

## Para Equestrian Rules

### 171. Para Equestrian competitions for riders with classification of I-IV

All competitions are run under FEI rules, unless otherwise stated.

- a) Commanders may only be used in accordance with the FEI PE rules. Riders with intellectual impairment, visual impairment or head injuries may use a commander. Commanders are permitted in the Restricted section of Para competitions, but are only permitted in the Open section if marked as a dispensation on the rider's card. Please refer to Rule 174 c) for details for blind riders.
- b) For **Para Equestrian** Competitors, a copy of the classification card/letter issued by FEI PE/RDA must be sent with the entry. Riders must always compete with a current card/letter on their person in case of any query. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure their cards are current and have all compensating aids listed.
- c) For BD able bodied competitions all current FEI cards and RDA letters are accepted **when applying** to provide dispensation. A copy of the **BD formal dispensation** must be sent with the entry form. Any rider not currently classified should contact the Para Officer in the BD office. Applications for dispensation in BD able-bodied classes must be made as per rule 79.
- d) Whilst all disabled persons are welcome to compete in affiliated competitions, it is the responsibility of the rider to ascertain (before entering) whether the venue's facilities are suitable for their individual requirements.
- e) **Riders must compete in the Open section of the class if they have Represented Great Britain by competing in a CPEDI 2 \* or above and/or competed in the KBIS National Championships in the past 2 years. Riders may compete H/C in the Restricted section with permission from the organiser.**
- f) **An Open rider must have FEI classification. If a rider has both RDA and FEI classification then FEI takes precedence. Any rider wishing to compete in International Competitions must have FEI Classification.**
- g) **Riders may only compete in their classified grade. Any rider wishing to compete at a higher grade may do so in accordance with FEI rules. However, riders may compete H/C at a higher grade at the discretion of the organiser.**
- h) **The Restricted section is open to any rider with classification (member or non member, riding a registered or unregistered horse), unless they have competed as rule 171e.**
- i) **Open riders must be registered as a BD member (riding a registered horse) . Restricted riders may also compete in Open classes providing they have FEI classification. Non members would need to do so on a class ticket.**
- j) **Riders who qualify for any Para Equestrian National Championship will be allowed to ride up to a maximum of 2 horses in that Championship. This rule does not apply to KBIS – see rule 177. It is the rider that qualifies for the Championships and not the rider / horse combination.**
- k) **Horses will be allowed to wear nosenets in Para Equestrian competitions in accordance with rule 56. However, any horse competing with a nosenet in the Open section will not be considered for selection for International competitions as nosenets are not allowed under FEI rules.**



## 172. Visually impaired riders B1 – III

- a) Prior to the competition the horse may be led around the outside the arena with the organiser's permission and at a suitable time within the competition programme.
- b) Arena familiarisation – prior to beginning the test riders may choose to ride a circuit of the arena on both reins including one change of rein. If the bell for the commencement has not rung then the rider may halt or continue at any pace inside the arena. When the signal to commence the test is given the rider may start the test from inside or outside the arena.
- c) Commanders are permitted for Riders with visual impairment who are classified as B1 Grade III (totally blind riders). They are required to ride with blindfolds. If riders do not wear blindfolds they must ride in Grade IV.
- d) Riders may have up to nine callers with the senior caller communicating with the judge at C. Only one caller is allowed inside the arena, the others must stand outside. Callers must make sure they do not restrict the vision of the Judges. The rider is also allowed a commander in addition to the above.

## 173. Visually impaired riders B2 – grade IV

For those who are visually impaired and classified as Grade IV the arena may not be fully enclosed. Riders may use their own large letters if they wish but will be required to compete at the start or the end of the class. Riders wishing to do this must inform the organiser and are responsible for co-ordinating this with the organiser.

## 174. Horses used for Para Equestrian competitions

- a) Horses competed by Grade I and II riders may be trained/schooled by a designated rider other than the competitor for up to twenty minutes on the day of the competition but **must only** be ridden by the competitor in the 15 minutes preceding the test.
- b) Horses owned by BD members and loaned for the day for a disabled rider may be ridden in another affiliated class by its regular rider on the same day.
- c) All grades may use double bridles, with the exception of riders in Grade I and II in the restricted class.
- d) Riders may share a horse provided they are competing in different grades.

## 175. National qualifiers for Para Equestrian dressage riders

### KBIS

There will be four Regional competitions and the four riders with the highest percentages overall in each grade will qualify for the National Championships (Grade 1 will be split between 1a and 1b). All riders must qualify with a minimum score of 60 %. If the numbers qualified for any grade fall below four, wild cards will be issued to the next highest qualifying percentage in that grade.

The maximum number of riders competing in the Championship is 20. Should there be a space in the KBIS class the rider with the next highest percentage from across all qualifiers, regardless of grade, will be invited to compete. If there is only one entry in either of the Grade 1a or 1b classes, those Grades will be combined into a single Championship class.

The Competition is for all riders with FEI classification cards. Riders at the Championships must also be members of BD. It is the rider who qualifies and the horse may be substituted. In the event of a rider being unable to compete at the Championships, BD must be notified a week prior to the close of entries and the next highest percentage will then qualify.



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### 176. Para Equestrian winter qualifiers

In order to qualify for the Para Equestrian Winter Championships a rider must be placed 1st or 2nd in two qualifiers. Restricted riders must achieve 60% or above and Open riders must achieve 62% or above. Wild cards will be allocated to the rider(s) with the highest percentage across all qualifiers in each grade.

### 177. Para Equestrian National Championships

To qualify for the Para Equestrian National Championships riders must gain points which will be given for percentages achieved in all qualifiers.

To qualify, riders must gain:

8 points over 60% in Restricted.

12 points over 62% in Open.

The points will be allocated as per Rule 14, Grading Points:

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

Riders will be notified of their qualification from the British Dressage Office.

The Champion at each grade will go through to a Freestyle Championship.

## 178. National and international rankings

Points are awarded for National and International results throughout the year rolling from month to month (12 months prior).

Big tour ranking points are awarded at Premier Leagues, National Championships and International shows. Qualifying scores can be gained in the following classes at the above events: Grand Prix, Grand Prix Special, Grand Prix Freestyle. Each riders 8 highest results (on any number of horses) are counted (a maximum of 2 may be in Grand Prix Freestyles).

Small tour ranking points are awarded at Premier Leagues, National Championships and International shows. Qualifying scores can be gained in the following classes at the above events: Prix St Georges, Prix St Georges Freestyle, Intermediare I, Intermediare I freestyle. Each riders 8 highest results (on any number of horses) are counted (a maximum of 2 may be in PSG and Inter I Freestyles).

Points are awarded as follows, current rankings are shown on the British Dressage website.

	71%+	69-70.9%	67-68.9%	65-66.9%	63-64.9%
Premier League	10	9	8	6	4
National Championships	17	15	12	10	7
CDI, CDIW	34	30	25	20	15
CDIO	45	39	32	26	19
Europeans & World Cup Finals	52	45	37	32	20
Olympics & World Games	59	51	42	34	25

## 179. Steele Salver Award

The Steele Salver Award is presented at the National Convention to the combination who have gained the most Steele Salver points between 1 December 2009 – 30 June 2010.

Points are calculated as follows:

Novice-Medium 1st place = 4 points, 2nd place = 3 points, 3rd place = 2 points,

Advanced Medium – Advanced 1st place = 3 points, 2nd place = 2 points, 3rd place = 1 point