



THE EASTERN REGION



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Inter County Challenge 2019

Open to all members of British Dressage

FREESTYLE GALA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

When: 6-7 July 2019

Where: The College Equestrian Centre
Church Road, Keysoe
Beds, MK44 2JP



SCHEDULES

Freestyle to Music Competition

- Each county is invited to make two entries for the Music Competition – one Restricted and one Open Team.
- Each entry must consist of a minimum of two riders but preferably more.
- The Restricted team to consist of combinations eligible to compete up to Elementary Silver level, and included movements should not be higher than Elementary test level.
- The Open team is open to all levels and there is no restriction on movements.
- The theme for the event this year is **CARTOONS AND COMIC STRIPS**. The display should incorporate dress, music and theme around this subject.
- This event will take place in a 20x60m arena – there are no restrictions on movements or how you put together your performance but it should run for between 4 and 6 minutes.
- The event will be judged by a panel for quality, entertainment and dressage! See Appendix 1 at the end of the schedule for further details.

Prizes will be awarded in various different categories with an overall Restricted and Open winner.

Inter County Challenge

Tests:

<i>Round 1:</i>	<i>Round 2:</i>
Preliminary 19	Preliminary 17A
Novice 23	Novice 37A
Elementary 40	Elementary 43

Prizes:

Rosettes & prizes will be awarded to all riders, both within their counties and individually.

Conditions of Entry:

- Riders must be paid members of British Dressage by the close of entries (either Club or Full).
- Horses must be 4 years or over.
- Riders must be eligible to compete in accordance with BD rules in the correct rider group/level as at the date of close of entries – all combinations to be eligible for either Bronze or Silver only.
- If a rider has competed at the Winter Championships 2019 or Summer National Championships or Home International 2018 (either Youth or Senior), they are **not** eligible for the Inter County Challenge.
- If a rider has ridden in the 2018 Senior Inter Regionals, or the 2018 Pet Plan Finals at Hartpury (April 2019) they may take part, but they must ride at the level above.
- Riders can try out for the county of their choice, but ideally they or their horse should reside in that county. London will incorporate those inside the M25, and the riders this affects can

choose to ride for either London, Essex or Herts. Riders can ride in different counties if they have friends there or connections, but they must elect before the start of the process which county they intend to ride for, and cannot swop to another after this.

Team Allocations:

Riders are invited as follows:

4 Preliminary riders, 4 Novice riders, 4 Elementary riders

Each county to send a total of 12 riders

Selection

Teams will be selected in accordance with the Regional and County Team Selection Policy.

Dress Code

Competition clothing must be worn with headgear in accordance with British Dressage rules. Stocks/saddle cloths etc in county colours may be worn for this competition.

Entry Information

Entries must be submitted on line via the Eastern Region Booking System. Entries close 1 July 2019.

Freestyle Team Entry Fee:	£20 per rider
Entry Fees Sunday	£40 per rider
Stabling – Saturday night or day stable	£40
Electric Hook up in lorry park per night	£20

General Rules

Normal BD rules apply. Whips and commanders are permitted in any test. Grading points will not be awarded. Riders must be eligible to ride at the level which they intend to compete in accordance with the rules above.

No person but the competitor may school a horse from the saddle for the duration of the show, with the exception that grooms may exercise at walk on a long rein ONLY. (This rule does not apply to para riders).

The overall results will be determined by allocating points for placings in the class (1 point for 1st, 2 for 2nd...). The best 10 results per county from the first round will be added to the best ten from the second round. The county with the best overall mark (ie ending with the lowest number of points) at the end will be the winners.

For the Individual – the rider's percentages in the two rounds will be added together and the rider with the overall highest score will be the winner.

Saturday Evening Entertainment

Please come at 4pm to watch the Freestyle Competition. Later in the evening, each county will arrange their own food/entertainment, either in the box park or on the veranda. (Arena walks after the freestyle). Prize Giving half an hour after last performance in the main arena.

Stable Competition

Teams are encouraged to decorate their area in the stable yard to be judged on Saturday night. The theme this year is "**The Culture of your County**". Prize to be presented on Sunday afternoon.

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APPENDIX 1

Inter County Freestyle Judging Criteria

Dressage Quality (scales of training and movements) max marks 50

Judges will be looking for quality of dressage relative to the scales of training and relative to the movements being shown eg collection will be expected to be shown if the freestyle includes shoulder in but not in 15 metre circles. The judges will be assessing the elements of the scales of training as an average across the performers and will mark the quality out of 10 to one decimal point eg 7.4 and then the score will be multiplied by 5 to give the mark for that section

Interpretation of theme (costumes & appropriate music) max marks 40

Each team will have a theme which they will enter on the entry form. They will be required to perform in costume, with props if appropriate to music that reflects the theme. The judges will be assessing the two elements (music and costumes including props) out of 20 marks each and the scores will be added together to give the mark for that section

Choreography and Harmony as a team/pair max marks 40

This will include the way the horse/ponies match when working together, the dressing when working apart and the choreography of the team to include inventiveness The judges will consider the two elements (choreography and harmony) out of 20 marks each and the scores will be added together to give the mark for that section

Entertainment value max marks 20

The judges will consider the overall entertainment value out of 20 marks

Total marks available 150, highest score is winner