



Victorian Dressage Festival

Christmas Edition

10-13 December 2026
Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre



FEI Dressage World Cup Pacific League Final

Key Highlights



- State titles for Prelim to Grand Prix level
- CDI-3* GP, Freestyle, CDI Y,J,CH, P
- CDI WLF Dressage World Cup Pacific League Final
- Riders from across Australia vying for Victorian State Titles
- State Performance Medals
- AOR State Championship Awards Horse & Pony
- HRCav Classes Saturday & Sunday

Entries Close: 6th November

Entries on: Nominate.com.au

Provisional Timetable

THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 2026

Event

4-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 1
5-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 1
6-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 1
7-Year-Old Horse Round 1
PSG Horse & Pony
Inter II
Inter A
Para Equestrian Grand Prix A – All Levels
Virtus – All Levels
Off The Track Preliminary Championship
Off The Track Elementary Championship
HRCav classes



Provisional Timetable
FRIDAY, 11TH DECEMBER 2026



Event

4-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 2
5-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 2
6-Year-Old Horse & Pony Round 2
7-Year-Old Horse Round 2
Inter 1 Horse & Pony
Inter B
Para Equestrian Grand Prix B – All Levels
Virtus All Levels
Off The Track Medium Championship
Off The Track Novice Championship
CDIY Team Competition
CDIJ Team Competition
CDI-Ch Preliminary Competition B
CDI-P Preliminary Competition
CDN Grand Prix
CDI-3* Grand Prix
CDI-W LF GP Pacific League Final

State Performance Medals Awarded



Evening Event: Presentations State Performance Medals & VDC Welcome BBQ

SATURDAY, 12TH DECEMBER 2026

Event

Preliminary Horse Championship
Preliminary Pony Championship
Elementary Horse Championship
Elementary Pony Championship
Advanced Horse & Pony Championship
Inter I Horse & Pony Freestyle
Medium Tour Freestyle
CDIY Individual Competition
CDIJ Individual Competition
CDI-Ch Team Competition
CDI-P Team Competition
CDN Grand Prix Freestyle
CDI-3* GP Freestyle
CDI-W LF GP Pacific League Final Freestyle



Evening Event: Gala Dinner

SUNDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2026

Event

Novice Horse Championship
Novice Pony Championship
Medium Horse Championship
Medium Pony Championship
CDIY Freestyle
CDIJ Freestyle
CDIP Freestyle
CDN Grand Prix Special
Advanced Freestyle



Prize Money & Entry Fees Championship Competitions



Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th/8th	Total Prize Pool	Rosettes	Entry Fee
Preliminary Championships 1.2/1.3	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$840	1st-8th	\$160
Novice Championships 2.2/2.3	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$840	1st-8th	\$160
Elementary Championships 3.2/3.3	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$840	1st-8th	\$160
Medium Championships 4.2/4.3	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$840	1st-8th	\$160
Advanced Championships 5.2/5.3	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$840	1st-8th	\$160

Freestyle Competitions

Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th/8th	Total Prize Pool	Rosettes	Entry Fee
Advanced Freestyle	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$420	1st-8th	\$80 Per test
Inter 1 Freestyle	\$150	\$130	\$120	\$80	\$60	\$20	—	\$560	1st-8th	\$120 Per test
Medium Tour Freestyle	\$150	\$130	\$120	\$80	\$60	\$20	—	\$560	1st-8th	\$120 Per test
Large Tour Freestyle	\$150	\$130	\$120	\$80	\$60	\$20	—	\$560	1st-8th	\$120 Per test





FEI CDN Championships

Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th/8th	Total Prize Pool	Rosettes	Entry Fee
Small Tour Championships	\$150	\$130	\$120	\$80	\$60	\$20	—	\$840	1st-8th	\$120 Per test
Medium Tour Championships	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$840	1st-8th	\$120 P Per test
Big Tour Championships	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$840	1st-8th	\$120 Per test

International Competitions (CDI/CDIY/CDIJ)

Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th/8th	Total Prize Pool	Rosettes	Entry Fee
CDIY Young Rider Team	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165
CDIY Young Rider Individual	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165
CDIY Young Rider Freestyle	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165
CDIJ Juniors Team	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165
CDIJ Juniors Individual	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165
CDIJ Juniors Freestyle	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165
CDI Ch B Test	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165
CDI Ch Team Test	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165
CDI P Preliminary Test	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165
CDI P Team Test	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165
CDI Pony Freestyle	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—	\$680	1st-8th	\$165





Grand Prix & Pacific League

Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th/8th	Total Prize Pool	Rosettes	Entry Fee
CDI- 3* Grand Prix	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100	—	—	\$1,500	1st-8th	\$200
CDI- 3* Grand Prix Freestyle	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100	—	—	\$1,500	1st-8th	\$200
CDI-W LF GP	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100	—	—	\$1,500	1st-8th	\$200
CDI- W LF GP Freestyle	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100	—	—	\$1,500	1st-8th	\$200

Young Horse & Pony Championships

Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th/8th	Total Prize Pool	Rosettes	Entry Fee
4 Young Horse & Pony Championship	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$420	1st-8th	\$160
5 Young Horse & Pony Championship	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$420	1st-8th	\$160
6 Young Horse & Pony Championship	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$420	1st-8th	\$160
7 Young Horse Championship	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$420	1st-8th	\$160

Para Equestrian & Virtus

Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th/8th	Total Prize Pool	Rosettes	Entry Fee
Para Equestrian Grades 1 - 5	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$2,100	1st-8th	\$160
Virtus II1, II2, II3	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	—	\$1,260	1st-8th	\$160



Off The Track Championships

Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th/8th	Total Prize Pool	Rosettes	Entry Fee
Off The Track Prelim 1.1/1.2	\$250	\$150	\$100	\$45	—	—	—	\$910	1st-6th	\$160
Off The Track Novice 2.1/2.2	\$250	\$150	\$100	\$45	—	—	—	\$910	1st-6th	\$160
Off The Track Elementary 3.1/3.2	\$250	\$150	\$100	\$45	—	—	—	\$910	1st-6th	\$160
Off The Track Medium 4.1/4.2	\$250	\$150	\$100	\$45	—	—	—	\$910	1st-6th	\$160

AOR BONUS

Awarded to the Best Performed OTT across all levels (highest combined % based on Championship results) over the competition - Prizemoney \$300

**must declare AOR status at time of entry and be eligible as per EA rules: aged 21 or older, registered owner of the horse.

CHAMPION

A trophy rug will be presented to Champion at each level

ELIGIBILITY

Only horses which have been claimed with Racing Victoria's Off The Track Program are eligible for these prizes.



Important Qualification Notes

- At least one qualifying score **MUST** have been obtained by the nominated Horse/Pony Rider combination.
- If there is a rider change, this applies to the new Horse/Pony Rider combination also.
- To enter, you must have at least one score which is at or above the required percentage for the level you are entering.
- Only one HC (non-competitive) score is allowed to count at each level entered.
- If a class is oversubscribed, horses will be accepted based on their three best scores. A reserve list will be posted.





Qualification Requirements

All entries for EA and FEI Level tests must be qualified by having gained at least the following during the 12-month period preceding the closing date.

Performance Requirements by Level

Level	Category	Requirement
Preliminary Level	Open	Two performances of 64% or higher
Preliminary Level	Pony	Two performances of 63% or higher
Novice Level	Open	Two performances of 64% or higher
Novice Level	Pony	Two performances of 63% or higher
Elementary Level	Open	Two performances of 63% or higher
Elementary Level	Pony	Two performances of 60% or higher
Medium Level	Open	Two performances of at least 62% or higher
Medium Level	Pony	Two performances of 60% or higher
Advanced Level	Open	Two performances of at least 62% or higher
Advanced Level	Pony	Two performances of 60% or higher
Prix St George	Open & Pony	Two performances of 62% or higher
Intermediate I	Open & Pony	Two performances of 60% or higher at Inter I
FEI Medium Tour	Open & Pony	One performances of 60% or higher at Inter A and/or B
Intermediate II & Grand Prix	Open & Pony	One performances of 60% at the competition level entered
CDI-3* GP Combinations	Open	Must have gained at least 62% or above on one (1) occasion in official Grand Prix competitions
Young Horse & Pony Championships	All	No qualification requirements
Para Equestrian & Virtus	All	One performance of 60% or higher
Off The Track (OTT) Classes	All	One performance of 60% or higher at the level entered

Pacific League World Cup Final Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the PAL Final, combinations must have competed at a CDIW qualifier or CDI3* or higher on at least one (1) occasion in the preceding twelve (12) months and gained a minimum of at least 68% in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.

Field and Allocation

The Pacific League Final will consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) eligible combinations. Up to five (5) places will be reserved for visiting combinations. In the event the visiting NF requests more than five (5) places, the Chairman of Dressage from each NF or their nominated representative will determine the numbers from each country based on performance in the preceding twelve (12) months. Host NF-qualified combinations may complete the field.

Horse and Athlete Requirements

At the Pacific League Final, an Athlete may ride two (2) Horses in Grand Prix, however, must declare to the OC prior to the Grand Prix draw which of the two (2) Horses is their nominated choice for the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music. Only one (1) Horse per Athlete is permitted in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.

Rules for CDI-W Pacific League:

https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/FEI_Dressage_World_Cup_Rules_2026-2027_Mark_Up_Version.pdf

FEI Requirements & Registration

FEI Database Registration

All riders and horses participating must be registered on the FEI database. Registrations must be renewed each calendar year. EA collects the charges on behalf of the FEI. Registration forms are available on the EA web site: www.equestrian.org.au or contact the National Office. Please note that this registration is required.

FEI Passport Requirements

FEI passport not required if competing in rider's home country however horses/ponies must be registered with National Federation and have identifying documents. Riders must ensure that they have the appropriate documents on arrival. Enquiries: EA 02 8762 7777.



Ponies, Children, Junior and Young Rider Eligibility

The Pony Tests are open to riders from the year in which they reach the age of twelve (12) until the end of the year they reach the age of sixteen (16). Combinations must have achieved 60% or above on one (1) occasion in Official Elementary or in a FEI Pony competition to compete FEI Pony.

The Children Tests are open to riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 12 to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 14. Combinations must have achieved 60% or above on one (1) occasion in Official Novice or in a FEI Children's competition to be eligible to compete in an FEI CDICH, as per rule 10.17.3 in the EA Dressage Rule Book.

The Junior Tests are open to riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 14 to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18. Combinations must have achieved 60% or above on one (1) occasion in Official Medium or in a FEI Junior competition to compete FEIJ, as per rule 10.17.3 in the EA Dressage Rule Book.

The Young Rider Tests are open to riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 16 to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 21. Combinations must have achieved 60% or above on one (1) occasion in Official PSG/Inter 1 or in a FEI Young Rider competition to compete FEIY, as per rule 10.17.3 in the EA Dressage Rule Book.

Important Withdrawal Notice

Riders should be aware that the FEI considers any withdrawals without a valid excuse after the definite entry date as a serious offence, and may lead to the athlete losing their placing.

Horse Welfare

FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to always acknowledge and accept that **the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.**

1. Welfare in Preparation and Training

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. Fitness and Health Requirements

Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.

3. Event Management and Horse Welfare

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. Post-Competition Care and Retirement

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. Education and Expertise

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in their areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the competition horse.

Withdrawals & Refunds

Withdrawal from Competition

No competitor shall withdraw from a competition within 8 hours of its commencement without the permission of the OC. A written statement must be provided to the Secretary (Refer rule 10.4).

Refund Policy

Scratching/Withdrawals Before Closing Date:

Scratchings/withdrawals before the closing date will be refunded in full minus the administration fee.

Scratching/Withdrawals After Closing Date:

Entry fees will be refunded for scratching/withdrawals advised after the closing date up to (5) five days prior to the start of the event. In such cases, 50% of the entry fees will be refunded with a valid vet or medical certificate. Entry fees refunds for scratchings/withdrawals received (5) five days or later before the start of the event will have 35% refunded.

Long Distance Competitor Refunds:

Refunds may be considered for withdrawals from competitors travelling long distances who are placed 5th or lower on the reserve list if the OC is notified 48 hours prior to the commencement of the class.

Other Fees:

Fees for stables/tack/cabins/camp sites will not be refunded for competitors who depart earlier than indicated on the entry form.

Event Cancellation

Equestrian Victoria (EV) or the Organising Committee (OC) may, at their sole discretion, cancel the event due to pandemic, catastrophic conditions, disease or force majeure, or for any other reason.

If the event is cancelled after it has commenced, no refunds will be issued.

If the event is cancelled prior to commencement, the entrant may be entitled to a partial refund of the entry fees paid.

Any such refund will be determined at the absolute discretion of Equestrian Victoria, having regard to the direct or fixed costs for the event. Entrants who have provided an email address and/or mobile phone number will be notified of event cancellation by email and/or text message.

The refund policy for withdrawal, scratchings or change of an entry is set out above.



Freestyle Details

Riders are required to confirm their intention to start in the freestyle should they qualify at the time of Accreditation at the Rider info office.

Freestyle Music: Details on procedure to submit freestyle music will be advised via our website.

Freestyle Eligibility

Freestyle Class	Eligibility	Limit
Advanced Freestyle	Open to riders who qualify with a score of 60% or higher in the Advanced 5.3	Up to 15 horses
Intermediate I Freestyle	Open to horses who qualify with a score of 60% in the Intermediate I	Up to 15 horses
Intermediate A/B Freestyle	Open to horses who qualify with a score of 60% or higher in the Inter A or B	Up to 15 horses
CDN Grand Prix Freestyle	Open to horses who qualify with a score of 60% in the CDN Grand Prix	Up to 15 horses
CDI 3* Grand Prix Freestyle	A horse must obtain a minimum score of 60% in the qualifying Grand Prix	Up to 18 horses

Prize Money Details

The Organising Committee reserves the right to review the prize money allocation for competitions in line with EA

Dressage rules 3.20, specifically:

- **Fewer than three competitors:** Prize money will be paid to 1st place only.
- **Five competitors or fewer:** Prize money will be paid to 1st & 2nd place getters only.
- **Ten competitors and below:** Prize money will be paid to 3rd place getters only.

Goods in kind may replace prize money in some competitions. Prize money will be credited to competitors within 14 working days after the event via Electronic Funds Transfer. Please ensure you enter the correct bank details on the entry.

Championship Rug Awards

Championship Rugs will be presented as follows using the Championships point system (rule 3.19) unless otherwise advised:

- **Open Championship Awards:** Championships will be awarded in the following Levels: Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, and Advanced.
- **Pony Championship Awards:** Championships will be awarded in the following Levels: Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced and FEI Levels.



The Small Tour Champion will be determined by the highest combined results using the championship point score system in the Prix St George, Intermediate I and Intermediate I Freestyle.

The Medium Tour Champion will be determined by the highest combined results using the championship point score system in the Intermediate A, Intermediate B & Medium Tour Freestyle competitions.

The CDN Big Tour Champion will be determined by the highest combined results using the championship point score system in the FEI Intermediate II, FEI Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle.

Para Dressage & Virtus: Rug awarded to highest percentage over all grades.

Off the Track Championship Awards: Championship will be awarded in the following levels: Preliminary, Novice, Elementary and Medium.

Trophy Awards

The Gert Donvig Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the highest placed Victorian in the Prix St Georges.

The CK Perpetual Trophy

Awarded to the highest percentage gained by a Victorian from all Grand Prix Classes.

The Statene Park Trophy

Awarded to the Rider aged 25 years of age and under with the highest percentage gained in an FEI Level.

Victorian AOR Outstanding Achievement Award

The award will be presented to AOR rider who achieves the highest weighted percentage score from one eligible test, with the weighting recognising the increasing degree of difficulty at higher levels.

Amateur Owner Riders (AOR)

The AOR Champion Horse and AOR Champion Pony in each class (Preliminary–Small Tour) will receive a special trophy. Trophies will only be awarded.

The 3 highest scores in each test (Horse and Pony) will be awarded. Competitors must tick the “Are you an AOR Competitor” at time of entry to be eligible.

Young Rider & Junior Rider Awards

Young Rider Awards (16–21 Years)

Medallion awarded to the highest placed Young Rider in all National Classes.

Junior Rider Awards (Under 16)

Medallion awarded to the highest placed Junior Rider in all National Classes.

Trophy Notes

All trophies will be held by Equestrian Victoria and a suitably engraved plaque will be given to winners. There will be an opportunity for photos to be taken with the trophy following presentations.

Other Charges & Fees



Charge	Amount	Notes
Administration Fee	\$40 per horse	Non-refundable
Medical Fee	\$20 per rider	Non-refundable
Volunteer Levy	\$30	Refundable on completion of two hours of volunteer time by rider or nominee
FEI Fees	\$45 per Horse	per event (CDI-W, CDI3*)
(EADCMP;	\$33 per Horse	per event (CDICh/P/J/Y)
Facility Fee	\$20 per horse per day	

Important Notes:

Prize money will be paid to 25% of participants as per FEI general regulations.

Please note the correct arrival and departure day on the entry.

Stabling and Camping bookings: contact <https://www.wpnec.com.au>

Protest Procedures

Any appeal or protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a bond of AUD\$200 to the event secretary. No bond is required to protest relating to abuse. If a protest is to be lodged it must be within 30 minutes from the posting of final scores in accordance with Annexe F 15(d) and Rule 7.14 © of the EA National Dressage Rules.

Medication Control

This event will be run in accordance with the current EA Medication Control Policy and the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations.

Conditions of Entry

Applicable Equestrian Australia (EA) Documents and Requirements

This Equestrian Victoria (EV) event is governed by the Equestrian Australia (EA) General Regulations, applicable EA Sports Rules and all relevant EA Codes, policies, bylaws, rules and regulations. The EA Sports rules (i.e. the National Rules for each EA sport or discipline) and regulations may be accessed on the EA website “Discipline Rules & Regulations” page via the following link: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/rules>. The EA Codes, Policies etc. may be accessed on the EA website “Policies & Bylaws” page via the following link: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>.

Membership Requirements: To be eligible to participate in this event you must be a current EV member or current member of an EA state branch. You must also satisfy any further membership or registration requirement (including those for any horse entered) referred to in the General Conditions of Entry for the event (Conditions of Entry) and individual disciplines.

Code of Conduct: All EA and EV events are subject to the EA Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct). It is important that all members understand that the Code of Conduct also covers parents, guardians and spectators in respect of any activity held or sanctioned by EV or an EA state branch. A key aim of the Code of Conduct is to respect the rights of everyone involved, to abide by all EA rules and requirements, to be fair, considerate, honest and professional in all aspects of the sport.

Social Media Policy

The Equestrian Victoria Social Media policy along with the FEI social media policy will be in play and heavily policed. Competitors may not make derogatory, offensive, or inflammatory comments about other Participants, EA, EV, the FEI, Dressage Victoria, the organising committee or any other individuals involved in equestrian sport.

Stabling & Camping

Stabling and Camping booking details will be posted details will be posted in Competitor Info on the Event Website: <https://dressagefestival.com.au/>





State Teams

Preliminary, Novice, Elementary

Medium, Advanced, Prix St George

There will be 3 Team sections: Horse, Pony and AOR

All teams Submitted 1 week before the event starts,
emailed to secretary@dressagefestival.com.au



Merry Christmas and a Successful Festival!



For more information, please visit dressagefestival.com.au



Commentary Form

Please complete this form to provide information about you and your horse for commentary purposes during the festival.

Information

Full Name _____

Age _____

Horse Name _____

Horse Age _____

Trainer _____

Breeding _____

Ownership _____

Other Information _____

Please provide any additional information you would like to share about yourself or your horse that may be of interest to spectators and commentators.

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Entries on : [Nominate.com.au](https://nominate.com.au)

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