



**ACDS 2024/25
GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS**

Venue: Leighdale Equestrian Centre
1248 Bannockburn-Shelford Rd, Teesdale VIC 3328

Date: Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th January 2025

On behalf of the **Victorian Branch of the ACDS, Geelong & District Carriage Drivers** presents Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers for the 2025 State Graded Driven Dressage Championships.

Classes: \$40.00per entry per day (2 tests each Event)

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 Test No. 1
	2	Multiples	
Novice	3	Single	ACDS Novice No.1
	4	Multiples	
Elementary	5	Single	ACDS Elementary Test No1
	6	Multiples	
Intermediate	7	Single	ACDS Intermediate Test No 1
	8	Multiples	
Open	9	Single	ACDS Open No 2
	10	Multiples	
Advanced	11	Single	BC Open single
	12	Multiple	FEI 6A

Entries will only be accepted when form is completed and payment has been made.

Online Entry Form

(Ctrl + Click to open)
Entries Close 17th Jan 2025

Bank details for payment:
Geelong & District Carriage Drivers
BB 633 000
Acc No 163812647
Please use "your name"
Dressage as the Reference.

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Indemnity: Neither the Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS), Victorian Branch of the ACDS; Geelong & District Carriage Drivers Leighdale Equestrian Centre, Golden Plains Shire, the Officials/Organising Committee, or their appointed officials accept any liability for any accident, theft or illness to horses, drivers and grooms or any person or property whatsoever, in connection with this event.

Officials:

Event Manager: Brenda Allen

Event Secretary: Nicole Linic

Phone: 0403 416 862

Email: gdc.d.entries@gmail.com

Dressage Judges: Deb Fuller
Julie Madden

Scorer: Nicole Linic

General Information:

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

Catering: Saturday evening sausage sizzle (pay on the evening) will be available.
No other catering will be available.

Camping: Is available – for Saturday night only and **MUST** be pre-booked (See Entry).
\$10 per float/truck/caravan for the night.

Yards: Available at \$10 per yard for the weekend- Must be booked in advance. All yards must be left clean of manure and fodder, please place all manure in the pit available, do not place manure around trees.
Competitors may erect own yards; these **MUST** be constructed in designated area (this area will be indicated on the competitors information email).

Dogs: Dogs are allowed but **MUST** be restrained at ALL times. Any dog owner that does not abide by these rules will be asked to leave the venue. (Entry money will not be refunded).

Horse fee: \$5 per horse for the weekend.

Extra information:

- Competitor times will be emailed prior to the event. Dressage on Saturday will not commence until the afternoon and on Sunday, dressage will be in the morning.
- A General Takeaway Store is located in the town of Teesdale.
- No manure or fodder is to be left in the yards, beside floats or in the camping area. Discard in the manure pit provided onsite. Should any fodder, manure etc. be left behind in these areas your entry to future GDCD events may be declined.
- Any Special requests must be made to the event secretary in writing PRIOR to the close of entries.
- Refunds will only be issued in accordance with the GDCD Refund Policy available to view via the GDCD Facebook page under the files tab, can be supplied if requested.
- **Everyone on the venue MUST use & complete the QR Code scan in when entering the Leighdale Site.**
- **GDCD members who are entering this event will be rostered on for a job during the competition (this will be organised around your driving times) if you are unable to complete your task, it is your responsibility to find a suitable person to fill your role.**

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Conditions of Entry

1. This event will be conducted according to the current ACDS Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines including State variations.
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 worn at this event**, must conform to ACDS By-law 14.10. and be securely fastened.
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 the 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 or pair or team of ponies and they must be accompanied in the vehicle by an ACDS adult member (an 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. Up to date **Medical Information Holders** must be worn and be clearly visible when on a carriage at all times during an ACDS event in Victoria.