
NSW State General Meeting – 16 February 2019

CDE Convenors Panel Report

NSW CDE OFFICIALS, TPR AND SCORERS CLINICS – BATHURST 2019

A huge thank you to everyone who gave of their weekend to attend the NSW CDE Officials, TPR and Scorers Clinics on the 12th and 13th of January at Bathurst Showground.

To all the presenters who ran the various clinics, to the members who provided horses/ponies for the weekend as guinea pigs, to all our members who attended and to Southern Highlands for loaning me their equipment for the weekend. All these elements are what gives NSW the positive outcomes we achieved on the weekend. The various panels can't run these clinics successfully without a good team in place and support from the members.

A nice get together at the local hotel for dinner on Saturday night gave everyone a chance to catch up with friends, old and new.

It was lovely to have members from Victoria and Charters Towers in Queensland attending. An amazing effort with regards to travel and all made it home safely.

I believe the format of more than one clinic over a full weekend was much more beneficial than just one discipline. It allowed others to join in, listen and learn the other facets involved in the running of events. I'd like to continue this type of format in the future and possibly in conjunction with a dressage clinic.

A questions and answers forum was held following the CDE clinic on Saturday. Matters raised regarding the current CDE rule book have been recorded and will be raised at a later date with the Federal CDE panel.

Other items raised were:-

- Reduction in the minimum age for junior drivers – suggestion was 10 years old.
- Small pony class height change – to include ponies up to 12.2 hands or 127 cm.
- That qualifications for Championships be reverted back to 2 Level 4 events or 1 Level 3 event.

These items will be followed through by the State CDE panel.

One other important point I raised at the clinic was regarding officials staying accredited. The most common feedback I receive from officials, is that they don't get asked to officiate at events during the 3 year time frame they have to stay accredited in. Interest is then lost and they choose to let their position lapse.

I ask all clubs/organising committees to consider using different officials each event. I understand there are a number of factors that come into play when selecting people, but is up to us collectively, to ensure our officials remain accredited and keep our list of Officials in NSW in place and growing. Officials are required to officiate in their relevant position a minimum of one event within the 3 years to remain accredited. This does not need to be only at CDE's.

In the same instance, if you are in the midst of becoming a new official, make yourself known to clubs running events that you would like to assist alongside that relevant official to gain some experience.

Thanks again to all those involved, a hot weekend, but pretty good in comparison to what has been happening across the country.

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INDOOR/OUTDOOR SERIES 2019

We have a great Indoor/Outdoor winter series in place already, below are the clubs who have approved Indoor/Outdoor competitions for 2019.

4th May Reedy Creek Club @ Rosemont Complex Goulburn
18/19th May Murrumbidgee Club @ Murrumbidgee
1st/2nd June Hill Tops Club @ Tumut
9th/10th June Tamworth Club @ Moonbi
29th/30th June Ellmore Club @ Hinemoo

Northern Final 24th/25th August – host to be advised

Southern Final 31 Aug/1st Sept – hosted by Southern Highlands @ Bundanoon

Depending if other clubs wish to run a qualifier, to date this gives NSW a total of 9 Indoor/Outdoor qualifiers to attend, pretty impressive.

Drivers must complete two qualifiers, without elimination to be able to compete in the Finals.

I am still waiting advice from the Victorian Indoor Panel to select the dressage test to be used for the 2019 series. I will advise everyone as soon as I find out.

I hope everyone has survived the extreme heat of summer, it's been tough, but we are in the country of drought and flooding rains and Australia is certainly living up to it at the moment.

Look after each other and your animals.

Here's to another great year of carriage driving with friends, stay safe.

regards

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