



WESTERN CAPE DRESSAGE

2021 Western Cape Rider Rankings explained

The Western Cape Rider Rankings is an initiative started in this very province with the aim to encourage our riders to actively compete and to continuously seek to improve themselves and work towards moving up through the grades.

- It is open to all horses and riders registered with Dressage SA in the Western Cape.
- Consistent performance is rewarded; results are published quarterly to generate a sense of competition.
- Once a year we gather to celebrate the winners in each category at the Annual WCD Awards Function.

So what is the process?

- The Western Cape Rider Rankings are calculated **over the calendar year** from **1st January to 31st December**.
- The Show Holding Bodies have the responsibility of sending all results to us for the rankings timeously and in a clear and legible format with clearly marked date, age group, grade, test, judges, correct rider name as per DSA registration and correct horse name with results (including each judge if more than one) in percentage format.
- These are then captured into the Rider Ranking Database in order that the calculations can be effected.

How are the Rankings calculated?

The **grade in which you are registered** determines the basis of the calculation which is applied. The rules are as follows (and apply to Children, Pony Riders, Juniors and Adults alike unless otherwise specified):

1. **All grades up to and including Advanced**

The ranking percentage is calculated on the average of the **top 6 scores** for each rider/horse combination. If a rider has only done 4 tests in the year the scores are still divided by 6. This rewards the riders who have consistently entered shows and encourages riders to compete in at least 6 tests in a year. The more you ride the better selection of top tests you have!

2. **From Adult Small Tour to Big Tour**

The **top 3 scores** for each rider/horse combination is counted for the rankings. This is because fewer tests are available

3. **Pony Rider Prelim**

The rider must have a minimum of 3 scores counted from tests 3 and 4 (i.e. with canter)

4. **10 and Under Riders**

We request that any 10 and under riders notify us if they are competing in Pony Rider classes that are not specifically for 10 and under as we like to acknowledge them but do not have a ranking for 10 and under specifically

What if I upgrade my horse/pony during the year?

Riding up or down a grade:

- A horse and rider combination cannot win more than one Grade in a calendar year.
- Should this happen the second ranked rider in the lower grade will win the award for that lower grade.
- Please note if you ride a test in a higher grade or lower grade than the grade you are registered, the points will count towards the grade of the test you ride. *(For example you are EM and ride a Medium test the percentage obtained in that test will count for rider rankings in Medium grade.)*

Which shows count towards the ranking?

Results from all **graded** shows run under the auspices **of Dressage Western Cape will be included** in the calculations for the Rider Rankings. Note that this includes Prelim classes at graded shows even though they are not graded per se.

It is worth noting that the following are excluded:

- SANESA results
 - Even though the classes are graded, they are not included in the calculations as SANESA shows are not run under Dressage Western Cape
- Results from Recreational/Practice dressage shows
- Results from Recreational/Practice classes which are held at graded dressage shows

What if I don't agree with the results?

Whilst every effort is made to include all results correctly, there are sometimes occasions where our percentages do not tally with what you have calculated. Often these instances are as a result of show results not being sent in so we urge you to keep track of your rides.

If you do have a query, please contact Bronwyn Taylor brontaylor00@gmail.com and remember to include the details of all shows and tests ridden so that we can see where tests have been missed or incorrectly captured. We will then address your query to the Show Holding Bodies.

The more information with which you can provide us, the easier it will be for us to assist you - we recommend that you send a list of show venues, dates, current grade, tests ridden, results and the relevant judge and we may need to ask you for your proof if we not have records from show-holders.

Why is my percentage different on DSA?

The DSA Rankings are not maintained in the Western Cape and so can differ for a number of different reasons. If you have a query around those numbers, kindly contact DSA directly on admin@dressagesa.com.

What about my Out-of-Province results?

Dressage Show results are only sent to us from registered WC Dressage Show Holding Bodies. This means that we will not automatically be aware of your rides at shows out of Province.

Should you want these included in the rankings (again, only DSA graded registered shows and not SANESA), please send Bronwyn Taylor brontaylor00@gmail.com proof of the results of all tests ridden within a month of the show and before 31st December of the rankings year. Any tests not sent with all required details within this timeframe cannot be included.