
NSW State Annual General Meeting – 16 June 2018

CDE Convenors Panel Report

Firstly, I would like to thank my panel members Chuckie Radnedge, Belinda Casper, Tamara Abed and Penny Jacobs for their help and support throughout the 2017/2018 year.

While much of the work falls onto the Convenors, it is great when you have a team you can rely on for support and decision making. I would also like to say thank you to our State President, Mr Col Ffrost, who has been a great sounding board for me on many matters throughout the year.

It has been a busy year with the trialling of the Indoor/Outdoor series in 2017 and this year we are running our first official series. While we are all still in the learning phase, the feedback to date has been really positive.

Attempts to run a CDE Officials Clinic in May this year, unfortunately saw the postponement of the scheduled weekend. Having 4 officials to organise on the one weekend has proven difficult and with suggested dates starting to run into the spring competition period, it has now been decided to wait until the off season in January 2019 to run the clinics.

I have also been working throughout 2017/2018 with the Federal CDE Committee regarding the review of the 2015 CDE Rule book. As you would be aware, this time around, consultation was sought from members by way of a Survey, with the intention of gaining valuable insight into the thoughts of members and assist the Federal CDE panel, when considering changes to the current rule book. While there are a number of changes to the existing rule book, the changes from this review are minimal in comparison to the introduction and re-vamp of the 2015 Rule Book. The final draft will be presented to Federal Council for adoption at the Federal Conference in July, with the release of the updated Rule Book on the 1st of August 2018.

My thanks to all clubs who continue to run CDE's in NSW and in particular thank you to Bungendore Club for taking on the NSW State Championships in November 2017, then hosting the Australian Championships at Easter, with the assistance of Southern Highlands. A massive task, well done!

NSW CDE drivers have been very busy competing at many events during the year and continue to make good representation for NSW at interstate events.

I apologise for my absence from the Annual General Meeting due to my work commitments. I hope this hasn't impacted too much on my holding the State CDE Convenors position over the last 4 years. Whilst I cannot always make the State Branch meetings, my intention has always been to make myself available to anyone who requires help via phone or e-mail and if re-elected, will continue to offer support to the best of my ability.

I have submitted a nomination to hold a position on the CDE panel for another year, with the aim of ensuring the running of the CDE Officials Clinic, Scorers and TPR Schools this coming January and further support the settling in of the Indoor/Outdoor Series and make sure clubs are comfortable running events.

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CDE – AUTUMN/SPRING 2018

Again, I wish to thank all those clubs for the blood, sweat and tears that go into running these events, without you we don't have a sport.

2018 saw NSW kicking off with Bungendore Club running their Graded Dressage, but with a washed out Munro Cup, the Canberra Club running their Ann Synnot Cup and Riverina Club running their annual Joe Hawkins Cup. While not all CDE's, they all were great lead up events before Bungendore (with the assistance of Southern Highlands) took on the big job of hosting the National CDE Championships at Easter.

Thank you to Bungendore for taking on both the State CDE Championships in 2017 and then backing up for the massive effort to run the Nationals. A huge effort by all club members, judges, officials, competitors, stewards, helpers, scorers, grooms and many others to make this a memorable event NSW can be proud off.

Our first CDE for spring kicks off with a Level 3 event being held by Murrumbidgee Club on the weekend of the 15th and 16th of September. Murrumbidgee ran a very successful Level 3 event this time last year, proving very popular amongst drivers. I know I'll be back.

The CDE panel has submitted a request to move the date for the NSW State CDE Championships in 2018 a week forward to the 27th and 28th of October. The Longwood Club (VIC) has moved their annual L2 event a week forward due to the running of Equitana and to allow the best possible number of entries at the NSW Championships, we believe it is in the best interest of the host club to change the weekend for 2018.

CDE Officials Clinic/Scorers School/TPR School

Unfortunately the above clinics schedule for May this year, were postponed. I have endeavoured to get the four officials together on another suitable weekend during the winter season, without any luck. As the spring season gets underway and the calendar becomes very busy, it was decided to re-schedule the clinics into the off season during summer in January 2019.

I am currently communicating with all officials involved, for a suitable date in January. The location will still be at Bathurst Showground with the CDE Clinic on the Saturday and the Scorers and TPR Schools on the Sunday. Once a date is finalised, all clubs will be advised.

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CDE RULE BOOK REVIEW

As many of you would be aware, a survey was sent out to any interested members seeking their thoughts on certain questions regarding CDE's. The survey was optional and closed on the 10th of November 2017. This gave the Federal CDE Committee an insight into the thoughts of members and provided a guide during the decision making of rule changes.

The Federal CDE Committee has now finalised the proposed changes to the 2015 CDE Rule Book, with adoption of the changes to be approved at the Federal Conference in South Australia in July, ready for distribution on the 1st of August 2018.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR SERIES

To date the Murrumbidgee Club has run a successful qualifier in May. Tamworth ran a successful double qualifier on the June long weekend and Southern Highlands has a double qualifier weekend on the 23rd and 24th of June.

There was initial confusion with the dressage test on the Victorian website being different to the Federal website. The matter has been sorted with the Victorian Indoor Committee and events should run smoothly from here on.

After many months of trying to find an affordable and suitable location to run the series final in the most central part of the state, saw us come back to square one, with no options! The CDE panel re-visited the idea of running a final in both the Northern and Southern parts of the state, and it was decided this would be the most suitable outcome for members.

In consultation with the CDE panel, and as time was of the essence, I took the liberty of contacting possible clubs to run a final in both the north and south of the state, and I am pleased to advise that this year, both the Northern and Southern Indoor/Outdoor finals will be run on the weekend of the 18th/19th of August.

Tamworth Club will host the Northern NSW final on the 18th and 19th, and Canberra Club will run a qualifier on the 18th and the Southern NSW final on the 19th. There will be a notice distributed to clubs and members over the next week with all of the details.

I wish to thank those clubs that have had a go at running qualifier events this year. The feedback has been positive from organisers and drivers alike. Hopefully the fun and enjoyment will increase as we become more confident in running these events.

Regards
Tracey Ellis
NSW State CDE Convenor 2017/2018