

# MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB INC



## ACDS 2024 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

**Venue: Murrami Sports Ground Cnr Murrami Rd & Yarmwal Rd**

**Date: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Start: 9 am**

On behalf of the **NSW** Branch of the ACDS, presents Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers for the 2024 State and National 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 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	

**Officials:**

**Event Manager:** Ian Schmetzer 0428244633

**Event Secretary:** Robyn Schmetzer 0458552331

**Dressage Judges:** Liz Hammond  
Belinda Casper

**Cones Judge:** Ian Schmetzer

**Scorer:** Jane Keevers

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## General Information:

- Dress/Attire:** 14.1 Presentation is not scored. However a whip is compulsory. A hat or helmet, apron and gloves are expected for all drivers. A neat & tidy appearance is also expected. Club uniforms are acceptable. Approved safety helmets and body protectors may be worn.  
14.2 Grooms must wear a hat or helmet & gloves. A helmet is compulsory for juniors.
- Catering:** Tea/coffee provided and drinks will be available for purchase. No catering available. BBQ salad & desert for Saturday night dinner is \$20 per person.
- Camping:** Available – No power sites .showers available etc. and **MUST** be pre-booked (See Entry). Please contact the Event Secretary for details.
- Yards:** Are available free. Limited number & must be booked in advance. 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 Oval/Arena. Any dog owner that does not abide by these rules will be asked to leave the venue. (Entry money will not be refunded).

## 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.

**I also agree to abide by and adhere to the current State/Municipality COVID19 GUIDELINES at the time this event is held and I will contact the Event Secretary immediately should I feel unwell after the event.**

**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).**

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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 **1 January 2023 (Version 3.0 1 January 2023)** including State variations.
2. All horses/ponies competing at Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers must be ACDS registered to be eligible to qualify for the ACDS 2024 GDD Championships. Non-ACDS drivers competing under a One Activity Membership may drive a non ACDS registered horse, however, that horse is not eligible for qualification for GDD Championships or for any awards at any GDDQ events.
3. All Competitors **MUST** be members of the ACDS. ACDS One Activity Membership is available at an additional cost of \$30.00 for non-members for DRESSAGE TESTS ONLY (No Cones).
4. At Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers, each horse must compete and complete two (2) tests, (based on the approved tests listed in this 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 graded level.  
<https://www.australiancarriagedrivingsociety.org>
5. Singles and Multiples will have separate classes at each level.
6. *CDE grading does not apply to horses in this competition.*
7. Subject to Organising Committee approval, competitors may drive more than one combination in the same class.
8. Only horses on the entry form are permitted to attend, unless prior approval has been received from the Organising Committee.
9. Official judges must be ACDS members or judges approved by the ACDS
10. Awards for Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers are at the discretion of the event organisers.
11. 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.
12. **Any helmets/protective headgear worn at this event**, must conform to ACDS By-law 14.10. and be securely fastened.
13. Grooms are optional for adult drivers in all Single dressage classes. Pairs and tandems – One (1) groom, Four-in-hand – Two (2) grooms.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. Safety Rules must be adhered to.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. **Parents are responsible for their children at this event.**
20. **RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED.**
21. **Declaration form MUST be completed with the Entry Form.**

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