



# ACDS 2024 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

**Venue:** Hawkesbury Showground, 40 Racecourse Road, Clarendon.

**Date:** Saturday April 6, 2024

On behalf of the NSW Branch of the ACDS, Hawkesbury Carriage Driving Club and Hunter Horse Driving Society presents Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers for the 2024 State and National Graded Driven Dressage Championships.

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** 5pm Monday April 1, 2024

**Classes:**

All Classes will be offered at the Qualifier/s.

Single and Multiple classes will be offered at each Graded Level.

Scheduled to commence at 9.00am.



| Level                    | Class |           | Test   |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------|--|
| Beginner<br>(not graded) | 1     | Single    | ACDS Novice AA   |
|                          | 2     | Multiples |  |
| Preliminary              | 1     | Single    | ACDS Preliminary No 3  |
|                          | 2     | Multiples |  |
| Novice                   | 3     | Single    | ACDS Novice CC   |
|                          | 4     | Multiples |  |
| Elementary               | 5     | Single    | ACDS Elementary No 3   |
|                          | 6     | Multiples |  |
| Intermediate             | 7     | Single    | ACDS Intermediate No 3   |
|                          | 8     | Multiples |  |
| Open                     | 9     | Single    | ACDS Open No 1   |
|                          | 10    | Multiples |  |
| Advanced                 | 11    | Single    | FEI No 9   |
|                          | 12    | Multiples | FEI 3*A HP4  |
| Cones                    | 13    | 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). |
|                          | 14    | Multiples |  |

**DRESSAGE:** \$40.00 per entry (2 tests)

**CONES:** \$5.00 per entry (2 rounds)

**One day membership \$35.00**

## E-Entry form

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/HCDC1/EntryFormGradedDrivenDressageSaturday6thApril2024>

*If you require assistance with the E-Entry form, please contact one of the event secretaries.*



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## Officials:

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| Event Manager:     | Alley Fraser (HHDS)  |
| Event Secretaries: | Jenny Conquest (0427 708 619 - HCDC), &<br>Margaret Walmsley (0434 014 952 – HHDS) |
| Dressage Judges:   | Lynne Dominish (Advanced) and Sarah Keevers (Novice)                               |
| Cones Judge:       | Carol Fitzpaterick   |
| Scorers:           | Kim Schumacher (HCDC)  |
| Treasurer:         | Shannon Toomey (HCDC)  |

## General Information:

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| Dress/Attire:  | Presentation is not scored at GDDQ's. Approved safety helmets are recommended, and body protectors may be worn.   |
| Catering:      | Lunch available on the day \$10.00 includes ( <i>Mixed wraps, fruit, cake, and choice of drink</i> ). Tea/coffee (free) and cold drinks (\$2.00) will be available.   |
| Camping:       | Is available @ \$25.00 per night – and <b>MUST</b> be pre-booked. Please contact the Hawkesbury Showground administration for details.  |
| Stabling:      | \$25.00 overnight and day (24 hours) OR \$15.00 for day hire (8am-5pm). Please contact the Hawkesbury Showground administration for details.  |
| Dressage Draw: | The time schedule will be made available to competitors after the close of entries. Please include in E-Entry form any special conditions regarding dressage draw as once circulated will not be changed.                                   |
| Dogs:          | Dogs are <b>NOT</b> allowed unless they are a <b>registered assistance dog</b> . Condition of Hawkesbury Showground. Any dog owner that does not abide by these rules will be asked to leave the venue. (Entry money will not be refunded). |

**Weather policy** - if cancellation of the event is due to extreme weather (heat/rain) the competitors will be informed via Hawkesbury and Hunter Club's Facebook page and via the individual's email. Notice will be given 24 hours prior to the event.





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## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

**COVID-19 Guidelines must be adhered to within each State/Municipality at the time this event is held.**

1. This event will be conducted according to the current ACDS Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines dated **January 1, 2023, Version 3** including State variations.
2. All horses/ponies competing at Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers must be ACDS registered to be eligible to qualify for GDD Championships.  
Non-ACDS drivers competing under a One Activity Membership may drive an unregistered horse, however, that horse is not eligible for 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 14.11. and be securely fastened.
8. Official judges must be ACDS members or judges approved by the ACDS. All Competitors qualifying **MUST** be members of the ACDS. ACDS One Activity Membership is available at an additional cost of \$35.00 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 14.8. 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.**  
**No FULLY completed form – No ENTRY No PAYMENT**