



MOUNT CRAWFORD DRESSAGE CLUB

GENERAL POLICIES

Responsibilities of Riders:

- All riders on the grounds must be members of Mount Crawford Dressage Club or the EA and report to the office before riding. EA riders must be able to show their EA membership card if requested.
- Approved helmets are to be worn at all times whilst mounted, or in accordance with EA regulations with respect to competition attire.
- All riders need to supply their own bridle or saddle blanket numbers, which are to be worn on both sides. It is your responsibility to make sure your horse is wearing the correct number, especially if you have more than one horse on the grounds.
- Pick up any baling twine, fill any holes your horse may have dug and please scatter the manure and hay.
- Have your own ambulance cover.
- Act in accordance with the information provided and with common sense at all times, considering the safety and welfare of people, horses and property, both yours and others.
- If you have a grievance or dispute, raise it with a committee member in a calm and diplomatic manner. Please refer to the "Dispute and Grievance Policy" for more information.
- All dogs on the club grounds must be restrained by a lead at all times.
- Members are required to help for one half competition day per year as a condition of their membership. Please consider riding only one test on your nominated helper day.

Competition Days:

- Gates will open one hour prior to the first test commencing. This is necessary to fulfil our duty of care as we need to have a First Aid Officer on the grounds at all times. Please respect this as we are unable to ask a volunteer to arrive at the grounds prior to this.
- Each horse may only have one rider and compete in a maximum of 3 tests over two consecutive levels, unless stated otherwise on the entry form.
- Test sheets are not available for collection until the placings are finalised for each class. If you don't collect your test on the day or arrange for it to be posted, they will only be kept for three months and then thrown out.
- Ribbons will be to 6th place.
- Callers are allowed, but must be unmounted and are not permitted to coach the rider.
- All tests are conducted under EA rules, please know and abide by them. Anyone blatantly breaking any rule may be eliminated. Please be aware that the volunteer committee put in a lot of time so you can enjoy your day competing, and your consideration will make it much easier for those running the day. PLEASE be aware of the rules stipulated by the EA. Know which bits are allowed, how long your whip can be, which way up your spurs can go, and the other rules and regulations. Knowing and complying with the rules will take pressure off the committee, who are doing their best to run an enjoyable and fair day.

Refunds:

- If you scratch after the closing date, 50% of the entry fee is refundable on presentation of either a Doctor's certificate or Vet's certificate.

Closed Classes:

- For closed classes, it is not necessary for horses to be plaited, but presented clean and tidy. Formal wear or MCDC uniform is still required.

Upgrade of Horses:

- Combinations (senior and junior) having placed 1st in a Preparatory test with 70% or above on 3 occasions are asked to upgrade to Preliminary or compete HC in Preparatory tests.
- Combinations with 5 wins of 65% or above at Preliminary level are asked to upgrade to Novice or compete HC.
- Combinations with 5 wins of 65% or above at Novice level are asked to upgrade to Elementary or compete HC.
- EA graded horses may ride in closed competitions at their graded level or higher. If you wish to ride lower than the horses graded level, you need to put that request in writing to the committee.

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