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## PRESS RELEASE

### GOOD ENTRIES FOR YOUNG RIDER EVENT AT PSI DJWTS

Ten young dressage riders, with twelve horses, have entered the CDI-Y event being held as part of this year's PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars, from March 18 – 20 at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre. A new addition to the DJWTS schedule in 2009, the event attracted only five entries last year, so organisers are pleased with the increase in numbers this year.

Open to young riders aged 16 – 21 years, they must be qualified by having competed successfully at Prix St Georges in the preceding 18 months. Having international status, this event is a qualifier for the FEI Young Rider World Cup Final in Germany in late 2010. There are three other qualifying events in Australia this year being the Hamag Young Rider Festival at Werribee in April, the Sydney CDI in May and the Australian Young Rider Championships in Queensland in June. Australia has previously been represented twice at the FEI Young Rider World Cup Final: in 1997 by Alycia Targa (NSW) and again in 2008 by Jayden Brown (Qld).

Only three of the young riders entered this year are from Victoria, with the remainder from NSW (3), Queensland (2) and South Australia (2). Five of the riders competing have been recently named on the 2010 Australian Dressage Youth Development Squad: Emmalee Weston (Vic), Alexis Hellyer (NSW), Robbie Soster (NSW), Victoria Welch (Qld) and Nicholas Lindquist (SA). Also competing is Ashlea Day from NSW, one of the top 3 finalists in the Aachen Challenge at the Saddleworld Dressage Festival in December 2009.

An exciting competition is assured from these young riders. The Individual test will be held on Friday morning and the Freestyle is being indoors on Saturday afternoon. Definitely an event not to be missed !

Silver and bronze tickets are available for advance purchase, at a discounted rate, until March 15 from GPAC, phone 03 52251200, and at the event itself. More event information available from: [www.equestrianvictoriaevents.com.au/DJWTS](http://www.equestrianvictoriaevents.com.au/DJWTS) or [www.vic.equestrian.org.au](http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au)

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