

Equestrian Queensland

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Dressage Marshalling / Gear Check



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About Me



Sara-Jane Seery

- EA Dressage Judge: G Level
- EA Dressage Steward
- 2021 Equestrian Qld Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer Roles:
 - **2019** – Tokyo Test Event
 - **2021** – Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games
 - **2022** – Virtus Oceania Asia Games (Brisbane)
 - **2023** – FIFA Womens World Cup 2023



Dressage Roles



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➤ GROUND JURY:

The President of the Ground Jury is an **EA official** and at most events is the judge positioned at C for the highest-level competition during the event.

➤ TECHNICAL DELEGATE (TD):

Is an **EA official** with good knowledge of Dressage and the current Dressage rules and the EA General Regulations. They are also to be independent from the OC and must be appointed at the beginning of the planning process for the event.

➤ STEWARD:

A steward is an **EA official**. Stewards are responsible for ensuring the welfare of horses is upheld, that the rules and a fair playing field for the event are adhered to and that events are conducted safely.

➤ RING MARSHAL:

Is someone who organises competitors in the warm-up area and assists the flow of competitors from the warm-up area to the competition arena. The ring marshal can be a steward however, is often a **volunteer** operating at an unofficial capacity.



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➤ Dressage Marshal / Gear Check

The dressage marshal organises the competitors in the warm-up area (often across multiple arenas) according to the draw order. The dressage marshal is to inform the competitors of any changes to the draw or time delays to ensure each competitor can warm up correctly. Dressage riders are required to present or ride past the judge before their test. The Dressage marshal will need to have communication with the judge/penciller, however, it is not always necessary to communicate each combination as they enter the arena. It is ultimately the rider's responsibility to arrive on time. The Dressage marshal will need to update their draw copy for any scratchings.

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Competition Day Flow Example

1

Arrive
45min-1hr
before the
event starts.

2

- Set Up Marshal/Gear Check Table
- Confirm any new scratchings
- Confirm competition layout

3

- Collect Horse Health Declarations & Waivers
- Perform Marshal/Gear Check Duties

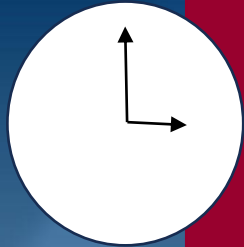
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- Complete Handover at end of shift
- Or Pack Up at end of competition
- Do confirm with OC first

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Setup



RING 1

RING 2

RING 3

**HORSE
HEALTH
DEC'S/
WAIVERS**

NOTE!

When a rider presents ask what test they are riding - riders often don't know what ring they are riding in!

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Draw order

- In most cases, Dressage competition is run to a strict timed draw order. All competitors should have received a copy of the official draw from the Event Organiser before the event. Riders should know their dressage times for every combination they have nominated.
- In the event that the competition is running early, the Dressage marshal is to inform the riders that riding early is allowed, however, riders can choose to compete to their allocated draw time should they wish to, and this decision cannot be challenged by the Dressage marshal.



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Communication

- It is most common for the marshal to communicate with the judge via mobile phone. The marshal can update the judge of any changes to their draw when necessary.
- Notify the first aid/medical service provider if there has been a fall. Any rider that has fallen must report to the medical service provider to be cleared before getting back on.

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Tools

➤ What to have with you:

- An official, updated version of the competitive draw
- Stationary (Pens/pencils/ highlighters/ ruler)
- Sticky Tape
- Chair and Shelter (if possible)
- Phone/Clock/Time
- Copy of the EA Dressage Rules/Equipment Annex
- **BIG** voice





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Practice

➤ How-to

Each person has a different method for keeping track of the draw across one or multiple rings.

Test 1.2	Judge: Kay Paulsen		
Time	Rider	Horse	B/No
8.00	Amy Smith	Stormy	1
8.07	Elly Brown	Lilly	2
8.14	Stacey Newton	Lucky	3
8.21	Julie Nelson	My Guy	4
8.28	Mandy Ellis	Pretty	5

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Gear Checking

- The Dressage marshal may also have the responsibility of an 'unofficial' Gear check at club days that are run under EA Rules.
- **What to look for:**
 - Correct Bridle Numbers (located on both sides of the Bridle or Saddlecloth)
 - Helmet Tags
 - Whip Length (120cm horse, 110cm pony)
 - Spurs
- ! **REMEMBER !**
 - It is the rider's **responsibility** to comply with the EA Dressage Rules for saddlery and riding equipment.
 - **DO NOT** touch the horse

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Scenarios

1. A rider presents to you, but they are not on the official draw?
2. The rider presents to you with a different horse?
3. A competitor or support person makes a complaint to you?

Dressage Rules



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- EA Dressage Rules
- [https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/CLEAN NATIONAL DRESSAGE RULES 1 JANUARY 2023%2005042023.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/CLEAN_NATIONAL_DRESSAGE_RULES_1_JANUARY_2023%2005042023.pdf)
- EA Dressage Equipment Annex
- https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian%20Australia%20Equipment%20Annex%20-%20Version%2022%20-%2004.04.2023_0.pdf



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