
NSW State AGM – 20 November 2017

CDE Convenors Panel Report

CDE – SPRING 2017

What a great spring CDE season NSW has had. Murrumbidgee Club, Grenfell Club and Canberra Club held successful Level 3 events which were a great lead up to the NSW State Championships run by Bungendore Club.

I wish to thank all those clubs for all the blood, sweat and tears that go into running these events, without you we don't have a sport. I hope the exhaustion fades quickly and you will go again in 2018. I liken it to like having a baby, funny how you forget the pain and go back again for another one.

2018 sees NSW kicking off with Bungendore Club running their Graded Dressage and Munro Cup, the Canberra Club running their Ann Synnot Cup and Riverina Club running their annual Joe Hawkins Cup, great lead up events before Bungendore (with the assistance of Southern Highlands) backs up again for the big one at Easter.

Thank you to Bungedore for taking on the State CDE Championships and then onto the National CDE Championships, a huge effort. Please support the Nationals in anyway you can, whether it be as an official, steward, helper, driver. It makes such a positive difference if we all get in and help each other.

There is huge interest from the Victorians for the Nationals, come on NSW, let's see if we can keep the trophies in our home state.

CDE Grading Lists

It has been brought to my attention as to how out of the date the Grading lists are. There are 40 pages of horses/ponies listed, many of which have been sold, no longer competing, deceased etc.

It is the responsibility of all members to advise the Grading Officer of any changes.

The lists are located on the Federal website under Publications (then scroll down to Combined Driving Grading). There are 3 list options, either by registration number, by horse/pony name or by grade, choose whichever is easiest for you to follow.

Could I ask all members who have a horse/pony registered to check the Grading List/s on the Federal website and advise our Grading Officer of any corrections/changes.

Our Grading Officer is Margie Morgan (ACDS Horse Registrar & Grading Officer), please email on margiemorgan6@gmail.com or if you do not have internet access, please contact me and I will assist (0402 854 696).

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CDE RULE BOOK REVIEW

As many of you would be aware, a survey was sent out to any interested members seeking their thoughts on certain questions regarding CDE's. The survey was optional and closed on the 10th of November, once feedback has been collated and finalised by the Federal CDE Committee, I will advise NSW members of the outcome.

It is hoped that the Federal panel can move forward asap and work closer to finalising the updates/changes, ready for adoption by Federal Council.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INDOOR/OUTDOOR SERIES

A number of trial Indoor/Outdoor events have been run by clubs this year. The Hills Club were the last club to run another fun successful event on the weekend of the 10th/11th of November. Many thanks to Belinda Casper and the Hills members who ran the event at Lemon Tree which attracted a good number of entries from Northern NSW. Feedback has been very positive and we still have lots to fine tune with the running of these events, don't stress, ask lots of questions and we will learn together.

This now wraps up the trials for 2017 and leads us into 2018 where the series will be run officially and all events will be used as qualifiers for the final. Drivers must complete 2 events to qualify for the final competition.

To avoid any clashes, all clubs are reminded they must contact the State CDE Convenor seeking approval of their proposed dates. This series is designed to be an off season competition and will run from the month of May through to the end of August, no dates will be accepted if they clash with a state/national/annual event of any type, eg; Southern Highlands is hosting the NSW State Show Driving Championships on the 6th of May and we have our Annual Henry Lawson drive.

So far we have dates locked in for **Southern Highlands Club on the 24th of June** and the **Tamworth Club** running a double event on the weekend of the **9th and 10th of June**.

As NSW is geographically bigger than Victoria, the panel will be looking at different options for the Final event, information will be disseminated as details are finalised.

On behalf of the CDE Panel, I wish everyone a safe and stress free Christmas and look forward to a busy, but enjoyable 2018 doing what we love, driving!

regards

Tracey Ellis

NSW State CDE Convenor 2017/2018