

RDAA NATIONAL DRESSAGE VIDEO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022



RULES & ENTRY CONDITIONS

RDA Australia National Dressage Championships 2022

The Championships will be run under current RDAA Discipline Rule Book (2022).

- No minimum age limit for this video competition. Entry is based upon competency as assessed by the rider's current registered RDAA, EA or PCAA coach.
- Ribbons will be awarded to fourth place.

Definitions

In the Led/Assisted classes, the use of a leading rein is optional. The leader must not influence the horse or rider. The leader must be on the inside of the horse at all times. The leader should change to either the nearside or offside as necessary. This should be done by quietly stepping in front of the horse without interrupting the horse's stride. Throughout the test, the leader should stand one pace from the horse and level with the horse's shoulders.

The leading rein, if used, shall not be attached to the bit. A head collar or ring on the cavesson noseband is required. The lead rein should be held loosely in the hand furthest away from the horse. The lead rein should be held in the hand furthest away from the horse. The hand nearest the horse should not be used (folded behind their back) and there should be no contact with the horse's mouth except for intervention to ensure rider and horse safety.

The amount of influence will be reflected in the marks. A deduction of 1 mark will be made for every incident of undue influence (maximum deduction of 10 marks). These marks are to be deducted from the final score of each judge.

*** Balance Dressage

The Balance Test 1a (2013) is designed for riders with functional ability and impairment of such a level that it significantly limits participation in existing RDA events. This includes riders who cannot use a saddle or hold reins. The Balance 1a test may be ridden slightly off the track to allow for side walker. Holding of reins is optional.

There will be a maximum of one leader and two side walkers in the arena during the test. Refer to RDAA National Championships 2022 Coaching Guide and Helpful Hints for more information.

*** Introductory

RDA registered riders who are unclassified. They range from walk led/assisted, trot led/assisted, walk independent, trot independent and canter independent. The tests used are RDA dressage tests only.

*** Para Dressage

Riders do not need to be classified to compete at Para Dressage level but should be working towards being classified. Also, for riders competing at or working towards competing at a Para Dressage. Or, if already classified, riders have not ridden at their classified level for the last 2 years.

In each led section a "Golden Lead Rope" award will be presented to the horse leader deemed by the judges as being working in harmony with the horse and providing the rider with the opportunity to display their riding skills to the best of their ability yet safe manner. **Awarded in memory of Dawn Hewitt, a long term, dedicated supporter of RDA events and programs.**



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Conditions of Entry

1. Competition is open to all riders as stated above, who **are members** of Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia.
2. Limit of **one** horse per rider.
3. Each rider can ride **one** test.
4. Riders must be in neat riding attire e.g., Shirt & tie, V neck jumper with Shirt & tie, riding coat etc.
5. Plaiting optional for dressage. Well plaited horses do give a good impression. (no boots & bandages).
6. All tests must be submitted on a via YouTube. Instruction on how to upload footage can be found in the RDA Australia National Dressage Championships 2022 Coaching Guide and Helpful Hints
7. Horse/rider combination and test ridden **must be announced** before each test.
 - Footage should be uploaded under the rider's name and test ridden.
 - No editing of the recording will be allowed under penalty of elimination.
 - Footage should contain no other recorded material.
 - The camera operator must be positioned outside the arena, 5 metres back from C.
 - The recording should contain no more than five seconds of image before the entry.
 - The camera operator must ensure that **all** of the horse, the rider & arena markers on the side where horse is, are always visible. The centre line must be visible at all times.
 - Footage must include a sound recording. (This is to detect coaching during a test which will incur penalties, **however** tests may be called) Caller/commander must stand outside the arena at E or B.
 - Poor quality recordings may not be judged at the discretion of the judges. This refers to lack of suitable light, insufficient contrast between subject and background, lack of focus or excessive movement by the operator. (It is recommended the camera is placed on a stand)
8. All tests must be ridden and recorded in the appropriately sized arena (according to specifications of test ridden).
9. The border of the arena must be clearly delineated.
 - Borders may be no higher than allowed for in the rules (30cm)
 - Indoor schools the same size as the arena are not acceptable.
 - Correct arena markers must be used and placed as accurately as possible around the arena.

If you have any queries regarding the competition, please contact RDAA National Office – coaching@rda.org.au or (08) 8354 4555.

Please complete the official entry form and return it and video recording link via mail or email to coaching@rda.org.au by the **11 November 2022**.

Riders will be notified directly by 1 December 2022 and results will be posted on the RDAA website and via social media.

Check List!

- Entry Form Completed and sent to RDAA (**required**)
- Video uploaded as per instructions to YouTube (Refer page 4, RDAA National Video Dressage Coaching Guide 2022) (**required**)
- Media Consent Form completed (if consenting to use footage for promotional purposes or judge training) (*optional*)
- Rider profile form completed (if you want to tell us more about yourself) (*optional*)



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ENTRY FORM (Submit form via email or mail)

Rider's Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

RDA Centre: _____

RDA Horse: Yes / No (Please circle) Horse's Name: _____

	Category	Test	✓	Called?
INTRODUCTORY	Balance Dressage	Balance Test 1a 2013		
	Walk Assisted/Led	Walk A		
	Walk Independent	Walk E		
	Trot Assisted	Trot A		
	Trot Independent	Trot E		
	Canter Intermediate	Canter A		
	Canter Advanced	Canter D		
PARA-DRESSAGE	Grade 1 and 2 combined	EA PD Grade 1 L1 Test A EA PD Grade 2 L1 Test A		
	Grade 1 and 2 combined	EA PD Grade 1 L2 Test A EA PD Grade 2 L2 Test A		
	Grade 3 and 4 combined	EA PD Grade 3 L1 Test A EA PD Grade 4 L1 Test A		
	Grade 3 and 4 combined	EA PD Grade 3 L2 Test A EA PD Grade 4 L2 Test A		

- RDA Intro tests are available from your coach or by request; Grade 1-4 tests are available from www.equestrian.org.au/paraequestrian-rules
- Please read the 2022 National Discipline Rule Book for all of the rules available from your coach or RDA Australia
- I have read and accepted the complete conditions of entry as detailed on the attached CONDITIONS OF ENTRY for this event.

PAYMENT OPTIONS (please tick option)

Total Number of tests entered _____ @ A\$20 per test. Total \$ _____

Electronic Transfer (preferred method):

BSB: 083 376 Account Number: 039 167 449

Name of Account: Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia Limited

Under Remittance Advice/Payment Description please note "VideoChamps" followed by your surname.

Email completed form to coaching@rda.org.au

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard

Amount: _____

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry: ____ / ____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Email completed form to coaching@rda.org.au

Cheque: Riding for the Disabled Assoc. Australia Ltd, enclosed with copy of entry form to **PO Box 310, Torrensville, SA, 5031**

Signature (parent or guardian to sign if rider is under 18 years): _____

Entries to be received by close of mail 11 November 2022

Please notify RDA by email/phone that you have sent it: coaching@rda.org.au or (08) 8354 4555

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We would love to use your footage for judge training and to share your videos about yourself and why you love RDA. To do this, we need your consent. Please complete this form if you do consent (not required for entry into Competition).

I [insert name] of

..... [insert address]

RDA Centre

Agree to participate in the following activity:

RDA promotion and judge training August 2022 – December 2023

I acknowledge and agree that:

- Copyright and consent to use:** I acknowledge and consent to participating in the above activity. I acknowledge that photographs/videos taken of me will become the property of RDA Australia and will be copyright for sole use by RDA Australia and affiliated State members where permission is given. You may apply in writing to RDA Australia for your photo/video to be released to you for private use.
- Consent to use:** I consent to the photographs/videos taken for this activity to be used in RDA publications, and promotional materials such as brochures, banners, newsletters and annual reports or other promotional materials. RDA Australia may use the photographs/videos for promotional or other purposes without my further consent being obtained.
- Consent to use:** I consent to the photographs/videos taken during this activity to be used on RDA websites and social networking sites. RDA Australia may use the photographs/videos for promotional or other purposes without my further consent being obtained.
- I give permission for video footage be used at a later date for Judge Training or promotional use by RDA Australia.
- Right to vary my decision:** I am aware that I may change my mind and refuse permission at a later date by direct communication with RDA Australia.

I have read, understood, acknowledge and agree to the above declaration. I warrant that all information provided is true and correct.

Signed: Date:

Name:

Where the applicant is under 18 years of age or cannot provide informed consent this form must also be signed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian.

I, am **the parent or guardian** of the applicant

named: I expressly agree to be responsible for the applicant's behaviour and agree to personally accept the conditions set out in this form including acknowledgement by me of a release and indemnity in the terms set out above.

Parent's signature: Date:

(where applicant under 18 y/o or unable to legally sign)

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We at RDA Australia would love to hear about yourself and why you love RDA!
We welcome you to include additional video footage of you telling us about your RDA journey (uploaded in a separate video file).
Some ideas are included in the Rider Profile below.

RIDER PROFILE

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Age: _____ State: _____ RDA Centre: _____

Horse's Name: _____

Current Job/Study: _____

How long have you been involved in RDA? _____

What do you enjoy about RDA? _____

How has RDA changed your life? _____

What are your riding goals for the future? _____

Is there anyone you would like to thank?

When making your video, keep a few technical details in mind.

- Keep your video to about 90 seconds
- Use a tripod - this avoids the camera wobbling and creates a clear still video
- Lighting is important - keep the sun behind the camera
- If you're outside, pick a day that's not windy or we won't be able to hear you
- Make sure your voice is clear on the video. Have a good quality microphone
- Be mindful of background action that may distract the viewer