



Dressage on the Downs

Official Competitive Dressage Event Including
Young Horse Classes

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2015

**TEA Grounds
Toowoomba Showgrounds**

Entries: All Entries to be made via nominate.com.au

Entries Close: Midnight Sunday 15th February 2015

No post, phone, fax or email entries accepted.

The Draw will be posted on the website: www.toowoombadressage.com

Enquiries to:

Event Coordinator: toowoombadressage@gmail.com

Classes:

Official Competitive Classes		Young Horse Classes
1. Preliminary 1.2	10. Pony Preliminary 1.2	19. 4 Yr Old Young Horse
2. Novice 2.2	11. Pony Novice 2.2	20. 5 Yr Old Young Horse
3. Elementary 3.2	12. Pony Elementary 3.2	21. 6 Yr Old Young Horse
4. Medium 4.2	13. Pony Medium 4.2	22. 4 Yr Old Young Pony
5. Advanced 5.1	14. Pony Advanced 5.1	23. 5 Yr Old Young Pony
6. Prix St George	15. Pony Prix St George	24. 6 Yr old Young Pony
7. Intermediate I	16. Pony Inter I	
8. Intermediate II	17. Pony Inter II	
9. Grand Prix	18. Pony Grand Prix	

Young Horse Classes will be held in the Indoor Arena. Depending on the number of Entries the higher level classes may also be held in the Indoor Arena.

All other classes will be held in the sand arenas of the TEA Grounds, Please see the attached map that shows the location of our new arena area.

Entry Fees: \$30 per class Official Competitive Classes, \$40 FEI Classes & \$40 per Young Horse Class

Additional Costs:

Administration/Ambulance fee: (compulsory and non-refundable) \$25 per rider.

Stabling: \$30 per horse per day or part thereof. Please note that if staying overnight, then pay \$30 per night, ie if arriving Saturday and leaving Sunday the cost is \$30 per horse. \$50 Stable Bond.

Camping: \$25 per night

Prizes: Prizes will be cash or goods/vouchers to equivalent value to 3rd place for Competitive & Young Horse classes. The OC reserves the right to reduce prizes to 1st place only for competitions with less than five riders. Ribbons in all classes will be awarded to 6th place.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – ALL COMPETITIONS

It is the riders' responsibility to know the rules under which they compete

1. Event will be run in accordance with current Equestrian Australia rules and current FEI rules (as amended).
2. For OFFICIAL COMPETITIVE competitions all riders MUST be current financial 'Competitive' members of Equestrian Australia for 2015, and horses/ponies MUST have full EA registration with a current Competition License. Owners of horses must be current EA members of at least supporter category.
3. One rider only per horse. The OC must be notified of any change of rider before the event starts. In the event of illness or accident to rider prior to the commencement of the event, a substitute rider may be arranged, however a substitute horse cannot be placed instead of the nominated horse.
4. Eligibility of horses/ponies: Horses/ponies may only compete in two consecutive levels at the event but no more than three tests may be ridden on a single day. Horses/ponies must compete at their grading level or higher.

5. All Queensland dressage horses have been allocated a bridle number. This number must be quoted on the entry form. Interstate horses will be allocated a temporary bridle number and will be required to supply their own equipment for this.
6. Refunds: For FEI, EA and Pony Competitions only the entry fees will be refundable upon receipt of a doctor's or veterinary certificate (at the discretion of the OC) dated and time stamped within 24 hours of the event. These can be submitted to: Event Secretary, Toowoomba Dressage Inc P.O. Box 7312 Toowoomba South QLD. 4350. In such cases the organising committee reserves the right to retain up to 30% of the entry fees. Entry fees will be refunded in full for scratchings before the closing date and for riders on the reserve list who are not offered a start in a competition. The administration fee will not be refunded under any circumstances after close of entries.
7. Administration fee MUST be paid by all riders otherwise entry will not be accepted.
8. Objections: attention is drawn to the current Australian Dressage Rules and official procedure for dressage competitions. Only the owner/rider of a horse taking part in the competition may lodge a protest. This must be in writing to the Secretary of the event with a \$100 deposit not later than 30 minutes after the happening that gave rise to the protest or in the case of the qualification of the competitor, not later than 30 minutes before the start of the class.
9. The committee reserves the right to alter, amend or cancel any section of the program or to limit the number of entries if nominations are excessive or undersubscribed. The committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries. Entries will be restricted and will be accepted on a first in basis.
10. Test result sheets and ribbons MUST be collected at the competition or forfeited. Toowoomba Dressage Inc will not be responsible for mailing test sheet results unless a self addressed, pre-paid business size envelope or \$2 for same is provided. Ribbons and prizes will not be posted.
11. Prizemoney for all Competitions will be forwarded to winners in the form of a cheque after the event. . The OC reserves the right to reduce prizemoney to 1st place only where competitions have fewer than 5 starters. Prizemoney may be reduced at the OC's discretion subject to the number of entries per class.
12. **Dogs** on the grounds are not a preferred option. If dogs are present, they MUST be leashed and under control of the owner/handler at all times. The owner of any dog on the ground accepts the responsibility of the consequent action caused by the dog. All dogs should be restrained at all times. Dogs are not permitted in the arenas or practice/warm-up arenas. All riders, owners and officials are asked to keep dogs out of stabling and other horse areas and to ensure that their friends, family and clients also follow this directive.
13. Stallions must abide by EA Stallion Guidelines and the green stallion identification discs must be displayed on both sides of the horse at all times. Please refer to the full EA Guidelines at: <http://www.equestrian.org.au/default.asp?Page=25104&MenuID=Members/11759/0>
14. **Rider Age Limit.** Riders on horses may compete from the beginning of the year in which they turn 12. Riders on ponies may compete from the beginning of the year they turn 10.
15. **Young Horse's Age:** Horse's age to be calculated as of the 1 August. Please refer to section 5 of the rule book.

4 year old horses - Born between 1 August 2010 and 31 July 2011
5 year old horses - Born between 1 August 2009 and 31 July 2010
6 year old horses - Born between 1 August 2008 and 31 July 2009

16. **Young Horse Tests** to be ridden at a Qualifying Event as follows:

4YO	FEI Young Horse test for 4 year olds (2009)
4YO Pony	FEI Young Horse test for 4 year olds (2009)
5YO	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 5-year-olds (2009)
5YO Pony	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 5-year-olds (2009)
6YO	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 6-year-olds (2009)
6YO Pony	EA test for 6 year old Ponies (effective 1/8/14)

17. **FEI Tests** as follows:

- [Prix St-Georges](#) (Edition 2009) update 2015, valid from 01.01.2015
- [Intermediate I](#) (Edition 2009) update 2015, valid from 01.01.2015
- [Intermediate II](#) (Edition 2014) update 2015, valid from 01.01.2015 - **update 17.11.2014**
- [Grand Prix](#) (Edition 2009, revision 2014) update 2015, valid from 01.01.2015

WELFARE OF THE HORSE – CODE OF CONDUCT

The Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) and Equestrian Federation of Australia (EA) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's/EA's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.

2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. The FEI/EA urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise. A full copy of the Code can be obtained from the FEI, Avenue Mon-Repos 24, CH-1000, Lausanne 5, Switzerland. The code is available in English and French. The code is also available on the FEI's website: www.horsesport.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Toowoomba Dressage Members who are entered in the event must be prepared to assist with the running of the competitions, or provide a volunteer worker, where required, ie pencilling, gear check, setting up arenas etc. Members who do not provide a volunteer may have their entries refused for this and future competitions, be eliminated or subject to any other penalty as deemed appropriate by the organising committee. A helpers list will be sent out with the draw, if helpers are unable to perform their allocated job it is essential to notify the committee ASAP.

Bridle numbers: All Queensland dressage horses have been allocated a bridle number and this number **MUST** be worn on both sides of the horse when being ridden during the event. This number must be quoted on the entry form.

Stabling must be booked and paid for with entries. Stables will be allocated, a stable plan of allocation will be displayed at the event. Bedding is supplied on the grounds and in the stables, additional bedding can be added or purchased from the fodder merchant. **ALL stables/yards MUST be cleaned out prior to departure. All manure AND hay must be removed.** The owner of any stable left uncleaned will be charged a \$50 cleaning fee per stable. **A stable bond of \$50 is required to be paid with entries.**

Camping: Onsite powered camping is available throughout the grounds. Camping must be booked and paid for with entries and will not be allocated but available on a first in first served basis.

Catering: The Burger Hut will be open at this competition.

Accommodation: Toowoomba has a wide range of accommodation available, from self-contained vans to up-market motels. Accommodation closest to the grounds includes:

Asters on James Motor Inn 4659 5555	Tuscany on Tor Motor Inn 1800 449 143
Clifford Park Holiday Motor Inn 46592000	Sunray Motor Inn 4634 2200
Cotswold Motor Inn 4633 3344	Toowoomba Motor Village Caravan Park
A Raceview Motor Inn 4634 6777	4635 8186

Our New Arenas at the TEA GROUNDS:

We were fortunate enough to receive a grant to construct our new sand arenas at what is known as the "TEA Grounds" part of the Toowoomba Showgrounds. We have a large fully fenced sand arena that will fit 3 full size dressage arenas. A permanent 60m x 20m sand arena that can be used as warm up, grass areas for warm up, a separate lunging area, a Clubhouse and day parking area. Stabling and camping is still in the same area, in and around the M & S Building.

It is only a short ride for competitors to ride from the Stables to the TEA Grounds. However, we ask all competitors to follow the route shown in the map below. Riders must take the track that goes onto the Cross Country Course and around the southern side of the dam. Please do NOT cross the concrete bridge and ride through the Village Green and wood chopping area, as this area is predominantly used for camping. The attached map shows the path to take between stabling and arenas.

TEA Grounds Map and Riding Route

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