

## Hawkesbury Dressage Club Inc. - Conditions of Entry

### ***This event will be held in accordance with current NSW D.P.I. requirements***

1. This event will be held in accordance with current EFA Dressage Rules as amended except where FEI Rules apply. The Committee may grant exemptions to the rules for special promotional competitions. **The onus is on the competitor to know the rules.** The conditions below are relevant for competitions held by HDC at SIEC.

2. **Official & Associate** competitions: Refer current 2008 EFA Dressage Rule Book.

3. **Horses/ponies:** All competitions (unless otherwise stated) are open to horses or ponies. Please indicate on the entry form if your horse is a pony.

4. **Height of horses and ponies:** Refer current 2008 EFA Dressage Rules.

5. Riders may be changed before the start of competition; however, a rider of a horse may not be changed if another rider has ridden the horse on the day, either in warm-up or in a competition. Horses cannot be changed. Draw position cannot be changed without the permission of the Organising Committee. One rider per horse for the entire event.

6. **HORS CONCOURS** (Non competitive): Riders wishing to ride HC/NC must declare their intention **in writing** before the **start of competition** (test).

7. Entries are taken on a first in basis. Telephone/Late entries will not be accepted.

8. **Bridle & EFA numbers** must be shown on entry form. If awaiting issue of either please indicate on entry. Bridle numbers **(2) - one on either side of the horse**, must be clearly displayed so that the judge can identify the rider when riding in front of the judges' vehicle.

**Official tests:** Riders are not required to stop at the judge's car. **Associate tests:** Horses without bridle number numbers will need to report to the C judge.

9. **Scratchings** will be accepted up to the closing date. **Refunds** as per EFA rules. The Rider fee is not refunded.

10. DNAs, riders will automatically be placed on the reserve list the next event they enter if the competition is oversubscribed.

11. In the case of oversubscription, entries may be limited and a **max. of two horses per rider will apply**. The event is open to all EFA members. HDC members will be given preference if oversubscribed. Only one rider may ride a horse at the event.

12. Grading Points and eligibility to compete at FEI level: As per current EFA rules.

13. Veterinary checks: Random swabbing may take place. If approached by Official Steward/ Vet Officer of the day, competitors/person responsible for horses must allow samples to be taken from their horses for drug tests.

14. Registration and Performance Cards must be available on the day of competition.

15. **Entry Fees:** Unless otherwise stated in the event schedule, **HDC Members-** \$25.00 per test; **Non Members -** \$35.00 per test. Rider fee of \$6.00 applies **per rider per entry**.

16. **Prizes-Ribbons:** Unless otherwise stated in the schedule: Up to 5 horses: Ribbons to 3rd place; - Over 5 horses: Ribbons to 6th place.

17. **Stabling:** Stables are available on the grounds and are available at the cost of \$18.50 per day plus shavings at \$10.50 per bale. Please indicate your requirements on the entry form and please note a **separate cheque for \$50.00 bond per stable must be paid with entry**. Bond is only refundable if stable is left clean and all shavings removed and placed in skip bins located at the side of the stable blocks.

18. **SIEC grounds protocol** - our use of the grounds is dependant on our observance of the rules. All horse manure, wherever it falls, must be picked up and placed into the designated skips/barrows. Rakes and wheelbarrows are available and are located at the stable blocks. Please do not park too close to horses or block vehicles. Turn off all water taps after use.

19. **Camping:** Accommodation is available in cabins at SIEC. This must be pre-arranged by competitors with SIEC and not through your HDC entry form.

20. **Gear Check** - all competitors must present to the Gear Steward. Failure to do so may incur elimination.

21. **Warm up Arenas:** Riders competing should use the nominated sand/grass warm up arena - **please observe the rules in the warm up arena and read the protocol instructions on the entrance to the arena**. Do not ride around the actual competition arena until it is your turn to be judged.

22. Dogs must be on a leash, dogs, children, prams etc are not allowed in the actual competition area.

23. Conditions for Riding Attire & Hats. As per EFA Rules or special conditions covered in the competition schedule. **Training and practice** Helmet (approved safety helmet)

**Competition** (inc. final warm-up): Riders under 18 years: Helmet up to and including medium level. As per EFA/FEI Rules at higher levels 18 and over: As per EFA/FEI rules. HDC allows competitors **who are warming up before their tests to warm up in the sand/grass warm-up arenas in competition attire**. At all other times when training in other areas at the venue, an approved safety helmet as per above must be worn.

24. Video Cameras and equipment must be kept at least 10 metres from the arena, preferably at the A end of arena.

25. No temporary yards/fences made substantially of electrical fencing/rope or similar material is to be used to construct yards/fences in float or car park/camping areas.

26. Any power or authority vested in the committee by these conditions of entry may be exercised by the Official of the Day or, with the concurrence of that person, any member of the committee. The "Official of the Day" is the person from time to time nominated by the committee as such. Any rider who fails to comply with these conditions of entry, or a direction of a member of the committee, may be eliminated.

**Notice** to all competitors: The welfare of the horse is paramount.

If at any time it appears to a member of the Committee of HDC that a horse may for any reason require veterinary attention, and (a) the rider, or other person apparently in charge of that horse, is not immediately available to attend to that horse's welfare, or (b) such rider or other person declines to adequately attend to that horse's welfare, the member of the Committee is authorised to call in veterinary assistance for the horse, and the veterinarian attending is authorised to administer to the horse such treatment (including euthanasia) as the veterinarian considers appropriate in the circumstances. The rider of the horse is responsible for and must meet the cost of such veterinary treatment. A rider who does not meet that cost will not be permitted to enter any future competition conducted by HDC.

Riders and owners of competing horses and other people associated with them must, under penalty of elimination, obey any order or direction given to them by any responsible official (judges, official of the day, committee members, gear steward) and they must, in particular, be careful not to do anything liable to upset or hinder the undisturbed progress of the competition.

**Competitors please note:** Only horses that are entered for the competition are permitted on the grounds during the event. Riders competing on Sunday are allowed to bring their horses to the grounds on Saturday after gaining permission from SIEC and paying the appropriate fees.

**Spectators and visitors are welcome at all times.**

### **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, or tend, a horse on these grounds do so entirely at their own risk.

3. Neither the Equestrian Federation of Australia, 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 and whether or not caused or contributed to by the negligent act, error or omission of HDC, the Committee or a member thereof.