

DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. Unaffiliated classes are Club Competitions run in accordance with British Dressage Rules.

2. All horses must wear a bridle number.

3. ARENAS

Details of which classes are run in each arena will be posted outside the Dressage Caravan on the day. There is a large working-in area and the dressage arenas are set on level ground on well-established turf.

4. CLASSES

Introductory Tests are open to entry level competitors/horses. The **Introductory Championship for the Stanley Hill Perpetual Challenge Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed WPEC member, who is also eligible for the GBEC Sunshine Tour Championships, in the Introductory class on 4th September.

Preliminary Tests are restricted to horses with less than 55 Dressage Grading points or having not won three first prizes in WPEC Novice classes in 2016. The **Preliminary Championship for the Grondon Waste Management Perpetual Challenge Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed WPEC member in the Preliminary classes on 3rd September.

Novice Tests are restricted to horses with less than 110 Dressage Grading points, or having not won three first prizes in WPEC Elementary classes in 2016. The **Novice Championship for the Novice Perpetual Challenge Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed WPEC member in the Novice classes on 3rd September.

Elementary Tests are open.

The **Elementary Championship for the Perpetual Challenge Trophy** kindly donated by Mrs **Sigrid Young** will be awarded to the highest placed WPEC member in the Elementary class on 3rd September.

5. TESTS

Official copies of all the British Dressage and Horse Trials tests being used WPEC will be available from the Dressage Caravan at current prices.

6. **ENTRIES** should be made on WPEC Dressage Entry Forms and sent to the Dressage Secretary, to arrive by the closing date for entries shown in the schedule. Entries may also be made by telephone or e-mail by the closing date. The entry form should be signed and the entry fees paid at the secretary's caravan before competing on the day of the show.

Entry forms are available on the website, on the showground, and may be photocopied.

7. STARTING TIMES

Times are available on the website, www.wpec.org.uk, from mid-day on Thursday onwards. Competitors must report to the Dressage Steward at least 15 minutes before their allotted test time.

8. **DRESSAGE TRAINING SESSIONS:** 30 minute training sessions with a judge/trainer may be available. Please enquire by telephone or e-mail before booking in advance on entry form, stating Test No. or level at which you wish to work.

9. PRACTICE ARENAS

20 x 40m and 20 x 60m arenas may be available for practice at £5 per 15 minutes. Apply on the day to the Dressage Steward.

11. ENTRY FEES

Members: Dressage classes £12
Non-members: Dressage classes £14
Training Sessions £

12. PRIZES

Prize money will be awarded as follows, depending on the number of starters: where there are less than three entries in a class, all prize money may be withheld.

Dressage 1st £12 2nd £10 3rd £8 4th £6

Special rosettes will be awarded to the highest placed **rider in each class under 18 years.**

14. ANNUAL AWARDS:

The Neville Palmer Perpetual Challenge Trophy will be awarded, on a points system, to the highest placed member under 18 years.

The “Light ‘n Shade” Perpetual Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the member with the highest number of points overall.

The Bradford Perpetual Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the rider over 40 years of age with the highest number of points.

Invited Dressage Judges

Mrs. R. Ablitt	Mrs. P. Green
Mrs. J. Black	Miss M. Bone
Mrs. B. Wright	Mrs S Lown
Mr R Algar	Ms L Ruffe
Professor H ApSimon	

The Sunshine Tour Unaffiliated Dressage Championship Show will be held at Hickstead on 14th-17th September 2017

Qualifications and Restrictions: 1st – 4th (depending on number of entries) qualify in selected Walk & Trot, Prelim, Novice and Elementary classes. For Walk and Trot and Prelim championship, neither horse/pony or rider to have earned any British Dressage points, for Novice championships not more than 20 BD points and for Elementary not more than 40 points. All Introductory, Preliminary, Novice and Elementary classes are qualifiers for the Sunshine Tour Championships.

If you qualify, you will receive a Sunshine Tour qualification card – simply fill in and return or register online for an information pack and details of how to enter the Sunshine Tour Championship at The all England Showground, Hickstead on 14th-17th September 2017.

The “Southern England Unaffiliated Dressage Championships” – Preliminary horses must have less than 20 BD points on the day of the Championship. Riders in Group 1 – 6 only to compete in Elementary Championship. All Preliminary, Novice and Elementary classes are qualifiers for the Southern England Unaffiliated Dressage Championships. Competitors placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd to qualify.

The “South East Region Unaffiliated Championships” – Preliminary horses must have less than 20 BD points. Riders in Groups 1 – 5 only to compete in Elementary Championship. All Preliminary, Novice and Elementary classes are qualifiers for the South East Region Unaffiliated Championships, to be held at **Hickstead on 20TH – 21st May 2017**. Riders placed 1st or 2nd to qualify. Qualifying period 1st July 2016 to 31 March 2017.