



2025 NSW COMBINED DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

23-26 October

GUNDAGAI SHOWGROUND, GUNDAGAI NSW

Conducted on behalf of the NSW Branch of the Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc. by joint NSW Clubs



EVENT OFFICIALS

<i>Event Director:</i>	Greg McDonald 0408 611 738	<i>Event Secretary:</i>	Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696
<i>Technical Delegate:</i>	John Tonkiss	<i>Course Designer:</i>	Brendan Dwyer
<i>Asst TD:</i>	TBA	<i>Event Scorer:</i>	Alison McDonald
<i>Dressage Judges:</i>	Di Norris (SA) - POJ Sue Plath (GJ) Yvonne Wood (GJ) Judy Tonkiss	<i>Cones Judge:</i>	Ground Jury
<i>Official Veterinary Surgeon:</i>	TBA	<i>Announcer:</i>	Chuckie Radnedge
<i>Appeals Committee:</i>	Belinda Casper, Tracey Ellis, Dot Willcoxson	<i>TPR Steward:</i>	Sharon Beattie

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM (all times subject to change)

Thursday 23rd October 2025

3.00 pm	First Horse Inspection commences
7.00 pm	Competitor briefing and welcome BBQ

Friday 24th October 2025

8.30 am	Dressage commences
6.30 pm	Competitor briefing & Presentation of Dressage awards

Saturday 25th October 2025

8.30 am	Marathon commences
6.30 pm	Presentation of Marathon awards

Sunday 26th October 2025

	Final Horse Inspection in harness 30 minutes before your class
8.30 am	Cones commences
3.00 pm (est)	Presentation of Cones and Overall Awards

CLASSES:

1. Novice Pony 91cm ne 124cm
2. Novice Pony over 124cm ne 149cm
3. Novice Horse over 149cm
4. Intermediate Pony 91cm ne 124cm
5. Intermediate Pony over 124cm ne 149cm
6. Intermediate Horse over 149cm
7. Open Pony 91cm ne 124cm
8. Open Pony over 124cm ne 149cm
9. Open Horse over 149cm
10. Pony Pair 91cm ne 149cm (*91cm & ne 124cm)
11. Horse Pair over 149cm
12. Pony Tandem 91cm ne 149cm (*91cm & ne 124cm)
13. Horse Tandem over 149cm
14. Pony Team 91cm ne 149cm (*91cm & ne 124cm)
15. Horse Team over 149cm

*** Time allowances apply**

DRESSAGE TESTS – 100 x 40 m arena

Novice	ACDS Novice Test B 2024
Intermediate	ACDS Intermediate No 2 Test
Open Singles	FEI 3*B HP1 V2.0
Multiples	FEI 3*A HP4 V2.0

Arena Size – 100m x 40m

PRIZES

- Perpetual Trophies as per NSW ACDS records.
- 1st – 3rd place in Individual Competitions.
- 1st – 3rd place Overall.
- Concours d'Elegance for Singles & Multiples.
- Best Dressage score, Best Marathon score, Best Cones score.

ENTRY FEES (see entry form)

Entry Fee: **\$220**

(includes use of permanent yards, powered camping during the event & Thursday welcome BBQ)

Entries Close: **Tuesday 14th October 2025 or earlier if limit reached before closing date.**

Enquiries: **Event Secretary – Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696 scribblegum64@gmail.com**

Entry Requirements

- Online entry & payment required.
- Assisted entry available on request to the Event Secretary.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Your e-signature on the event entry form indicates your acceptance of these conditions

The event will be judged under the current applicable ACDS Rules for Combined Driving Events, plus any additional requirements in this schedule, including:

- Drivers must be full financial members of the ACDS.
- The Organising Committee reserve the right to:
 - Alter the advertised times;
 - Refuse entry, with/without stating reason/s;
 - Measure any horse or pony;
 - Reallocate a competitor to the appropriate class.
- Grading will be taken as of the close of entries.
- All horses competing must be ACDS registered.
- Minimum wheel widths apply – wheels will be measured.
- **Due to the high travel and accommodation costs for officials, there will be limited refunds.** Entry fees are non-refundable after the closing date, except when a horse or driver cannot attend due to sickness or accident; in such cases, an application for refund may be considered by the Organising Committee on the supply of a relevant medical or veterinary certificate. Refund requests will not be considered after the commencement of the event.
- Appeals must be lodged with \$50 with the event secretary within 30 minutes of the scores of each phase being posted. Money will be refunded unless, in the opinion of the Appeals Committee, the appeal is found to be frivolous.
- Indemnity: Neither the Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS) Inc, NSW Branch of the ACDS, Cootamundra/Gundagai Regional Council, Gundagai Showground User Groups, Private Landholders, the Organising Committee / Officials, or their appointed representatives accept any liability for any accident, theft, damage or illness to horses, drivers, grooms or any person or property whatsoever, in connection with this event.

From ACDS CDE Rules: 901.7.3 Qualification for Championships

To qualify for a National or State Championship, an Athlete must complete without elimination one Level 3 or higher event within the previous three years with a single, if entering as a single, with a pair if entering as a pair, or with a team/tandem, if entering a team/tandem. Before the closing date of entries as listed on the program and entry form for the event, if an Athlete has to withdraw a horse/pony from their multiples combination due to lameness, ill health or injury, the Athlete may choose to compete in another class with the approval of the OC. If this occurs after the closing date of entries as listed on the program and entry form for the event and before the start of the event, a vet certificate must be provided to the Event Secretary. If vetted out at the First Examination and Inspection, an Athlete with a multiple may choose to compete in another class with the approval of the OC. - The Organising Committee will offer a Level 3 CDE, run in conjunction with the Championships, for those who may not meet the qualification requirements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Please keep this information handy for reference during the event

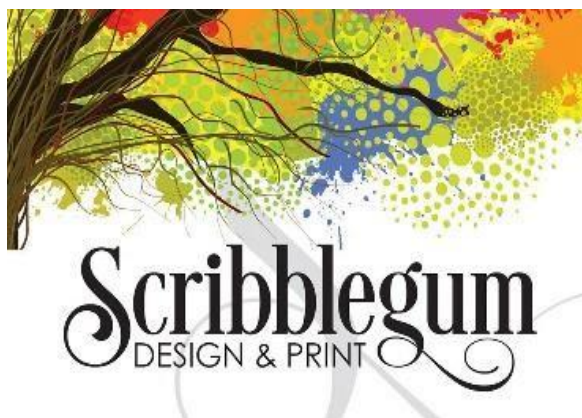
Arrival	Arrivals before Thursday must pay the Gundagai Show Society a camping fee of \$20 per night outside the event dates.
Other Events	A Level 3 CDE will run concurrently with the CDE Championships.
CDE Competitor Kits	Will be available from the Event Office from 1.00 pm on Thursday, 23 rd October.
WhatsApp	We plan to use WhatsApp to keep competitors informed. We will have the same group for both the L3 and the L1 events. You can click here to join now or use the QR code at the Secretary's office during the event.
CDE Horse Inspection / TPR Checks	All horses/ponies are to be presented in an open-bitted bridle (except for inspection in harness) with the ACDS Horse Rego number attached to the bridle. Competitors/handlers must dress appropriately (neat attire, closed-in footwear). Competitors/handlers must carry/wear their competitor number to the horse inspection.
State & Club Teams	Refer to ACDS article 905. To be nominated before or at the event. Please submit your nomination to the Secretary's office by 8 am Friday, 24 th October or via email – scribblegum64@gmail.com
Dressage	Dressage arena/s will be officially open to walk from 8 am on Friday, 24 th October.
Marathon	The course will be three sections over paddocks and unsealed roads, with a maximum distance of 18 km, and will feature seven obstacles. The countryside is flat. Section B of the course will be officially open for inspection from 3 pm on Thursday, 23 rd October. Access Limitations: (subject to change due to weather conditions) All obstacles can be readily reached from the Camping area. Section B is not to be inspected after 9 pm. Only Competitors and officials are allowed on the course once the first competitor starts Section B.
Cones	The Cones will be judged as a fault competition. The Cones course will be officially open for inspection 1.5 hours before the start of the Cones competition.
Junior Person on Carriages	Any person on a carriage under 18 must wear protective headgear under the ACDS bylaws.
Helmets	Helmets must be worn on all sections of the Marathon and must comply with the ACDS bylaw on helmets. If helmets are worn in other parts of the competition, they must comply with the ACDS bylaw on helmets.
Event Medical	If you have a medical condition that may require emergency treatment, you are strongly encouraged to advise the Event Director in advance. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence, but prior knowledge allows us to plan for a potential adverse health issue adequately.
Bicycles, Powered Mobility aids, etc	Bicycles, both push and electric, may be used on the grounds; however, helmet requirements may apply in some areas (as per regulations for public spaces). Powered mobility aids may be used on the course per CDE Rules provisions. All users of bicycles and powered mobility aids must be mindful of their potential impact on horses and operate these items safely and with respect for others. For the safety of all concerned, these items are not permitted in or immediately adjacent to the Horse Inspection area during inspections or on the Marathon course once the Marathon commences. Please respect and comply with any reasonable request from Officials in this regard.
Awards	Perpetual trophies and ribbons/rosettes will be awarded. The organisers take no responsibility for the loss of awards or prizes if recipients do not remain for the award ceremony after the event. Place-getters are expected to be appropriately dressed for awards ceremonies. If you need to leave early, please ensure that a representative attends the awards presentation on your behalf.
Event Photography	Linda Mace will be in attendance at the event. If you have any specific photo requests, please contact Linda directly before the event to discuss: lindzyne@bigpond.net.au
Catering	Welcome BBQ Thursday evening – Please indicate numbers on the entry form. Please be advised that there will be no event dinner. Gundagai has local shopping options including Woolworths and IGA Supermarkets, Cafes, Pubs, Clubs, Hardware, Petrol and fast-food outlets, all close to the event grounds.

Camping	Arrivals before Thursday must pay the Gundagai Show Society a camping fee of \$20 per night outside the event dates. All camp sites are powered (horses must be yarded elsewhere). Generators, if used, should be silenced-type and switched off at 10 pm.
Showers & Toilets	Showers and toilets, including accessible facilities, are available at the Showground.
Accommodation	For those not intending to camp, there are numerous motels and a caravan park in Gundagai.
Dogs	Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a leash at all times . You are expected to clean up after your dogs. The Showgrounds is a Council-controlled space; penalties may apply to unrestrained dogs.
Horse Yards (very important – please note!)	Many stables and covered steel yards are available at no cost; therefore, you should <u>make arrangements for suitable bedding</u> for your equine if using these. Electric fence yards are not permitted. Manure to be placed in designated locations. Yards MUST be clean before departure.
Produce supplies	Feed & bedding supplies are available from Agstock (02 6944 1888) and Elders Rural Supplies - and can be delivered to the grounds by prior arrangement.

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Entry enquiries to: **Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696** scribblegum64@gmail.com

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or earlier if capacity is reached
– No late entries, thank you –

Gundagai Maps – Showground entry via Homer St / Middleton Dr / Oibell Dr

