

Conditions of Entry

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**Atherton Tablelands & District Dressage &
Equestrian Association Inc.**



Please read carefully. If you require clarification of the conditions, please ask the organising committee at or prior to the event.

This event will be held in accordance with current EA National Dressage Rules effective 01 January 2024 and any subsequent amendments and ATDDEA rules and policies. The onus is on the competitor to know the rules. The conditions below are relevant for competitions held by ATDDEA.

The ATDDEA committee reserves the right to alter, amend or cancel any event on the program without notice.

All riders must be aware of the rules surrounding [Horse Welfare](#) and the role of Stewards at all ATDDEA events. **GEAR CHECK RULES HAVE CHANGED. REFER TO COMPETITION DRAWS FOR MORE INFORMATION or See [EA Dressage Rules](#)** (Refer to section 4.4).

EA Accredited Stewards will officiate at all our events to ensure the welfare of horses is upheld and events are conducted safely and as per the rules. Competitors must follow the direction of the Stewards.

Entries:

The Draw position cannot be changed without the permission of the Organising Committee.

All competitors must be ATDDEA Club Members (full or restricted members) to compete at Annual Club Championships.

Riders must complete an Nomination Form to compete, and entries will not be accepted after 5.00pm on the closing date of entries (closing dates on website <http://www.tablelandsdressage.com.au/>)

Full payment must be made no later than 5pm on the day of 'close of entries' otherwise riders/horses will not be included on the draw.

Riders must complete and sign a Member Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement form (waiver) upon becoming either a full ATDDEA member or a Restricted ATDDEA member.

All riders must complete and hand in a Biosecurity Horse Health Declaration Form at first gear check at all ATDDEA events.

All riders are required to assist with various tasks at each event. If no preference is indicated on the entry form then a task will be assigned by the organising committee.

Scratchings will be accepted up to the closing date.

A refund may only be made if documented proof (i.e. veterinary or medical certificate) is received by the Secretary within 7 days of the day of the event. 30% of the nomination fee will be withheld for administration.

Should the event be cancelled for any reason beyond the club's control, any refund will be at the absolute discretion of the ATDDEA Committee and will be based upon the amount of irretrievable expenses for that event.

EA Official Competitor riders must:

- provide EA registration number(s), bridle number(s) of horse(s), and EA rider membership number on the nomination form
- enter Official competitions at their correct graded level or above or ride HC in competitions at or below their level

It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure the nominations are made correctly regarding the horses graded level at the time of entry close date.

HORS CONCOURS (HC). Riders wishing to ride HC must declare their intention in writing before the start of competition (test). Refer to rule 4.12.

Competitions:

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- **Official Competitive** competitions: Open to all EA Competitor members. Official competitions attract grading points.
- **Closed Restricted** competitions are open to ATDDEA members.

2. Horses/Ponies EA registration:

- **Official Competitive** competitions are open to horses or ponies with EA full horse registration. Please indicate on the entry form if your horse is a pony.
- **Closed Restricted events:** EA horse registration is not compulsory (but encouraged).

One rider per horse for the entire event. Refer to rule 4.2g

Where a competition is shown as an Open competition both junior and seniors riders are eligible to enter

Riders may compete in junior and open competitions on the same horse.

Riders must have a gear check before and after each test. Riders will be eliminated if they don't have a gear check after each test.

Horses may only compete in a maximum of two tests per day, including a Freestyle test Refer to rule 4.8.1c

Horses may only compete in 2 consecutive levels; Prep/Prelim, Prelim/Novice, Novice/Elem. etc.

Test Calling is allowed unless otherwise specified.

From 24hrs prior to the event starting, a horse may be ridden only by its nominated rider on the competition grounds. Refer to 3.12.2d

For Official Competitive competitors 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.

Horses entered for Official Competitive competitions can compete in Closed Restricted Club competitions one level above Official level. (Only 2 consecutive levels per event).

Horses in FEI competitions may only enter and compete in 2 FEI per day including Freestyle.

Pony Dressage and Amateur Rider entrants will be grouped together either at the beginning or the end of a competition and may receive separate Pony results and ribbons.

Stallions will only be accepted on the grounds under the current EA Stallion Safe Practice Guidelines for identification and must always wear the EA stallion identification – see guidelines on the EQ website. [Dressage Rules & Tests | Equestrian Australia](#)

Freestyle competitions (when offered) are open to Junior and Senior riders and are graded Novice to Advanced as per EA 2023 Dressage Tests. Preliminary club tests may be offered.

Etiquette for the competition & warm-up arenas shall be observed at all times as per Section 3 of the [EA Dressage rules](#).

Random swabbing may take place at any event. A reminder for all competitors to always have their horse's EA registration papers with them at EA events. If approached by an Official Steward/Vet Officer of the day, the competitor, or the person responsible for the horse must allow samples to be taken from their horse for drug testing.

Prize money and ribbons will be awarded at a presentation after the scoring is completed on each day or if otherwise stated on the draw or the day of the competition.

Junior Categories:-

- **Age group category: 12 and Under Competitions:** riders must be 12 years of age or under as at 1st January of the current year.
- **Junior competitions:** riders must be 16 years and under as at 1st January of the current year.
- **Senior classes:** riders must be 17 years and over as at 1st January of the current year.

Youth Competitions

- Youth Rider competitions will be offered at ATDDEA Championships for Closed Restricted riders. Riders must be under 20 years & under as at 1st January of the current year.

Junior riders competing in Open competitions are required to pay the Open entry fee.

Dress, Saddlery & Equipment

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure all dress, saddlery and equipment complies with the [EA Dressage Rules](#) (Refer to section 5).

Official Competitive competitors must comply with the dress code as per EA current 2024 rules and regulations.

Competitors must wear long, short or sleeveless shirts (ratcatcher or collared). Stock to be worn with a ratcatcher and tie with collared shirt.

Gear Check

All competitors are required to present for a gear check prior to or immediately following each ridden test. You cannot dismount or leave the main ring after a gear check, if you do you will be required to present for another gear check.

All helmets are required to be tagged with a current visible EA 'Helmet Tag'.

Grounds and Conditions

Etiquette for the competition & warm-up arenas shall be observed at all times as per Section 3 of the [EA Dressage rules](#).

Warm-up will be allowed in one back arena or if notified in the main rodeo ring prior to gear check.

Lunging is allowed in the bull ring at 15 min intervals or out the back of Kerribee Park away from the yards and competition area.

Lunging is not allowed on the warm-up/competition arenas on the day of the competition or the day before the competition.

Horses can be ridden (but not on the lunge) in the bull ring for the same period of time i.e.15 min, if required.

Camping

All participants must comply with [Kerribee Park rules](#) and conditions see:

No temporary yards/fences made of electrical fencing/rope or similar material are to be erected anywhere on the grounds. Failure to comply will incur elimination.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted but must be always on a chain or lead and under the strict control of the owner.

Dogs are not allowed in the warm-up, lunging or in or near competition areas.

Dogs must not be allowed to bark excessively Refer to <https://msc.qld.gov.au/council/animal-management/dogs/barking-dogs/>

All dog droppings and horse manure must be disposed of by owners.

No smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages to take place in the competition, warm-up, canteen or presentation areas.

Riders must be familiar with the ATDDEA Risk Management Plan.

ATDDEA recommends that horse vaccinations for Strangles, Tetanus and Hendra are up to date.

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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 Equestrian Australia, Dressage QLD, 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 Dressage QLD, the Committee or a member thereof.

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