Annual report: FS Dressage 2026

FS Dressage had a productive 2025.

Shows

A new SHB and competition venue held a few well attended one day graded shows, with Debbie van Wyk either holding a seminar, Q & A or a Ride and Go afterwards. We already had another show at the venue in 2026, for which we are really grateful.

The FS Dressage Championships held at Bains Equestrian Park at the end of 2025 was a major success as well with almost all the FS riders attending as well as some out of province riders from the Western Province and North West. We were also able to have a Steward at the show for the first time due to DSA's help and financial support. Especially the newer, up and coming riders appreciated the guidance from the Steward a lot.

Teams and National Shows

The FS had riders and teams competing successfully at both the SA Youth and SA Dressage Championships at KPC in 2025. Both Championships were well attended if you compare the numbers to the amount of members we have in the FS, with the Youth riders once again excelling at the SA Youth Championships.

Initiatives

The FS Dressage committee decided to focus on a few specific points for the 2025/2026 season

- Encouraging and assisting the vast Sanesa numbers to join DSA/SAEF and compete in graded classes - we first had to establish a fairly regular graded show calendar, which is still a work in progress with only one SHB holding shows in 2026. A lot of Sanesa riders expressed a keen interest in joining, but got stuck when trying to register everywhere. We appointed a specific FS Dressage go to person who will be available at all the Sanesa qualifiers to assist with this. The parents appreciated this a lot. We are hopeful that a fair amount of riders will join in order to compete at SA Youth Champs

- Horse welfare - especially focused on educating the new, enthusiastic members who come over from Sanesa or Senior amateurs who are not aware of the rules and regulations. Having a steward at FS Dressage Champs already proved very successful, a lot of new riders had productive discussions with her.

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