



ACDS 2025 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIER PLUS DRESSAGE PROTOCOL DAY

Venue: SHCC Grounds - Quarry Rd, Bundanoon

Date: 6th September 2025 – Graded Dressage Qualifier
7th September 2025 – Protocol Day

On behalf of the **NSW** Branch of the ACDS, **SHCC** presents Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers for the 2025 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. 1
	2	Multiples	
Novice	3	Single	ACDS Novice No. 1
	4	Multiples	
Elementary	5	Single	ACDS Elementary No.1
	6	Multiples	
Intermediate	7	Single	ACDS Intermediate No. 1
	8	Multiples	
Open	9	Single	ACDS Open No. 2
	10	Multiples	
Advanced	11	Single	BC Open Single
	12	Multiples	FEI 6A
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). Horses MUST be at least four (4) years of age.
	14	Multiples	

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 1st September 2025 at 5.00pm

Officials:

Event Manager: John Wood

Event Secretary: Amanda Blakeley – 0417 228 814

Dressage Judges: Sue Plath & Carolyn Blakeley

Cones Judge: TBA

Scorer: TBA

Timetable: **Saturday 6th September 2025 is Graded Dressage Qualifier Day**
(official competition)
Official cones competition

Sunday 7th September 2025 is Protocol Day
Learn all things about dressage. You will be given the opportunity to complete a dressage test (unofficial) and receive feedback from judge/s.
Official cones competition

General Information

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

Catering: Tea/coffee Free. Drinks and light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Camping: Powered sites - \$8.00 per night, non-powered - \$5.00 per night.

Yards: Yards are FREE, but please clean your yards before you leave.

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).

Weather Policy: If cancellation of the Event is due to extreme weather, all competitors will be informed via SHCC's Facebook page, and via individual's email. Notice will be given 24 hours prior to the Event.

ACDS 2025 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

Conditions of Entry

1. This event will be conducted according to the Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines of the ACDS including State variations, effective 1st July 2025.
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 suitable for Equestrian sport worn at this event***, must be securely fastened and conform to ACDS By-law 14.10.
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 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, pair or team of ponies and they must be accompanied in the vehicle by an ACDS adult member (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.**

ENTRY FORM

NSW 2025 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIER

Plus Dressage Protocol Day

Southern Highlands Carriage Club Inc.
6th & 7th September 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____ **ACDS Membership No:** _____

Young Driver: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If a Young Driver – Date of Birth: _____

ENTRY DETAILS

				Official Saturday	Protocol Sunday	Cones Saturday	Cones Sunday
Class No	Horse/s Name/s (As stated on the ACDS Registration Card)	ACDS Rego	Age	Entry Fee - \$20	Entry Fee - \$10	Entry Fee - \$10	Entry Fee - \$10
	Non ACDS One Day Activity Single/Family Members Insurance Fee of \$30.00 (Dressage Only)						
	Cones competition – wheel width _____						
				Sub-Total			
Camping	Power available – \$8.00 per night F S S Non-powered site - \$5.00 per night F S S						
Dinner	\$16.00 p/p – Please advise of any Dietary Requirements		No.				
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE							

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 1st September 2025 at 5:00pm
DRESSAGE: \$20.00 for two (2) tests on Saturday 6th September (official competition)
PROTOCOL: \$10.00 per entry (learn all things about dressage and unofficial dressage)
(Sunday 7th September 2025)

CONES: \$10.00 per day - two (2) runs each day

Please make cheques payable to **Southern Highlands Carriage Club Inc.** and mail to
Yvonne Wood, PO Box 862, Bowral 2576

Direct Deposit: BSB:012 547 **Acc No:** 4820 71097. **Reference – Dressage and your surname**
Email: shcarriageclub@gmail.com

Please ensure scanned documents are in .pdf format and NOT pictures.

Note: This entry form must be accompanied by the fully completed competitor details, declaration form and payment.

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:** _____