



COMPETITION RULES

SUMMARY

- Gloves must be worn
- No martingales or non-permitted tack including bit guards
- Film from C, the judges position
- Your horse or pony must wear boots or bandages if you wear competition clothing
- If filming on a smartphone, hold the device in the landscape orientation
- Zooming - you must include some zoom when the rider is at the A end of the arena

GENERAL

Tests should be ridden and will be judged under normal British Dressage rules.

Some modifications have been made to suit judging online and these are listed below. Every eventuality may not be provided for in the following but in any unforeseen or exceptional circumstance, Dressage Adventures will make decisions in the sporting spirit in which this company is run. Dressage Adventures reserves the right to amend these rules at short notice and it is advisable to check them on a regular basis.

Videos of tests must not be entered if they have already been judged in another competition. Any video which is suspected of having been filmed during another competition will not be accepted. In these circumstances no refund will be offered. For this reason if competition clothing is worn, then the horse or pony must wear boots or bandages (no knee boots).

We ask that the rider or coach/person filming briefly announce the rider and horse at the start of the video.

The person filming must stand behind C (so far as it is possible). The rider enters the arena at the far end at A riding towards the camera, the judge's viewpoint. It may be necessary to move the letters or display temporary ones if space or sun dictates it.

Judges decisions are final. No communication or discussion will be entered into by Dressage Adventures, any of its representatives or the judge involved. Any objection or appeal regarding a score must be made in writing within 24 hours of the test being judged.

Copyright laws must be adhered to when submitting any video footage. Dressage Adventures will not be liable for any costs incurred as a result of infringement of copyright laws by any competitor or 3rd party.



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ENTRIES

Any rider is free to register and enter a Dressage Adventures competition and does not need to be a member of the relevant body but juniors aged under 18 years must have parental permission.

Acceptance: Making an entry for a Dressage Adventures competition constitutes acceptance of the Rules and Terms & Conditions of Dressage Adventures.

Horses and ponies can be ridden by more than one rider. Horse and rider combinations may not enter a class more than one level below their highest entry in any competition class, regardless of where the competition is held e.g. a horse and rider combination competing at Elementary level may not enter a Preliminary competition class.

Sections: A (Dressage Adventures tests - long & short) & B (British Dressage tests - long & short) classes will be combined at each level.

There are no restricted, open, junior or senior sections as we find this is confusing and largely unenforceable. Instead we have a level playing field where all entries win prizes!

In order to make our generous prizes feasible, classes with fewer than 10 entries will be combined.

Entry fees will not be refunded once an entry has been accepted.

Further entries and videos of the same test may be submitted in a class once an entry has been submitted. Each further entry will require an entry fee. Each entry must be a different video of the test being ridden. Only the highest scoring test will be entered into the competition.

Dressage Adventures reserves the right to refuse an entry without stating a reason. Pricing may be subject to change from month to month. Please refer to the schedule for details.

If the quality of a video is considered too poor to be judged, the competitor will be given the opportunity to submit a further video without charge. Refunds will not be made except in exceptional circumstances at our discretion.

Late entries: The closing date for each competition is indicated on the schedule page. After the closing date entries cannot be received and no refunds will be made.



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DRESS & TACK

Dress can be informal but tidy, if a show jacket or hacking jacket is worn, then the horse or pony must wear boots or bandages to clearly demonstrate that the test has not already been judged.

Riding hats must be worn. BSI Standard hats or other such protective headwear is strongly advised and compulsory for those under 18 years of age.

Suitable footwear with a heel and gloves must be worn for safety reasons.

Gloves must be worn.

Bridles should be used as follows: For British Dressage Walk and Trot (Introductory) and Preliminary to Novice tests - ordinary snaffle; Elementary and above - ordinary snaffle or double bridle. Nosebands must be worn, a drop, cavesson, flash or grackle with a snaffle or a cavesson with a double bridle.

Other tack: martingales, side, running or elasticised reins may not be used in any competition class.

Neck straps or balancing straps (a loop on the front of the saddle) may be used at all levels in British Dressage tests. Cruppers are also allowed in British Dressage tests.

Boots or bandages are allowed to be worn.

Spurs and a whip may also be used.

RIDING THE TEST

Commanders or callers may be used

Salutes should be made with reins and whip (if carried) in one hand and the free hand lowered to the rider's side and the rider should nod their head.

Trot sitting or rising (or a mixture of both) may be ridden in all British Dressage tests up to and including Elementary. Rising trot is allowed at Medium level in medium and extended trot. Sitting trot should be ridden in FEI unless stated otherwise on the test sheet.

Errors: When a competitor makes an error of course - takes the wrong turn, omits a movement, etc. 2 marks will be deducted. If the movement is not performed then a mark equal to the average of the collectives marks is given as well as deducting 2 for the error. If the competitor makes an error of test - trots rising instead of sitting or at the salute does not take the reins in one hand - he must be penalised for error. If 3 errors of course are made the competitor will be eliminated.

Good luck, and have fun everyone!