

## **Northern Dressage Group**

### **Competition Policy**

The following document sets out regulations and procedures for entering competitions run by Northern Dressage Group. It hopes to clarify areas such as eligibility, entry procedure, points accrual and qualification for championships.

1. Competitions are open to members and non – members. NDG does not take junior membership but juniors (over 14 years) are welcome to enter our competitions as non- members. Junior competitors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
2. Cost of entry is £12.50 per class for members, £16 for non-members.
3. Classes run from Intro level up to Advanced medium. Freestyle to Music classes are available from prelim up to advanced medium.
4. NDG aims to provide something for everyone. Intro classes and the first Prelim test are run in a 20 x 40m arena, the rest of the classes are run in a 20 x 60m arena
5. Prelim freestyle to music can be either 20 x 40m or 20 x 60m – please specify the size you would like on your entry as it affects times/ arena change etc.
6. Riders who may wish to ride a more advanced test for training purposes may do so. Please make your request well before the closing date to enable us to procure score sheets. Entry for a training test is secured on receipt of an entry fee (as above)
7. Entries are accepted up until the closing date which will be stated on the website, schedule and on Horsemonkey. Closing date will be 4 days before the competition unless otherwise stated. No late entries can be accepted once times have been published. If entry numbers are large then the closing date will be brought forward. Entries may be capped at between 70 and 75 tests.
8. Riders are welcome to enter a class at any level Hors Concours (H/C). Normal entry procedures and tariffs apply.

9. Entries are welcome through horsemoney or by post with a cheque and entry form which is available to download from the website. All entries must be paid for by the closing date. On the odd occasion that you may be posting an entry at the last minute please inform the entry secretary that it is on the way.
10. Times will be available 2 days before the competition. These will be published via horsemoney and available on our website. Times are also available from the entry secretary.
11. Withdrawals: In the unfortunate event that you must withdraw please contact the entry secretary. If a withdrawal is made before the times are published it may be possible to return your entry fee or carry an entry over to the next competition. Once the times are published no refunds can be given.
12. Qualifying for championships:  
Any member scoring over 60% in a club competition will qualify for the championships in October. Qualified combinations will be informed by email well in advance of the Championships. If you think you have qualified but haven't received your qualifying email within 3 weeks of the championships please let us know so that this can be checked and rectified.
13. Eligibility for classes:
  - Intro classes – horse and rider combination not to have achieved more than 15 BD points at prelim or above. Once two scores at 65% or over in prelim classes have been achieved then the combination must move out of Intro level.
  - Prelim classes – horse and rider combination not to have achieved more than 15 BD points at novice or above. Once a combination has achieved 70 NDG points they must move up to novice at the end of the season.
  - Novice and above: combinations not to have more than 35 BD points at the level above that at which they are competing. (e.g a horse and rider with more than 35 BD points at elementary may not enter a novice class competitively)
  - The committee recognises that many experienced riders often have young horses which benefit from a few outings at intro or prelim level. Therefore we do not take BD rider classification into account when looking at eligibility for classes at our club competitions. Please be aware that this could affect your eligibility to compete on a team at a riding club's area qualifier.

#### 14. NDG Points:

Points are awarded for each class depending on the percentage scored as follows

60 - 61.99% = 1 point | 62 - 63.99% = 2 points | 64 - 65.99% = 3 points

66 - 67.99% = 4 point | 68 - 69.99% = 5 points | 70 - 71.99% = 6 points |

72% + = 7 points

Points are totalled up at the end of the season with the highest score in each level becoming the points winner.

Points achieved are updated regularly on the website.

Winners receive a trophy, rosette, sash and other prizes which are awarded at our Championship show each October.

Where 2 classes are run at 1 level e.g. Prelim, then the highest points over the 2 classes becomes the winner. In the event of a tie the award will go to the 2nd section as the tests are more difficult in these sections.

An overall points winner is also awarded. This is the horse and rider combination that has achieved the highest points in one class.

15. Points start again at zero at the beginning of a new season for the purposes of awards. However, a record of total points achieved is kept. Once 70 points have been accrued at prelim level the combination will be asked to move up to novice if they haven't done so already. This is at the discretion of the committee and is in place to give everybody a fair chance.

16. Judges: Northern dressage group competitions will be judged by affiliated judges on the current BD judges panel. Judges may judge at levels higher than their current listing. Higher level judges will be used for the more advanced classes. Judges on the trainee list may be used for Intro and prelim tests (and, depending on their experience, novice)

17. Northern dressage group competitions are run under British Riding club rules. Hats to BRC standard must be worn and correctly fastened when mounted. Tack and dress guidelines must be observed.