

National Capital Equestrian Club

29 March 2026 - Notice to Competitors

- To be able to run these events we rely on riders' support with fulfilling some duties. For our March competition we have volunteer slots for the following activities: Arena Set-up (Saturday **28 March, 10am**), EA Steward gear check Assistant (30 min slots), General duties Assistant/back-up penciller (60 min slots), General Assistant in Cottage – scoring/prizes (60 min slots), and Arena pack up (Sunday 29 March from 3.30pm). Important Note: in order to receive a refund on your \$50 Volunteer Levy - when you rock up for your selected duty, **please see Liz Bloomfield or one of the other NCEC Committee members at the gazebo to get your name ticked off the master list of volunteers**. If you do not do this, we cannot guarantee this levy refund. **Please ensure that you 'sign-up' via this link**. Failure to do so will forfeit the \$50 volunteer levy. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this.
- The gates to Equestrian Park Event area will open at **7:00am** on Sunday 29 March 2026.
- All five arenas will be in use SEE MAP ON PAGE 4. **The competition area** includes everything to the right of the double gates.
- **Scratchings** – If you are unable to attend, please **TEXT** your name, your horse's name, and the test you are scratching from to **Jacqui Knobel 0457 747 057**. **If you scratch before the day, please also scratch via Nominate**.
- Refunds (50% of the entry fees only & not including the admin fee) will be provided on the presentation of a medical/veterinarian certificate within 48 hours of the event to ncecevents@gmail.com
- **The yards near the arenas will be RESERVED for Judges and Committee only.**
- **Please make sure that if parking within the area through the double gates, all floats need to be parked left of the double gates and no vehicles except for officials are allowed to the right of the double gates.**
- **ONLY HORSES THAT ARE ENTERED IN THIS EVENT ARE ALLOWED IN THE WARM-UP ARENAS & COMPETITION AREAS.**
- **NO dogs allowed at all** in the competition area (right of the double gates). Elsewhere all dogs **must** be on leads at all times.
- **Coffee N Snack Shack** will be in attendance for all your coffee and food needs! Menus are attached.
- **Wild Horizon Photography** are our official photographers for the day, please say hello and smile 😊
- Classes are run in accordance with the **current EA rules**; please make sure that your equipment will pass the gear check & that you are aware of the rules.
- **Gear check will commence at 8:00am. Gear check - Report to the gear check area immediately after your test. Gear check is compulsory after each test ridden. Please see Changes to gear check rules for EA Dressage Events here: [EA National Dressage Rules SUMMARY OF CHANGES](#)**
- **Lunging is only permitted in the Cotter plots.**
- Callers are **permitted** in all tests except FEI tests.
- Interim results will be available on the day under current events at: <https://www.nominate.com.au/Scoreboard/results/> or through using the app.
- The Equestrian Park Manager requests that **all riders and attendees** please ensure that the front gates of Equestrian Park are closed once you have moved through them.
- Once results are finalised, if you are in the placings please go to the cottage – ribbons awarded 1st to 6th place. Prizes: 1st – 3rd. Some of the classes, where numbers were sufficient, have been split into Open, AOR and or Pony, see page 3 for the split.
- **Please make sure you put all of your rubbish in the bin or take it with you!**

Queries to: ncecevents@gmail.com

Horse Gear

- It is not the responsibility of the gear steward to check the safety of a horse's gear. Gear safety is the responsibility of the rider. The function of the gear steward is to check that the horse's gear complies with EA/FEI rules for dressage. Examples: whip length, correct bit, saddlery, and dress.
- Ultimately, it is up to the rider to ensure their gear is safe, properly fitted and complies with the appropriate EA/FEI rules.
- **Prohibited Gear** as listed in EA Dressage Rules and must not be used in the warm-up area. [EA Dressage Equipment Annex](#)

Note: An Official EA Steward (Shaye Grovenor-Peters) will be present at this Event and will be around the Warm-Up & Gear Steward Areas.

Arena Rules

- Riders must know and obey "arena rules" in the warmup arena.

Etiquette

The Etiquette for riding safely in restricted areas, such as warm-up arenas, is set out below and should be observed – at this Event, there may be up to 30 horse/rider combinations utilising the arenas at the same time.

F.10.2 Etiquette for the warm-up arena

As there are many horses warming up in a restricted area it is important that all riders have knowledge of the etiquette required in group riding. This ensures safe riding and achieves harmony in busy areas.

- a) safety is paramount, and a collision should be avoided at all times
- b) before entering the warm-up area make sure the gateway and immediate track are clear
- c) riders should pass left shoulder to left shoulder when on the outside track
- d) when not on the outside track, e.g. on a diagonal line, riders should give way to horses on their left
- e) the more progressive gait has priority on the track (e.g. horses trotting should give way to horses cantering)
- f) a halt should not be on the track
- g) walking should not be on the track and does not have right of way
- h) trot has priority over walk
- i) canter has priority over trot
- j) lateral work has priority over all paces
- k) when circling, anticipate your return to the track so as to not stop the flow of other riders
- l) mounting, dismounting and gear adjustment should be done off the track
- m) consideration should be given to behaviour of other horses in the arena that may upset your horse
- n) it may be necessary to leave the area if your horse is upsetting others
- o) if a horse is upsetting the majority, an official should be sought with a view to requesting that horse's removal for safety's sake
- p) be aware of stallions wearing green stallion discs

https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/CLEAN_NATIONAL_DRESSAGE_RULES_1_JULY_2023.pdf (p130)

RIBBONS & PRIZES

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Official Competitive (OC)	Closed Unrestricted/Restricted (CU/CR)
OC Preliminary 1.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open AOR OC Preliminary 1.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined 	CU Preparatory Prep Test 1 & 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined
OC Novice 2.1 & 2.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open AOR 	CU Preliminary 1.1 & 1.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open AOR
OC Elementary 3.1 & 3.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined 	CU Novice 2.1 & 2.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined
OC Medium 4.1 & 4.2 Open/AOR combined	CR Elementary 3.1 & 3.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined
OC Advanced 5.1 & 5.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined 	CU NCEC Lead Rein Test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Riders
FEI OC PSG, Inter I, Inter A & Inter II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined 	

Equestrian Park Event Map

