

DUNGOG DRESSAGE CLUB INC.

Rules and Regulations

1. This event will be conducted under current National Dressage Rules (EA Rules), Effective 01 January 2011 – www.equestrian.org.au. Neither the organising committee of any competition to which these rules apply nor the EA accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grounds, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.
2. **Restrictions:** A horse may compete at two consecutive levels only, eg. Preliminary, Novice, etc. Numbers will be limited to a maximum of 30 for all events. There are no restrictions on the amount of tests a rider may compete in, but a rider may ride a maximum of two horses per test. Horses may compete in a maximum of three tests on one day. Eligibility: no more than 30 points in any higher level than the horse/pony is graded as defined in the EA rules. You can ride HC at any level and HC must be included on entry form.
3. **Preparatory Tests:** Open to horses that have not won a first place in a preparatory test with a score above 50%, placed above preparatory or competed above preliminary anywhere. Exceptions may be considered at the discretion of the committee.
4. **Acceptances:** Entries are accepted in order of receipt. No late entries, phone entries or faxes will be accepted. Money must accompany entries. Cheques to be made payable to Dungog Dressage Club Inc. The committee reserves the right to decline an entry to the competition.
5. **Submissions:** Upon closing date of entries, the horse that appears on the entry form will be deemed the correct entrant and the test(s) for which it is entered. No substitution of horses is permitted.
6. **Callers:** Are permitted in all tests.
7. **Gear Check:** is compulsory PRIOR to each test. Failure to gear check may result in elimination. Equipment must be in accordance with EA rules. It is not the responsibility of the gear steward to check the safety of a horse's gear: that is the responsibility of the rider. The function of the gear steward is merely to check the gear complies with the rules of dressage (ie. correct whip length, correct bit, saddlery, dress, etc). The rider should ensure that gear is safe, sound and correctly fitted.
8. **Hard Hats:** with retaining harness secured to be worn at all times when riding except during Advanced and FEI tests in accordance with EA rules.
9. **Riding:** Only competitors entered for the competition are permitted to ride at the grounds on the day. Riding anywhere other than the designated warm up arenas and areas is prohibited. Riding in arenas at times other than when competing in a test is grounds for elimination.
10. **Prizes:** In Official events, prize money will be awarded for 1st place up to 3 entries, 1st and 2nd place up to 5 entries and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for 6 entries and above. Ribbons for seniors, youth and juniors to 6th place will be awarded in all tests, regardless of the number of entries. Prizes will be awarded for Championship competitions where, in the event of a tie, the prize will be awarded on a countback.
11. **Enquiries:** All enquiries prior to close of entries should be directed to Kristen Agius on 0459 043099 or dungogdressage@yahoo.com.au
12. **Waiting List and Scratchings:** All scratchings should be advised as soon as possible. Scratchings prior to closing date will be refunded. For scratchings contact Kristen Agius on 0459 043099.
13. **Draw:** The draw will be posted on our website www.dungogdressageclub.org and emailed where an email address is included on your entry. Alternatively the draw will be mailed if a stamped self-addressed business size DL envelope accompanies your entry.
14. **Canteen:** A canteen will operate on the grounds.
15. **Dogs:** Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Failure to comply may incur elimination if the dog owner is a horse owner or rider at the event.
16. **Annual Pointscore:** Members or their nominated representative must pencil for at least two hours per year to be eligible for pointscore awards.
17. **Cancellation due to weather:** updates will be posted on our website www.dungogdressageclub.org and facebook page (Dungog Dressage Club). Alternatively feel free to contact the Event Secretary Kristen Agius on 0459 043099 if you have any queries.