

April 2023



Newsletter of the Mid South East Dressage Club

Affiliations EA / HRCav / Horse SA

40 years continuously providing Fun Friendship and Forward Moving

We had smiles all round



We had new ones out and about



We had spectators and picnickers



We had body working



We had happy riding



We had pole exercises



We had saddle fits



And of course perfect weather and perfect going

Extravaganza

A weekend which started out in perfect weather and continued over the two days and two nights and finished in perfect weather. New yards at the Polocross Grounds are very welcome all the horses clearly embracing them too, all look relaxed and happy making new besties and enjoying their social get together also.

Excellent instruction from two dedicated professionals who complimented each others styles and focuses giving 100% from the beginning of the day to the end of the last lesson each day. Thank you Lucy Williams for imparting your invaluable knowledge of how much the rider influences the way of going for the horse. Thank you Jason Dins for stretching everyone's abilities outside their comfort zone to show they can produce a better balanced way of going. We appreciated meeting Jason's dear wife and his new little daughter who came along for a holiday. Everyone gooing and garing over Lucy's new baby to (a beautiful baby puppy).

This year it was special to have Performance Saddle Fit along for the whole of the weekend. Nick is such an asset with her knowledge of saddle fit combined with her riding experience and veterinarian qualifications to help put in place that part of the performance puzzle which is so important and that which makes such a difference. Thank you Nick we enjoyed your company .

Riannon Longney what can we say, our horses were treated to the best of the best and boy did they show their appreciation. Riannon's experience and dedicated study allow each horse to benefit from her amazing feel and ability to highlight where the muscles and trigger points are needing attention to allow full function, again to help the horses be the best athletes they can be for us to enjoy. Thank you Riannon. Some great riding displays from you also.

The campers enjoyed the chatting around the yards and at the back of the floats. Some good wines along with shared food and Club BBQ helped the stories and giggles flow.

There were many who embraced the back of the float sale by bringing so much along to pass on. I think sadly we all brought a lot of the same items and the ability to swap was limited. We didn't factor that one in!!! However there was some changing of hands for saddle rugs and horse rugs which lightened the load for some.

Needless to say yet again a very successful weekend of training and socializing and really lovely to see spectators and interested visitors from off the street. It can be underlined the "Fun Friendly and Forward Moving" moto of the club is certainly living up to its interpretation.

Thank you to the committee the drivers of the weekend, members appreciated your efforts of organising this practical weekend to enable member an opportunity of learning and improving the way of going for our athletes.

*****STOP PRESS *** Margie Stuart Dressage and Jumping Competition**

The Naracoorte Horse Trials will be running an unofficial dressage competition on Friday 19th May at the Naracoorte Polo X Grounds. Classes from Preliminary to Elementary are on offer for \$30 per test. Interstate Judges will be presiding for the Elementary. You must be a member of EA or you can buy a day membership (via nominate) to be covered by insurance. All money raised will be used for our 50th Anniversary event in 2024. Naracoorte Horse Trials is the only event in the world that has been running consecutively for 48 years on the same property. ALL ENTRIES VIA "EVENT SECRETARY "

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Mid South East Dressage Club



2023 - Winter Series Competition



Enquiries: secretary@msedc.org.au

Round 1	Closed Restricted*	Sunday 23 April	Naracoorte Polocrosse Ground, Hynam
Round 2	Official** Round of the 2023 ThoroughCare SA OTT State Dressage Series	Sunday 28 May	Naracoorte Show Grounds
Round 3	Closed Restricted*	Sunday 25 June	Naracoorte Polocrosse Ground, Hynam
Round 4	Official** EA HOTY qualifier FEI Tests available	Sunday 23 July	Naracoorte Show Grounds

Pay

All entries via Nominate

*Closed Restricted events are for MSEDc members only

** Non MSEDc members are only able to compete Official Event

Entries close 12 days before each event



	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
TESTS	Un-Official	Official	Un-Official	Official (EA HOTY)
MSEDc Child test	Tests 1 & 2	-	Tests 3 & 4	-
EA: Prep – Adv (2023 Tests)	Tests 1 & 2	Tests 1 & 2	Tests 2 & 3	Tests 2 & 3
HRCav: All levels	Tests 1 & 2	Tests 1 & 2	Tests 3 & 4	Tests 3 & 4

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

payment must be made in full at time of entry via Nominate

<https://www.nominate.com.au/EquestDN/Nominate.aspx>

Unofficial Rounds 1 & 3: MSEDc Members only: \$20 per test

Official Rounds 2 & 4: MSEDc Members: \$30 per test Non-MSEDc Members: \$40 per test

These events are affiliated with Equestrian Australia & HRCav and will be conducted in accordance with their rules.

Tests are available on EA or HRCav websites. The MSEDc Children's tests are available on request.

- Draw will be available on our Facebook page & MSEDc website www.msedc.org.au
- Camping and Yards available at Polocrosse Grounds for Un-Official Competitions (book on Nominate)
- Stables are available at the Naracoorte Showgrounds (book on Nominate with your entries)
- No portable yards
- Powered camping is available at the Naracoorte Showgrounds (book on Nominate with your entries)
- Judges levies must be paid with entries for Official Rounds

Ribbons awarded to 6th place

A Champion & Reserve Champion will be awarded at the end of the series for all levels (except MSEDc Child Tests).

To be eligible for a Winter Series Championship a horse/rider combination must have competed in a minimum of 6 tests in the same level.

Gossip from outside the arena

Members hit the road to Dimboola to compete at the Wimmera Equestrian Clubs Country Classic. A very well run event with judges from the Victorian panel giving accurate assessments and positive feedback to our riders. Sadly the weather was very hot but I am proud to announce all who attended soldiered on and all our members brought home souvenirs. Some having PB's and some vowing to do better. All in all a great weekend of camping and riding.

The next Dimboola competition will be on the 18th and 19th November 2023 mark the date on your calendar will be a super competition to finish the year. Lets grow the Mid South East Dressage Club contingent.

Members also made the trip to Werribee to the Dressage and Jumping with the Stars to soak up the electric atmosphere and drool over beautiful young horses and exciting FEI tests.

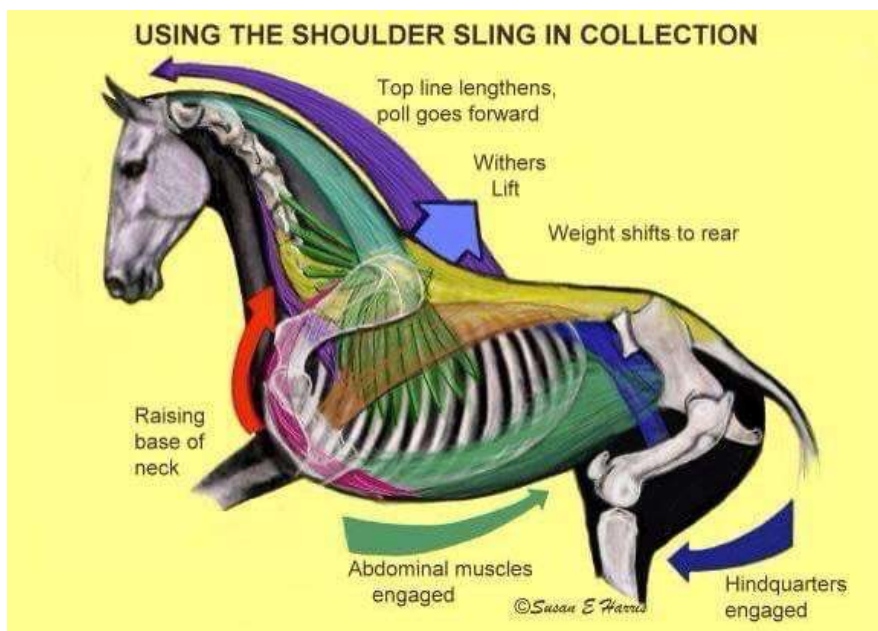
Good Luck to those HRCAV members who are competing in the CCC series (Caves Crater Coast) enjoy and do us proud.

Not sure how many members are heading off to the State Champs in April, let us know other members wish you well and would love to know how you go.

Julie Baillie valuable committee member has been on the unwell list but is recovering and we cant wait to see her back out there.

A couple of horses have been out with minor injury's but all are doing well and will be out and about again soon.

Committee Chatter



The proper way a horse collects and gets on the bit. No contraption, bit, or gimmick can teach this. Its about proper biomechanics and teaching the horse to balance themselves



Dressage Sub-Committee

KEEPING IT SIMPLE

Competition Arena Errors

There is more than one way to lose marks through making an error - in fact there are 3! They are:

1. Error of Test
2. Error of Course
3. Use of voice

An Error of Test is when the rider, for example, does an incorrect trot sit or rise, a wrong gait, forgets the salute at entry or finish halts, or fails to take the reins in one hand during these halts (see HRCav Manual Dressage Section 23.2).

The error of test is not given as often as error of course, but should still be applied when noted.

An Error of Course is when a rider deviates from the required pattern, such as going to or from an incorrect marker, making a wrong turn, not being within the required number of steps from the marker for a transition, or omitting a movement.

For example, if a transition from trot to walk is completed at V instead of K, or when trotting up the centre line from A, making a transition to walk at X instead of G, circling at P when it should have been at B, or indeed riding 15m circle when should have been 20m (see HRCav Manual Dressage Section 23.1).

In these cases, using the bell/horn to stop the rider is at the judge's discretion. The judge may not

sound his/her car horn or ring bell to correct you if there is no likelihood of the error being repeated. For instance, if the test is flowing, and the same error has not been made on the mirror side of the test, then it may be felt best not to interrupt, but still mark an error on the test. Conversely, if the movement is to occur again later in the test, the judge may pull you up to ensure you don't repeat the mistake.

Errors of Test and Errors of Course are cumulatively marked (-2, -4, -8, Elimination).

Use of Voice: Here is the difference from the above two errors. If you use your voice, i.e. by clicking, get-upping, good-boying!, No nono no-ing! etc, this is seen as an incorrect aid to influence your horse. It's tempting to encourage with voice, we all do it at times, at home or at a lesson/rally. However in a test it may cost you valuable marks, so learn to control your eagerness to communicate in any way you can, or to orally vent your frustration.

Marking is also different. The mark that would otherwise have been given for the movement, has 2 points deducted from it each time the judge hears use of voice occur. This can become very expensive! (see HRCav Manual Dressage Section 24.1.)

For example, if a judge has given you an '8' for your good circle but you were so excited your steed didn't break or buck you've rewarded him with a voiced 'Good Boy', the -2 mark is deducted at the time from the actual movement score (i.e. the 8 is struck out and replaced with a 6). The -2 is not cumulative, but there will still be a -2 for every 'use of voice' in the movement; however it will not be entered or added at end of your test.

Usually, a judge will stop you if you are continuing to use your voice, and set you on the right track to finish your test quietly.

Hopefully this throws a little more light on the issue of errors.

Yours in silence...

Dressage SC

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EA Rule Review

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
1.8.2	People may not officiate as a judge of a competition if:	Clarification of judge requirements for protocol days	1.8.2 People may not officiate as a judge of a competition if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a rider in the competition is a family member they are in a National Elite Squad and are asked to judge a fellow member of the same squad in a Grand Prix competition they have given or ridden in a riding clinic within 2 weeks prior to the event and a rider, coach or horse who has participated in that clinic will be in the competition they are providing or receiving private billeted accommodation from/to a competitor scheduled to be in the competition they are judging they are an owner or part owner of a horse taking part in that competition they regularly- have given or received <u>regular</u> training/coaching from/to a horse and/or rider taking part in the competition <u>within 8 weeks prior to the competition</u> they have a financial interest in a horse in the competition they are an employee or employer of a competitor in the competition when accepting judging invitations, a judge must declare a conflict of interest in any person or horse who has entered if, within 12 months immediately preceding the event, they have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> owned/part owned or had any other business interest in that horse and/or rider Judge Educators/Mentors must also follow these principles when carrying out shadow judging/sit-in <u>they have judged riders at a protocol session within two weeks of the competition</u>

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3.21	Number/Level of judges required for Official Competitive and Official Participation Competitions	Clarification as requested by SDAs	<p>3.21 Number/Level of judges required for Official Competitive and Official Participation Competitions</p> <p>The EADC strongly recommends that a minimum of 2 appropriately qualified judges officiate at every Official Competitive competition. NOTE: For Australian Dressage Championships and some other qualifications, competitors must submit 3 scores from competitions with at least 2 judges officiating.</p> <p>For levels Advanced and below, if the minimum recommended 2 judges cannot be procured, <u>and on written notice prior to the event to the SDA</u>, -it is permitted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) one A level judge may judge up to <u>and including</u> Advanced levelb) one B level judge may judge up to <u>and including</u> Medium levelc) one C level judge may judge up to <u>and including</u> Elementary leveld) one D level judge may judge up to <u>and including</u> Novice levele) one E or F level judge may judge up to Prelim levelf) a G level judge may judge Official competitive Preliminary with another judge of at least F levelg) one G level judge or above may judge Participation competitions at Preliminary and Novice level as a single judge <table><tr><th><u>Level of Judge</u></th><th><u>Prelim</u></th><th><u>Nov</u></th><th><u>Elem</u></th><th><u>Med</u></th><th><u>Adv</u></th><th><u>PSG</u></th><th><u>Inter I</u></th><th><u>Inter A&B</u></th><th><u>Inter II</u></th><th><u>Grand Prix</u></th></tr><tr><td><u>A</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>2+</u></td><td><u>2+</u></td><td><u>2+</u></td><td><u>2+</u></td><td><u>2+</u></td></tr><tr><td><u>B</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1+</u></td><td><u>2+</u></td><td><u>2+</u></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><u>C</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>2</u></td><td><u>2</u></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><u>D</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>2</u></td><td><u>2</u></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><u>E</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>2</u></td><td><u>2</u></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><u>F</u></td><td><u>1</u></td><td><u>2</u></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><u>G</u></td><td><u>1 + F (or above)</u></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	<u>Level of Judge</u>	<u>Prelim</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Elem</u>	<u>Med</u>	<u>Adv</u>	<u>PSG</u>	<u>Inter I</u>	<u>Inter A&B</u>	<u>Inter II</u>	<u>Grand Prix</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2+</u>	<u>2+</u>	<u>2+</u>	<u>2+</u>	<u>2+</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1+</u>	<u>2+</u>	<u>2+</u>				<u>C</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>						<u>D</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>							<u>E</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>								<u>F</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>									<u>G</u>	<u>1 + F (or above)</u>									
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<u>Level of Judge</u>	<u>LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION COMPETITION</u>	
	<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Novice</u>
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Prior to the event

- riders must be notified if there is only one judge officiating on a competition
- organising committees must notify the SDA in writing when only one judge will be officiating

In exceptional circumstances, applications for exemptions from the above rules, must be made in writing to the SDA preferably at least 7 days before the event. The SDA is to report to the EADC when these exemptions are granted.

NOTE:

- this exception does not apply to the number of judges required for State or Australian Championships
- judges may not judge above their accredited level
- for details about judges for Para Equestrian (PE) events please see rule 11.10.1.

When an OC wishes to use a foreign judge who is a national judge in their own country but not an FEI-accredited judge, the OC must provide details in writing and seek the approval of the EADOC.

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Dates for 2022/23

April 23rd

Winter Series round 1 unofficial

May 28th

Winter Series round 2 Official

June 25th

Winter Series round 3 unofficial

July 23rd

Winter Series round 4 Official
HOTY

August 27th

Club training day and AGM

September 23rd/24th

SA Country Dressage Classic

October TBC

November 18th 19th

Wimmera Country Classic

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