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7 & 8 March 2026

2026 Autumn Dressage Championships

EVENT SCHEDULE & COMPETITION INFORMATION

*EA Competitive, EA Participant, PCWA Classes, EA Adult Rider
Club Restricted Classes and Para Classes*

Busseton Horse & Pony Club, Queen Elizabeth Ave, Busseton



ENTRIES AND ENQUIRIES

Busselton Horse & Pony Club **2026 Autumn Dressage Championships**

Saturday 7th March – Sunday 8th March

Busselton Horse & Pony Club

310 Queen Elizabeth Ave, Ambergate WA

Entries Open: Tuesday – 6:00pm

Entries Close: Thursday 26th February – 5:00pm

Online Entries Only: www.nominate.com.au

Event Enquiries: Corien Ridley – busseltondressage@gmail.com

EA Competitive & Participant classes

Pony Club Leaderboard classes

Restricted Club and Open PCWA classes

PCWA Leaderboard event

Interschool WA qualifying event

Organising Committee: Corien Ridley, Renae Fowler, Jessica Ridley, Liz Hatherley
Savannah Bloomer, Georgina Marchesi, Karen Spice.

Ground Jury: tba

EA Chief Steward: Corien Ridley, EA Steward L2: Georgina Stoeckel

PROPOSED CLASS SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY 7 th MARCH	SUNDAY 8 th MARCH
COMPETITIVE <i>EA Competitive Open & Pony classes</i>	<i>Novice 2.1 Novice 2.2 Medium 4.1 Medium 4.2 FEI Prix St Georges FEI Intermediate I</i> <i>Para Classes please contact Corien to add classes.</i>	<i>Preliminary 1.1 Preliminary 1.2 Elementary 3.1 Elementary 3.2 Advanced 5.1 Advance 5.2 FEI Intermediate A FEI Intermediate B FEI Intermediate II FEI Grand Prix</i>
RESTRICTED <i>includes all EA Participant, EA Adult Rider, BH&PC Member and Open PCWA</i>	<i>Preparatory 2 Preparatory 3 Novice 2.1 Novice 2.2</i>	<i>Preliminary 1.1 Preliminary 1.2 Elementary 3.1 Elementary 3.2</i>
PONY CLUB <i>PCWA riders < 25 yrs</i> <i>△ indicates leaderboard class and will be divided into the age groups for submission to PCWA</i>	<i>Preliminary 1.1 Preliminary 1.2 - LB class Elementary 3.1 Elementary 3.2 - LB Class Advance 5.1 Advance 5.2 - LB Class</i>	<i>Preparatory 2 Preparatory 3 Novice 2.1 Novice 2.2 - LB class Medium 4.1 Medium 4.2 - LB class</i>

Entry Fees :

\$35.00 per test Competitive/FEI/Participant/ARC/BSN Club

DDF Levies: \$10 for one test per horse, \$16 for two or more tests per day, applies to Competitive and Restricted classes.

\$30.00 per test PCWA.

PCWA Dressage Leaderboard Levies: \$3.00 per test per horse.

Ground Fee: \$10.00 per horse per day.

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND AWARDS

PLACING RIBBONS AND PRIZES

Rosettes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters, irrespective of percentages received.

Ribbons will be awarded to placegetters, irrespective of percentages received, from 4th to 6th place.

Prizes may be prize money, vouchers or goods in kind.

Completed classes of 2 or less competitors, prizes will be awarded to 1st place

Completed classes of 3 - 5 competitors, prizes will be awarded up to 2nd place

Completed classes of 6 or more competitors, prizes will be awarded up to 3rd place

CHAMPIONSHIP RUGS

Championships are awarded for the levels below. Championships (incl Reserve) will be awarded for all levels where competitors on the day exceed three with the exception of FEI classes.

Competitive Championship Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced

Competitive Pony Championships..... Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced

FEI Small Tour, FEI Medium Tour, FEI Big Tour

Restricted Championship Preparatory, Preliminary, Novice, Elementary

Pony Club Championship Preparatory, Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium

Para-Equestrian Championship

Competitive Championship, pony classes are combined with the open class to form an overall placing for the allocation of championship points. There is no separate championship for ponies.

Restricted Championships include all of the following membership types, EA Participant, EA Adult Riding member, PCWA Adult & Open member and Busselton Horse & PC members.

Pony Club WA Championships for riders <25 yrs all ages are combined to form an overall placing for the allocation of championship points. There is no separate championship for age groups but leaderboard classes will be separated for submission of results to PCWA.

Small Tour (Prix St Georges & Intermediate I), Medium Tour (Intermediate A and Intermediate B), FEI Large Tour (Intermediate II and Grand Prix) both tests must be completed and scores posted, no restriction on number of competitors in this class or percentage obtained.

For each dressage test, points are awarded, based on the points system of 30 for 1st, 29 for 2nd, 28 for 3rd and so on down, on placings gained within the overall class.

Overall Championship for each level will be determined by the total points achieved in all the individual classes at that level with the exception of Para Champion, with the higher points being awarded being the Champion.

Para Champion is determined by the horse and rider combination by the highest Aggregate Percentage of the EA PE & FEI PE tests ridden.

In the event of a tie, the Championship will be determined with the combination with the highest percentage in the higher individual dressage test at that level being the champion.

If still tied, the higher collective mark in the higher individual test will decide, if the collective marks are equal, the collective marks of the Judge at C will be decisive.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Highest Percentage: there will be a special award given for the highest percentage obtained by a horse/rider combination in competitive, restricted, pony club junior, pony club senior and para-equestrian over the weekend.

Best Turned out BH&PC club member: the judges will be asked to select a club member to receive a best turned out award for a competitive, restricted, pony club junior, pony club senior club rider over the weekend.

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★ The Golden Rein Award 🏆★

Still competing.

Still chasing that bell.

Still scoring big.

This year we honour our 50+ riders with a special award for the Highest Percentage achieved at the Championships.

Because legends don't retire... they refine.

★ **Teams Challenge:** this year we are running a fun Teams Challenge, four riders across any level over the weekend, one rider may have two horses in the team. Top 3 scores, 4th is used in a countback situation. \$5.00 per rider buy in, rosettes and prizes on offer. Come up with a name, all 4 riders select Teams on their entry and put the joint team name.

Off The Track: have generously supported the club with the following special awards. ALL horses must provide a OTTWA Passport (provided at time of entry, signified by a number beginning with HO) to be eligible for any of the below.

Highest % gained by an Off the Track Open Horse (Competitive/Participant/Adult Rider/Club Restricted)

Highest % gained by an Off the Track Pony Club Junior Horse (24yrs and under)

Champion Off the Track Open Horse (Competitive/Participant/Adult Rider/Club Restricted).

Reserve Champion Off the Track Open Horse (Competitive/Participant/Adult Rider/Club Restricted).

Champion Off the Track Pony Club Junior Horse (24yrs and under).

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Off the Track Travel Rebate: owners of a retired racehorse with a OTT Passport and travelling over 150km to compete at this event may receive up to 30% off entry costs for this event following the event.



GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

PRESENTATIONS

Will take place at the completion of Sunday at the club rooms. Competitors are asked to attend presentation unmounted but with horse in full competition dress including jacket or PC jumper, jodhpurs, helmet and boots.

ENTRIES WILL ONLY ACCEPTED ON-LINE VIA NOMINATE at www.Nominate.com.au and will deem you to have accepted the Terms and Conditions of this competition and you will be expected to abide by them. Online entries must be correctly and fully completed. Any incorrect or incomplete entry will not be accepted.

Riders and/or owners whose entries have been accepted will undertake to indemnify the organisers against all claims, losses, suits and damages made against or suffered by the organisers by reason of any negligent act or omission on the part of any rider, trainer or attendant whilst they are attending, riding or otherwise handling a horse and agrees that act or omission on the part of such rider or attendant found in any action against organiser to be negligent, shall be deemed to have been negligent for the purpose of any claim under this indemnity. Entries and the competition program may be limited and revised at the discretion of the organiser.

If you are bringing a stallion, you must notify the organisers through the entry form, and you must comply with the EA Stallion Safe Practice Rules and Regulations.

RULES

The Busselton Autumn Dressage Competition held by Busselton Horse and Pony Club Inc will be conducted in accordance with the current (and as amended) documents listed below. These Rules cannot provide for every eventuality. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate Official(s) to make a decision in a sporting spirit and adhere as closely as possible to the intention of these rules:

This Event Schedule and Terms & Conditions of entry (this document)

The [2026 EA National Dressage Rules](#)

The [EA National Para Dressage Rules](#)

The FEI Dressage Rules 2026 and FEI Veterinary Regulations available from www.fei.org

The [EA General Regulations](#)

The [EA Dressage Equipment Annex](#)

The [EA Social Media Policy](#)

The EA Doping/Medication/Safety policies available from <https://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>

The [Pony Club Australia National Gear Check Rules](#) 1st January 2026

Competitors are advised to be aware of the current Rules. The onus is on the rider to know the rules under which they compete.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Organising Committee may at its absolute discretion, decline to receive any entry or return any fee without being liable for any compensation: General Regulation, Article 116.11. The Organising Committee's decision in relation to any entry for the event shall be final and binding.

ACCEPTANCES

A rider is accepted into the competition upon receipt of their provisional draw and their name being in the draw.

Provisional draw will be emailed to all competitors to their nominated email address via Nominate.

Final draw and helper duties will be to all competitors via Nominate. SignUp will send riders reminders of jobs and times.

Competitors are to check the draw on the day of competition.

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MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATIONS

EA Competitive - owners and riders must be current financial members with an EA State Branch, with riders holding current competitive membership. Horses must be registered and hold a current dressage competition licence. Horses must compete under their full registered name; EA membership and registration numbers must be submitted for your entry to be accepted.

EA Competitive Ponies must not exceed 149cm with shoes or 148 cm without shoes. Entrants are required to provide a copy of the ponies current EA Height certificate at time of entry as a pdf or jpg image.

EA Participant - riders must be current financial members with an EA State Branch.

EA Adult Rider - riders must hold EWA Adult Rider membership and be a member of a registered Adult Rider Group, not just a 'club' adult rider group.

Pony Club WA Open - rider must be a current financial member of PCWA.

Pony Club WA - riders must be current financial members with a Pony Club WA affiliated club as a Junior or Senior riding member. Membership numbers and name of club must be submitted at the time of entry.

Busselton Horse and Pony Club - riders must be a current financial member of Busselton H&PC, full member or competition only member. This entitles you to compete in the club classes.

"Competitor" ponies/horses cannot enter Participation/Adult Rider classes at this event.

"Participant/Adult Rider" ponies/horses cannot also enter Competitor classes at this event.

HORSES

All horses entered in the Competitive classes must have a current Dressage Licence, FULL EA registration, and must have a microchip meeting Australian Standard AS5018/5019 inserted. Horses must be entered in their full registered names and their registered EA number must be provided.

All horses and ponies must be three (3) years of age or over, age is determined by natural birthday.

Para-Dressage horses/ponies must be aged 6 years or over.

FEI Small Tour tests horses/ponies must be 7 years of age or over.

Stallions are NOT permitted at ANY Pony Club class.

Only nominated horses are allowed on the grounds on the day of competition. No horse may compete with two riders excepting Para Equestrian horses. Each horse entered must have the same rider as nominated on the entry for the event. The OC has the right to abbreviate a horse's name for printing purposes.

NUMBER OF CLASSES RIDERS MAY ENTER

A maximum of three (3) test per day and only two consecutive levels may be ridden per horse/pony throughout the competition.

Maximum of two (2) horses per rider per day only.

The OC will make all efforts to conform to the 3.4 Timing of the draw recommendation, however those with two or more ponies/horses in two or more classes may be required to ride earlier than the recommendation. Where the OC can not accommodate the three tests competitors will be contacted directly.

Non-competitive (HC - Hors Concours) not permitted at this event.

HORSE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS AND STALLION ID AT EVENT

All horses/ponies will be required to wear a Horse Identification Number (bridle number).

Participant, Pony Club and BH&PC entrants will be allocated a bridle number for the event via the Draw.

Riders must provide their own number holder and it must always be displayed whilst the horse is being ridden. The number must be displayed on both sides of the horse, either on the bridle or saddle blanket (minimum of 3.5 - 4cm in height).

ALL horses/ponies must display their identification numbers whenever the horse is being ridden/lunged/led/tethered or grazed from the time of their arrival on grounds until the end of the event and departure.

Green stallion identification discs or number holders must be worn by stallions at all times at the event as per the EA Stallion Safe Practices Policy.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

DRESS & SADDLERY

Riding attire and correct saddlery is required for all classes as per the membership type you are riding under. It is the riders responsibility to know and understand all rules and regulations in regards to gear checking.

GEAR CHECK - is compulsory, regardless of the membership entered under, and failure to have a gear check will entail elimination.

An Accredited Steward (or approved representative of the Steward) will gear check all EA Competitive and EA Participant riders are required to attend the Steward for gear check at the completion of your test.

Pony Club WA riders are required to attend gear check prior to commencing your test.

HELMETS - all helmets are required to be tagged with a current visible EA 'Helmet Tag' indicating they meet the current approved safety standards. Failure to have helmet appropriately tagged may entail a recorded warning.

MEDICATION CONTROL

Medication Control (swabbing of horses and ponies) may be carried out in accordance with the EA Medication Control Policy and FEI Veterinary Regulations. Ensure that you have your horses EA registration and your membership card with you or on your phone.

IMAGE CONCENT

When you enter this event you will be asked whether you give your consent to Busselton Horse and Pony Club Inc. (hereafter known as BH&PC) to copy or reproduce images of the rider you represent or yourself as BH&PC may determine, without acknowledgment of yourself and without your entitlement to any remuneration or compensation now or in the future. The images may be used by BH&PC in multimedia productions, publications, brochures and on the website to promote a range of initiatives for BH&PC. BH&PC agrees not to use any image that may be deemed adverse, or defamatory to the person entering this event.

Any restrictions or special circumstances, in regard to a competitor must be noted, to enable the Organising Committee to inform official photographers prior to the commencement of competition.

PHOTOGRAPHY

A dedicated event photographer has been engaged for this event who is PCA approved. No other photographers may attend this event.

WARM UP ARENA ETIQUETTE

As there may be a number of horses warming up in a set area, it is important that all riders have knowledge of the etiquette required in group riding.

When using the warm up area at a competition, riders need to be aware that some horses may be quite inexperienced and/or easily upset.

They must always consider the safety of other riders. They must allow riders the opportunity to give their horses the best preparation they can for their tests. No riding in side-reins or running reins in warm up areas.

Coaching in the warmup - for safety, coaches (including parents) must be positioned outside the warm up space. Coaching must not disturb other riders' warm up. Coaches may use audio sets or wait till the rider halts near them so they can speak at a low volume to the rider.

CAMPING AND YARDS

Camping is available for \$10 per vehicle per night, no powered sites available and showers are available at the toilet block.

Yards may be booked at the time of entry. Horses must be supervised at all times when in yards. The user must assume all risk for their horse and yards must be left in good order, cleaned of all hay and manure and other rubbish when vacated. Please only put manure into the designated manure pits or trailer or into your own bags and take home with you.

Out of courtesy for the host club please leave all areas neat and tidy, fill in any hole that your horse has made.

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CANTEEN

The canteen will be operating both days with amazing variety of tasty morsels to keep everyone nourished and refreshed. EFTPOS is available.

LUNGEING

May only be carried out in the designated areas for lungeing at the event. The lungeing of a rider mounted in the saddle is not permitted anywhere at an event. Venue map will be emailed to competitors with the final draw.

REFUND POLICY AND SCRATCHING'S

- Withdrawal of entries prior to the close of entries may be completed by the competitor via their Nominate login details.
- Refunds for scratchings after the close of entries but prior to 48 hours from the start of competition, will have a full refund of entry fees less a \$15 administration fee when accompanied by a veterinary or medical certificate sent to busseltondressage@gmail.com.au.
- Refunds for scratchings after the close of entries but prior to 12 - 24 hours from the start of competition, will have a 50% refund of entry fees less a \$15 administration fee when accompanied by a veterinary or medical certificate sent to busseltondressage@gmail.com.au.
- No refunds will be issued for withdrawal/scratchings advised the day prior to the commencement of the event.
- If a competitor withdraws within 12 - 8 hours from the start of the competition (accompanied by a veterinary or medical certificate) and does undertake their helper duty, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.
- If a competitor withdraws/scratches after the close of entries and does not provide any veterinary or medical certificate no refund will be issued.

CHANGE OF ENTRIES

- Competitors may make alterations or scratch their entry up until the closing date via Nominate.
- After the close of entries a competitor may only substitute a horse with the approval of the OC and no later than 48 hours before the start of the event with a current veterinary certificate supplied to the OC.
- Application to substitute a horse must be made to the OC via email to busseltondressage@gmail.com.

LATE ENTRIES

Competitors who wish to be accepted for a late entry must email a request to busseltondressage@gmail.com. The event co-ordinator will endeavour to accommodate requests for late entries on the Waiting List. Late entry applicants will be contacted and invoiced IF an appropriate space becomes available before publication of the draw. The OC reserves the right to impose conditions, for example restricting the number of late entry tests a competitor is accepted for.

Late Entry Payment - competitors who have their wait listed entries accepted must pay the full entry fees and transmit proof of payment within 24 hours of the acceptance or the position will be forfeit and that place then offered to the next wait listed competitor.

WAITING LIST

Once classes fill, competitors must register to be on the Waiting List by emailing busseltondressage@gmail.com to apply.

POSTPONEMENT, ALTERATION OF START TIMES OWING TO WEATHER CONDITIONS OR CANCELLATION OF EVENTS

Although it is unlikely, under certain circumstances it may be deemed necessary to postpone or cancel part of, or all, one or more events on a day or days for reasons of health and 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, and the OC 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/but not limited to COVID, Equine Influenza or Hendra Virus. The decision to alter start times, postpone or cancel would be taken by the OC in consultation with the Ground Jury. It is the responsibility of the competitor who enters to check if start times have been altered in the case of hot weather or extreme weather.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

HELPER DUTIES

Helpers are vital to the successful running of this event. One helper per horse/rider combination is required each day. The club uses SignUp for helper duty selection.

This information will be emailed out to riders with a set opening time of 7pm on a set day. Any rider who does not select a job will be assigned one. It is the riders responsibility to undertake the duty or provide a capable person to undertake the duty.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Protests to the Ground Jury must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$150.00. Please refer to Rule 1.6 of the EA Dressage Rules and EA General Regulations (Article numbers 165 - 169 inclusive). No fee is required for protests concerning abuse of horse.

OFFICIALS, GROUND STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Please treat all with respect, verbal or physical bullying behaviour will be reported to the O.C. or Steward and disciplinary action, issue of a Yellow Warning Card, will be taken where appropriate, persons will be asked to leave the grounds and will forfeit any entry fee for classes not completed.

BREACHES OF CODES OF CONDUCT

Any rider, groom, spectator or connection of a rider who breaches of the EA Codes of Conduct or Pony Club WA Codes of Conduct (this includes social media) will be asked to leave the event along with their connections, and may be refused entry to any future Busselton Horse & Pony Club event, forfeiting any entry fee.

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

You acknowledge that horse riding, working with or being around horses can be dangerous. Horses can act in sudden and unpredictable ways, especially if frightened or hurt. Consequently, there is a real risk of damage to property, serious injury or even death. In consideration of acceptance of your entry and participation in the event you agree to release and forever discharge Busselton Horse and Pony Club Inc, Pony Club WA, Pony Club Australia, Equestrian Australia, Equestrian Western Australia, their servants and agents and the Organising Committee and each member thereof from all claims, proceedings or demands for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.

In consideration of acceptance of your entry and participation in the event, you agree to indemnify and keep indemnified EA, EWA their servants and agents and the Organising Committee and each member thereof against all claims, proceedings or demands brought by or on behalf of any participant or competitor named in your entry form for any loss or damage howsoever arising from any accident or incident occurring at the event.

RESERVATION OF RIGHT

The OC have the right to:

- cancel any class or event
- to divide any class
- to alter advertised times
- refuse any entry
- transfer athletes between sections of a class
- to alter or amend the schedule as the OC sees fit (refer article 115.1)

NO DOGS ARE PERMITTED ON GROUNDS

If you bring one, please do not be offended when you are asked to leave the ground forfeiting any entry fee.

Thank you to our sponsors for supporting this event