

Event Terms & Conditions



If you have to withdraw on the day of the competition, please try and make contact with the competition secretary.

Scottish Dressage Group – Rules and Regulations Winter Series 2023/24

1. These competitions are open to non-members but priority will be given to members.
2. Rider/horse combinations are restricted to two tests per combination per competition.
3. The Walk and Trot Intro Class is intended to encourage inexperienced horse and rider combinations to take part in Dressage Competitions. The class is intended particularly for those that are not proficient at cantering a 20 metre circle.
4. The Intro and Prelim classes have 2 sections, Open and Restricted. Entry Criteria for the sections is as follows:
 - Intro Restricted – Open to riders who have not competed at prelim level or above before on any horse.
 - Intro Open – Open to all riders.
 - Prelim Restricted – Open to riders who have not competed at novice level or above before on any horse.
 - Prelim Open – Open to all riders. It is not possible to enter both the Intro and Prelim classes as a restricted rider.Likewise, if entering a Novice class, the prelim class must be entered in the open section. If a rider enters the restricted and open section of the intro and prelim classes, the Open section must be HC.
5. All competitions are run under the current British Dressage Rules and all Riding Hats must comply with the current British Riding Club Rules/ British Dressage Rules. Harnesses must be correctly adjusted and fastened. Protective Headwear should carry the quality assurance stamp of kite mark or SEI and must meet any new standard that meets or exceeds those stated in the Rules of BRC and BD. For full details of accepted standards, check BRC website (http://www.bhs.org.uk/Riding/British_Riding_Clubs.aspx). It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that their hat meets the new standards (including date and quality assurance mark) and shows the original label. Failure to do so will mean that the rider is not covered by the BRC third party insurance.
6. The use of HEAD CAMS are strictly prohibited at any BRC affiliated competition. This includes use on the head, chest, bridle or any other part of the horse or rider.
7. Rules for British Riding Club and British Dressage can be accessed on their Web Sites: www.bhs.org.uk and www.britishdressage.co.uk.
8. We regret that no refunds will be given after the closing date. No late entries.
9. We ask all riders to be considerate and keep the horsebox/trailer parking area clean. Please collect and take home litter and horse droppings. Please keep dogs on a lead and under control at all times and pick up all droppings.
10. Please park cars by the main yard and not in the designated lorry/trailer park, which is next to the outdoor arena.
11. We endeavour to have a First Aider present at our events, on a voluntary basis. When this is not possible, we will hire a first aider externally and charge an extra fee per rider.
12. We often have a photographer present. If you do not wish your photograph taken let the photographer, or a committee member, know.
12. All riders ride at their own risk. British Riding Club insurance cover is not insurance for individual personal cover. SDG/Riding Club insurance does not provide personal accident insurance.
13. Riders under 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Directions to Cousland Park Training and Livery Centre - Full details of the location and access to Cousland Park can be found on the Scottish Dressage Group Web Site: www.scottishdressagegroup.org.uk