

## Home International FAQs'

By now your plans for your International outing will be well on the way! This may not be your first big competition or Home International but for many it is.

Every year we get asked many questions, which we of course are delighted to answer and give guidance where we can. To assist with some of the questions that may arise we have collated some frequently asked questions and we hope that these answers will help you enjoy the show. Once you are on site any of the organising committee will be please to answer your questions. Please make sure you keep an eye out for rider briefings, chef's meetings and attend those which are applicable to your competition.

- **Where do I get my bridle number?** – Bridle numbers are allocated on arrival and must be worn at all times. A bridle number will be provided by the Organising Committee but you should also bring your own to use whilst riding on the showground and competing.
- **What happens when I arrive?** – On arrival please park in the designated lorry parking area, come on foot to reception with your passport to find out where your stable is.
- **Vaccinations and horse passports** – It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that all horses are vaccinated. Please refer to your own vet prior to arrival if you have any questions. Horses without correct vaccinations or documentation will not be allowed into the stables. You will only be given your passport back when you complete the competition.
- **When does the competition start?** – You will be under competitions rules from arrival on site.
- **Where can I ride?** – Clear plans of when and where you can ride will be displayed daily. You may ride in the designate areas at the designated times and under the supervision of a Steward. There is not hacking and please make sure you do not ride in any arena that is clearly closed or not in use. Any special riding requests must be addressed to the Organiser but cannot be guaranteed.
- **Will there be arena walks?** - Yes but only at a pre-advertised time. All arena walks are to be in walk either ridden or in hand around the outside of the competition arena. If ridden the horse should be ridden by the athlete. If ridden by the trainer (if Grade 1 or 2), this will form part of the 30 minute allocation for that given day. Please dress accordingly and remember your bridle number.
- **Can I lunge?** – Yes, but in allocated lunge areas only. To do so you must book the relevant slot 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.
- **What happens at the trot up?** – At the agreed time you will congregate in the holding/walk area in preparation for the 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 and don't forget your bridle number. If you are unable to trot your horse up yourself you may designate someone to do this for you although the steward must be notified.

- **What is a compensating aids check?** – On arrival at any of the training areas 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.
- **What happens in a prize giving?** – The times for prize giving will be advertised. All riders must attend the prize giving and must be in full competition dress. The prize giving's are unmounted.
- **How will I know what is going on?** – There will be a rider briefing at the beginning of the show and the date and time for this will be advised on your arrival. There will also be team meeting/briefings for each region.  
Signs regarding opening times of the restaurant, showers etc will be posted in the main reception area.
- **What if I need a Vet or a Doctor?** – You must contact the Organiser
- **What are the rules for this competition?** – The Para Home International is run under British Dressage rules – please consult the 2017 Rule book.

We wish you a successful competition and ask either the Organiser or any of the Regional Development officers if you need any help or assistance.