



Introduction

- a) The Directors of British Dressage are responsible for all matters connected with Dressage. British Dressage office staff are located at Stoneleigh Park and all correspondence should be addressed to: British Dressage, British Equestrian Federation, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2RJ.
- b) Affiliated Dressage Competitions are those held under the rules contained in this book. Their schedules are distributed in the publication "British Dressage".
- c) These rules are intended principally for use in connection with National Dressage Competitions. As such they will relate to all competitions affiliated to British Dressage. However, it must be noted that such Rules do not exclusively relate to National Competitions and that some rules, particularly with regard to conduct and discipline, will be effective at all times and in any circumstance with regard to members of British Dressage.
- d) Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances it is the duty of the relevant officials to make a decision in a sporting spirit, approaching as near as possible the intention of these Rules and to protect the reputation of the sport of dressage in the UK and the welfare of the horse.
- e) Additions and amendments to these rules, since last year, are indicated by dark print. Further amendments or changes to the rules in this book may be published in 'British Dressage' (which is published 6 times per year), the website, show organisers or officials information brief or 'Horse and Hound' or letter, note, fax signed by a member of staff. Failure to comply with any rule changes published in it will be considered a breach of these rules.
- f) Only queries relating to this rule book that are submitted and answered in writing by an authorised member of staff will be binding on British Dressage.
- g) If any member wishes to appeal a decision of British Dressage, the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive or the Disciplinary Sub Committee, such appeal must be made to the British Equestrian Federation Appeals Committee save in the circumstances where British Dressage provides for an alternative appeal procedure in the first instance.
- h) The notice of appeal must be lodged within 7 days of the relevant person receiving notification of the relevant decision. In the event that any member is dissatisfied with the decision of the BEF Appeals Panel, such Appeal may be referred to **Sports Resolutions (UK)**.

Rules for World Class Performance Squad Riders in National Competitions and those competing in International Competitions.

This Rule applies to members of British Dressage who are competing in National Competitions or any riders competing in International Classes in Great Britain or throughout the World. All such competitors and horses when competing in the above categories hereby agree to do so under the jurisdiction of the BEF or in turn the FEI, BOA, IOC and the Sports Councils of Great Britain.

The BEF Rule Book will apply in all such circumstances including the rules for doping and medication control and the BEF Rules shall take precedence over the rules of British Dressage for such purposes.

It is the responsibility of all members of British Dressage affected by this rule to familiarise themselves with the Rules of the BEF, FEI, BOA, IOC and Sports Councils of Great Britain which may be obtained from British Dressage.



Rules for membership of British Dressage

- a) Applications for British Dressage membership must be made on the approved form and submitted to the British Dressage office at Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2RJ. Applications must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as published by British Dressage from time to time.
- b) Membership shall be by annual subscription.
- c) British Dressage reserves, in its absolute discretion, the right to decline any application for, or renewal of, membership without stating cause.
- d) Only a Member (**or those with a class ticket or in Preliminary open/non-qualifying classes**) of British Dressage shall:
 - i. compete at British Dressage competitions;
 - ii. own a horse or pony registered with British Dressage;
 - iii. become listed on the Official Judges Panel or become a listed trainer in the Official Trainers booklet published by British Dressage.
- e) Full registration for horses and ponies runs for 12 months from the date of registration.
- f) Details of membership and horse registration costs are shown on the British Dressage website and in the British Dressage magazine.

Membership Types

Standard membership

Non competing/training membership

Music membership (BHS Riding Club members)

Music membership (non RC members)

Eventers' BD membership (1st October – 31st March)

Pony Club membership

Riding Club membership (1st October – 31st March)

Horse Registration Types

Preliminary – Grand Prix

Change of registered name

Eventers' BD (1st October – 31st March)

Change of ownership (free at time of registration)

Class ticket (per class)

- g) Eventers' BD membership is only available to those who are currently members of British Eventing. It is assumed that the owners of British Dressage Eventing horses will also be British Eventing members. If the British Eventing membership lapses during the time of registration as an Eventing BD member the insurance cover from British Eventing would be invalid.



Rules for National Dressage Competitions

Definition

A Dressage Competition is composed of one or more classes between mounted competitors, performing specified Dressage Tests. These Rules relate to all competitions affiliated to British Dressage.

1. Acceptance of rules

Making an entry for an affiliated Dressage Competition constitutes acceptance of these Rules and binds an entrant to abide by them. It is the responsibility of owners and riders to ensure that horses and riders are eligible to compete in the classes for which they are entered. Any dispensation from these Rules will only be valid if in writing.

2. British Dressage membership

In order to be eligible to ride in affiliated competitions or register as the owner of a horse/pony with British Dressage, it is necessary to be a member of British Dressage except for Preliminary non-qualifying sections or classes and those entering using a class ticket. There is no lower age limit. British Dressage subscriptions run for twelve months from the date of joining, except for Eventers' BD membership which runs from 1st October – 31st March. British Dressage reserves the right to refuse Membership. Music Membership entitles non-BD members to compete in all freestyle to music competitions with a registered or unregistered horse. Those with full and Eventers' BD membership do not require music membership.

3. Class tickets

British Dressage members on non registered horses and non-members on registered or non registered horses will be able to buy class tickets at £6 each. Each ticket will enable them to enter one affiliated class. They must pay the entry fees and abide by the British Dressage Rule Book.

They will be able to win prize money and rosettes but will not be able to earn grading points or qualify for Championships other than Area Festivals. Both horse and rider must be registered before entering these Championships. In the event of a ticket holder winning a class, qualification will pass to the next eligible competitor. Riders and horses do not have to be members to compete in Preliminary **Open/non-qualifying** sections but should they wish to compete in the **Restricted/qualifying** section the rider will need to be a member or compete on a class ticket.

Only members of British Dressage in groups 3-1 may compete on a class ticket at PSG and above.

4. Grading of riders

Riders will be graded in the following 8 groups:

Group 1

Riders who have competed in a CDI abroad or in any CDI0 or CDIW after 1 April 1994 except those who have competed on borrowed horses (eg, Sydney CDI).

Group 2a

Riders who have won point(s) at Grand Prix or who have competed in Big or Small Tour in a UK based CDI after 1 April 1994 (except Group 1).

Group 2

Riders who have won point(s) at Inter I and above in National Classes after 1 April 1994 (except Groups 1 & 2a).

Group 3

Riders who have won points at PSG level or above (including FEI Young Rider classes) after 1 April 1994 (except Groups 1-2a). Also riders who have gained 62% or above at Advanced or FEI YR level and have claimed Group 3 status in order to ride at PSG by writing to the BD Office (see Rule 5d).



Group 4

Riders who have won more than 14 points at Advanced Medium level or any points at the levels above (including FEI Junior classes), after 1 April 1994 (except Groups 1-3).

Group 5

Riders who have won more than 14 points at Medium level or any points at the levels above (including FEI Pony classes) after 1 April 1994 (except Groups 1-4). **See Rules 5g and 5h.**

Group 6

Riders who have won more than 14 points at Elementary level or any points at the levels above after 1 April 1994 (except Groups 1-5). **See Rules 5g and 5h.**

Group 7

Riders who have won more than 14 points at Novice level or any points at the levels above after 1 April 1994 (except Groups 1-6). **See Rules 5g and 5h.**

Group 8

All other riders.

All Pony, Junior and Young Riders regardless of their age will adhere to the same rules as a Senior Group 1 rider if they compete in a Senior International CDI, CDIO, CDI-W, Small Tour or Big Tour (UK or abroad). This does not apply to Under 21 riders competing in CDIs at Pony, Junior and Young Rider level.

Riders who have not competed at or above a specific level for four years or more may apply to the BD office in writing to down group by one level only.

5. Restricted, open and training sections

Restricted and Open sections have been introduced to create a more level playing field for the less experienced rider. As in rule 4 the Group into which each rider is placed is determined by their experience at each level of competition. The rider group then determines whether they compete in the Open or Restricted sections of classes as set out below.

Restricted section riders may gain 14 points at the next higher level before having to ride in the open section at the level below. For example, a Group 7 rider will be able to gain 14 points at Elementary before becoming Group 6 and therefore having to ride in the Novice Open section. This applies to all levels from Novice to Medium. **At Advanced Medium, riders may gain unlimited points from A100, 104 or 106 and retain eligibility to ride in the Restricted section. Those who wish to compete at PSG must be Group 3 and must ride in the Advanced Medium Open section.**

Riders who believe they are eligible to move to a lower rider group should apply to the BD office so that their competition record can be checked and rider group amended. Riders may only down group by one level. Cumulative points over more than one level will not be taken into account.

Classes from Novice to Advanced Medium will be divided into Open and Restricted sections.

- a) At Novice level, riders are eligible for Restricted sections if they have won no more than 14 points at Elementary level or any points at the levels above since 1 April 1994.
- b) At Elementary level riders may enter the Restricted section if they have won no more than 14 points at Medium level or any points at the levels above since 1 April 1994.
- c) At Medium level riders may enter the Restricted section if they have won no more than 14 points at Advanced Medium level or any points at the levels above since 1 April 1994.
- d) At Advanced Medium level riders may enter the Restricted section if they have **won no points at PSG or above** since 1 April 1994 and they do not wish to **use Advanced points** to claim Group 3 status in order to compete at PSG.



Rules for National Dressage Competitions *(continued)*

- e) Those riding a downgraded horse must compete in the Open section up to and including the level from which the horse was downgraded.
- f) British Dressage and British Eventing riders awarded a Union Flag must ride in the Open section with the exception of Para Equestrian Dressage riders. See rule 49 for further definitions and exceptions. As soon as anyone receives a Union flag any qualifications already gained in Restricted sections must be transferred to Open sections. See rule 141a.
- g) A rider who has competed at Advanced horse trials since 1st April 1994 may not be below a group 5 rider.
- h) A rider who has **competed** at Intermediate horse trials since 1st April 1994 may not be below a Group 6 rider.
- i) Foreign riders and those who have spent a minimum of 12 months abroad will be no lower than a Group 3 rider upon registration unless dispensation is granted by British Dressage.
- j) Only riders in Groups 1-3 **who have gained 62% or above in Advanced classes in the UK** may compete at PSG and above. Foreign riders allocated to Group 3 by default must qualify by achieving a score of **62%** or more in an Advanced level class. If any rider receives a score of below 50% in a class at PSG or any points at the levels above they must then not compete in a class at these levels again until they have achieved a score of **62%** or more in an Advanced level class.
- k) Those with BHSI qualification will be no lower than Group 5 upon registration.

Riders must state the section they are entering for every class. They may not change section after the withdrawal date. If this is not stated riders will be put in the open section. Riders competing on downgraded horses see rule 16.

Eligibility is as follows:

Group 1	
Open Section (non qualifier only)	Novice to Elementary
Open Section	Medium & Advanced Medium
Group 2A	
Open Section (non qualifier only)	Novice
Open Section	Elementary to Advanced Medium
Groups 2 & 3	
Open Section	Novice to Advanced Medium
Group 4	
Open Section	Novice to Medium
Either Section	Advanced Medium
Group 5	
Open Section	Novice to Elementary
Either Section	Medium to Advanced Medium
Group 6	
Open Section	Novice
Either Section	Elementary to Advanced Medium
Groups 7 & 8	
Either Section	Novice to Advanced Medium

Should a Group 1 or Group 2a rider win a non-qualifier with the required percentage at the level from which they are barred, the placing may not count as a part qualification for the horse concerned.





Training sections

Training sections are open to members on **un-registered horses** and non-members with class tickets. Both horse and rider must be eligible under BD Rules for levels entered. They are not qualifiers for Summer or Winter Regional Championships, but the score sheets gained in them can be used for Area Festival qualification. No grading points will be given and results will not affect rider status. British Dressage Rules will apply to the Training sections. Rosettes and prize money will be at the discretion of the Organiser.

If Training sections are not offered in the schedules, members may request that a training section is held. The Organiser must allow them to compete in a Training section but it will be their decision whether to offer prize money and/ or rosettes.

6. Qualification for Summer and Winter Regional Championships

Horses/ponies must win 2 or 3 classes at the same level. For Preliminary two first places in qualifiers. For Novice – Medium either 1st place in two qualifiers or 1st place in a qualifier and two 1st places in non-qualifiers. **For Advanced Medium, two wins, one of which must be in a qualifier. All wins must be at or above the required percentage.**

For a summary of Summer and Winter Regional **Championships** qualification percentages see rules 141-170. Please see rule 155 for special rules relating to Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man and Isle of Wight.

7. Foreign riders domiciled in the UK and/or competing in national classes

Irish passports are considered to be foreign.

Riders who wish to maintain eligibility to ride for their own country may compete in Qualifiers and Championships but even though they may win the Grand Prix Championship classes they will not become The National Champion and will not be awarded sashes, rosettes or prize money. Foreign riders competing at other levels at the National Championships will be awarded first place sashes, rosettes and prize money (see Rule 5 para (i) for rider groupings).

Foreign riders competing in the UK require permission to compete from their National Federation; this must be submitted to the BD office upon registration.



Horse Registration

8. Horse/Pony registration

Before being eligible to compete in an affiliated Dressage competition a horse or pony must be registered with British Dressage (except for Introductory and Preliminary classes). There is no lower height limit for registration but horses/ponies must be four years old or over in order to compete. British Dressage reserves the right to refuse a horse/pony registration.

It is a legal requirement of British Dressage that legal owners of horses and ponies registered with British Dressage must also be members of British Dressage. This is important since where the stated owner of a registered horse/pony is not the legal owner this could invalidate the liability insurance under the British Dressage policy.

Registrations are accepted on the understanding that the person making the registration is the bona fide owner or part owner of the horse or pony registered or his authorised agent. BD will accept no responsibility in cases of disputed ownership which must be settled by the parties concerned, if necessary by recourse to the legal system of the land. BD may suspend registration of the horse or pony until such time as the dispute over ownership is settled.

9. Equine influenza vaccination

Equine influenza vaccinations are strongly recommended as up-to-date cover is compulsory in certain circumstances i.e. under FEI rules, at certain venues (e.g. racecourses, Stoneleigh Park). Equine influenza vaccinations are not compulsory for registration of a horse with British Dressage but it is the member's responsibility to ensure they have an appropriate certificate when necessary or as published in individual schedules.

10. Limitations on competing

Horses that are suspected of suffering from infectious or contagious diseases or have been in contact with other animals suffering from such diseases, and horses which are not free from infectious or contagious diseases or come from places or establishments which are not free from such diseases, are not permitted to take part in any British Dressage event.

Mares may not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with a foal at foot.

The rider is responsible for ensuring that their horse is fit to compete.

11. Horse registration

Full registration for horses and ponies runs for 12 months from the date of registration (with the exception of Eventers' BD membership which is from 1st October – 31st March). If a horse's registration has lapsed for more than one month then any points gained during that period, or qualifications gained up to and including that period will become invalid.

12. Ponies/height certificates

Ponies may be registered for the full fee according to their grade and compete on equal terms with horses in all affiliated competitions, with a rider of any age. Grading points will be awarded in the normal manner.

Ponies are not required to obtain FEI Height Certificates for their FEI Passports. Ponies will need current JMB Height Certificates for National competitions and riders should ensure that their ponies are used to being measured and within the current height limit, as they are liable to be measured if they travel to international competitions, **and will be measured at the Pony European Championships.**

Ponies who attend Pony Squad training will be measured by the Team Vet at one or more of their sessions.

Copies of valid Height Certificates for all ponies entered for Selection Trials must be submitted with their entries.



13. Age of horse/pony

The age of a horse/pony is taken from 1st January in the year in which it was born. Horses competing at PSG level and above must be at least 7 years old. Horses competing at Grand Prix must be at least 8 years old.

14. Grading points

Horses are graded on a points system. Points will be awarded against the percentage achieved in accordance with the scales below:

60.00 - 61.99%	1 point
62.00 - 63.99%	2 points
64.00 - 65.99%	3 points
66.00 - 67.99%	4 points
68.00 - 69.99%	5 points
70.00 - 71.99%	6 points
72.00% and above	7 points

All horses obtaining the percentages shown above will be allocated points regardless of place and prize money. However Introductory and Preliminary classes, Music classes and all Young Horse classes will be exempt.

FEI Pony Tests when used exclusively for Ponies will also be exempt from grading points although they will still count as medium level classes for rider grading purposes, i.e. riders gaining percentages equivalent to more than 14 points in them will be Group 5 riders.

Grading queries can only be dealt with if in writing and within 12 months of the relevant competition.

15. Grades of horses

Horses may compete only at the level they are graded or higher. The upper points limit for each grade is as follows:

Preliminary	49 points
Novice	124 points
Elementary	199 points
Medium	299 points
Advanced Medium	374 points
Advanced	Open to any horse

There are additional limits for classes qualifying for National Championships. See Rules for Qualifying and Championships.

Ponies may continue to compete at medium level once 299 points are achieved but must compete in the open section. This rule only applies to ponies ridden by riders 16 years and under.



16. Downgrading horses

Any eligible rider who takes over the permanent ride on a new horse can apply to the British Dressage Office, and for a fee of £60, the horse will be re-graded for them to ride. This must be done before the horse is competed by the new rider.

Rider Group	Points horse will be allocated
Group 8	75 points
Group 7	100 points
Group 6	175 points
Group 5	275 points
Group 4	325 points
Group 3	400 points

Such horses will have their previous points recorded on the computer. Downgrading applies to an individual horse/rider combination and is only maintained if the horse is competed by another rider at the same group as the rider who downgraded the horse, whilst still registered to the downgrading owner. For example, a horse downgraded by a Group 7 rider will only maintain its downgraded status if competed by another Group 7 or 8 rider, or a rider of an equivalent Group if the downgrading rider upgrades. Should the horse be sold, or a rider of a higher grade compete the horse, the horse's points will **revert** to the highest number of points the horse has ever had on its record.

Horses may only be downgraded once in a calendar year. A downgraded horse will not be eligible to compete in any National qualifiers or qualify in any way, including Area Festivals, within six months of the downgrading and will lose any current qualifications. Downgraded horses must be ridden in the Open section, up to and including the level from which they have been downgraded regardless of rider group.

Horses may be de-downgraded for a fee of £10 and will revert back to the highest ever points total (provided this total is higher than the current points). If you are registering a newly imported horse check Rule 18 for further options.



17. Imported horses

Owners of imported horses must supply proof of age at importation, i.e. official import documents or up-to-date GB influenza certificate, before the horse can be registered with British Dressage. For the purpose of registration, horses foaled in Northern Ireland and Eire are classified as British.

Horses that are imported to the UK via Ireland will be awarded points according to their age upon entry to Ireland (proof of Importation must be provided) or if they have been competed under Dressage Ireland rules, a full competition record must be submitted so that BD points can be allocated accordingly.

An imported horse which has been registered with British Eventing for at least one year and has a competition record showing completion of at least one BE100 event (or above) will be exempt from importation rules.

Initially, imported horses will be graded according to their age at the time of registration to the scale given below unless proof of importation at an earlier age can be supplied.

4 year old	0 points
5 year old	45 points
6 year old	160 points
7 year old	260 points
8 year old	400 points
9 year old	435 points
10 year old	450 points

These points may be reduced by Downgrading (see rule 16) or by Assessment (see rule 18).

18. Assessment

If the owner wishes an imported horse's level of training to be assessed, this must be done between first registration and the first competition entry. He/she must contact the Dressage Office, to make an appointment for the horse to be assessed. A horse which has been assessed does not carry the restrictions imposed by downgrading. The cost of assessment is £75. Assessors should not assess horses that are known to them.

19. Grading of horses training or competing abroad

Horses which go abroad and compete in National Competitions will be classed as imported horses for grading purposes if they return to the UK. However if a full competition record for that horse from the foreign federation is presented to British Dressage, only the appropriate number of points according to results achieved will be added to the points the horse had when it left the UK.

Horses competing abroad in CDNs e.g. National classes at the Sunshine Tour will have the results graded and the appropriate number of points added to their record.



20. Insurance

Below are brief details of automatic insurance cover for Affiliated Dressage Days, subject to the terms, exceptions and conditions of the policies.

Public/products liability

The Policy provides cover during the affiliation period (including preparation and dismantling) for damages awarded up to £30,000,000 if the organisers are held legally liable for accidental bodily injury/loss of or damage to property. It also pays all legal fees incurred with the Underwriters' consent in connection with any claim.

The policy indemnifies any judge, steward, instructor, office holder, official or volunteer whilst acting for the organisers, also any landowner or occupier whose land is used for the event.

The Products Liability Section gives cover for injury or damage caused by any product sold or supplied during the event.

This cover has been effected with QBE Insurance Europe Ltd up to £10,000,000 any one occurrence and an excess policy of £20,000,000 excess £10,000,000 via Broker Direct AIG Europe UK Limited via South Essex Insurance Brokers Limited. Dedicated Query Line for Public Liability cover 0845 450 9358.

Employers' liability

The policy provides cover for damages awarded up to £10,000,000 if the organisers are held legally liable for accidental bodily injury to any employee, including volunteers. Any claims must be reported immediately to Shearwater Insurance Services Ltd. Shearwater House, 8 Regent Gate, High Street, Waltham Cross, Herts. EN8 7AF. **Tel: 01992 718666, Fax: 01992 707189** and the Insured Person must follow the underwriters' requirements.

Personal Accident

This policy covers all officials and voluntary helpers for accidental bodily injury whilst at the event or setting up/taking down the event and whilst travelling to and from the event site.

Benefits

£25,000	Death, Loss of one or more eyes/limbs or one of each or Permanent Total Disablement
£250 per week	Temporary Total Disablement up to 104 weeks (limited to £50 per week for unemployed persons)

- a) The insurance excludes any claim arising from or aggravated by a previous disability of the Insured Person.
- b) Any claims must be reported immediately to Shearwater Insurance Services Ltd. Shearwater House, 8 Regent Gate, High Street, Waltham Cross, Herts. EN8 7AF. **Tel: 01992 718666, Fax: 01992 707189** and the Insured Person must follow the underwriters' requirements.
- c) Any queries about these covers should be addressed to Shearwater House, 8 Regent Gate, High Street, Waltham Cross, Herts. EN8 7AF. **Tel: 01992 718666, Fax: 01992 707189.**
- d) A claim for permanent total disablement will not be paid until at least 12 months after the accident.

For members Insurance see Appendix 2.

Competitions

British Dressage reserves the right to control all income, howsoever arising, from television, radio, film, video or other broadcasting rights or associated enterprise at any Dressage event run under British Dressage or FEI rules: for the benefit of the sport as a whole. It is a condition of show affiliation that any proposed contract or agreement, effected by this rule, between or on behalf of the organiser of any show must be submitted to the Chief Executive for prior approval.

21. Introductory classes

Introductory classes are open to members in groups 7 & 8 or non-members on registered and un-registered horses with no grading points. Grading points will not be awarded for Introductory classes and sheets gained in these classes cannot be used for qualification.

22. Preliminary classes

The **Open/non-qualifying** section of Preliminary Classes is open to anyone, member or non-member, registered or non-registered horse, horse not to have gained more than 49 points. Those competing in the **Open/non-qualifying** section do not qualify for the Winter or Summer Regional **Championships**.

The **Restricted/qualifying** section of Preliminary Classes is restricted to those who are eligible to qualify for the Summer and Winter Regional Championships, i.e. members of BD, who are groups 7 or 8, riding registered or unregistered horses with no more than 49 points.

Preliminary classes carry no grading points. Full Horse registration will be required for those competing at the Summer and Winter Regional Championships.

23. Unaffiliated competitions

If an unaffiliated class is run at an affiliated show, the class must be run and judged separately from any equivalent affiliated class.

If there are fewer than ten riders in either section, the class may be mixed, but organisers should endeavour to keep the sections separate whenever possible.

Unaffiliated classes run as part of an affiliated show must be run under BD rules in all respects in order to be covered by BD insurance.

24. Ungraded classes

Certain classes may be designated as ungraded by an organiser. They will only be open to members of British Dressage riding registered horses or to those with class tickets. Horses will get no grading points in them nor will the rider grades be affected by them and they will not count towards qualification in any way. They may cover more than one level with the schedule stipulating the test to be ridden at each level and would then be judged on a percentage basis. If provided at Medium level they would be completely open to any horse with any rider.

25. Associated competitions

These competitions are open to members and non-members of British Dressage but may be restricted in some way, for instance to horses in a certain stud book. They are run under British Dressage rules and may give whatever prize money they choose. Their schedules must be included in the Omnibus Schedules section in "British Dressage" and they will be liable for the £2.00 levy per competitor although no grading points will be given and classes will not count as qualifiers for the British Dressage Championships.

Competitions *(continued)*

26. British Dressage tests in use for 2010

Introductory level

Introductory A (2008) Short

Introductory B (2009) Short

Preliminary level

No. 1 (2006) Short

No. 4 (2002) Short

No. 7 (2002) Short

No. 10 (2002) Short

No. 12 (2005) Short

No. 13 (2006) Short*

No. 14 (2006) Short*

No. 15 (2008) Long*

No. 18 (2002) Short

No. 19 (2008) Long*

Novice level

No. 20 (2007) Short

No. 22 (2007) Long

No. 24 (2010) Short

No. 27 (2007) Short

No. 28 (2008) Short

No. 30 (2006) Short

No. 34 (2009) Short*

No. 35 (2009) Long*

No. 36 (2002) Short*

No. 37 (2007) Long*

No. 38 (2005) Long*

No. 39 (2010) Long

Elementary level

No. 40 (2010) Long

No. 42 (2008) Short

No. 43 (2006) Long

No. 44 (2002) Short

No. 45 (2010) Long

No. 49 (2009) Short*

No. 50 (2007) Short*

No. 53 (2007) Long*

No. 57 (2007) Long*

No. 58 (2004) Long*

Medium level

No. 61 (2002) Long

No. 63 (2002) Short

No. 64 (2006) Long

No. 69 (2005) Long

No. 71 (2002) Short*

No. 73 (2007) Long*

No. 75 (2002) Long*

Advanced medium level

No. 84 (2008) Short

No. 85 (2009) Long (FEI Junior Prelim test)*

No. 93 (2004) Short*

No. 94 (2002) Long

No. 98 (2002) Long*

Advanced level (long arenas)

No. 100 (2002)

No. 104 (2007)

No. 106 (2002)

F.E.I tests (long arenas)

F.E.I PSG (2009)

F.E.I Intermediate I (2009)

F.E.I Intermediate II (2009)

F.E.I. Grand Prix (2009)

F.E.I Grand Prix Special (2009)

Tests highlighted with a * will be the only tests used for qualifiers. It is still permissible for these tests to be used in non-qualifying classes.



F.E.I. U21 tests:

**F.E.I. Pony Preliminary, Team and Individual Tests (2009), Freestyle (2009)
– Medium Standard**

**F.E.I. Junior Preliminary, Team and Individual Tests (2009), Freestyle (2009)
– Advanced Medium Standard**

**F.E.I. Young Rider Preliminary and Team (2009), Individual – Prix St Georges test (2009),
Freestyle (2009) – Advanced Standard**

Freestyle tests:

Introductory (2009) short arena

Preliminary (2009) long arena (or short arena at organiser's discretion)

Novice (2002) long arena (or short arena at organiser's discretion)

Elementary (2006) long arena (or short arena at organiser's discretion)

Medium (2006) long arena

Advanced Medium (2002) long arena

Prix St Georges – FEI YR Freestyle (2009) will be used – long arena

FEI Intermediate I (2009) long arena

FEI Grand Prix (2009) long arena

Young horse tests

BD Basic Test 4 year old (YHB4 2003)

BD Novice Young Horse Test for 5 yr (YHN5 2004)

BD Elementary Young Horse Test for 5 yr (YHE5 2009)

BD Elementary Young Horse Test for 6yr (YHE6 2004)

BD Medium Young Horse Test for 6yr (YHM6 2009)

F.E.I Preliminary Test for 5yr (FEI YHP5 2004)

F.E.I Preliminary Test for 6yr (FEI YHP6 2004)

F.E.I Finale Test for 5yr (FEI YHF5 2004)

F.E.I Finale Test for 6 yr (FEI YHF6 2004)

**Please note – the following tests with the same number but earlier issue date
as the one listed above have been discontinued and must not be used:**

No. 24 (2002) Short

No. 39 (2002) Long

No. 53 (2002) Short

No. 57 (2002) Long

All National tests dated prior to 2002 have been withdrawn and must not be used.

27. Freestyle tests

British Dressage produces Test Sheets for Freestyle Tests at **Introductory, Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced Medium, Prix St Georges, Intermediate I and Grand Prix Levels.**

These tests may be ridden either with or without music. No Grading Points are given for any Freestyle competition, whether with or without music, but in all other respects they are run in accordance with graded classes of the comparative level.

28. Freestyle to music

Tests will be timed from the move off after the first salute until the halt before the final salute. Halts must be shown at the beginning and the end of all freestyle tests and these must be on the centre line facing the judge. Tests should be timed to run approximately 15 seconds under the specified time to allow for



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a slight variation in the running speed of cassette players. Two penalty points will be deducted from the final total if a Test exceeds the maximum time allowed or is more than 30 seconds shorter than the minimum stated time.

The music may start either before the entry at 'A' or after the first halt and salute. No more than 20 seconds of introductory music may be played before the entry at A. Any faults in the reproduction of music at a competition should be taken into account by the Judge. Judges have the authority to restart a competitor should the music fail for any reason.

Test sheets are available at all levels and each includes a list of compulsory movements. If included, movements of a higher standard than the test being performed will be penalised by the deduction of two points each time they are performed

29. F.E.I. Three Day Event tests

These tests come under the Rules for National Tests when used in Affiliated Dressage competitions, except that all trot work must be executed as instructed on the Score Sheets.

30. Availability of tests

Copies of all tests may be purchased from the Dressage Office. Details of prices for test/score sheets and postage and packing for large orders are available on request.

31. Dressage Schedules

Dressage Schedules are incorporated in British Dressage magazine which is produced six times a year and sent free of charge to all British Dressage members.

32. Organiser's rights

The Organiser has the right to:

- a) Cancel any class or contest.
- b) Divide any class.
- c) Alter the advertised time **of a class from that published in the schedule.**
- d) **Refuse any non-BD Championship entry providing a valid reason is given to the competitor and the entry fee is returned prior to the competition.**
- e) **Refuse any entry to a BD Championship providing a valid reason is given and permission is sought from the Chief Executive and there is sufficient time for the rider to enter an alternative Regional Championship.**

33. Opening dates and close of entries

The 'Opening Date' for entries for affiliated competitions can be found in the British Dressage magazine at the start of the dressage schedules listing. Entries may only be made on or after the opening date. Organisers may destroy entries postmarked before the 'Opening Date'. Entries may not be accepted after the Closing Date unless at the discretion of the Organiser. Organisers may charge a late entry fee of their choosing providing that it is shown in the schedule.

34. Entries

- a) Entries must:
 - (i) Be made on the official entry form.
 - (ii) Be accompanied by the correct fees.

- (iii) Include the British Dressage registration number for each horse and rider, where applicable. The only exception is for the National Preliminary Championship qualifiers when the horse is not required to be registered. Entries without correct and current registration details may not be accepted.
- (iv) Be accompanied by an SAE size A5 and appropriate postage.
- (v) A horse may only be ridden once in any class (with the exception of “pick a test” classes where a horse may be ridden more than once in different tests within the class).
- b) Riders must state on their entry form whether they wish to compete in the Open or Restricted section for each class entered. If this is not stated, riders will be put in the Open section. Riders may not change sections after the withdrawal date.
- c) The entry fee for each class is given in the schedules.
- d) Horses and riders must be eligible for the classes in which they are entered at the closing date of entries. In the event of a competition being postponed, horses must still be eligible two weeks before the new competition date.
- e) If a horse or rider upgrades on or after the closing date for entries, they may still compete in the class/section for which they were entered.
- f) Competitors must mark on their entry form if a horse has already qualified for the Summer or Winter Regional Championship or **any other** Championship of a class for which they are entering.
- g) It is the responsibility of owners and riders to ensure that horses and riders are eligible to compete in the classes/sections for which they are entered.
- h) Riders taking part in a class for which they are not eligible or riding a horse in a class for which it is not eligible, will automatically be fined £50.
- i) Making an entry for an Affiliated Dressage Competition constitutes acceptance of the Rules.
- j) All horses must wear numbers whilst being ridden or exercised at affiliated events. These are available at the time of registration, price on application to the BD Dressage Office.
- k) The Secretary must be informed of any change of rider from the original entry.
- l) Organisers have the right to eliminate competitors who fail to ring for starting times at the specified time.
- m) If a class is oversubscribed, preference will be given to those not already qualified.

35. Balloting

If, at close of entries, classes are over subscribed, organisers will have the right to ballot. Competitors who are not successful will be placed on a waiting list and should be notified. Championship classes will not be balloted.

36. Waiting lists

Organisers may keep a 'Waiting List'. In this case, riders/owners should be informed. If for any reason a rider wishes to withdraw from the Waiting List, he/she must notify the organiser according to Rule 38(f). Failure to do so will incur the penalty as indicated under Rule 37(e).

Having been informed that they have been put on a Waiting List, it is the responsibility of the competitor to check whether or not they have been given a place. If a rider does not wish to be included on a waiting list, he/she must state this on the entry form.

37. Withdrawals

- a) Once a competitor's entry has been accepted, it will be assumed that he intends to take part unless he notifies the Organiser to the contrary. Competitors must therefore declare their intention to withdraw, by the time specified in the individual schedules. This will usually be three days before the competition. See Rule 38a (refund of entries).
- b) Competitors should do their best to avoid withdrawing after the withdrawal date but should it become unavoidable they must ring and notify the organiser immediately.
- c) Competitors failing to request their times as specified in the schedule may be deemed to have withdrawn (see rule 34(l)).
- d) Written confirmation of a verbal withdrawal must reach the organiser within seven days of the withdrawal.
- e) Organisers may report to the Dressage Office, anyone who does not take part yet fails to withdraw in accordance with para (a), (b), (c) & (d) above, **or who cancels cheques to avoid payment when withdrawing**. Failure to comply with this rule renders the owner/rider liable to a fine of £50.
- f) Once the test has been completed (i.e. the final halt at the end of the test) it is not permissible to withdraw or retire.

38. Refund of entry fees

- a) No refund will be made to those withdrawing after the Close of Entries.
- b) Fifty per cent of total entry fees will be returned to those whose withdrawal is received before the Close of Entries, and confirmed in writing within 7 days.
- c) A full refund will be made for horses which upgrade on or before the Close of Entries, but whose entries are not transferred to classes of a higher grade.
- d) A full refund will be made for horses put on a waiting list, but not eventually offered a place.
- e) In the event of a competition being cancelled, Organisers are entitled to retain up to **£2.50** per horse, per class. The remainder to be refunded to all entrants, including those who withdrew before the close of entries.
- f) Competitors on waiting lists who choose to withdraw will have 50% of their total entry fees refunded (see rule 36).

39. Hors Concours

Riders wishing to compete 'Hors Concours' in any class, must make this request on their entry form, and obtain permission from the Organiser of the Competition concerned. 'Hors Concours' competitors will not be eligible for any prize or prize money, and their scores need not be shown on the scoreboard. Horse and rider must be registered with British Dressage and must comply with BD rules in all respects apart from eligibility as stated below.

Under no circumstances may a rider declare to be 'Hors Concours' after the class commences. Those riding Hors Concours will not gain any points. **Riders may not compete Hors Concours at any Championship.**

Any Member can compete a registered horse (or registered or unregistered horse in a preliminary class) 'Hors Concours' without any restriction on eligibility for either horse/rider except for PSG and above when Rule 5 (j) applies.



40. Prize money and rosettes

The number of prizes given and the amount of prize money, or type of prize if in kind, must be stated in the Schedule and is unrestricted. Once stated, this can only be reduced in the event of entries falling below the minimum scale for rosettes as set out below. If there are no more than two competitors in a class, prize money should only be awarded if the winner has achieved the relevant qualifying score. If “po” (per overall class percentage) is shown in the schedule the prize money is awarded for the whole class, not for each section.

If there are less than four competitors in FEI level classes the classes may be combined as PSG/ Int I and/or Int II/GP for prize money purposes. If these classes were advertised as qualifiers and are still judged by a correctly listed judge then they will remain qualifiers.

Rosettes must be given to the following scale for competitions but Organisers are encouraged to give more if they wish. Where the classes are split in sections the scale applies per section. Rosettes and prize money for Training Sections will be at the discretion of the Organiser.

All Grades:

1st	1 – 4 starters
2nd	5 – 8 starters
3rd	9 – 12 starters
4th	13 – 16 starters
5th	17 – 20 starters
6th	21 – 24 starters
7th	25 and over starters

Prize money is mandatory.

The amount given for 1st prize must exceed the entry fee, and if entry fees are discounted for groups such as club members, must exceed the highest entry fee charged. Prize money should be given to 3rd place, in relation to the minimum scale, but is not mandatory beyond 3rd even if class entries exceed 12. Prize money may be given per class based on over all percentage, rather than per section. Vouchers/prizes in kind can only be given if in addition to prize money.

Where prize money is given by a National Sponsor, the number of prizes must be awarded as published in the schedules, regardless of the number of starters.

41. Prizegivings

Competitors must attend prizegivings, or ensure that they are represented, when requested by the organiser. Failure to attend may entail the forfeiture of prize money, rosettes and other awards.

42. Dress

Advanced Tests – Uniform or tail coat with top hat or black/navy blue coat, correctly tied white/cream stock with hunting cap, bowler or crash cap.

Preliminary to Advanced Medium Tests – Uniform or conservative coloured/ tweed coat with correctly tied stock, white American Collar or shirt and tie, hunting cap, bowler hat, crash cap, or dressage topper.

N.B. At the discretion of the Organiser, competitors may be permitted to ride without coats in excessively hot weather, but a suitable **long/short sleeved** shirt that fastens at the neck (not bright or multicoloured) with a tie, American collar or correctly fastened stock must be worn. A fitted, plain, conservative coloured waistcoat may be worn when permission has been granted not to wear coats.

Plain dark coloured waterproof coats may be worn in wet weather. Body protectors may be worn.

