

# ACDS 2025/6

## GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIER

*Hosted by Hawkesbury Carriage Driving Club Inc.*

**Venue:** Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse rd, Clarendon NSW

**Date:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Aug 2026

*On behalf of the NSW Branch of the ACDS, Hawkesbury Carriage Driving Club Inc. presents Graded Driven Dressage Qualifier for the 2025 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 Manager: Jenny Conquest Ph: <Number>  
Event Secretary: Kim Schumacher Ph: 0433 777 763  
Dressage Judges: Dot Wilcoxson NSW (Advanced)  
Carolyn Blakeley NSW (Novice)  
Cones Judge: TBA

Scorer:

## General Information:

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

**Catering:** Tea/coffee will be available. BYO food.

**Camping:** \$30.00 per night – power/showers etc. and **MUST** be pre-booked and paid directly to Hawkesbury Show society (See attached form)

**Yards:** Are available. (Fee \$30.00 per night). and **MUST** be pre-booked and paid directly to Hawkesbury Show society (See attached form)

**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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## 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.australiancarriagedrivingociety.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.**

**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 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**

<p>PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS IN THE EVENT A REFUND IS REQUIRED DUE CANCELLATION.</p>
<p><b>ACCOUNT NAME:</b> _____</p>
<p><b>BSB:</b> _____ <b>ACCOUNT NO:</b> _____</p>

**ENTRY FORM**  
**NSW 2025/26 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIER**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

Entries to be submitted via online form:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/HCDC1/GDD2026Sat8Aug>

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** 8pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2026  
**DRESSAGE:** \$50.00 each per entry (2 tests each Event)  
**CONES:** Free (2 rounds each Event)

**Entries:**

Email to: **hawkesburycarriagedrivingclub@gmail.com**  
Payment by Direct Deposit **Hawkesbury Carriage Driving Club Inc.**  
**Bendigo Bank** **BSB: 633-000 Acc No: 186-529-830**  
**Please use your name as a Reference.**