



DONGES *Dressage* in the bush

Young Dressage Association Inc.
Championships



SCHEDULE



10th - 12th October 2025
Bendick Murrell Recreation Reserve
Entries close 10th September on Nominate

www.youngdressage.com/championships

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

OC Preliminary Championship (1.2 & 1.3) - Open & Pony	\$150
OC Advanced Championship (5.2 & 5.3) - Open	\$150
OC Para Equestrian/Virtus Championship - Tests of Choice (EA or FEI Tests)	\$150
CU Rider Limited Preliminary 1.1	\$65
CU Breed Limited Novice 2.2	\$65
CU Novice Championship (2.1 & 2.2) - Horse & Pony Divisions	\$130
CU Young Rider Preparatory 1	\$65
CU Young Rider Preliminary 1.1	\$65
CU Young Rider Preliminary 1.2	\$65
CU Young Rider Novice 2.1	\$65
CU Freestyle - Choice of level - Preliminary to FEI (may be in costume)	\$65
CU Pas De Deux/Quadrille (may be in costume)	FREE

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

OC Preliminary Championship (1.2 & 1.3) - AOR & YR Divisions	\$150
OC Novice Championship (2.2 & 2.3) - Open & Pony Divisions	\$150
OC Elementary Championship (3.2 & 3.3) - AOR & YR Divisions	\$150
OC Medium Championship (4.2 & 4.3) - Open & Pony Divisions	\$150
OC FEI Prix St Georges - Open	\$75
OC FEI Intermediate A - Open	\$75
OC FEI Intermedaite II - Open	\$75
CU Preparatory Championship (Prep 1 & 2)	\$130
CU Prix Caprilli (Preliminary level test with small jumps 30cm)	\$65

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

OC Elementary Championship (3.2 & 3.3) - Open & Pony Divisions	\$150
OC Medium Championship (4.2 & 4.3) - AOR & YR Divisions	\$150
OC FEI Intermediate I - Open	\$75
OC FEI Intermediate B - Open	\$75
OC FEI Grand Prix - Open	\$75
CU Preliminary Championship (1.1 & 1.2) - Horse & Pony Divisions	\$130

Riders may compete in **two divisions** of the same level (provided they are different days) e.g. If you are an AOR on a pony you could compete in both Novice AOR and Novice Pony. Same goes for Young Rider on a pony. If you are an AOR or Young Rider with a horse you could also compete in the Open division.

Advanced and FEI classes will only have one open division unless more than 8 entries are received in the different divisions. Other divisions could also be combined if less than 8 entries.

Current YDA Members will receive discount of \$5 per test.

PRIZES & PRIZEMONEY

Rosettes to 8th place in all classes
No prizemoney but goods in kind

CHAMPIONS

Champions will be awarded following EA rules. The following championship winners will be awarded embroidered cotton rugs and reserve champions a prize as well as rosettes.

- **Open Champions:** Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced, FEI Small Tour, FEI Medium Tour & FEI Big Tour Champion.
- **Pony Champions:** Preliminary, Novice, Elementary & Medium Champion
- **Young Rider Champions:** Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, & Medium Champion
- **AOR Champions:** Preliminary, Novice, Elementary & Medium Champion
- **Closed Unrestricted Champions:** Preparatory, Preliminary, Preliminary Pony, Novice, Novice Pony & CU Young Rider Champion.
- **Other Champion Rugs:** Para Equestrian Champion

Para Equestrian Champion will be awarded to the horse/pony with the highest aggregate percentage over two tests. CU Young Rider Champion is from Prelim and Novice classes only and is calculated via the EA r

SPECIAL AWARDS

JENNY LANGRIDGE MEMORIAL; Prix St George Perpetual Trophy; Winner of the Prix St Georges.

LIREMBENDA YOUNG RIDERS TROPHY; Perpetual Trophy awarded to the CU Young Rider Champ

SENIOR RIDER AWARD: special prize pack for the highest % scored by a rider 60yrs+ sponsored by Gaulty's Mobile Welding & Kanga Services

SENIOR HORSE AWARD: special prize pack for the horse with the highest % scored, 18yrs+ sponsored by Gaulty's Mobile Welding & Kanga Services

KIM LANG MEMORIAL BEST COSTUME FREESTYLE; \$100 cash

BEST AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE; Rug to the highest percentage scored by a registered ASH

OFF THE TRACK AWARD: Rug to the highest aggregate percentage of any 2 tests scored by a thoroughbred over the 3 days

AMATEUR OWNER RIDER (AOR)

AOR riders must meet the requirements of AOR status as per EA rules and declare on entry.

AOR riders may choose to ride in the open classes.

Please note when entering AOR classes if you want to change riders and the new rider is not an AOR the horse will have to compete HC if the draw is already been published.

Please read the following rules effective 1st July 2021 before entering the AOR divisions.

https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/AOR%20Guidelines%20Fact%20Sheet_2.pdf

YOUNG RIDERS

Riders are classified as Young Riders up until the end of the year in which they turn 21.

Young Riders will have separate divisions for Prelim, Novice, Elementary & Medium Divisions

Ponies and Horses can be ridden in the Young Rider Divisions.

PARA EQUESTRIAN

Para Equestrian riders will ride tests of their choosing from EA or FEI tests. Virtus Tests can also be used, riders will nominate the tests on entry.

Para Equestrian Championship will be run over 5 grades with the winner being the horse/rider with the highest aggregate percentage over their 2 tests. Young Dressage Association Inc. has an accessible toilet and a new accessible mounting ramp!

PONIES

For the official classes ponies have the option to compete in the pony division or open division if they wish. If the pony is ridden by a Young Rider they can compete in the Young Rider Division and if pony ridden by an AOR they may compete in the AOR division.

FACILITIES

Stables: Permanent stables - \$280 for whole event

Portable Stables: Portable Stables 3.5m x 3.5m - \$210 for whole event

Covered Yards: 4m x 4m rubber lined yards with roof and chain gates - \$240 for whole event

Yards: 4m x 4m rubber lined yards with chain or swinging gates \$150 for whole event.

Portable Yards: Steel yards with gates \$130 for whole event

BYO Yards: Bring your own temporary yards is allowed but must be of steel construction

Free Shavings: A pile of wood shavings is available for all competitors to help themselves but if you require a lot of bedding it is recommended to bring some extra. Other types of bedding allowed

Stables & Yards Cleaning fee \$75, will be charged to any stable left uncleaned. All bedding/manure and hay must be removed from the stables & yards.

Camping/Shower facilities: Showers and toilets are available. There are no powered sites on the grounds, however, you are permitted to bring your own generator/power source. Generators MUST be switched off during the day if you are parked within 50m of warmup or competition arena. Please park further away from riding areas if you need to run your generator all day.

Catering: Food and Coffee vans will be available for breakfast, lunch and dinner Friday to Sunday

Donges IGA: is located at 159 Boorowa Street in Young and open for all your grocery supplies. Be sure to thank our long term sponsors Robert Donges and Wendy Silk while shopping.

Motels: Young has a large selection of motels just 20min from Bendick Murrell Sportsground

Cherry Blossom Motel Phone 6382 1699	Colonial Motel Phone 6382 2822
Federation Motor Inn Phone 6382 5644	Goldrush Motel Phone 6382 3444
Hilltops Retreat Motor Inn Phone 6382 3300	Town House Motor Inn Phone 6382 1366

Or check out www.airbnb.com

Vet: Hilltops Equine Clinic - 0429 991 665

Feed Suppliers: Troy Lamb's Seed & Feed— 6382 3522

Official Photographers: TBA

youngdressage.com

Entries Close 10th September

HOW TO FIND US

BENDICK MURRELL SPORTSGROUND

PIC Number NG633214

Situated 25 minutes north of Young and 35 minutes south of Cowra, on the Olympic Way, the Bendick Murrell Sportsground is a quiet, picturesque setting, with plenty of shade and parking. The Young Dressage Association has purposely developed the grounds for dressage. There are seven sand arenas, a large sand warmup arena, large parking area, plenty of shade, wash bays, lunging areas, a dedicated spectators area, permanent large yards, stables, and camping facilities.

Travelling times (towing): Approximately 2 hours from Canberra, Wagga, or Orange and 4 hours from Richmond (via Bathurst).



In the face of tough economic times, between drought, bushfires, floods & Covid, sponsorship of the event is greatly appreciated & valued by the YDA Committee. It is a condition of entry that all competitors agree to send a bulk thank you email with a photo attached of themselves &/or horse/at the event to all sponsors, regardless of whether you won a prize, thanking them for their support of the sport we love. Detailed instructions will be sent on how to do this at the completion of the event.

Young Dressage Association Inc Events – Conditions of Entry 2025

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 **3 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. **Scratchings:** entry fees will be refunded in full, less the Nominate processing fee, for scratchings received before the closing date. Entry fees will not be refunded after the closing date unless a doctor certificate is provided for the rider or a veterinary certificate for the horse is provided. Certificates must match the horse or riders name they have used on entry and must be dated to include the dates of the competition. Certificates must be provided within 24 hours after the end of the competition. There will be no refunds for scratchings made known to OC the day prior to start of competition and the competition days. Stabling/Yarding fees will be refunded in full without certificates if they were not used. No refunds on stabling/yarding if you choose to leave early.
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 immediately after each test a visual check before test is advised to make sure your gear complies. Remain on your horse and do not alter any gear or have your support crew touch the horse before gear check.
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. **Dogs** must be on a leash at all times. **Dogs, children, prams, bikes, cars etc are not allowed in the competition area.**
22. **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.
23. **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.
24. **Temporary yards/fences:** Any temporary yards must comply with the current EA National Dressage Rules. i.e. no electric fencing yards
25. **Camping:** Camping is available during events. There are no powered sites, but there are toilets and showers.
26. **Videos/ Cameras:** If taking videos/photos, you must keep at least 10 metres from the arena, preferably at C or A end of arena.
27. **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.
28. Only horses that are entered for a competition are permitted on the grounds during the event.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. **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.
32. 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.