

ACDS 2026 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS ANNE SYNNOT CUP DRIVEN DRESSAGE

Venue: 405 Frampton Rd COOTAMNUDRA NSW

Date: 16 – 17 May 2026

On behalf of the NSW Branch of the ACDS, Hill Tops Carriage Driving Club presents Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers for the 2026 State Graded Driven Dressage Championships.

Classes:

All Classes will be offered at the Qualifier/s.
Single and Multiple classes will be offered at each Graded Level.

Level	Class		Test
Preliminary	1	Single	Preliminary AA
	2	Multiples	
Novice	3	Single	Novice BB 2019
	4	Multiples	
Elementary	5	Single	ACDS Elementary Test No2 2021
	6	Multiples	
Intermediate	7	Single	Intermediate 3B 2014
	8	Multiples	
Open	9	Single	ACDS test A 2021 vers. 2 ACDS open test No. 1
	10	Multiples	
Advanced	11	Single	FEI 3 *B HP1
	12	Multiple	FEI 3* HP4
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). Horses MUST be at least four (4) years of age.
	16	Multiples	

Officials:

Event Secretary: Judy Harris Ph: 0429 528 990 gjharris@live.com.au

Dressage Judges: Sue Plath
Lyn Callaghan

Cones Judge: Garry Harris

Scorer: John Gorman

General Information:

Dress/Attire: Presentation is not scored. Approved safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.

Catering: Free tea/coffee will be available

Camping: Free

Yards: Are available. Limited number & must be booked in advance. All yards must be left clean of manure. Electric fences allowed

Dogs: Dogs are allowed but **MUST** be restrained/controlled at ALL times. 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).

Cancellation of Event: If the event has to be cancelled .All monies will be refunded.
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ACDS 2026 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

Conditions of Entry

1. This event will be conducted according to the current ACDS Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines including State variations.
2. All horses/ponies competing at Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers must be ACDS registered. Non-ACDS drivers competing under a One Activity Membership may drive an unregistered horse, however, that horse is not eligible for grading points, qualification for GDD Championships or for any awards at any GDDQ events.
3. At Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers, each horse must compete in two (2) tests, (as listed in the schedule) at the horse's graded level OR one test at their graded level & one test at the level immediately above. 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 is entered at its correct level. <https://www.australiancarriagedrivingsociety.org>
4. **CDE grading does not apply to horses in this competition.**
5. Subject to Organising Committee approval, competitors may drive more than one combination in the same class.
6. Drivers, passengers and grooms under 18 years **MUST** wear an approved helmet. For all other drivers, grooms, safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.
7. **Any helmets/protective headgear worn at this event**, must conform to ACDS By-law 14.10. and be securely fastened.
8. Official judges must be ACDS members or judges approved by the ACDS. All Competitors **MUST** be members of the ACDS. ACDS One Activity Membership is available at an additional cost of \$30.00 per day for non-members for DRESSAGE TESTS ONLY (No Cones).
9. Singles and Multiples will have separate classes at each level.
10. *Only horses on the entry form are permitted to attend*, unless prior approval has been received from the Organising Committee.
11. Grooms are optional for adult drivers in all Single dressage classes. Pairs and tandems – One (1) groom, Four-in-hand – Two (2) grooms.
12. Junior Drivers – as per the current ACDS By-Law 14.7. 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.
13. Awards for Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers are at the discretion of the event organisers.
14. 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 compete at their own risk.
15. Safety Rules must be adhered to.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. **Parents are responsible for their children at this event.**
19. **RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED.**
20. **Declaration form MUST be completed with the Entry Form.**
21. Up to date **Medical Information Holders** must be worn and be clearly visible when on a carriage at all times during an ACDS event in Victoria.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DECLARATION:

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Indemnity: Neither the Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS), <State> Branch of the ACDS; <Club Name>, <Local Shire Council, Local Recreation Reserve Committee>, the Officials/Organising Committee, or their appointed officials accept any liability for any accident, theft or illness to horses, drivers and grooms or any person or property whatsoever, in connection with this event.

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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 bring 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: _____

Parent/Guardian must sign if the Driver is a Junior

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS IN THE EVENT A REFUND IS REQUIRED DUE CANCELLATION.

ACCOUNT NAME: _____

BSB: _____ **ACCOUNT NO:** _____

ENTRY FORM
NSW 2026 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIER
Hill Tops Carriage Driving Club
16-17 May 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ ACDS Membership No: _____

Young Driver: Yes No

If a Young Driver – Date of Birth: _____

ENTRY DETAILS

Class No	Horse/s Name/s (As stated on the ACDS Registration Card)	ACDS Rego	Age	Day 1	Day 2
				Entry Fee	Entry Fee
				\$40	\$40
	Non ACDS One Activity Membership: Single / Family Members Insurance Fee of \$30.00 (Dressage Only)				
Cones	The Cones competition is to be conducted according to the current 'Rules for ACDS Combined Driving Events', including the use of groom(s). Horses MUST be four (4) years of age or over. Please indicate wheel width – <input type="checkbox"/> 125cm <input type="checkbox"/> 138cm <input type="checkbox"/> 148cm <input type="checkbox"/> 158cm One activity membership is not eligible for timed competitions				
				TOTAL AMOUNT	

ENTRIES CLOSE: 8 May 2026

DRESSAGE: \$40.00 each Event per entry (2 tests each Event)

Post Entries to: J Harris 405 Frampton Rd Cootamundra NSW 2590

Or alternatively Email to: gjharris@live.com.au

Payment by Direct Deposit Hill Tops Carriage Driving Club

<Bank Name> BSB: 032-744 Acc No: 19 7017

Please use your name as a Reference.

Checklist:- Have you filled in the Entry with horse registration and member number ?

Have you paid and sent the receipt of payment number or emailed it?

Have you signed the declaration and included it?