



The following is important information for riders to review prior to entering:

+ Event Classification

The NT Dressage Championships is classified as an Official Competitive Event. Conducted in accordance with the Equestrian Australia (EA) National Dressage Rules effective date 1 January 2023, and EA General Regulations and Protocols. Visit the <u>EA website</u> for more information.

+ Judges

- Lee Howells (VIC) A Level
- Robyn Targa (NSW) A Level

+ Eligibility to Enter

You must be a current financial member of EA either as a Senior Competitor or Junior Competitor. Please note no day membership will be offered for this event.

All horses and ponies must hold full EA registration and owned by a current financial EA member. EA registration must be made available on the day of competition.

In regard to heights for horses and ponies:

- horses entered must exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes
- ponies entered must not exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes

Ponies must also hold a current official EA height certificate issued in accordance with the EA Measuring Rules to compete at a State Championships.

+ Competition Conditions

In accordance with the EA National Dressage Rules (effective 1 January 2023), the following conditions apply:

- no tests may be called
- horses/ponies may only enter 2 consecutive levels
- from twenty-four hours prior to the event starting, a horse/pony may be ridden only by its nominated rider on the competition grounds

- no one other than the rider entered in the Championships may ride the horse/pony they are entered with from the arrival at the event venue as well as for the duration of the whole event.
- a groom mounted in the saddle may walk the horse on a long rein only
- lungeing by someone other than the nominated rider is permitted
- work in-hand by someone other than the nominated rider is not permitted



+ Awards

Each level champion will receive the following:

Placing	Prize
Champion	Sash and \$40.00 cash prize money
Reserve Champion	Sash and \$35.00 cash prize money
Third Place	Sash and \$30.00 cash prize money

+ Eligibility for Champion

For the purpose of deciding a Champion at a level, the following criteria will decide the winner:

- First placed horses will be allocated 35 points
- Second placed horses will be allocated 34 points
- Third placed horses will be allocated 33 points and so on to the last placed horse
- The Champion is the horse with the highest combined points of the two tests
- In the event of a tie, the Champion will be the horse with the highest aggregate percentage at that level
- In the event of a further tie, the horse with the highest percentage in the higher competition at that level will be deemed the Champion

Please note: For riders to be eligible to be awarded either a Champion or Reserve Champion placing, they must achieve a combined minimum test percentage of 55% in each championship test, per level. Only the final combined test percentage per level of competition (i.e. championship test) will be considered. Individual judge tests percentages will not.

+ Prize Giving Ceremony

The presentation of the awards will take place at the completion of the event on Saturday 1 July 2023. Presentations will be unmounted; however, it is mandatory riders attend in <u>full riding attire</u> including boots, jacket, and helmet.

+ Bridle Numbers

All competitors must wear a bridle number either on both sides of their saddlecloth or bridle. If you don't have a bridle number please contact Equestrian Northern Territory via email sports@ent.org.au to be issued one.

+ Helmet Tag

All competitors must wear a helmet that conforms with the EA approved safety standards and is tagged with an EA helmet tag.

+ Entry Fees & Dates

Fee	Amount
Test Fee	\$30.00 per test
Swabbing Fee	\$10.00 per horse
Facility Fee	\$20.00 per entry
Entries Open	Monday 5 June 2023
Entries Close	Friday 23 June 2023, 9pm

+ How to Enter

All entries via Nominate visit (follow the links to Equestrian and then Dressage).

+ Draw

The draw will be made available via Nominate during the week commencing Monday 26 June 2023.

+ Refund Policy

To find out more about the DDC refund policy, please visit the <u>DDC website</u>

+ Withdrawals

In accordance with the EA National Dressage Rules (effective 1 January 2023), the following conditions apply:

- no competitor shall withdraw from a competition within 8 hours of its commencement without the permission of the OC (Darwin Dressage Club)
- a written statement giving reasons for any withdrawal must be handed to the Secretary of the event prior to the commencement of the competition via email at ddc@darwindressageclub.com
- the penalty for non-compliance is a maximum fine of AU\$200
- horses withdrawn may be subject to a veterinary inspection

+ For More Information

- Event organiser: Darwin Dressage Club ddc@darwindressageclub.com
- Equestrian Northern Territory sports@ent.org.au



To be eligible for the 'NT Champion' award you must compete in both competitions per level. For example: For the Preliminary Champion you must compete in both the Preliminary 1.2 and the Preliminary 1.3

Riders are eligible to compete for 2 Championship levels:

- NT Preliminary & NT Preliminary Pony
- NT Novice & NT Novice Pony
- NT Elementary & NT Elementary Pony
- NT Medium & NT Medium Pony
- NT Advanced
- NT Small Tour

The following tests will be judged Friday 30 June, 2023 commencing at 9am:

Level	Tests
Preliminary & Preliminary Pony	1.2 and 1.3
Elementary & Elementary Pony	3.2 and 3.3
Advanced	5.2 and 5.3

The following tests will be judged Saturday 1 July, commencing at 9am:

Level	Tests
Novice & Novice Pony	2.2 and 2.3
Medium & Medium Pony	4.2 and 4.3
Prix St-Georges	PSG
Intermediate I	Inter 1