

Young Dressage Association Inc Events – Conditions of Entry 2023

Events will be held in accordance with current EA Dressage Rules except where FEI Rules apply. The YDA Inc committee may grant certain exemptions to the rules for special promotional competitions. **The onus is on competitors to know the rules.** The conditions below are also relevant for competitions and events held by YDA Inc.

1. **Horse welfare:** As per EA National Dressage Rules, the welfare of the horse is paramount.
2. **Official Competitive & Closed unrestricted** competitions: Refer to current EA National Dressage Rules
3. **Rider Limited Preliminary Class:** ONLY open to riders who have not competed at Elementary level or above in the last 5 years
4. **Young Rider classes:** Only open to riders under 21 Years of age and to the end of the year they turn 21
5. **Horses/ponies:** All competitions (unless otherwise stated) are open to horses or ponies. Please indicate when nominating if your entry is a pony.
6. **Height of horses and ponies:** Refer to current EA National Dressage Rules.
7. **Stallions:** Must be identified as per current EA National Dressage Rules
8. **CLASSES are limited to 35 horses/ponies only. In the event of oversubscription, there will be a RESERVE list.** Horses will be accepted in order of receipt of entry. You will be given the option to transfer to another competition if you are on the reserve list.
9. **Rider change:** After close of entries, a rider may be changed if notified in writing to the OC no later than 40 minutes prior to the start of competition with proof of EA membership. A rider of a horse may not be changed if another rider has ridden the horse on the venue grounds, either in a warm-up or in a competition. One rider per horse for the entire event.
10. **Horse change:** Competitors may only substitute a horse or pony with the approval of the OC and no later than 48 hours before the start of the event. The draw position cannot be changed without the permission of the Organising Committee.
11. No more than **2 tests per horse** can be ridden on one day and no more than 2 consecutive levels. No more than 2 horses entered per class per rider unless consulted with OC.
12. Horses cannot compete below their graded level unless they compete NC/HC (non-competitively)
13. **Hors Concours** (Non-competitive): Riders wishing to ride HC/NC must declare their intention **in writing** before the start of the competition (test).
14. **EA Bridle/Horse ID numbers must be submitted on entry form. Two numbers (2) are compulsory in all tests**, one on either side of the horse, either on the bridle or saddlecloth. They must be clearly displayed so that the judge can identify the competitor when riding in front of the judge's vehicle. Horse ID number must also be displayed on the horse whenever it is not in a stable/yard at the event. Eg. Tied up/grazing etc
15. **Scratching's** will be refunded as per EA rules. The compulsory Admin fee is non-refundable. Requests for a refund due to scratching/non-attendance outside of the EA rules due to extenuating circumstances must be sent in writing with any relevant confirming documents etc to YDA within 24 hours of the event. These will be considered by the YDA committee at its next meeting and its decision will be final.
16. **Callers** are allowed at all levels except FEI.
17. **Random swabbing** may take place. If approached by Official Steward / Veterinary Officer of the day, competitors must allow samples to be taken from their horse for drug tests.
18. **Gear Check:** all competitors must present to the Gear Steward before each test or ask permission from Steward to gear check directly after their test. Failure to do so will incur elimination.
19. **Warm-up:** Please use designated warm-up areas, be aware of group riding rules, look where you are going, keep at least 10m from competition arenas. Warm-up arena is only to be used by those directly warming up for competition. Those working horses, and not competing directly please use the grassed/sand areas behind arenas 3/4/5/6/7.
20. **Riding attire, headgear, saddlery and equipment:** As per current EA National Dressage Rules
21. **Competitors and their support teams must not bring electric scooters, hoverboards or electric skateboards** to equestrian events held on public property. Mobility scooters designed for the mobility impaired are allowed. Bicycles, motorised bicycles and unpowered scooters are allowed – a helmet must be worn.
22. **Dogs** must be on a leash at all times. **Dogs, children, prams, bikes, cars etc are not allowed in the competition area.**
23. **Lights:** Lights are not allowed to be left unattended in the stables/yards areas. Lights in these areas are to be off between 10pm and 5am.
24. **Stabling:** Stables and yards must be booked and paid for when entering on Nominate and will be allocated at the discretion of the Organising Committee. If you have a sponsored yard and do not require it for a competition, you cannot give it to a friend, the committee allocates these to judges/officials/committee who may be riding & require its use. If a horse is found in a yard that is not meant to be there, the OC reserve the right to request it be moved.
25. **Temporary yards/fences:** Any temporary yards must comply with the current EA National Dressage Rules. i.e. no electric fencing yards
26. **Camping:** Camping is available during events. There are no powered sites, but there are toilets and showers.
27. **Videos/ Cameras:** If taking videos/photos, you must keep at least 10 metres from the arena, preferably at C or A end of arena.
28. **NSW DPI / PIC:** All competitors must abide by current regulations as set down by the NSW DPI in respect to traveling and horse events. All competitors are to provide Property Identification Code (PIC) when entering.
29. Only horses that are entered for a competition are permitted on the grounds during the event.
30. Any competitor/participant who fails to comply with these conditions of entry, or a direction of a member of the YDA committee, may be eliminated.
31. Young Dressage Association Inc. reserves the right to use any photos & videos taken at its events for promotion. Should you not wish to have your photos or videos used please advise the Event Co-ordinator via email (admin@youngdressage.com). If you use or share any photos from YDA please credit the photographer.
32. **Insurance:** Competitors and attendees are advised that there is no personal accident insurance and only limited Public Liability insurance for YDA members under our EA Club Insurance cover. Competitors and attendees are strongly advised to have their own insurance cover, either through EA State Branch membership or alternative private personal insurance.
33. The YDA organising committee reserves the right to alter these conditions of entry.

Risk Warning and Disclaimer

1. Horse riding is a dangerous activity and can result in serious injury (including death) and loss.
2. All persons who ride, tend or interact with a horse at YDA events do so entirely at their own risk.

3. Neither Equestrian Australia, Young Dressage Association Inc nor the committee or any member thereof, accepts any liability for any personal injury (including death) suffered by any person from or relating to any incident involving a horse or contributed to by the negligent act, error or omission of YDA, the Committee or a member thereof.