



ACDS 2025 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

Venue: Maffra Showgrounds Maffra/Newry Roads,
MAFFRA VICTORIA

Date: Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th February 2025

On behalf of the Victorian Branch of the ACDS, Eastern Vic. Pleasure Harness Club (EVPHC) presents two Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers for the 2025 State 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 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
TOP SCORE	15	Single	TOP SCORE will be run on both days. Prize money is offered for this event. Please see separate schedule
	16	Multiples	

TWO COURSE CATERED MEAL

Saturday night

Commencing at 6:00pm. ADULTS \$20.00 per head (Children under 15) \$15.00 per head. Choice of Lasagne & Salad OR Chicken & Salad – plus dessert.

TRIVIA/FUN NIGHT

Trivia Winners Table Prize, Silent Auctions, Various Fun activities. \$5.00 Entry per person and will be held on the Saturday evening – Commencing at 7:00pm (after the evening meal).

Entry Form is on page 4 must be sent to the Event Secretary, along with the Declaration Form no later than Friday 31 January 2025.

Entries will only be accepted when Entry Form is completed and sent and money has been received.

Officials:

Event Manager: John Heath

Event Secretary: Tom Dowling

Mb Ph: 0428 957 052

Email: td3862@gmail.com

Dressage Judges: Dot Willcoxson
Cheryl Dowling

Top Score Judge: Ian Blume

Scorer: Les Prosser

General Information:

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

Catering: Tea/coffee/drinks will be available all weekend. Also, a two (2) Course meal will be available on Saturday evening.

Camping: Is available – including power & showers and **MUST** be pre-booked (See Entry) \$25.00 per camp site – for the weekend. Camping fees are paid by EVPHC to the Recreation Reserve. **Please contact the Event Secretary for further details & arrival times.**

Shelters: **Open fronted shelters** are available, FREE of charge. Two shelters per horse are available. *No manure or fodder is to be left in the shelters, yards, beside floats or in the camping area. Please place manure in the bags provided & place is the signed area.*

Dogs: Dogs are allowed but **MUST** be restrained/controlled at ALL times. No dogs are permitted on the Main Arena. THANK YOU. Any dog owner that does not abide by these rules will be asked to leave the venue. (Entry money will not be refunded).

Top Score

In lieu of a cones activity, a **Top Score** event will be conducted. A percentage of the Top Score entries will be given as PRIZE MONEY each day to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place getters. *Please drive after completion of second dressage test.*

Extra Information:

- *Competitor times will be emailed prior to the event.*
- *Dressage on Saturday will commence approximately 9:00am and an earlier start on Sunday. Top Score to be driven after completion of second dressage test.*
- *Various Takeaway shops, Woolworths, IGA & Maffra Sports Club are located only 5 minutes from the venue in the Maffra township.*
- *Any Special requests must be made to the event secretary in writing PRIOR to the close of entries.*
- ***EVPHC 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, please 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.australiancarriagedrivingsociety.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 Top Score).
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. **Declaration form MUST be completed with the Entry Form.**
21. 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.

ENTRY FORM
VICTORIAN 2025 GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS
Eastern Vic. Pleasure Harness Club.
Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th February, 2025

Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____ ACDS Membership No: _____

Young Driver: Yes No If a Young Driver – Date of Birth: _____

ENTRY DETAILS

Class No	Horse/s Name/s (As stated on the ACDS Registration Card)	ACDS Rego	Age	Day 1	Day 2
				Entry Fee	Entry Fee
Does this entry require a Non ACDS One Activity Membership: Single / Family Members Insurance Fee of \$30.00 (Dressage Only) This membership will cover one or both days.		Yes No			
Top Score	Entry Fee is \$10.00 per day. A percentage of the Top Score entries will be given as PRIZE MONEY each day to the 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd place getters. This is a timed event and One Activity Memberships are not permitted to enter. Please indicate wheel width:			Entry Fee	
	125cm 138cm 148cm 158cm				
Sub-Total					
Camping	Power & Showers available – \$25.00 per camp site 1 or both days.			Cost	
Shelters	FREE – 2 allowed per horse/pony. Number required?				
2 Course Dinner	Adult - \$20.00 ea. Under 15 yrs - \$15.00. OPTION – either Chicken or Lasagne. Dietary requirements – please contact Event Secretary	Number		Cost	
		Chicken	Lasagne		
Trivia	Number of People for Trivia			Cost	
Total Amount					

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 31st January, 2025
DRESSAGE: \$30.00 each day per entry (2 tests each Event)
OR \$55.00 for BOTH DAYS
TOP SCORE: \$10.00 each day per entry (2 rounds each Event)
Email entries to: Event Secretary: Tom Dowling: Email: td3862@gmail.com
Payment by Direct Deposit Eastern Vic Pleasure Harness Club (EVPHC)
Bendigo Bank: BSB: 633-000 Acc No: 158 112 185

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 Event Secretary and have permission to bring additional horses/ponies to the event and have provided their details.

_____ Competitor's Signature (E-Signature will be accepted)		_____ Date
_____ Parent/Guardians name if Competitor is a Junior	_____ Parent Guardian Signature (must be signed if the Driver is a Junior (E-Signature will be accepted)	_____ Date

Check List

Have you:

filled in the Entry Form correctly (including member number & horse registration number)?

emailed the Entry Form to the Event Secretary?

signed the Declaration & included it?

paid and emailed the receipt of payment?