



The Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc.

ABN 28 794 114 302

All correspondence to:
Federal Secretary: Mrs Sue Waters
4 Centre Ave, BITTERN VIC 3918
Email: sue_waters@optusnet.com.au

19/7/2016

Dear Members,

Re: Dressage Judge's / CDE Official's Accreditation update

I am very pleased to be able to advise that ACDS Federal Council at its meeting on 8th July approved the updated accreditation packages for Dressage Judges and CDE Officials, and new supplementary qualifications for CDE Ground Jury Member & President.

The updated packages have resulted in minimal change to what is actually required in order to become accredited as an Official – they simply formalise and clarify the process of gaining accreditation, also removing some of the subjectivity which may have existed in the past.

In terms of re-accreditation of existing officials, the updated packages introduce a requirement to complete an open-book exam in addition to attending a refresher clinic. It is understood that this prospect may be daunting for some, however the process now provides for assistance with special requirements, and rest assured all reasonable assistance will be provided to those who may feel they require it.

The accreditation packages will now be finalised with a target implementation date of 1st August 2016. The packages will be distributed to State Branches and available on the ACDS federal website after that date.

ACDS State Branches have been advised that the process of accreditations / reaccreditations in these categories may recommence from this date and have been asked to begin planning clinics for this purpose over the next 6-12 months.

In order to support this process, Federal Council has established a Training and Schools Sub-committee whose role is to provide resources, advice and support to State Branches.

Federal Council also resolved to further extend existing accreditations for Dressage Judges and CDE Officials through until 30th June 2017, thus ensuring that we do not have a 'gap' in available officials. All existing Officials will be invited to re-accredit at the earliest opportunity before this date and Federal Council has committed to ensuring that sufficient clinics are conducted for this purpose.

I would like to thank members for their patience during this process and I am very confident we will have a much improved system going forward as a result.

Should you have any specific queries regarding the accreditation process, please contact Chair of the Training and Schools Sub-committee, Trevor Brand - Phone: 02 6968 1015 and Email: trevor.brand1954@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Dwyer
ACDS Federal President.