

South Australian Dressage Association Inc

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Membership Leaflet 2024

Welcome to the South Australian Dressage Association, one of South Australia's oldest dressage clubs. We hope you enjoy riding with us. This leaflet is a summary of information you need about our club activities, further details can be found on our website.



SADA Grounds and 2023 Riders of the Year.

Contact SADA:

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Membership

The membership year runs from 1st January to 31st December.
Membership categories are:

- **Senior** (Adult Riders)
- **Junior** (primary or secondary students)
- **Family** (comprising parents/guardians and up to 3 children at the same address).
- **Non-Riding** for members not competing under saddle.

Membership is via www.nominate.com.au or you can email sadressage@gmail.com for the forms.

Waivers need to be signed (electronically via Nominate or paper form)

Handlers for led classes must also be club members and will also need to sign the waiver.

Volunteering requirements:

- Members can choose to either volunteer their time (minimum 6 hours per membership year) or pay a \$90 non-volunteer fee.
- Volunteering can include activities such as arena set up and pack up, pencilling, gate keeping, gear checking, announcing at events, and any other task assisting the SADA committee as required.
- Those opting to volunteer will receive a card that will need to be signed as hours are completed. The onus is on the member to get the card filled in, countersigned by a Committee member of the day and returned at the end of the year. Lost cards can be replaced, but hours accrued will not be transferred. Incomplete hours will be invoiced at a prorata amount at the end of the year.

Uniform

Please refer to the Equestrian Australia Dressage Rulebook for rules on correct attire for dressage competitions.

https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/CLEAN_NATIONAL_DRESSAGE_RULES_1_JULY_2022%20updated%2019082022.pdf

In addition, SADA have their own uniform for club days and closed unrestricted classes:

- SADA polo shirts, vests and jackets
- Light or navy coloured jodhpurs/breeches.
- White or navy saddle blankets.

The shirts, vests, jackets and navy saddle blankets can be purchased from SADA. Please allow up to 3 weeks for items that are out of stock. You may compete whilst waiting for uniforms to come in. Number embroidery on the saddle blanket is also available.

Calendar

Make sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page and SADA website for more details and updates.

2024

SADA CALENDAR

JANUARY 13TH : WELCOME TO DRESSAGE CLINIC.

FEBRUARY 4TH : CLOSED UNRESTRICTED.

MARCH 3RD : COMPETITIVE , UP TO ADVANCED & PRIX ST GEORGE. TBC.

APRIL 7TH : CLOSED UNRESTRICTED.

MAY 5TH : CLOSED UNRESTRICTED & CLINIC - PLANNING FOR FREESTYLE. TBC.

JUNE 2ND : CLOSED UNRESTRICTED.

JULY 7TH : CLOSED UNRESTRICTED.

AUGUST 4TH : FREESTYLE & CLOSED UNRESTRICTED.

SEPTEMBER 1ST : CLOSED UNRESTRICTED.

OCTOBER 6TH : CLOSED UNRESTRICTED.

NOVEMBER 3RD : COMPETITIVE , UP TO ADVANCED & PRIX ST GEORGE. TBC.

DECEMBER 1ST : CLOSED RESTRICTED , CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & HIGH POINT AWARDS.

EXTRA CLINICS TBC THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. KEEP A EYE OUT FOR THEM ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.



Competitions or Club Days

These are held on the first Sunday of the month, except for January. In January we hold a clinic. Additional clinics are held throughout the year. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more details as they become available. Our Freestyle to Music competition is in August in the indoor arena.

www.facebook.com/southaustraliandressageassociation
www.sada-dressage.au/

Refund Policy

The following Refund Policy applies to all riders entering a SADA run competition or clinic:

- A refund of competition entry fees will be given on receipt of a medical certificate, vet certificate or treatment invoice. This must be received within 7 days of the event.
- A refund (minus the office fee) will be given for the withdrawal of an entry prior to the closing date for the competition or clinic.
- No refund will be given for non-appearance at a competition or clinic.
- Entry to SADA clinics cannot be refunded after the closing date unless a replacement is found for the timeslot. SADA can advertise the spot on our Facebook page to help find a replacement.
- In all other cases, including an event cancellation by SADA, a credit note will be issued for the full amount with a 12-month expiry.

Classes:

We offer a variety of tests throughout the year, including our Freestyle to Music competition in August. Check Nominate for current tests on offer.

Current EA tests can be found at this link: www.equestrian.org.au/Dressage-rules

For SADA Member classes, categories are:

- Senior Horse
- Senior Pony
- Secondary Student
- Primary Student
- SADA led/unled beginner classes (Primary Student level only)

- ❖ All entries are via Nominate each month. www.nominate.com.au
- ❖ All ages are taken as of January first in the current year.
- ❖ Horses and ponies may only compete in two tests per day (with the exception of SADA tests by negotiation)
- ❖ All horses/ponies may only be ridden by competitors entered on said horse/pony for the day, in any area of the grounds.
- ❖ Lunging in the supplied round yard only. Riding in the round yard is not permitted.

SADA Tests (Primary Riders only):

- SADA Test 1 and 2 are available on the SADA website.
- These tests can be led or ridden solo for beginner primary riders.
- Handlers must be SADA members, over 18 years of age and competent to perform the task.
- Handlers may lead one or more horses &/or ponies on the day.
- Horses in SADA classes must be suitable for beginner riders. For clarification feel free to contact SADA.
- Led students must remain led in all areas of the grounds whilst mounted.
- Ride sharing for SADA tests is available by negotiation with the SADA committee.

Entries:

All entries are through Nominate. www.nominate.com.au

If riding **Competitive**, SADA will need the rider's EA number, the horse's registration number and bridle number for the entry to ensure that the results can be sent to ESA. These classes are only included when SADA is running a **Competitive event** and are awarded separate to our club classes. They do not accumulate points towards the annual SADA High Points.

For **Club members** who do not have an official bridle number, SADA can assign you a number, just email sadressage@gmail.com. If you compete on a new horse, then a different number will be assigned to it.

Closing date for entries is listed on Nominate each month.

The **draw** for a competition is emailed out and available on the SADA website and FB page, usually by the Wednesday before the competition.

Club Championships

- Are held in December as "Closed Restricted" and open to Club members only.
- You must be a SADA member and have competed at two competitions during the year to be eligible to ride in the Championships.
- Riders will need to ride two tests at the same level for the Championship. This will be the level that they have competed in throughout the year or at a higher level if they have been upgraded or if they choose to move up a level.
- Riders who have not qualified for the championships may still compete HC.
- Championship results will be calculated as per the Equestrian Australia Dressage Rules.
- Sashes are awarded for Champion, Reserve Champion, Third and Fourth Place over the two tests.

Our AGM is held at the Club Championships.

We encourage all members to attend the AGM to hear about the club's progress throughout the year and any changes planned for the upcoming year. All senior members are eligible to vote on decisions at the AGM. Family memberships will have one eligible vote from the nominated representative.

Annual High Point and Rider of the Year Awards:

- There awards are for SADA members based on their wins and places from the February to November competitions. Horse/Pony and rider combinations must ride at least **5 tests at a SADA event to be eligible**. Entry is free & automatic.
- High Points Awards are given to a single horse/pony and rider **combination** for each level of competition (Preparatory, Preliminary, Novice, etc) as well as each category (Senior Horse, Senior Pony, Secondary Student, Primary Student and SADA tests)
- All High Point awards points are accrued from tests at the same level. Riders competing in two different levels during the year will be given points for both levels but these points will not be tallied together for High Point awards.
- Rider Combination of the Year Awards will be given for Senior, Secondary Student, Primary Student and SADA Test categories.



High Points and Rider of the Year Awards

These are calculated for every placing over 50% points and are accrued as follows:

1 st = 6 points	4 th = 3 points
2 nd = 5 points	5 th = 2 points
3 rd = 4 points	6 th = 1 point

Upgrading of Rider/Horse Combinations

- Combinations with 10 wins of 65% or above in Preparatory tests are asked to upgrade to
- Preliminary or compete HC.
- Combinations with 10 wins of 65% or above in Preliminary tests are asked to upgrade to Novice or compete HC.
- Combinations with 10 wins of 65% or above at Novice level are asked to upgrade to Elementary or compete HC.
- Combinations with 10 wins of 65% or above at Elementary level are asked to upgrade to Medium or compete HC.

These are cumulative and not on an annual basis.

Please note that unconventional tests like Pas De Deux (Pairs), Rider tests, Freestyles and Prix Caprilli are not included in the above grading system.

Combinations who meet the above criteria will only be upgraded once per calendar year.

Combinations are welcome to ride at a higher level at any time, regardless of whether they need to upgrade or not.

EA graded horses may compete in restricted classes at their graded level or higher, unless pointed out as per the above. If you wish to compete lower than the horse's graded level, you need to put that request in writing to the committee. If you have any questions regarding your level contact SADA.