

ACDS 2025

DOUBLE GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

Venue: Mt SugarLoaf Pony Club Ground
75-77 Appletree Road, Holmesville NSW

Date: Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of September 2025

On behalf of the NSW Branch of the ACDS, Hunter Horse Driving Society presents Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers 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	ACDS Preliminary Test No. 1
	2	Multiples	
Novice	3	Single	ACDS Novice No.1
	4	Multiples	
Elementary	5	Single	ACDS Elementary Test No1
	6	Multiples	
Intermediate	7	Single	ACDS Intermediate Test No 1
	8	Multiples	
Cones	9	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.
	10	Multiples	

Officials:

Event Manager: Ally Fraser **Ph: 0431046625**

Event Secretary: Margie Walmsley **Ph: 0434014952**

Dressage Judges: Judy Tonkiss
John Barton

Cones Judge: John Tonkiss

Scorer: Leah Speakman - Hunter Club

General Information:

Dress/Attire:	Presentation is not scored. Approved safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.
Catering:	Tea/coffee/drinks will be available
Camping:	Is available on UNPOWERED sites. Toilet and shower facilities available. MUST be pre-booked (see entry) @\$6 per site
Yards:	Are available at NO COST. All yards must be left clean of manure.
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

- This event will be conducted according to the current ACDS Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines including State variations.
- 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 but that doesn't count as qualification for GDD Championships or for any awards at any GDDQ events.
- 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>
- **CDE grading does not apply to horses in this competition.**
- Subject to Organising Committee approval, competitors may drive more than one combination in the same class.
- 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.
- **Any helmets/protective headgear worn at this event**, must conform to ACDS By-law 14.10. and be securely fastened.
- 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).
- Singles and Multiples will have separate classes at each level.
- *Only horses on the entry form are permitted to attend*, unless prior approval has been received from the Organising Committee.
- Grooms are optional for adult drivers in all Single dressage classes. Pairs and tandems – One (1) groom, Four-in-hand – Two (2) grooms.

- 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.
- Awards for Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers are at the discretion of the event organisers.
- 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.
- Safety Rules must be adhered to.
- 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.
- 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.
- **Parents are responsible for their children at this event.**
- **RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED.**
- **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

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

ACCOUNT NAME: _____

BSB: _____ ACCOUNT NO: _____

ENTRY FORM
NSW 2024/25 DOUBLE GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS
Hunter Horse Driving Society
Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of September 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ ACDS Membership No: _____

Young Driver: Yes No

If a Young Driver – Date of Birth: _____

ENTRY DETAILS					Day 1	Day 2
Class No	Horse/s Name/s (As stated on the ACDS Registration Card)	ACDS Rego	Age	Entry Fee	Entry Fee	Entry Fee
	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. One activity membership is not eligible for timed competitions					
Sub-Total						
Camping/ Yards	\$6.00 per day for camping FREE					
Dinner	YES / NO					
No of people						
TOTAL AMOUNT						

ENTRIES CLOSE: 16th of September at 7pm

DRESSAGE: \$40 each event per entry (2 tests each Event)

CONES: FREE

Email entries to: **hunterhorseds@gmail.com**

Payment by Direct Deposit to **Hunter Horse Driving Society Inc**

The Mutual **BSB: 646 000** **Acc No: 100011445**

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?