



CPEDI 1* / 2* / 3*

25 – 30 July 2016

FAQ's

By now your planning for the CPEDI will be well underway. This might not be your first International Competition but for many it is.

Every year we are asked many questions, which we are of course delighted to help and guide you where we can. To assist with this we have collated some of the frequently asked questions and hope the answers will help you to enjoy the show. Once you are on site any of the Organising Committee or officials will be pleased to answer questions. Please make sure you keep an eye out for rider briefings, Chefs Meetings etc and attend those which are applicable to your particular competition.

- **Where do I get my bridle number?** Bridle numbers are allocated on arrival, they must be worn at all times, whether riding or leading your horse. A bridle number will be provided by the OC but please make sure you bring your own to use while competing/riding.
- **What happens when I arrive?** On arrival please park in the designated lorry parking area, come, on foot to the arrival area and ensure that the FEI vet is there to greet you and inspect your horse passport and horse. At this time you will be given rider and groom wristbands which will give you access to the stables. You must wear these and secure them firmly to your wrist as without them you will not be permitted to enter the stables.
- **Vaccinations and horse passports?** It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that all horses are vaccinated in line with FEI regulations and that the passports are completed and up to date. FEI passports should be obtained if necessary and horses must be microchipped. Please refer to your own vet prior to arrival if you have any questions. Horses without correct vaccinations or documentation will not be permitted into the stables. You will only be given your passport back on completion of the competition.
- **When does the competition start?** You will be under competition rules 24 hours prior to trot up which is usually from arrival on site.

- **Where can I ride?** Clear plans of when and where you can ride will be displayed daily. You may only ride in the designated areas at the designated times and under the supervision of an FEI Steward. There is no hacking and please make sure you do not ride in any arena that is clearly closed or not for use. Any 'special' riding requests must be addressed to the Chief Steward or Technical Delegate for consideration but these cannot be guaranteed.
- **Will there be arena walks?** Yes but only at the pre-advertised time. All arena walks will be in walk, ridden or in hand around the outside of the competition arena. If ridden the horse should be ridden by the athlete. If the ridden by the trainer (if competitor is Grade Ia, Ib or II) this will form part of the 30 minute allocation for that given day. Please dress accordingly and remember your bridle number.
- **What is arena familiarisation?** Each competitor will be given a minimum of 15 minutes per horse to work in the competition arena(s) and to ride whatever movements they wish. This time will be shared with others and will be allocated/you will sign up for it in advance. You will only receive one opportunity to do this and it will take place prior to the start of your competition. We ask that you make sure that you know when this is taking place after you have arrived and settled in.
- **Can I Lunge?** Yes, but in the allocated lunge area and to do so you must book the relevant slot(s) in advance and be supervised by a steward. Horses must be lunged in permitted tack/equipment and riders may not be lunged on the horse.
- **Can I graze my horse?** Unfortunately, at this competition it is not possible to hand graze or walk the horses out in hand. We ask that you do not walk horses anywhere other than the designed areas. Any hand walking opportunities will be advertised on the notice boards but cannot be guaranteed.
- **When can I go to the stables?** The stables open at 0600 daily and close at 2130. Outside of these times you will not be permitted to enter unless there is a genuine emergency, you will then have to be escorted by a designated steward stating the reasons you require entry.
- **Can I take my friends to see my horse in the stable?** Only persons with the correct accreditation can be allowed entry to the stable area and secure areas. Each rider has an allocation of accreditations and once allocated these cannot be transferred to another party or additional ones released without the permission of the Technical Delegate or Chief Steward.
- **What happens in the trot up?** At the agreed time you will congregate in the holding/walk area in preparation for trot up. You may practice trotting your horse if it is safe to do so. You will be called into the trot up area according to the pre-published list. Please be prompt and do not assume a time for your own trot up, be ready to go when asked. You should present your horse in a snaffle bridle.

- **What is a compensating aid check?** On arrival at any of the training arenas please present to the steward for your compensating aids to be checked each time you ride.
- **What is a tack check?** Your tack will be checked by an FEI steward as you leave the competition arena after each competition you ride in.
- **Do I have to do the music?** Yes, if you qualify from day 1 & 2, the music is compulsory and not optional so please ensure you bring your music with you. There will be a music sound check, the date and time will be advertised on arrival.
- **Whips?** If permitted must not exceed 120 cms, the stewards will measure and check this, if they are too long they will 'reduce their length'! For trot up a whip of up to 120cm only may be carried by the handler, if required. Please refer to FEI Veterinary Regulations, Page 41 rule 15, article 1033 Section 2.15 for details.
- **What happens in prize giving?** The times for prize giving will be advertised. All riders must attend prize giving and must be in full competition dress. The prize giving is all unmounted.
- **How will I know what is going on?** There will be a rider briefing on Monday 25 July 2016 at 1900 for all riders to attend. There will then be a rider/chef meeting for CPEDI 1 & 2* riders on Tuesday evening after trot up where the times for the following day will be announced. There will be a Chefs & Rider meeting on Wednesday evening for the CPEDI3* riders when times will be announced and teams nominated.

Signs regarding opening times for showers, catering etc. will be posted in the main reception at the venue. Please familiarise yourself with them daily.

- **What if I need a Vet or Doctor?** The competition will have first aid cover on site. If your horse requires the vet you must first consult with the FEI Treating Vet on site who will guide you on procedure. Please advise the Treating Vet who will meet you on arrival of all medication that your horse is on and you will be guided as to the regulations for this. If you are in any doubt prior to competition of drugs/supplements etc that you use on your horse please ensure you consult your own vet for advice. If your horse requires any veterinary treatment while on site the Treating Vet must be advised and must be in attendance when this is administered.
- **What are the rules for this competition?** May we remind you that the FEI rules for CPEDI competitions can be downloaded from the FEI website along with the General Regulations, the Veterinary Regulations and Classification Regulations. Please make sure that you are familiar with them and that you look at the current version.

- **Accommodation and Food?** If you have booked on site accommodation you will be directed to check in after arrival. Food packages where applicable will be explained at this time. The accommodation on site is a short walk from the Equestrian Centre, it is possible to drive but this involves leaving the equestrian facility and accessing the accommodation area, it is not possible to drive/park outside of the accommodation so please make suitable arrangements. Meals are served in Pastures Restaurant which is on site between the Equestrian Centre and accommodation. It is possible to buy food on site at the arena catering facility if you wish but meals included in accommodation packages are in Pastures. If staying in on site accommodation towels and bedding are provided. Please bring toiletries.
- **Who are the officials?** An international event is managed by a Ground Jury which is made up of the President of the Ground Jury and a team of judges who are responsible for the actual competition. The Chief Steward and assistant stewards are responsible for the management of the stables, training arenas and the control of the field of play. The Technical Delegate is in place to ensure that the rules of the sport are upheld at all times. A Veterinary Delegate is responsible for all veterinary decisions and will work with the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chief Steward and the Treating Vet.
- **How do I get help?** The staff at the College and the Organising Committee are on site to help you at all times and will, if they are unable to assist refer you to the correct person. You can approach the Chief Steward, Assistant Stewards or Technical Delegate at any time and they will be pleased to guide you.

We wish you a very successful competition.

Bishop Burton Equine Team

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