

# NT CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2015

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### **Equestrian NT**



### **ENT Dressage Championships**

The NT Championships are a Competitive EA event which is run by the Darwin Dressage Club in conjunction with ENT.

Darwin: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at Fred's Pass Reserve

To be eligible horses and owners must be current EA members, and compete in both competitive tests offered at a particular level; i.e. to be eligible for the NT Preliminary Champion title you will need to compete in both the Competitive 1.2 and Competitive 1.3.

State Championship titles are decided on a points system and these are awarded to the combination that is ranked highest, based on combined test results at each level. The first placed horse will be awarded 30 points, second will get 29 points and so on to the last placed horse. For a full explanation of this scoring system please see Rule 8.9, page 76 of the 2014 Dressage Rule Book. Go to [www.equestrian.org.au](http://www.equestrian.org.au)

Presentation of awards will take place at the completion of tests on the Sunday, and it will be an optional MOUNTED PRESENTATION.

## RULES

This event will be conducted in accordance with EA Rules, except where FEI Rules apply

*It is in your own interest to purchase or download from the EA website a current EA Dressage Rule Book 2014, as these Conditions of Entry represent only a summary of rules governing the event.*

## MEMBERSHIP

Entrants must be a current member of EA prior to the closing date of entries. All membership inquiries should be directed to the ENT Secretary.

## SCRATCHINGS/WITHDRAWALS

See Rule 8.4 EA Dressage Rule Book 2014.

### 8.4 Withdrawals

- no competitor shall withdraw from a competition within eight hours of its commencement without the permission of the OC
- a written statement giving reasons for any withdrawal must be handed to the Secretary of the Event prior to the commencement of the competition
- penalty for non-compliance is a maximum fine of \$AUD200
- horses withdrawn may be subject to a veterinary inspection

## TEST/GRADING LIMITS

Horses may only compete in three (3) tests per day. Horses may only compete in two (2) consecutive levels, e.g. Prelim/Novice.

Horses may only compete at their graded level or above (except when 'H/C').

## HORSE/RIDER COMBINATIONS – ONE (1) RIDER PER HORSE!

A horse may only be ridden on the day of the event by the nominated rider.

## HORSE OR RIDER SUBSTITUTION

A rider may be substituted or changed at the Organising Committee's discretion. A horse **may not** be substituted.

See Rule 1.9 EA Dressage Rule Book 2014.

### 1.9 Entry of Horses

- after the close of entries any change of rider must be notified, in writing, to the OC no later than 40 minutes prior to the start of the competition. However, a rider of a horse may not be changed if another rider has ridden the horse on the day, either in warm-up or in a competition
- a horse cannot be changed
- the draw position cannot be changed without the permission of the OC
- a competitor may not add a horse which is not on the list of entries without the approval of the OC
- the draw is to be strictly adhered to and changes can only be made by the OC
- riders with two horses in the draw must compete in the order that the horse/rider combination is drawn
- one rider per horse for the entire event except for promotional competitions e.g. Derby
- a horse may only enter and compete once in each competition (including HC)
- the number of horses per competitor is at the discretion of the OC

## CALLERS

Are not permitted at State Championships.

## DRESS

A riding helmet (Australian Safety Standard approved) and riding boots must be worn at all times when mounted at the event grounds (this includes the whole of Fred's Pass Reserve). Gloves, Jods/Breeches (colours as sanctioned by EA) Shirt/Ratcatcher & Tie/Stock are required. Jackets are optional in our 'extreme weather conditions'. If a rider chooses to discard their jacket, then a shirt must be worn with a rat catcher or normal collar. 'T' shirts will not be permitted.

## GEAR CHECK

All riders must report to the designated Gear Steward (look for the green & yellow apron signed "Gear Steward"), so they can check your saddlery and equipment complies with current rules. *Failure to have your gear checked may incur elimination.*

## COMPETITIVE CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Riders must hold a current Competitor's Licence and must be over 12 years of age (on the day of competition). They must be current financial members of the EA prior to closing date of entries.

The horse's owner/s must also be current financial members of the EA prior to closing date of entries.

Horses must exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes, be registered with EA and hold a current Dressage Performance Card prior to closing date of entries. Refer to rules 1.12.2 to 1.14 in the EA Dressage Rule Book.

## COMPETITIVE PONY CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Riders must hold a current Competitor's Licence and may compete as a pony rider from the beginning of the year they turn 10. They must be current financial members of the EA prior to closing date of entries.

The horse's owner/s must also be current financial members of the EA prior to closing date of entries.

Ponies must **not** exceed 149cm with shoes (148cm without shoes) and must be registered with EA and hold a current Pony Dressage Performance Card prior to closing date of entries. Refer to rules 1.12.2 to 1.14

## PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Random swabbing will be carried out at the Championship. Refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations or check with your vet.

## DOGS

Are not permitted at the Championships.

## VIDEO CAMERAS & EQUIPMENT

Must be kept a minimum of 15 metres away from all arenas.

## RIDING AREAS

Riders are requested to warm up away from the competition area. Please do not ride around the arena until it is your turn to report for judging.

## SPECTATOR & COMPETITOR COURTESY

Please keep loud noises to minimum during tests, although applause at completion of tests is encouraged!