



SCHEDULE

2026 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS **NORTHERN NSW HEAT**

Venue: Manilla Showground, River Street, Manilla
Event Date: Saturday, 7th November 2026

Tamworth Regional Horsedrawn Club Inc. presents on behalf of the NSW Branch of the ACDS the 2026 NSW Graded Driven Dressage Championships, Northern Heat. And Cones Driving Event

Championship Qualifying: — ALL Single Horses and combinations in multiples MUST have competed and completed **a minimum of TWO (dependent on state decision)** Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers, comprising of two tests at the qualifiers to be eligible to enter this Championship – as stated in the 'Conditions of Entry No.3.

ENTRIES CLOSE: 23rd October 2026
Limited to 20 Entries

Classes:

Level	Class		Test
Preliminary	1	Single	ACDS Preliminary No 3(2005) reformatted 2023
	2	Multiples	
Novice	3	Single	ACDS Novice No 1
	4	Multiples	
Elementary	5	Single	ACDS Elementary No 1
	6	Multiples	
Intermediate	7	Single	ACDS test A 2021 Intermediate
	8	Multiples	
Open	9	Single	ACDS test A 2021 vers. 2 ACDS Open No 1
	10	Multiples	
Advanced	11	Single	FEI # 3* B HP1 vers2 FEI 3* A HP4
	12	Multiples	
Cones	15	Single	The cones competition is to be conducted according to the current 'Rules for Australian Carriage Driving Society Combined Driving Events', including use of groom(s).
	16	Multiples	

Dressage Event \$90.00 per entry.
(Limited to 20 Entries)
Entries Close: 23/10/2026
Cones Driving Event, Free

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OFFICIALS:

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<u>Event Secretary:</u>	Liz O'Brien.	Mobile: 0427 766 726 Email; trhdc.president@gmail.com
<u>Dressage Judges:</u>	Name: Mrs. Cheryl Dowling (Victoria) Name: Mr. David Rozynski (Queensland)	
<u>Cones Judge:</u>	Mr. Tom Dowling.	
<u>Scorers:</u>	Liz O'Brien.	

General Information

Dress/Attire:	A Concours'd'Elegance , Class is being conducted during the NSW 2026 GDD Championships, Northern Heat (as per rules 14.3-14.4.) A whip is compulsory and a more formal attire is expected. Approved safety helmets and body protectors may be worn. A Rosette will be awarded the Winner of Concours'd'Elegance being held at the Northern Heat.
Champion:	There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion at each Graded level.
Awards:	As there are two Heats, of the 2026 NSW Dressage Graded Driven Dressage being conducted this year Southern and Northern, the results will be Finalised from both heats and the Overall Winner's will be Declared via a ZOOM presentation after this Final Heat being held by Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club at Manilla. Awards are for best Aggregate Scores for the Combined Heats. Horse Multiple / Pony Multiple / Horse Single / Pony Single.
Catering:	Tea/coffee will be available for Free. Manilla Showground is a short walking Distance from the Town Centre , where there are Coffee Shops, Hotels, Clubs and Bakery for those competitors wishing to purchase Meals, there will be NO Canteen on Site.
Camping:	Is available – power/showers etc. are within the Grounds and there is no Charge for Camping, which is Available from Friday 6 th November. Manilla Motel is across the Road from the Showground.
Yards:	There are many available for Free, including Stables.
Dogs:	Dogs are allowed but MUST be always restrained/controlled and owners must clean up after their dogs. No dogs are permitted on the Main Arena. Any dog owner that does not abide by these rules will be asked to leave the venue. (Entry money will not be refunded).

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Northern Heat **Conditions of Entry**

1. This event will be conducted according to the current ACDS Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines dated 1 January, 2025 (**1 January, 2025 Version 4.0**) including State variations.
2. All competitors **MUST** be members of the ACDS. All judges must be selected from the ACDS judge's list, one of which must be an Advanced Judge. (Refer 12.2.2 page 20).
3. **Championship Qualification details MUST be listed on the Entry Form.** ALL horse/s **MUST** be ACDS registered **and to qualify must have competed and completed two (2) Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers completing two (2) tests as listed at the horse's graded level or one (1) test at the horse's graded level and one test at the level immediately above. (See Grading 5.7.5). Horse/s may compete in any State Graded Driven Dressage Championships held in that calendar year, provided they have qualified. (See Annual Graded Season 6.2).**
4. At State Graded Driven Dressage Championships each horse will compete in two (2) tests, (as listed in the schedule). **The new test in the Championship Schedule will be driven twice.** Horse/s may only compete at the Championship at their graded level. Multiples will be graded per each combination. Grading is taken as at the date of close of entries. Drivers should check the ACDS National GDD Grading List to ensure that the horse/s is entered at its correct level.
<https://www.australiancarriagedrivingociety.org>
5. Singles and Multiples will have separate classes at each level.
6. Subject to Organising Committee approval, competitors may drive more than one combination in the same class.
7. **Awards:** The Champion at each level is the horse with the highest aggregate gained from the two (2) tests driven. At all GDD Championships a whip is compulsory, at Concours'd'Elegance presentation A more formal attire is expected. Drivers and Grooms under 18 **MUST** wear approved helmet. Safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.
8. Grooms are optional for Adult Drivers in Single graded driven dressage classes. Pairs and tandems – one (1) groom, four-in-hand – two (2) grooms.
9. Junior Drivers – as per the current ACDS By-Laws. Junior drivers aged 6-7 inclusive must be accompanied in the vehicle by an ACDS adult member (an experienced driving person) seated alongside at all times and holding a second pair of reins attached to the bit. Junior drivers aged 8-15 years inclusive must be accompanied in the vehicle by an ACDS adult member (an experienced driving person) who must be facing forward. Junior Drivers under 18 are not allowed to drive Stallions at ACDS events. Junior Multiple Drivers aged 16-17 years inclusive may drive a tandem or pair or team of ponies and they must be accompanied in the vehicle by an ACDS adult member (an experienced driving person). A Junior Driver cannot drive a horse multiple (pair, tandem, four-in-hand) until they turn 18 years of age.
10. Safety Rules must be adhered to.
11. Helmets are not compulsory in Graded Driven Dressage, other than for Drivers/Grooms under the age of 18. Helmets must comply with the current ACDS By-Law. For all other drivers, grooms, safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.
12. It is the responsibility of each competitor to inspect their vehicle and equipment to ensure that it is safe to proceed with the day's activities. All drivers and grooms compete at their own risk.
13. Competitors are aware of and agree to pay the current excess that applies to any insurance claim, which may arise from their participation in this event.
14. The Organisers have the right to alter any advertised times, refuse any entry with or without stating the reason, or re-allocate a horse or pony to the appropriate class.
15. Only horses on the entry form are permitted to attend, unless prior approval has been received from the Organising Committee.

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16. **No fully completed forms NO ENTRY.**
17. **Parents are responsible for their children at this event.**
18. **RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED**
19. **IN CASE OF CANCELLATION ALL MONIES WILL BE REIMBURSED**

COMPETITOR DETAILS;

Name: _____

Address: _____ **PIC (if available)** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Club: _____ **ACDS Membership No:** _____

Young Driver: Yes/No (please circle) **Date of Birth of Young driver** _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DECLARATION:

Please read carefully before signing:

Any person causing a claim to be made against the ACDS Insurance Policy is personally liable for the excess amount in full as determined by the Insurance Policy at the time of the incident. I/We agree to abide by and adhere to the rules and the by-laws of the Australian Carriage Driving Society and all conditions of entry as stated in the Event Schedule incorporating the relevant State variations. All Competitors and Grooms compete at their own risk; neither the ACDS nor their appointed officials accept any liability for any accident, theft, illness or damage to horses, drivers, grooms or any person whatsoever. All competitors, by entering this event, agree to be bound by this regulation.

Please tick the appropriate box below:

- ☐ The horses/ponies listed are the only ones I am bringing to this event.
- ☐ I have contacted the Secretary and have permission to bring additional horses/ponies to the event and have provided their details.

Competitor's

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian

Name if competitor is a Junior: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

NB: Parent/Guardian must sign if the Driver is a Junior

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ENTRY FORM
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Northern Heat, Friday 7th November 2026
Tamworth Regional Horsedrawn Club Inc.

ENTRIES CLOSE; 23RD OCTOBER 2026

QUALIFICATION DETAILS DURING 2025/6

Date of Event & Host Club	Horses Name	Horses ACDS Rego	Graded Level Driven

ENTRY DETAILS – *PLEASE CHECK NATIONAL GDD GRADING LIST PRIOR TO ENTERING.*

Class No	Horse/s Name/s (As stated on the ACDS Registration Card)	ACDS Rego No	Age	Entry Fee
Cones	Horses must be four (4) years of age or over. Prizes to be Awarded. Grooms are required for all entries except Single small ponies under 124cm. Please circle the wheel width of your vehicle – 125cm / 138cm / 148cm / 158cm.			
Yards	Free		Yes/No	
Camping	Free available from Friday 6th November.		Yes/No	

ENTRIES CLOSE: 23rd October 2026 (Limit 20 Entries)

DRESSAGE: \$90.00 per entry (2 tests)

CONES: Free for 2 rounds

CONCOURS'd' ELEGANCE: Free

Please email entries to TRHDC GDD Championship Event Secretary, trhdc.president@gmail.com

Please ensure scanned documents are in .pdf format and NOT pictures.

Payment to be made by Direct Deposit: **BSB: 062 806 Acc No: 00908420** NSW Branch ACDS Account.

Please use your SURNAME as a Reference.

Note: This Entry MUST be accompanied by the fully completed and signed Competitor Details and Declaration on Page 4.

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