

# Dressage with Decorum Series 1 2019



## EA Event

Saturday 6 April

EA & FEI Competitor

&

Sunday 7 April

Participant, Prep,

EA Young Horse/Pony, Freestyle

## Club Members Event

Sunday 7 April

Club Tests, Rider Tests

We welcome our Guest Judge Adam Riess  
EA Grand Prix Dressage Judge, Young Dressage Horse Judge,  
Level 2 EA Coach & Mentor

Our events are friendly and enjoyable, and good manners  
and sportsmanship will put you in the running for prizes.

**Location - Camellia Park** - 1 Coast Road, WEST SWAN

**Entries** for all events over the weekend will close Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March or *earlier if classes are fully subscribed.*

**Draw** - we will endeavour to have the draw available on or before Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, it will be available on our **Swan River Dressage website** - [www.swanriverdressage.com](http://www.swanriverdressage.com)

**Helper Duties** - we will endeavour to have this list available on or before Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, it will be available on our **Swan River Dressage website** - [www.swanriverdressage.com](http://www.swanriverdressage.com)

## Entry Fees:

### 1. EA Event Tests

\$35 per EA Test or FEI Test

**DDF Levies:** \$8.00 for one test per horse, \$14.00 for two or more tests per horse

**Ground Fee:** \$10.00 per horse per day

**Administration Fee:** \$5.00 per horse per day

**Refundable Helper Fee:** \$25.00 per rider

*You may choose to forfeit the fee if you prefer not to do a helper duty.*

There are limited Helper Duties available, **first in best dressed**. Helpers must report to the office before their allocated duty to sign in, and at the completion of the duty to collect their refunded Helper Fee.

Helper Fees *not collected on the day* will be considered a donation to our club.

## 2. Club Event Tests (members only)

SRDI Members \$25 per test

**Ground Fee:** \$10.00 per horse per day

**Administration Fee:** \$5.00 per horse per day

**Refundable Helper Fee:** \$25.00 per rider (see conditions above)

**Membership of SRDI:** Annual Membership is \$60.00 per Riding Member. Mid-year Membership at a discounted price is also available. Please note applications from new members must be submitted prior to entering members' classes on Nominate. Members will be eligible to participate in Arena Familiarisation at Camellia Park the weekend before the event for a \$10.00 fee.

## EA Event – Saturday & Sunday

### Saturday 6 April – Competitor Tests

**Competitor Pony & Competitor Horse:** 1A 1B | 2A 2B | 3A 3B | 4A 4B | 5A 5B | PSG | Inter I | Inter A | Inter II | GP (Please note - **Competitor** [Official] requires EA Competitive Membership & Licence)

### Sunday 7 April – Young Horse/Pony, Participant, Preparatory & Freestyle

**EA Young Dressage Horse/Pony:** 4 year olds Prelim 1B | 5 year olds Novice 2B | 6 year olds Elem 3B

**Participant:** 1A 1B | 2A 2B (Please note - **Participant** requires EA Membership)

**Prep:** C | F

**Freestyle:** Preliminary | Novice | Elementary | Medium | Advanced | Intermediate I | Intermediate A B | Grand Prix

## Club Event – Sunday

### Sunday 7 April – Rider tests, SRDI Tests, EA Tests

**SRDI Tests:** Elementary I | Elementary II | Medium Bridging I | Medium Bridging II (on SRDI Website)

The SRDI Tests are designed to provide a pathway to help less experienced riders develop the skills needed to move on to higher level tests. They are inspired by the British Dressage levels where riders have the option to rise or sit in the trot in Elementary Tests, & Medium Level Tests do not include flying changes (in British Dressage, flying changes are introduced at the next level - Open Medium Level). The tests are designed to encourage riders to focus more on the quality of their work & less on accuracy.

**Club Member Tests:** EA Tests 1A 1B | 2A 2B | 3A 3B | 4A 4B | 5A 5B

**SRDI Rider Tests:** Rider Preliminary | Rider Novice | Rider Elementary (on SRDI Website)

**Rider Tests – SRDI has Rider Test Leaderboards this year!**

The Rider Tests are designed to focus more on the effectiveness of the rider at a given level, without giving extra credit for the horse's paces, impulsion and submission. Flamboyant paces are not being

evaluated in these tests, so riders may feel they can be more competitive when their horses have modest paces or are not always cooperative.

### Eligibility of the rider

These Rider Tests are intended principally for amateur owner riders (AORs). Professional riders must compete HC in Rider Tests. Below is the EA definition of an amateur owner rider (AOR):

‘An amateur owner rider’s principal source of income (<\$500 per annum) must not be obtained from sponsorship, breaking, training, riding or coaching any horse or rider over the last two years.’

[http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/National\\_Adult\\_Amateur\\_Owner\\_Rider\\_Division\\_update\\_after\\_ADC\\_August2016\\_meeting.pdf](http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/National_Adult_Amateur_Owner_Rider_Division_update_after_ADC_August2016_meeting.pdf)

Riders who are not AOR must compete HC if the horse they are entering has a Dressage Competition Licence and has achieved over 60% in any official dressage competition at that level, or at a higher level, in the last 2 years.

**Exemptions will be considered** - If a rider does not wish to ride their horse HC, they should apply in writing to the SRDI Committee at least a week before entries close to be granted an exemption so they can ride competitively. Applications setting out reasons for a request for an exemption will be considered on a case-by-case basis. An example could be - an inexperienced rider has purchased a horse with a Licence that has achieved over 60% in an official dressage competition at that level, or at a higher level, in the last 2 years by a professional rider. Applications should be sent to [treasurersrdinc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurersrdinc@gmail.com)

## Conditions of entry – approved by the Technical Delegate

1. **Entries** will close at 9.00pm on the date listed above ***or earlier if classes are full.***
2. **Conditions of entry** - by forwarding an entry to Nominate, the rider acknowledges acceptance & understanding of the Conditions of Entry for this event.
3. **Disclaimer of liability** - by attending, riders & other attendees acknowledge acceptance & understanding that they participate in this event at their own risk.
4. **Rules** - these events will be conducted in accordance with the current EA National Dressage Rules & EA General Regulations.
5. **Levels** - a horse or pony can enter no more than 2 consecutive EA levels & compete in a maximum of 3 EA tests per day. (FEI horses can enter no more than 2 tests per day)
6. **One horse, one rider** - no horse may compete with 2 riders.
7. **Provisional Draw & Provisional Helper Duties** - the Organising Committee (OC) will endeavour to post these on or before the Tuesday prior to the event on SRDI’s Website [www.swanriverdressage.com](http://www.swanriverdressage.com)
8. **Final Draw & Helper Duties** - there will be one Final Draw. The Organising Committee (OC) will endeavour to post both documents on or before the Wednesday prior to the event on SRDI’s Website [www.swanriverdressage.com](http://www.swanriverdressage.com)
9. **Rights of OCs** - ‘OCs have the right to cancel any class or event, to divide any class, to alter advertised times, to refuse any entry, to transfer Athletes between sections of a class, to alter or amend the schedule as the OC sees fit’ (Article 109, Section 4 in the EA General Regulations).  
**Authority to determine eligibility of horse and/or rider for competition** - ‘EA affiliated clubs shall be empowered to refuse any entry, with or without stating reasons. They shall be the sole judges of the eligibility of any horse or rider to compete in any particular level and may transfer any entry of any such horse or rider to any lower or higher-ranking level’ (Article 1.8 in the current EA Dressage Rule Book).

10. **'First come best served'** - entries will be on a 'first come best served' basis. Once classes fill, if they wish to enter, competitors must complete the **Waiting List Form** on the SRDI website.
11. **Late entries** - competitors who wish to be accepted for a late entry must email a completed SRDI **Waiting List Form** to [treasurersrdinc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurersrdinc@gmail.com). The OC will endeavour to accommodate entries on the Waiting List. Late entry applicants will be contacted & invoiced *if* an appropriate space becomes available before publication of the draw. SRDI reserves the right to impose conditions, for example restricting the number of late entry tests a competitor is accepted for at any SRDI event. SRDI will be the sole judge of late entry competitors' eligibility for any special prizes. **Late entry payment** - competitors who have their wait listed entries accepted must pay the full entry fees & transmit proof of payment at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the event. Payment must be to -
- Commonwealth Bank  
BSB: 066 115  
Account Number: 1063 4524  
Account Name: Swan River Dressage Inc  
Reference: (your name)
12. **Caution Cards** - SRDI events are 'Goodwill' events. SRDI appreciates the valuable contribution volunteers & officials make to our sport. It supports the mantra: 'Respect volunteers & officials'. Where a participant or supporter breaches the EA Code of Conduct, Caution Cards will be issued & details noted.
13. **Breaches of EA Code of Conduct** - any rider, groom or spectator who breaches any EA Code of Conduct either at or in relation to a SRDI dressage event (this includes social media) may be refused entry, along with their connections, to SRDI dressage events (EA General Regulations).
14. **Enquiries about SRDI draws, schedules etc** - please direct enquiries to SRDI [treasurersrdinc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurersrdinc@gmail.com) to give the Committee an opportunity to amend any relevant document, rather than lodging a complaint with EWA.
15. **Enquiries at the event** - enquiries must be directed to personnel in the office at the event, **NOT** OC members who are preparing to compete or who are warming down or otherwise attending to a horse's needs.
16. **Scoring** - any query regarding scoring must be referred to a SRDI representative. Under no circumstances are competitors or their connections to approach scorers directly.
17. **Protests** - any issues must be lodged in writing during the event as per the EA General Regulations, Article 163.
18. **Please read the Schedule** before sending the OC a message. Most members of the OC have very busy lives. Owing to the volume of communication the OC has received in the last days before & after events, the OC cannot guarantee that they will respond to enquiries which are in fact covered in the Schedule. The Schedule is available on the SRDI Website [www.swanriverdressage.com](http://www.swanriverdressage.com)
19. **SRDI Member Leaderboard** - to be eligible, horses or ponies must be owned or ridden by a member of SRDI. Points will only accrue from the date the owner or rider becomes a member of SRDI. A horse or pony's highest percentage in a category at each event in the Dressage with Decorum Series will be accrued in the Leaderboard scores. The winner of each category will be the horse or pony with the highest aggregate within each category. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the Dressage with Decorum Series Final. For full details, see the SRDI Website.
20. **Ponies** - on the day, the rider must be able to provide a current, valid EA Height Certificate showing they do not exceed 149cm with shoes, 148cm without shoes if asked.
21. **EA stallion rules** - the current EA stallion rules must be followed
22. **Alterations** - the program may be altered subject to the organisers' discretion.
23. **Helper Fee** - each rider will be charged a refundable Helper Fee, payable on entry. Helping for this fee is optional. Helpers are to be over 15 years of age. A limited number of Helper Duties will be available on Nominate - first in, best dressed. Helpers must sign in at the office prior to completing the duty. After the helper carries out their job for 1 ½ hours or more, the Helper must report to the office to be reimbursed for the Helper Fee. Limited self-help may be available to those riding more than one horse if arrangements are made with the OC.

*Any Helper Fee not collected by the end of the day will be considered a donation to SRDI.*

Additional skilled helpers such as writers (pencillers) will be treated as VIPs.

24. **Timing** - *subtle* adjustments to timing of a class may occur as a consequence of a scratching, a multiple horse rider clash or an unwell judge. Any change will be posted on the SRDI website & will be emailed to competitors. It is the competitor's responsibility to provide a correct email address for notification of any change to the draw.
25. **Saddlery, clothing & equipment** - it is the competitor's responsibility to comply with the EA rules.
26. **Swabbing** - may take place.
27. **Withdrawals and refunds:** if a rider finds that he/she must withdraw from a class, the following policy will be applied with respect to refunds of entry fees and other fees:

Notification of withdrawal	Class fees	DDF levy	Ground fee & amenity fee	Helper fee
A. Prior to advertised closing time and date of event	100% refund	100% refund	100% refund	100% refund
B. Between advertised closing date and time AND 3 days before event day	75% refund	100% refund	100% refund	100% refund
C. Between 3 days before event AND start time of class WITH a vet or medical certificate presented within 3 days after event	75% refund	100% refund	100% refund	100% refund
D. Between 3 days before event AND start time of class WITHOUT a vet or medical certificate presented within 3 days after event	No refund	100% refund	100% refund	No refund
E. No show	No refund	No refund	No refund	No refund

To be eligible for any refund for a withdrawal, notify the club by sending an email to this address [treasurersrdinc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurersrdinc@gmail.com) stating:

- a) the reason for the withdrawal if it is due to horse or rider not fit to compete (and a vet or medical certificate will be following if required in the schedule above)
- b) the horse's registered name
- c) the names of the classes you are withdrawing from
- d) the rider's name
- e) bank account details: BSB & Account Name & Number

Please note, the OC's response to messages about withdrawals & other than email may simply be 'Refer to the Event Schedule on SRDI's website.'

28. **Arena familiarisation** - may be held prior to the first test commencing, & may be held during a lunch break. More details will be supplied on the draw.
29. **Riding or handling horses at SRDI events** - horses must be entered in a competition on the day to be eligible to be ridden or handled at SRDI events. Exceptions may be allowed if written permission is obtained from the OC.
30. **Postponement, alteration of start times owing to hot weather, or cancellation of events** - although it is unlikely, under certain circumstances it may be deemed necessary to postpone or cancel part of, or all of, one or more events on a day or days for reasons of health & safety (eg extreme weather or a bio-security issue). On such occasions, to defray costs, the OC may choose not to refund entry fees. Insuring against postponement or cancellation is expensive, & SRDI do not believe they can justify charging higher entry fees to cover insurance against such remote possibilities. Examples of situations where postponement or cancellation could occur would be extreme weather forecasts by the Bureau of Meteorology such as gale force winds or lightning, or an outbreak of disease such as Equine Influenza or Hendra Virus. The decision to alter start times, postpone or cancel would be taken by the OC in consultation with the Technical Delegate &/or President of the Ground Jury. It is the

competitor who enters responsibility to check if start times have been altered in the case of hot weather.

31. **Riders &/or owners whose entries have been accepted**, undertake to indemnify the OC against all claims, losses, suits, and damages made against or suffered by the OC by reason of any negligent act or omission on the part of any riders, trainers or attendants whilst they are attending, riding or otherwise handling a horse, and agree that any act or omission on the part of such riders or attendants found in any action against the Committee to be negligent, shall be deemed to have been negligent for the purpose of any claim under this indemnity. By attending, riders & other attendees acknowledge acceptance & understanding that they participate in this event at their own risk. Neither SRDI, nor the OC, nor their appointed officials accept any liability for any accident, theft or illness to horses, riders, grooms or any person or property whatsoever.
32. **Float yards** - may only be erected with the permission of the OC owing to limited parking space for floats & trucks during this event. Some stables & permanent yards are available by arrangement with Camellia Park.
33. **Lungeing** - may only be carried out in the yard designated for lungeing at the event. The lungeing of a rider mounted in the saddle is not permitted anywhere at an event (EA Rule 2.13f)
34. **Dogs** - no dogs please.
35. **Catering** - food and drinks will be available for purchase at the event.