

DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. Unaffiliated classes are Club Competitions run in accordance with British Dressage Rules, this includes correct riding attire and current hard hat standards which must be worn at all times when mounted.
2. The welfare and health of all horses attending any show at Windsor Park Equestrian Club is paramount. Any horse deemed to be sick or injured in any way will be immediately eliminated and the owner shall be asked to remove the horse from the premises.
3. Horses should be vaccinated in line with the governing body. In the event of a Zoonotic disease (eg, Strangles, Equine influenza, Herpes Virus or any other disease or condition) outbreak in the local area then the competitor must not attend the venue.
4. All horses must wear either a bridle number, or back number.

5. 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. Lunging is not permitted in any of the arenas.

6. 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 if placed within the top 3 of the class on 3rd September 2023.

Preliminary Tests are restricted to horses with less than 55 Dressage Grading points The **Preliminary Championship for the Grundon Waste Management Perpetual Challenge Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed WPEC member in the Preliminary classes if placed within the top 3 of the classes on 3rd September 2023.

Novice Tests are restricted to horses with less than 110 Dressage Grading points, **The Novice Championship for the Novice Perpetual Challenge Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed WPEC member in the Novice classes if placed within the top 3 of the classes on 3rd September 2023.

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 2023.

7. **ENTRIES** are to be made on the 'My Riding Life' website per event and the entry fee paid online.
8. **WITHDRAWALS/REFUNDS, SUBSTITUTIONS AND MEMBER TRANSFERS** The booking fee for My Riding Life is non refundable, in line with their terms and conditions. Any withdrawals must be made in writing by email to wpecdressage@outlook.com and be received prior to the close of entries on My Riding Life website. Refunds for withdrawals for non members will only be made if entries have not yet closed on My Riding Life website and are at the discretion of the secretary. Any refund will be subject to a £1.50 admin fee. Members are permitted to transfer their entry to a show later in the season up midday on the Friday before the Sunday show day, this excludes the final meet of the year (Championships) and is at the discretion of the show secretary. Entrant substitutions are permitted at the

discretion of the show secretary and must be emailed to the show secretary in advance of the show day.

9. **COMPLAINTS:** The judge's and show secretary's decision is final. Any objections must be lodged within 15 minutes of the incident.

10. 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.

11. **DRESSAGE TRAINING SESSIONS:** 20 minute training sessions with a judge/trainer may be available, this advertised on the My Riding Life website.

12. PRACTICE ARENAS

20 x 40m and 20 x 60m arenas may be available for practice at £5 per 15 minutes. These may also be used to film E-Riders tests, if booked in advance. Contact the dressage secretary for allocation. A general practice arena may be available for use free of charge, this is for all competitors and is not bookable.

13. ENTRY FEES

Refer to individual meet schedules for the member dressage test costs, non member dressage test costs, arena hire and training costs.

14. ROSETTES

Rosettes will be awarded in each class, places 1-6. Special rosettes will be awarded to the highest placed **rider in each class under 18 years**.

15. 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.

16. SUNSHINE TOUR

The Sunshine Tour Unaffiliated Dressage Championship Show will be held at Hickstead on 14th -17th September 2023.

Qualifications and Restrictions: 1st – 3rd (depending on number of entries) qualify in selected Walk and 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 between 1st January 2023 - 31st July 2023 are qualifiers for the Sunshine Tour Championships .

Competitors need to apply for a Personal Qualification card prior to the meet from the Sunshine Tour Office and bring the card with them to the event. If you qualify please bring the card to the show secretary to be signed. Further information available at www.sunshinetour.co.uk.

GENERAL CONDITIONS - DRESSAGE – 2023

1. All riders must be members, or Day Members of the Club. All competitors must have third party liability insurance, either through an independent policy or membership of an appropriate association.
2. Members entering their horses do so at their own risk and it is a condition of entry that they have acknowledged that no liability can be attached to the General Committee, The Crown Estate Commissioners, the Guards Polo Club, British Carriagedriving or their Committees or Members, save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, drivers, grooms, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever.
3. Entries must be made on the official entry forms or through the website 'My Riding Life' Entries are not accepted without the correct fee. Please see separate Rules for closing dates and late entry fees.
4. Entry for competitors under 16 years of age must be signed on My Riding Life by a responsible adult, and these competitors must be accompanied by a responsible adult while on the showground.
5. The General Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and to return any entry money without explanation.
6. The General Committee reserves the right to vary conditions of classes, to include additional classes or cancel classes if they consider it to be in the interests of Members in general to do so. As much notice as possible will be given to Members of any such action.
7. At all times **DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD** within the Deer Park in accordance with the Byelaws of Windsor Great Park. Competitors infringing this rule will be eliminated from the competition.
8. Bicycles are only allowed on metalled roads, in accordance with Windsor Great Park Byelaws. Competitors infringing this rule will be eliminated from the competition.
9. The General Committee reserves the right to suspend, withdraw or cancel the membership of any member or owner who in the opinion of the General Committee has been guilty of any serious act of indiscipline towards any officer or official of the Club, or who has been found guilty of reckless riding or driving at any Meet.
10. Making an entry deems acceptance of all rules and that you agree to abide with the Health and Safety Policy.
11. Competitors and their spectators/helpers agree that any photography or videography taken on show day may be used for promotional use for Windsor Park Equestrian Club, this includes but is not limited to the Windsor Park Equestrian Club website, social media and printed media. Written notification to the show secretary at wpecdressage@outlook.com should be issued 48hours in advance of the show to restrict any photos/videos being used for promotional use.