



## FAQS

### NORTHERN – GENERAL

**Should I compete in the open or restricted section?** Classes are split into open and restricted sections to create fair competition. The section you compete in is determined by your rider group. The restricted section is for riders who have won points at that level and up to 14 points at the next level up; the open section is for riders who have won more than 14 points at levels higher than the one they are competing in. For example, if a rider has won more than 14 points at medium or any points at advanced medium or above, they will need to compete in the open sections at levels lower than medium.

**Can non-members compete in affiliated prelim classes?** Please remember that Prelim classes no longer have 'Open' & 'Restricted' sections they are either Non-Qualifying or Qualifying sections: The **Non-Qualifying Preliminary sections** are 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 non-qualifying section do not qualify for the Winter or Summer Regional Championships. The same test can still be split in to Qualifier & Non-Qualifier Sections, but these will have to be inputted on to the BD schedules as separate classes, i.e. Class 1a – Prelim Qualifier; Class 1b – Prelim Non-Qualifier.

Qualifying Preliminary sections are 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.

**Class tickets – what are they?** By buying a class ticket for £7, you can enter one British Dressage class without being a member or having a registered horse. You can use a maximum of six tickets per year and win rosettes and prize money, but will not receive BD points or qualification, except for Area Festivals. If a rider using a class ticket wins a qualifier other than those specified above, qualification will pass to the next eligible competitor. You can buy a class ticket in on the BD website (online shop) and you will be sent an entry form and an issue of *British Dressage* magazine, which lists all the current show schedules. These are also available in the competition section of the BD website. You will need to pay the usual entry fee and abide by BD rules.

**How to keep up to date?** Send Sarah Huntridge [sarah.huntridge@britishdressage.co.uk](mailto:sarah.huntridge@britishdressage.co.uk) your e-mail address for all up to date information. This is the best way of staying in the loop! The regional webpage is also constantly being kept up to date with regional and national activities.

**Northern Forum – what is it?** This is run in a similar format to the National Convention but is usually an evening event and is organised by the Northern region. We aim for it to be fun and entertaining. Usually 300-500 people attend our Forums.