulations. The onus is on riders to know the rules under which they compete.
- 1.3. Current rules are dated 1/01/2022
- 1.4. The EA Dressage Tests can be downloaded from the EA website www.equestrian.org.au/dressage.
- 1.5. The FEI Dressage Tests can be downloaded from the FEI website: www.fei.org.
- 1.6. All EA and ETas events are subject to the EA Code of Conduct which can be accessed on the EA website via the following link:
www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian_Australia_Code_of_Conduct.pdf.
- 1.7. It is important that all members and competitors understand that the Code of Conduct also covers parents, guardians and spectators in respect of any activity held or sanctioned by ETas. A key aim of the Code of Conduct is to respect the rights of everyone involved, to abide by all EA rules and requirements to be fair, considerate, honest and professional in all aspects of the sport.
- 1.8. EA and DTas are committed to the protection and welfare of horses and its members.
- 1.9. The EA Member Protection Policy (MPP) can be accessed on its website at
https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian_Australia_Member_Protection_Policy_updated23112017_2.pdf
- 1.10. The EA Social Media Policy, which should be read in conjunction with the MPP can be found at www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Social%20Media%20Policy.pdf

These are important documents, designed to ensure the safe and fair conduct of the event for everyone involved. They should be read, understood and complied with.

2.0 Release and Indemnity

Riders and/or owners whose entries have been accepted will undertake to indemnify EA, ETas, DTas, Thirlstane Golf Club, Thirlstane Grounds, their servants and agents and the Organising Committee (OC) and each member thereof against all claims, losses, suits and damage made against or suffered by or on behalf of any participant or competitor named in their entry form for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.

Neither the aforementioned OC of any competition to which the EA rules for Dressage apply, nor the EA, accepts any responsibility or liability for any accident, damage, injury, loss or illness to horses, owners, riders, grounds, spectators or any other person, animals or property resulting from the conduct of the event whatsoever.

3.0 Insurance

All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.

4.0 Eligibility

4.1. Official horse and rider (combination) are required to receive two 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.

5.0 Membership and Horse/Pony Registration

- 5.1. Ponies/Horses entered in the Equestrian Tasmania State Dressage Championships must have a current EA competition license for Pony/Dressage. Furthermore, horses, owners and riders must be registered, and riders must be financial members of EA (Tasmanian or relevant State Branch) at time of entry.
- 5.2. Horses must compete under their full registered name. The Organising Committee has the right to abbreviate a horse's name for printing purposes
- 5.3. EA membership/registration numbers must be submitted with the entry.
- 5.4. Horses must be at least 3 years old to compete in EA classes, at least 6 years old for FEI Classes and 8 years old for Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle.
- 5.5. Riders competing in Dressage Tasmania Participant Championships (Preliminary and Novice classes) must be current members of Dressage Tasmania but need not be members of EA.

6.0 Competition Licenses for Official competitors

- 6.1. Riders/owners should have their horses' EA Registrations available at the event
- 6.2. Performances will be cross-checked with the National EA results database; therefore, Performance Cards are not required to accompany entries. In the event of a discrepancy, competitors must be able to provide an up-to-date Performance Card if requested by the OC.

7.0 Horse Identification Numbers

- 7.1. As per EA National Rules for Dressage 2019, Rule 4.8.5: Horse Identification numbers are important for identification purposes and should be used at all times at an event.
- 7.2. Two Horse Identification numbers (as per listed competition number in program/draw), and stallion discs for stallions, must be worn on both sides (one per side) of the horse (preferably attached to each side of the saddlecloth, or each side of the bridle/headcollar) at all times. This includes whenever the horse is out of its yard, whether the horse is being ridden, lunged, led or grazed.
- 7.3. Identification numbers must be legible, and on a white background.
- 7.4. When presenting to the judge before a test, riders are not required to stop and report to the judge but must make sure the judge or their writer has clearly seen their identification number.

8.0 Helmets (as per EA Rule 5.2)

In relation to helmets and other headwear:

- 8.1. Any person mounted on a horse must wear an approved safety helmet with the retaining harness secured and fastened. Failure to have the harness fastened will entail elimination.
- 8.2. Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards outlined below. The EA General Regulations Article 122 prescribe the current standards.

8.3. It is compulsory that helmets are tagged for compliance with current safety standards, with a correct tag for EA Dressage (yellow). Even when a helmet is tagged, it remains the responsibility of the rider to ensure they are using a current standard safety helmet and be aware that if involved in an accident wearing a non-compliant helmet, they may not be covered by their member insurance.

8.4. Current Helmet Standards:

- Current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked.
- New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked.
- Current American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001.
- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked.
- European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark.

9.0 Saddlery & Equipment

9.1. As per Section 5 of the EA National Dressage Rules 2019

9.2. Note: whips are not allowed at EA FEI-level competitions at State Championships.

9.3. For EA levels, the whip must not exceed 1.2 m (4ft) in its entirety (Rule 5.6) for horses and not exceed 1.0 m for ponies.

10.0 Withdrawals and Refunds

10.1. Entry fees will be refunded in full for withdrawals before the closing date for entries.

10.2. Scratchings must be notified by 5.00 pm the day prior to the event.

10.3. Refunds will not be paid unless an application is made in writing and received by the Event Secretary not more than 24 hours post event.

10.4. The application must be accompanied by a Veterinary/Medical Certificate. Note: Farrier or chiropractor certificates will not be accepted.

10.5. The \$25 Administration Fee is non-refundable after the close of entries.

11.0 Objections / Complaints

(As per GENERAL REGULATIONS ARTICLE 166 and 167)

All complaints, to be valid, must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of A\$150.

12.0 Cancellation or Postponement of the Event

12.1. ETas or the OC may, at their sole discretion, cancel the event due to catastrophic conditions, disease or force majeure, or for any other reason.

12.2. If the event is cancelled after it has commenced, refunds shall not be made.

12.3. If the event is cancelled prior to commencement, each entrant may be entitled to a partial refund of the entry fees paid. Any such refund will be determined at the absolute discretion

of DTas, having regard to the direct or fixed costs for the event.

- 12.4. Entrants who have provided an email address and/or mobile phone number will be notified of event cancellation by email and/or text message.
- 12.5. The refund policy for withdrawal, scratching or change of an entry is set out in the Conditions of Entry.
- 12.6. The event may be postponed at the discretion of the OC due to Covid19 restrictions.
- 12.7. Should the event be postponed, refunds will be provided to those who cannot make the newly proposed date. If the new event date exceeds two months, entries may be re-opened at the discretion of the OC.

13.0 Medication Control

Medication Control will be carried out in accordance with the EA/FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, 2nd Edition, 1 January 2018, the EA National Medication Control System and Swabbing Policy and FEI Veterinary Regulations, 14th Edition, 2018.

Refer http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA_Medication_Control_Policy_2018_0.pdf for more Information.

Please Note: The person responsible should have their horse's EA Registration license available for identification purposes at the Event.

14.0 Entries

- 14.1. Each entry is to be made via Nominate. Go to:
www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Nominate.aspx
- 14.2. Closing Date: Entries close at midnight on 29 January 2023. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- 14.3. Competitions will be limited to 35 (thirty-five) horses per division.
- 14.4. The onus is on competitors to confirm/check their start times the day before and on the day of the competition.
- 14.5. Official grading will be taken as at 29 January 2023.
- 14.6. Entry of horses is limited to 2 consecutive levels, e.g. Nov/Elem, Elem/Med, Prix St Georges/Inter I, Inter II/ Grand Prix, etc., except for the Young Horse Classes.
- 14.7. Horses may only compete in 2 classes per horse per day up to and including Advanced level and only in 2 classes per day for FEI levels (EA Dressage Rule 4.8.1)
- 14.8. Horses will not be permitted to compete Hors Concours (non-competitive).
- 14.9. No tests may be called at State Championships (EA Dressage Rule 10.3) except for Young Horse.

15.0 Entry Fees

Official	\$50 DTas member	\$70 non-DTas member
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Participant \$50 DTas Member \$70 non-DTas member

DTas membership Membership is available

16.0 Freestyles

Freestyles will not be run at State Championships 2023 due to the new ruling of 2 classes per horse per day.

17.0 Administration Fee

\$25 per rider. This fee is non-refundable after the close of entries.

18.0 Thirlstane Ground User Fee

\$5 per horse entry.

19.0 General Information

19.1. Gear check (as per EA Rule 4.4)

- a) A gear check is compulsory for each test and must take place prior to each test.
- b) All competitors must present to the Gear Steward.
- c) Failure to have a gear check will incur elimination.

19.2. **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

19.3. Each horse entered must have the same rider as nominated on the entry form for all competitions.

19.4. No horse may be ridden in competition by more than one rider.

19.5. As per EA Rule 4.2 - any change of rider must be notified, in writing, to the OC no later than 40 minutes prior to the start of the competition. The change must be for a legitimate reason and is at the discretion of the OC. 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 a competition.

19.6. After the close of entries, a competitor may only substitute a horse with the approval of the OC and no later than 48 hours before the start of an event.

19.7. Please refer to rule 3.12.2 d): twenty-four hours prior to the event starting, a horse may only be ridden by its nominated rider on the competition grounds. However, a groom wearing a prescribed safety helmet and boots may walk the horse on a long rein only.

20.0 Age of Riders

As per EA Rule 4.8.4.1, Young Riders may enter Official Competition from the start of the calendar year in which they turn 10 when riding horses, or 8 years of age when riding Ponies, and must be no older than 21 years of age at midnight on 31 December 2021.

21.0 Young Horse/Pony Classes

22.1. Do not attract grading points.

- 22.2.** Birth dates for all horses/ponies will be as at 1 August 2021. Birthdate MUST be indicated on entry form for horses entering Young Horse Classes and will be verified against EA records.
- 22.3.** Please note: Young Horse classes are not State Championship YH events – the tests used will be those used for qualifying events. For more Information:
<http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-YH>

23.0 EA Para-Equestrian Competitors

Dressage Tasmania is proud to host a fully integrated competition with both Para-Equestrian and able-bodied athletes.

- 23.1.** Para-Equestrian riders must be registered on the National PE Master List with their relevant classification.
- 23.2.** Para-Equestrian riders must compete in their classified grade; they may also compete against their able-bodied peers in the Official open classes, subject to conditions of entry in 14.7 above.
- 23.3.** All riders competing in EA Para-Equestrian Dressage Tests must be classified.
- 23.4.** A copy of the rider's EA PE Master List and/or EA exemption card must be provided to the Chief Steward, Gear Steward and all Judges.
- 23.5.** Para Dressage athletes who have been issued with an exemption certificate must provide a copy of their FEI PE Master List to the Organising Committee with the entry form in accordance with Rule 5.18.

24.0 Arena & Ground Familiarisation

Arena & ground familiarisation will be offered from Friday. Times to be advised in the official program.

25.0 Lunging

Is available in assigned areas only.

26.0 Catering

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase on Saturday and Sunday. A coffee van will also be on site. This may vary according to COVID19 restrictions in place at the time of the event. Updates will be provided on the Championships Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/TasDressageChamps>

27.0 Horse Agistment

Please watch the Championships Facebook page for agistment opportunities.
<https://www.facebook.com/TasDressageChamps>

28.0 Camping

Camping is not available at Thirlstane Dressage Grounds.

Horses are not to be left unattended on the grounds at any time.

29.0 Veterinarian on Call

To be advised in the official program.

30.0 Farrier on Call

To be advised in the official program.

31.0 Presentations & Prizes

As a courtesy to sponsors, organisers and others, all placegetters are advised to be in attendance at the presentations. Placegetters not in attendance are liable, at the discretion of the Organising Committee, to forfeit any entitlement to prizes/prize money.

Full competition attire is required of riders at presentations. Presentations will be unmounted.

Prize money or goods in kind will be paid/given to at least third place in each competition.

32.0 Enquiries to

Linda Smink

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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Saturday

1. Preliminary 1B
2. Preliminary 1C
3. Participant Preliminary 1B
4. Participant Preliminary 1C
5. Pony Preliminary 1B
6. Pony Preliminary 1C
7. Young Horse or Pony 5yo
8. Young Horse or Pony 7yo
9. Elementary 3B
10. Elementary 3C
11. Pony Elementary 3B
12. Pony Elementary 3C
13. Advanced 5B
14. Advanced 5C
15. Pony Advanced 5B
16. Pony Advanced 5C
17. FEI Intermediate I
18. EA Intermediate A
19. FEI Intermediate II
20. FEI Para Grade IV Team Test
21. FEI Para Grade V Team Test

Sunday

22. Young Horse or Pony 4yo
23. Young Horse or Pony 6yo
24. Novice 2B
25. Novice 2C
26. Participant Novice 2B
27. Participant Novice 2C
28. Pony Novice 2B
29. Pony Novice 2C
30. Medium 4B
31. Medium 4C
32. Pony Medium 4.B
33. Pony Medium 4C
34. Prix St-Georges
35. EA Intermediate B
36. FEI Grand Prix
37. FEI Para Grade V Individual Test
38. FEI Para Grade IV Individual Test

34.0 Championship Classes

Preliminary Championship	Classes 1 and 2
Participant Preliminary Championship	Classes 3 and 4
Novice Championship	Classes 34 and 35
Participant Novice Championship	Classes 26 and 27
Elementary Championship	Classes 9 and 10
Medium Championship	Classes 30 and 31
Advanced Championship	Classes 13 and 14
FEI Small Tour Championship	Classes 17 and 34
EA Medium Tour Championship	Classes 18 and 35
FEI Big Tour Championship	Classes 19 and 36
Pony Preliminary Championship	Classes 5 and 6
Pony Novice Championship	Classes 28 and 29
Pony Elementary Championship	Classes 11 and 12
Pony Medium Championship	Classes 32 and 33
Pony Advanced Championship	Classes 15 and 16
Overall Para Championship	Classes 20, 21, 37 and 38
Young Rider Championship	Best aggregate % at one level (i.e. both Novice classes)

If there are more than 35 entries per class, classes will be split into separate divisions and a ride-off will be required to determine the Championship. The top placed riders in each division will ride the highest test at the level, the scores from this ride-off test will be used to rank the Championship. A maximum of 6 riders will participate in the ride-off, therefore if there are 2 divisions, the top 3 riders from each division will be in the ride-off.

If there is equality in scores in a ride-off after application of the EA scoring rules– if riders on equal scores came from the same championship division, the placing order from the championship will determine the overall placings. If riders were in separate divisions, riders will need to submit their best 3 results for selection by an independent person.

These points are used to determine special Individual Awards.

Please note YOUNG HORSE CLASSES are not Championship classes and are not eligible for inclusion in the calculation of Championships.

38.0 Championship Trophies

FIESTA PRELIMINARY TROPHY

Donated by P Croft & P Hallett

HOMEVALE KINSMAN PRELIMINARY PONY TROPHY

Donated by the Wilson Family

NOVICE TROPHY

Donated by M.E Gray

MY SWEET HONESTY NOVICE PONY TROPHY

Donated by Leanne Moore

RADIANT ELEMENTARY TROPHY

Donated by Ray W Trinder

ELEMENTARY PONY TROPHY

Donated by the Wilson Family

DORIC PERPETUAL SHIELD MEDIUM TROPHY

In memory of D Trambas

MEDIUM PONY TROPHY

Donated by Larilla Riding Ponies

ADVANCED TROPHY

Donated by Capri Body Fashion

ADVANCED PONY TROPHY

Donated by Alinda Park.

SHELAGH YOUNG MEMORIAL SMALL TOUR TROPHY

Named in honour of Shelagh Young who was one of the founding member of Dressage Tasmania

WILHELM OF XANTHE MEDIUM TOUR TROPHY

The Medium Tour Championship trophy is donated by Karen Rycroft to celebrate the career of her champion gelding Wilhelm of Xanthe.

39.0 Special Awards

The awards below must be nominated on the official entry.

Nominations will not be accepted for these awards after the close of entries.

SIR ARCHIBALD TROPHY

Donated by Lyn Bourn in recognition of Meegan Daun's Tasmanian bred, owned and trained horse who went from young horse to Grand Prix. Awarded to the highest scoring combination in the Young Horse classes.

MASTERS PERPETUAL TROPHY

The Masters Trophy is awarded to the rider 60 years of age or over who achieves the highest aggregate percentage of the two best official tests ridden over the weekend.

RAY WEBSTER PERPETUAL Award

In memory of Ray Webster. This trophy is awarded to the best-performed Tasmanian Young Rider based on the highest average percentage of two official tests ridden.

DUTCHBOY HIGH PERFORMANCE YOUNG RIDER PERPETUAL TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the Young Rider scoring the highest percentage in an FEI test.

GENTLEMAN RIDER PERPETUAL TROPHY

Perpetual trophy donated by the Southern Zone Committee. This trophy is awarded to the male rider scoring the highest percentage of the Championships (NOT including freestyle tests).

TONNERRE PERPETUAL TROPHY

Donated by Barb Rowsell in memory of her Grand Prix champion gelding Tonnerre. This trophy is donated to the winner of the highest FEI level test contested at the Championships.

SORELL REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTRE PERPETUAL AWARD

Awarded to the rider scoring the highest percentage of the Championships (NOT including Freestyle tests).

NORA O'SHEA PERPETUAL TROPHY

In memory of Nora O'Shea who was a great supporter of dressage in Tasmania. This trophy is awarded to the pony who receives the highest percentage over the weekend.

SUSAN HENRY PERPETUAL TROPHY

In honour of Susan Henry and her FEI horse Ferrant who were notable supporters of musical dressage. This beautiful trophy is awarded to the winner of the Small Tour Championship with the compulsory inclusion of a freestyle test.

CASA REAL PERPETUAL TROPHY

Donated by Luiz C. Menezes in the memory of his Andalusian stallion Casa Real. The trophy is awarded to the best performed warmblood based on the highest average percentage of two official tests.

PAUL BROWN MEMORIAL TROPHY

In honour of Paul Brown this perpetual trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring Baroque Horse competing over the weekend. Horses must be registered with the relevant Baroque society.

SCRUPLES LODGE THOROUGHBRED RACING STABLES PERPETUAL TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the Thoroughbred horse gaining the highest average percentage of all official tests ridden over the Championships (minimum two tests). Horses must be registered with the Australian Register of Racehorses.

TASRACING OFF THE TRACK THOROUGHBRED AWARD; CHAMPION & RESERVE

Champion ribbon, wool trophy rug and feed vouchers to be presented to the Thoroughbred horse gaining the highest average percentage of all tests ridden over the championships. Horse must be registered with the Australian Register of Racehorses. Reserve Champion to receive ribbon and feed voucher.

BEST PERFORMED STANDARDBRED PERPETUAL TROPHY

Donated in 2021 to encourage standardbreds to participate in dressage. This trophy is awarded to the Standardbred horse gaining the highest average percentage of all tests ridden over the Championships (minimum two tests). Horses must be registered with the Australian Register of Racehorses.

TASRACING OFF THE TRACK STANDARDBRED AWARD; CHAMPION & RESERVE

Champion ribbon, wool trophy rug and feed vouchers to be presented to the Standardbred horse gaining the highest average percentage of all tests ridden over the championships. Horse must be registered with the Australian Register of Racehorses. Reserve Champion to receive ribbon and feed voucher.

TASRACING LUCKY ENTRY PRIZES

TasRacing have donated two 'lucky entry prizes' for a Thoroughbred and Standardbred entered in the Championships.