

Dear Members,

I am very pleased to present the ACDS Rules for Australian Combined Driving Events, effective 1st August 2015.

This CDE Rule Book is the culmination of over 12 months of concerted effort by many people, always with the aim of producing a single reference for CDE Competitors and Organisers in Australia.

For many years a single rule book for CDEs, based upon the FEI Rules, seemed an unlikely prospect, however the product we have before us is testament to the energy and determination of all those involved.

In particular I would like to acknowledge the work of the Federal CDE Committee Members and the State CDE Panel Members, past and present – without your collective enthusiasm and commitment to the consultative process we would not have achieved this very important development for the ACDS.

Of course, not everything in the document will suit everyone; but to those who may disagree with some content or provisions, I would ask to you to give it a chance – it is only through putting the rules into practice that we can truly determine their effectiveness or otherwise.

This Rule Book is not just a significant step forward; it is also the outcome of the most comprehensive consultation process the ACDS has ever undertaken on a single topic, and the result shows that as an organisation working together with a positive mindset, we can produce major achievements.

Thank you and well done to all those who have contributed.

Brendan Dwyer
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