



Dressage on the Downs

**Official Competitive Dressage Event Including
EQ Participant Leader Board Event**



SATURDAY 8th June 2019

**Indoor Arena
Toowoomba Showgrounds**

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

Entries Close: Midnight Sunday 2nd June 2019

ABSOLUTELY NO LATE Entries will be accepted

Enquiries to:

Event Coordinator: toowoombadressage@gmail.com

Classes:

Official Competitive Classes	Participant Classes
1. Preliminary 1B 2. Novice 2B 3. Elementary 3B 4. Medium 4B 5. Advanced 5B 6. Prix St George 7. Inter I 8. Inter A 9. Inter B 10. Inter II 11. GP	12. Prep E 13. Preliminary 1B 14. Novice 2B

All classes will be held in one arena in the Indoor.

Entry Fees: \$40 per FEI Classes, \$30 per class Official Competitive Classes, \$25 Participant Classes

Additional Costs:

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

Stabling: \$27 per horse per day or part thereof. Please note that if staying overnight, then pay \$27 per night, ie if arriving Saturday and leaving Sunday the cost is \$27 per horse.

Camping: \$25 per night

Prizes: Prizes will be cash or goods/vouchers to equivalent value to 3rd place for Official Competitive 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

Event will be run in accordance with current Equestrian Australia rules and current FEI rules (as amended). **“Neither the Organising Committee of this competition to which these rules apply, or the EA, accepts any liability for accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grounds, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.**

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 2019, 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. For Participant competitions all riders must be at a minimum an EA participant member. Horses/ponies do not need to have EA registration to compete in Participant Classes.
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. **No Substitution** of Horses / Ponies **after the close of entries** for any reason.
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 EA registered Queensland dressage horses have been allocated a Horse ID number. This number must be quoted on the entry form..
6. Refunds: For FEI, EA & Participant Competitions only the entry fees will be refundable upon receipt of a doctor's (for the rider) or veterinary certificate (at the discretion of the OC) dated and time stamped within 24 hours of the event. These can be emailed to: Event Secretary, toowoombadressage@gmail.com. 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. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. **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.
12. All stallion owners must abide by the EA Stallion Safe Practice Policy effective 1 July 2018. Please familiarise yourself with the requirements as set out on the EA website.

WELFARE OF THE HORSE – CODE OF CONDUCT – Refer to Rule 1.2 of the National Dressage Rules

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 permitted 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 relevant to the care and management of the competition horse.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bio Security: Toowoomba Dressage Inc utilises the EQ Event Bio Security Plan, riders/owners please familiarise yourselves with the requirements. Please note that if your horse is not vaccinated for the Hendra Virus you may have difficulty getting a local vet to attend your sick horse. It's the owner's responsibility to organise for their own treating vet to attend to a sick horse.

Helpers. As an event of this size cannot be run without assistance TDI requests that all competitors nominate on their entry form a job they (or their nominated helper) would be able to volunteer to undertake during the event when they are not riding.

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 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.