DRESSAGE QUEENSLAND
Division 2 - 2013

In 2012, Dressage QLD implemented a Trial Scheme within our existing two star competition circuit. This scheme was aimed at supporting our growing ranks of official riders in the sport.

During the 2013 competition season, Division 2 will again be offered at number of Queensland competitions for the Festival of Dressage Division 2 Leader Board (please refer to Equestrian Qld website for details of competitions).

Rider Divisions will be available at the levels of Preliminary to Intermediate I levels, within nominated events, including the 2013 QLD State Championships. It will also incorporate a Leader Board competition for Division 2 Riders. Winners and place getters of the Festival of Dressage Leader Board will be announced at the 2013 Dressage QLD Awards Night.

As this is an extra award sitting within an official class, no dressage rules are affected. Please read the below criteria for rider eligibility.

Rider Division Criteria:

Riders please note that this is primarily self-nominating scheme. The Organising Committee (OC) may request proof of eligibility.

Division 2 includes official riders who are :

1.   Current Equestrian Australia members.

2.   NOT on any current State or National, Senior or Junior Squad.

3.   NOT aiming for Squad Selection in the coming year (NB. scores from Division 2 are NOT considered towards squad selection for the coming year)

4.   Has NOT ridden at Nationals within the past 3 years on any horse.

5.   Rider's main source of income is NOT derived through horse training, riding or coaching.

6.   Rider has NOT won an overall champion or reserve champion at a two star or above, on this horse, at the level entered (competitions where this does NOT apply are NQEG 2**, ATDDEA 2** and Far North Equestrian Group 2**)

7.   Riders that meet the above criteria and wish to compete as Division 2. That is, Division 2 is NOT compulsory.

Special Consideration:

If any individual derives his or her main source of income from horse training, riding or coaching and would consider themself a Division 2 Rider, please write to Dressage Qld committee to apply for consideration for an exemption.

OTHER CRITERIA:

1. A rider <u>cannot</u> ride both divisions at the one event, but CAN change divisions for future competitions. (ie riders are <u>NOT</u> classified as Division 2 for the entire year)
2. This scheme only applies to horses, and does not include ponies. (ie there is no divisions in pony classes)
3. Division 2 riders compete as per normal in the class 'proper' and will be eligible for an extra ribbon as Division 2 place getters at the presentation stage of the event.
4. The awarding of extra Division 2 Championship prizes is at the discretion of individual competition Organising Committees.
5. All riders' scores will be considered for DQ trophies, regardless of rider division.
6. This scheme is an OFFICIAL competition and it does not alter in any way any of the national rules.
7. All riders' percentages will be recorded for EA grading points.

HOW TO ENTER:

1. ON ENTRY FORM: if you are eligible and choose to compete Division 2 then follow the instructions on the entry form to notify the organisers that you are competing Division 2.
2. Riders cannot change divisions after draw is posted, without the permission of the Organising Committee.

Division 2 Leader Board- Sponsored by the QLD Festival of Dressage

1. Leader Board for each level (Preliminary to Intermediate I)
2. Top 10 places get Leader Board points
3. 1st place each level will gain 10 points, 2nd place each level 9 points and so on.
4. Each level's winner at end of season to be awarded a prize.
5. Will include scores from Dressage Queensland nominated events (Refer EQ Website for details).
6. The 2013 QLD State Dressage Championship results may accrue extra points.
7. DQ to collate results and publish on the DQ Website.

QUESTIONS:

Direct to Kate Wilson- DQ Rider Division Liaison Email- wilsonpr@tpg.com.au or Dressage Qld