



RDA CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Event Information Pack 2025



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Closing date for entries is **WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025 AT 12 NOON**. Late Entries will not be accepted.

Rider times will be available by Monday 30th June 2025. These will be available on Horse Monkey and also MYRDA.

OPENING HOURS OF THE EVENT:

This includes opening times for the Events Office and Stable Managers Office.

Thursday 12:00 - 20:00 Friday 07:00 - 20:00

Saturday 07:00 - 20:00 Sunday 07:00 - 18:00

ENTRY FEE'S:

| CLASSES | ENTRY FEE |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| ARTS & CRAFTS | £8.50 |
| BEST TURNED OUT | £10.50 |
| CARRIAGE DRIVING | £24.50 |
| COUNTRYSIDE CHALLENGE | £24.50 |
| DRESSAGE | £24.50 |
| ENDURANCE | £24.50 |
| HORSECARE & KNOWLEDGE | £5.00 |
| SHOWING | £24.50 |
| SHOWJUMPING | £24.50 |
| VAULTING | £24.50 |

STABLING INFORMATION:

Stables must be booked and paid for at the time of class entries.

This entitles the competitor to the use of a stable from 17:00 on the day of reservation until 17:00 the following day.

Day stables are available from 07:00 - 17:00. **Stabling is NOT available on Sunday night.**

The Stable Managers Office will adhere the opening and closing times as above, if you are likely to arrive outside of these times, please contact 07961 643 681.

| STABLING | FEE |
|------------------|---|
| OVERNIGHT | £39.00 including a base bed 17:00 - 17:00 |
| DAY STABLE | £17.00 some bedding included 07:00 - 17:00 |
| STABLE DEPOSIT | £20.00 per stable, to be taken at time of entry |
| ELECTRIC HOOK UP | £74.00 for the duration of the event |

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



| STABLING | FEE |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| ADDITIONAL HAY PER BALE | £6.50 per bale |
| ADDITIONAL SHAVINGS BALE | £10.50 per bale |

All stables **MUST** be cleaned out each day, prior to departure please check with the stable manager how your stable needs to be left. All stables to be checked by the stables team before departure. A £20 deposit for your stable will need to be booked when you place your entry on Horse Monkey and will be refunded if the stable is left as it should be after the event.

Stables will be allocated prior to arrival; any special requests should be made at time of entry. Groups should bring their own mucking out equipment. Extra bedding and hay can be purchased on site from Hartpury College via the Stable Manager payment can be made by card or cash

All visitors must clean up any muck and hay around their lorry in the car park prior to departure.

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation at the college is available on a first come first served basis. We usually sell out so we would recommend booking early. **Price per night per person for Bed & Breakfast is £55.00.**

All rooms are single occupancy and ensuite. The number of disabled access rooms available are extremely limited.

Accommodation must be booked in advance and the price includes breakfast. All rooms **MUST** be vacated by 10:00 and keys returned to the accommodation office. All key fobs will be deactivated by 11:00 on day of departure and access to accommodation blocks will not be possible after this time.

Accommodation Office is located within the events office and will be open as per page 2.

CARAVANS & CAMPING:

A limited amount of space is available for caravans and camping. Pitches must be booked and paid for in advance through Horse Monkey by Wednesday 11th June. There is no power supply; a standpipe provides water and toilet/shower facilities are available. The showers are located in the Hartpury Arena and are open from 07:00 - 22:00 daily. Please report to the accommodation office upon arrival to check in and follow the guidance given.

| CAMPING TYPE | FEE |
|--------------------|------------------|
| CARAVAN/CAMPER VAN | £22.00 per night |
| TENT | £15.00 per night |

RULES & REGULATIONS:

For full rules and regulations please see the RDA Competitions Rulebook.

FOOD AND DRINK:

Catering Facilities are available on site either from the refreshment vans or the college refectory. There is also a selection of good pubs locally.

Hartpury have refurbished the Graze Restaurant. Please note it has moved location and is a slightly longer walk from New Vic and Limbury accommodation blocks.



CONTACT US:

If you have any queries or questions at any time please do not hesitate to contact either **Fiona Harris** on 01926 405 967 / fharris@rda.org.uk or **Katie O'Brien** on 01926 405 972 / Kobrien@rda.org.uk

During the event, please contact the event mobile on 07961 643 681.

DRESSAGE MUSIC:

Please remember to hand in your dressage music to the events office on the day of your class. Clearly labelled with competitor name and number, class number and any specific instructions. (Please don't forget to collect these once the class has finished).

PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING

Prizes will be awarded from 1st to 6th in all classes. The Championships Classes are split into Junior and Senior Sections with the Open Section now having their own individual class. The Open Section for all disciplines will be split into Junior and Senior. A Class Champion will be awarded in the championship classes where there is a Junior and Senior Section.

Prize giving will be scheduled throughout the event; times will be displayed and announced on the PA system and through the WhatsApp group.

DOGS

Dogs are permitted at the Championships but must be kept on a short lead and under control at all times. They are not allowed in stable, competition or accommodation areas.

VEHICLE PARKING

Equine vehicles will be directed to park in the designated parking areas close to the stables, please follow parking stewards instructions. All areas around the equine vehicle must be cleaned up before departure.

Cars **WILL NOT** be admitted into the equine vehicle parking area. They will be accommodated in the main car park. Please follow traffic management signs and take instructions from the parking stewards.

SHOPPING

We have a variety of trade stands for you to enjoy and look round.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2025

We have made a few operational changes for 2025 to ensure the continuity of a smooth and safe event.

The Countryside Challenge will be moving from its usual field into Arena One to ensure that the going for horses and ponies is safe and the weather doesn't interrupt the competition.

We will be moving the Mounting Area into Arena 2 so all riders can mount indoors on a surface in an enclosed area.

We will be operating a new one-way system for all lorries and trailers entering the site and **ALL EQUINES** will need to be unloaded into the new area (formerly the mounting area). Once unloaded please follow instructions from traffic management to park safely.

The fancy dress theme for the Saturday night disco will be **GOLD**.

SHOWING: Due to the increase in entry numbers in 2024 we have split the showing classes into Junior, Senior and Open.

ENDURANCE: Due to demand Endurance will take place on both Friday afternoon and Sunday morning.

ARTS & CRAFTS: Classes have been split into Junior and Senior Sections.

SHOWJUMPING: We have introduced a new class for 2025. Level 3 plus, for more information please see [page 24](#).





| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1 | Carriage Driving | Novice | RDA National & Virtual Championships Novice Test (2024) |
| 2 | Carriage Driving | Intermediate | RDA National & Virtual Championships Intermediate Test (2024) |
| 3 | Carriage Driving | Open | RDA National and Virtual Championships Open Test (2024) |
| 4 | Performance Showing | Led Junior | Walk & Trot |
| 5 | Performance Showing | Led Senior | Walk & Trot |
| 6 | Performance Showing | Led Open Junior | Walk & Trot |
| 7 | Performance Showing | Led Open Senior | Walk & Trot |
| 8 | Performance Showing | Unled Junior | Walk & Trot |
| 9 | Performance Showing | Unled Senior | Walk & Trot |
| 10 | Performance Showing | Unled Open Junior | Walk & Trot |
| 11 | Performance Showing | Unled Open Senior | Walk & Trot |
| 12 | Performance Showing | Unled Junior | Walk, Trot & Canter |
| 13 | Performance Showing | Unled Senior | Walk, Trot & Canter |

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| 14 | Performance Showing | Unled Open Junior | Walk, Trot & Canter |
| 15 | Performance Showing | Unled Open Senior | Walk, Trot & Canter |
| Performance Showing Championships: 1st and 2nd Place Combinations from Classes 4 -15 to come back in after Class 15 has finished | | | |
| 16 | Countryside Challenge | Junior / Senior | Led with 1 Side Walker |
| 17 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior / Senior | Led with 1 Side Walker |
| 18 | Countryside Challenge | Junior / Senior | Led or 1 Side Walker |
| 19 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior / Senior | Led or 1 Side Walker |
| 20 | Countryside Challenge | Junior / Senior | Independent |
| 21 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior / Senior | Independent |
| 22 | Countryside Challenge | Junior / Senior | Visually Impaired Led with 1 Side Walker |
| 23 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior / Senior | Visually Impaired Led with 1 Side Walker |
| 24 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/ Senior | Visually Impaired Led or 1 Side Walker |
| 25 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior / Senior | Visually Impaired Led or 1 Side Walker |



| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|--------------------------|--|---|
| 26 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior | Visually Impaired Independent |
| 27 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior/Senior | Visually Impaired Independent |
| 28 | Best Turned Out | Junior | - |
| 29 | Best Turned Out | Senior | - |
| 30 | Horsecare & Knowledge | All Levels | - |
| 31 | Dressage - Championships | B1 (Walk only) Junior & Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025) |
| 32 | Dressage - Championships | B1 Open (Walk only) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |
| 33 | Dressage - Championships | B1 Open (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |
| 34 | Dressage - Championships | B1 Open (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |
| 35 | Dressage - Championships | B1 (Canter) Junior / Senior | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025) |
| 36 | Dressage - Championships | B1 Open (Canter) Junior / Senior | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025) |

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|--------------------------|--|---|
| 37 | Dressage - Championships | B2 (walk only) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025) |
| 38 | Dressage - Championships | B2 Open (walk only) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025) |
| 39 | Dressage - Championships | B2 (walk & trot) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |
| 40 | Dressage - Championships | B2 Open (walk & trot) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |
| 41 | Dressage - Championships | B2 (canter) Junior / Senior | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025) |
| 42 | Dressage - Championships | B2 Open (canter) Junior / Senior | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025) |
| 43 | Dressage - Championships | B3 (walk only) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025) |
| 44 | Dressage - Championships | B3 Open (walk only) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025) |
| 45 | Dressage - Championships | B3 (walk & trot) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |
| 46 | Dressage - Championships | B3 Open (walk & trot) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |



| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|--------------------------|--|---|
| 47 | Dressage - Championships | B3 (canter) Junior / Senior | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025) |
| 48 | Dressage - Championships | B3 Open (canter) Junior / Senior | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025) |
| 49 | Dressage - Championships | B4 (walk only) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025) |
| 50 | Dressage - Championships | B4 Open (walk only) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025) |
| 51 | Dressage - Championships | B4 (walk & trot) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |
| 52 | Dressage - Championships | B4 Open (walk & trot) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |
| 53 | Dressage - Championships | B4 (canter) Junior / Senior | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025) |
| 54 | Dressage - Championships | B4 Open (canter) Junior / Senior | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025) |
| 55 | Dressage - Championships | B5 (walk only) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025) |
| 56 | Dressage - Championships | B5 Open (walk only) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025) |

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|-------|--------------------------|--|--|
| 57 | Dressage - Championships | B5 (walk & trot) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |
| 58 | Dressage - Championships | B5 Open (walk & trot) Junior / Senior Led Rein Section | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025) |
| 59 | Dressage - Championships | B5 (canter) Junior / Senior | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025) |
| 60 | Dressage - Championships | B5 Open (canter) Junior / Senior | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025) |
| 61 | Dressage - Freestyle | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk only | Grade 1 Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 62 | Dressage - Freestyle | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk and trot | Grade 2 Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 63 | Dressage - Freestyle | B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter | Grade 4 Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 64 | Vaulting - Individual | Junior / Senior / Open | Level H1 - Walk Freestyle Only |
| 65 | Vaulting - Individual | Junior / Senior / Open | Level H2 - Pre-Novice Trot Compulsories / Walk Freestyle |
| 66 | Vaulting - Individual | Junior / Senior / Open | Level H3 - Pre-Novice Canter Compulsories / Walk Freestyle |
| 67 | Vaulting - Individual | Junior / Senior / Open | Level H4 - Novice Canter Compulsories / Canter Freestyle |
| 68 | Vaulting - Individual | Junior / Senior / Open | Level B1 - Barrel Freestyle Only |



| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 69 | Vaulting - Individual | Junior / Senior / Open | Level B2 - Pre-Novice Compulsories / Barrel Freestyle |
| 70 | Vaulting - Individual | Junior / Senior / Open | Level B3 - Novice Compulsories / Barrel Freestyle |
| 71 | Vaulting - Pairs | All Ages | Walk Freestyle Only |
| 72 | Vaulting - Pairs | All Ages | Barrel Freestyle Only |
| 73 | Vaulting - Team | All Ages | Walk Freestyle |
| 74 | Vaulting - Team | All Ages | Barrel Freestyle |
| 75 | Endurance | Led | 1km |
| 76 | Endurance | Led or Unled | 2Km |
| 77 | Endurance | Led or Unled | 3km |
| 78 | Endurance | Unled with Mounted escort | 5km |





| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|--------------------------|--|---|
| 79 | Dressage - Championships | Led (walk only) Junior / Senior | Introduction to Dressage Championships Test Walk only (2022) |
| 80 | Dressage - Championships | Led Open (walk only) Junior / Senior | Introduction to Dressage Championships Test Walk Only (2022) |
| 81 | Dressage - Championships | Led (walk & trot) Junior / Senior | Introduction to Dressage Championships Test Walk & Trot only (2022) |
| 82 | Dressage - Championships | Led Open (walk & trot) Junior / Senior | Introduction to Dressage Championships Test Walk & Trot only (2022) |
| 83 | Dressage - Championships | Grade 6 Walk Only Junior /Senior | Grade 6 Walk Only Championship Test (2022) |
| 84 | Dressage - Championships | Grade 6 Open Walk Only Junior / Senior | Grade 6 Walk Only Open Championship Test (2025) |
| 85 | Dressage Championships | Grade 7 Walk Only Junior /Senior | Grade 7 Walk Only Championship Test (2022) |
| 86 | Dressage Championships | Grade 7 Open Walk Only Junior / Senior | Grade 7 Walk Only Open Championship Test (2025) |
| 87 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 1 Junior / Senior | Grade 1 Championship Test (2022) |
| 88 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 1 Open Junior / Senior | Grade 1 Open Championship Test (2025) |
| 89 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 2 Junior / Senior | Grade 2 Championship Test (2022) |

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 90 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 2 Open Junior / Senior | Grade 2 Open Championship Test (2025) |
| 92 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 1 | Grade 1 Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 93 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 2 | Grade 2 Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 94 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 6 Walk Only | Grade 6 Walk Only Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 95 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 7 Walk Only | Grade 6 Walk Only Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 96 | Dressage - Costume Freestyle | - | Freestyle to Music |
| 97 | RDA Showjumping | Level 5 Junior/Senior | 80cm |
| 98 | RDA Showjumping | Level 5 Open Junior / Senior | 80cm |
| 99 | RDA Showjumping | Level 4 Junior/Senior | 70cm |
| 100 | RDA Showjumping | Level 4 Open Junior / Senior | 70cm |
| 101 | RDA Showjumping | Level 3 Plus | 60cm over 8 fences |
| 102 | RDA Showjumping | Level 3 Junior / Senior | 60cm |
| 103 | RDA Showjumping | Level 3 Open Junior / Senior | 60cm |



| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 104 | RDA Showjumping | Level 2 Unled Junior/Senior | 30cm |
| 105 | RDA Showjumping | Level 2 Open Unled Junior / Senior | 30cm |
| 106 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/ Senior | Led with 1 Side Walker |
| 107 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/ Senior Open | Led with 1 Side Walker |
| 108 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior | Led or 1 Side Walker |
| 109 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior/Senior | Led or 1 Side Walker |
| 110 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior | Independent |
| 111 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior/Senior | Independent |
| 112 | Best Turned Out | Junior | - |
| 113 | Best Turned Out | Senior | - |
| 114 | Horsecare & Knowledge | All Levels | - |
| 115 | Arts & Crafts Paintings & Drawings | Junior /Senior | Individual |
| 116 | Arts & Crafts Paintings & Drawings | Junior /Senior | Group (up to 4 people) |





| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 122 | Dressage Championship | Grade 3 Junior / Senior | Grade 3 Championship Test (2022) |
| 123 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 3 Open Junior / Senior | Grade 3 Open Championship Test (2025) |
| 124 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 4 Junior/ Senior | Grade 4 Championship Test (2022) |
| 125 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 4 Open Junior / Senior | Grade 4 Championship Test (2022) |
| 126 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 5 Junior / Senior | Grade 5 Championship Test (2022) |
| 127 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 5 Open Junior / Senior | Grade 5 Open Championship Test (2025) |
| 128 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 3 | Grade 3 Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 129 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 4 | Grade 4 Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 130 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 5 | Grade 5 Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 131 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 6 Walk & Trot | Grade 6 Walk & Trot Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 132 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 7 Walk & Trot | Grade 6 Walk & Trot Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 133 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 6 Canter | Grade 6 Canter Freestyle to Music (2023) |
| 134 | Dressage - Freestyle | Grade 7 Canter | Grade 6 Canter Freestyle to Music (2023) |

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|--------------------------|--|--|
| 135 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 7 (walk & trot) Junior/ Senior | Grade 7 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2022) |
| 136 | Dressage - Championship | Grade 7 Open (walk & trot) Junior / Senior | Grade 7 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2022) |
| 137 | Dressage - Championships | Grade 6 Walk & Trot Junior / Senior | Grade 6 Walk & Trot Championships Test (2022) |
| 138 | Dressage - Championships | Grade 6 Open Walk & Trot Junior / Senior | Grade 6 Open Walk & Trot Championships Test (2025) |
| 139 | Dressage - Championships | Grade 6 Canter Junior / Senior | Grade 6 Canter Championships Test (2025) |
| 140 | Dressage - Championships | Grade 6 Open Canter Junior / Senior | Grade 6 Open Canter Championships Test (2025) |
| 141 | Dressage - Championships | Grade 7 Canter Junior / Senior | Grade 7 Canter Championship Test (2022) |
| 142 | Dressage - Championships | Grade 7 Open Canter Junior / Senior | Grade 7 Open Canter Championship Test (2022) |
| 143 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/ Senior | Led with 1 Side Walker |
| 144 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior/ Senior | Led with 1 Side Walker |
| 145 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior | Led or 1 Side Walker |



| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | GRADE | TEST |
|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 146 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior/Senior | Led or 1 Side Walker |
| 147 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior | Independent |
| 148 | Countryside Challenge | Open Junior/Senior | Independent |
| 149 | Best Turned Out | Junior | - |
| 150 | Best Turned Out | Senior | - |
| 151 | Horsecare & Knowledge | Any level | - |
| 152 | Endurance | Led | 1km |
| 153 | Endurance | Led or Unled | 2Km |
| 154 | Endurance | Led or Unled | 3km |
| 155 | Endurance | Unled with Mounted escort | 5km |

ALL RIDDEN DRESSAGE TESTS WILL BE IN 20 X 40 ARENA



ARTS & CRAFTS

WHO CAN ENTER?

The Arts & Crafts competition, as part of the RDA National Championships, is always an incredibly popular event - providing a great opportunity for participants to express themselves through art. It is open to all participants of all ages in RDA and gives everyone the chance to take part in the RDA National Championships in some way, and to achieve recognition.

Classes are available, with junior and senior sections, for both individual and group artwork, and entries can be made in the form of drawings, paintings, collages, sculptures, textile creations and even photography.

There is no longer a need to have a relevance to RDA in the artwork but must be equestrian themed if not then the art work will be marked down.

[FIND OUT MORE](https://bit.ly/rda-arts-crafts) [BIT.LY/RDA-ARTS-CRAFTS](https://bit.ly/rda-arts-crafts)

HOW DO GROUPS TAKE PART?

We recommend that groups speak with their Regional Chair as soon as possible for specific dates and deadlines for the regional round of judging, as it will vary from region to region.

The winners from all classes in the regional rounds will qualify for the finals, which will be judged on Saturday 12th July 2025, at the RDA National Championships at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire. The winners for all Arts & Crafts classes, in places 1st - 6th will be announced on the same day.

SIZING GUIDE FOR ALL CLASSES:

A1 (W x H) 594mm x 841mm / 23.4" x 33.1"

A2 (W x H) 420mm x 594mm / 16.5" x 23.4"

BEST TURNED OUT

These classes are judged purely on turnout, not as a showing class and are open to all riders.

There will be a junior and senior section for each day. Riders may compete as juniors until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 16.

Rosettes will be awarded 1st to 6th place. Rosettes will also be awarded to the grooms of the equines placed 1st to 6th.



SCORING SYSTEM:

Total marked that can be awarded is 100 and are divided as below:

HORSE: 25 marks
Marked purely on cleanliness not conformation

SADDLERY: 25 marks
Marked on cleanliness, suppleness and fit

RIDER: 25 marks
Marked on cleanliness and fit of riding attire

OVERALL IMPRESSION: 25 marks
Marked on general appearance

In the event of a tie, the overall impression mark will decide the result.

CARRIAGE DRIVING

The 2025 RDA National Championships Carriage Driving competition consists of the Driven Dressage Test and a Conobstacle course, which will be a cones course interspersed with two obstacles. It will be judged and scored as two phases: Phase 1 - Dressage, and Phase 2 - Conobstacles (overall time, not individual elements).

In all phases, and in all classes, CD Coaches may assist with verbal directions **but will be penalised in all classes for using the second set of reins unless on safety grounds.**

Conobstacles must be driven at walk and trot only. Penalties will be awarded for cantering.

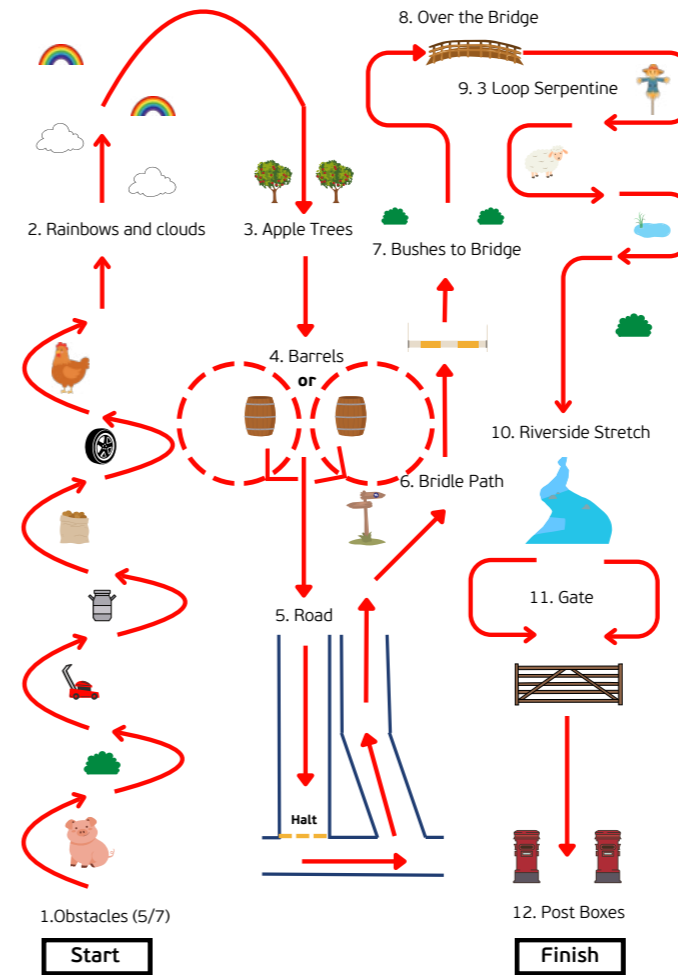
The width of the cones will be 25cm wider than the standard axle i.e. set at 165cm. Any carriages of non-standard width will have the cones adjusted for them, but you may have to drive at the end of the competition after the standard width carriages have all taken part, so that the arena party do not have to set and re-set the cones more than necessary.

DRIVER CATEGORIES.

The organisers reserve the right to transfer drivers to a different class if felt appropriate.

RULEBOOK [BIT.LY/RDA-RULEBOOK](https://bit.ly/rda-rulebook) **SECTION 4.4 (A)**

DRESSAGE TEST [BIT.LY/RDA-CARRIAGE](https://bit.ly/rda-carriage)



COUNTRYSIDE CHALLENGE

RULEBOOK [BIT.LY/RDA-RULEBOOK](https://bit.ly/rda-rulebook) **4.4 (B)**



DRESSAGE

We offer a variety of classes including championships classes, freestyle to music and the very popular costume freestyle.

All dressage classes are held in 20m x 40m arenas.

CLASSES ARE DIVIDED INTO JUNIOR, SENIOR AND OPEN

JUNIOR RIDERS: May compete as Juniors until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 16.

SENIOR RIDERS: Riders over the age of 16 who are not an Open Rider.

OPEN RIDERS: if anyone of the below apply you must enter the open section. The open section is not age specific and is for all participants who have either; been RDA Class Champion for two years, compete in FEI, BD Para at silver level or above, or are an Own-Horse Participant.

COSTUME FREESTYLE TO MUSIC

The object of this class is to provide entertainment for both the participants and spectators.

This class will be run as a Freestyle to Music Class for 1 rider and horse/pony combination that have already qualified for the National Championships. It will be in a 20m x 40m arena and should be ridden in a costume themed to match and enhance the music used. The ride must tell a story and a brief introduction (max 50 words) must be submitted. Music must be between 4 and 4 ½ minutes and will be timed from opening to closing halt. Penalties will be incurred for exceeding the time allowed.

The number of entries for this class will be 15 and accepted on a first received basis. Additional entries will be wait listed. There is no requirement for qualification prior to the event but all entries must be deemed suitable by either a Regional Coach or Regional Dressage Rep.

REQUIREMENTS: Walk and trot on both reins; all types of movements may be used but degree of difficulty may not always gain higher marks and must be correctly executed.

OPTIONAL: Canter may be incorporated, props may be used either by helpers, in a static position or carried by the rider, a maximum of 2 static props and 2 helpers are permitted but all props and helpers may only enter the arena, and be removed from, within the time allowed for each competitor (6 minutes including performance time).

HORSE/PONY TACK: Saddles, side saddles, bridles, boots, costumes, etc. should be safe and fit correctly, but may be decorated appropriately.

RIDER'S COSTUMES, HEADWEAR, PROPS & HELPERS: Hats must be worn and must meet the current RDA safety standards. Costumes worn and any props used are done so at the riders own risk. Any helpers should also be in costume. A leader if required is separate to any additional helpers.

TESTS: Tests may be verbally commanded and/or performed on the lead rein.

SCORING:

The Judge will allocate a total mark of 100 marks for:

HARMONY: 20 marks
Harmony between rider and horse/pony

MUSIC: 20 marks
Music which appropriately enhances the performance

COSTUME: 20 marks
Costume which is most suitable to the rider, horse/pony and the performance

OVERALL ENTERTAINMENT: 40 marks
Overall entertainment, performance and presentation

In the event of equality of marks, the highest marks for overall entertainment & presentation, achieved shall be the winner; if not conclusive the highest marks for way of going and harmony between rider and horse/pony, shall be the winner; if not conclusive the results shall be declared a tie.

ENDURANCE

Once again we will be offering endurance as a competition at the National Championships. There will be distances 1km - 5km available.

The horse and rider should be experienced at the chosen distance they are entering for the National Championships.

THE QUALIFICATION PROCESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1KM is a led class and anyone can enter - no need to qualify

2KM is a led or unled class and nomination by the Group Coach

3KM is a led or unled class and nomination by the Group Coach

5KM is a unled class and nomination only by the Regional or County Coach.

Mounted escorts are permitted on course as per the RDA Endurance rules.

If the group cannot provide a mounted escort for 5km, please inform National Office **BEFORE** the Championship.

The course will be clearly marked, and stewards will be out on course too.

To take part in this discipline at the RDA National Championships the group must already be a registered endurance group.

RULEBOOK

[BIT.LY/RDA-RULEBOOK](https://bit.ly/rda-rulebook)

SECTION 4.4 (D)

HORSE CARE & KNOWLEDGE

Horsecare & Knowledge is open to all competitors, participants, family members and friends, you don't have to be part of an RDA group to have a go.

This activity will take place across the weekend in a clearly identified marquee in the Attractions Area on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

2025 will see a slight change in Horsecare and Knowledge to a more hands on approach activity rather than exam-based questions.

Activities will be based around the RDA Proficiency Tests grades 1- 4 inclusive.

All competitors will receive a rosette.



PERFORMANCE SHOWING

These classes come in three different formats to accommodate all riders and will split into Junior and Senior for 2025:

CLASS 1: Walk and trot on the leading rein

CLASS 2: Walk and trot off the lead rein

CLASS 3: Walk, trot and canter

The first and second prize winners, in all three classes, will be invited back to take part in The RDA Performance Showing Championship. This happens straight after the end of the three classes. You do not have to pay to enter this section! It is free! You may win a sash and will certainly receive more rosettes!

RULEBOOK [BIT.LY/RDA-RULEBOOK](https://bit.ly/rda-rulebook) **4.4 (E)**

SHOWJUMPING

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| LEVEL 2 UNLED | 30cm |
| LEVEL 3 | 60cm |
| LEVEL 3 PLUS | By invitation will follow the same course as Level 4 but maximum height 60cm for uprights and 50cm spreads |
| LEVEL 4 | 70cm |
| LEVEL 5 | 80cm spreads max height 70cm |

CLASSES ARE DIVIDED INTO JUNIOR, SENIOR AND OPEN

JUNIOR RIDERS: May compete as Juniors until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 16.

SENIOR RIDERS: Riders over the age of 16.

OPEN RIDERS: Riders who have been Overall Class Champion in the same class for 2 consecutive years at the RDA National Championships or are an Own-Horse Participant.

RULEBOOK [BIT.LY/RDA-RULEBOOK](https://bit.ly/rda-rulebook) **SECTION 4.4 (F)**

COURSE PLANS [BIT.LY/RDA-SHOWJUMPING-COURSE](https://bit.ly/rda-showjumping-course)

VAULTING

Competition is available for Individuals, Pas de Deux (two vaulters) and Teams, all of which include classes on the horse or the barrel. Other than the specific rules in the RDA Rule Book, the competition is run under BEV and FEI rules, which can be found online.

RULEBOOK [BIT.LY/RDA-RULEBOOK](https://bit.ly/rda-rulebook) **SECTION 4.4 (G)**

Lungers must hold the RDA Lunging Certificate, RDA Vaulting Coaching Certificate or BEV Level 1.

TEAM COMPETITION

Teams are made up of 6 vaulters and may include up to 2 non-disabled vaulters who must be RDA volunteers, aged a minimum of 12 years. The Team competition is separated into Horse (in walk) and Barrel. Teams show a freestyle of 3-4 minutes; no compulsories are shown in the Team Competition.

PAIRS COMPETITION

Pairs are made up of 2 vaulters. No non-disabled vaulters are permitted. The Pairs competition is separated into Horse (in walk) and Barrel. Pairs show a freestyle of 1.5 minutes; no compulsories are shown in the Pairs Competition.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

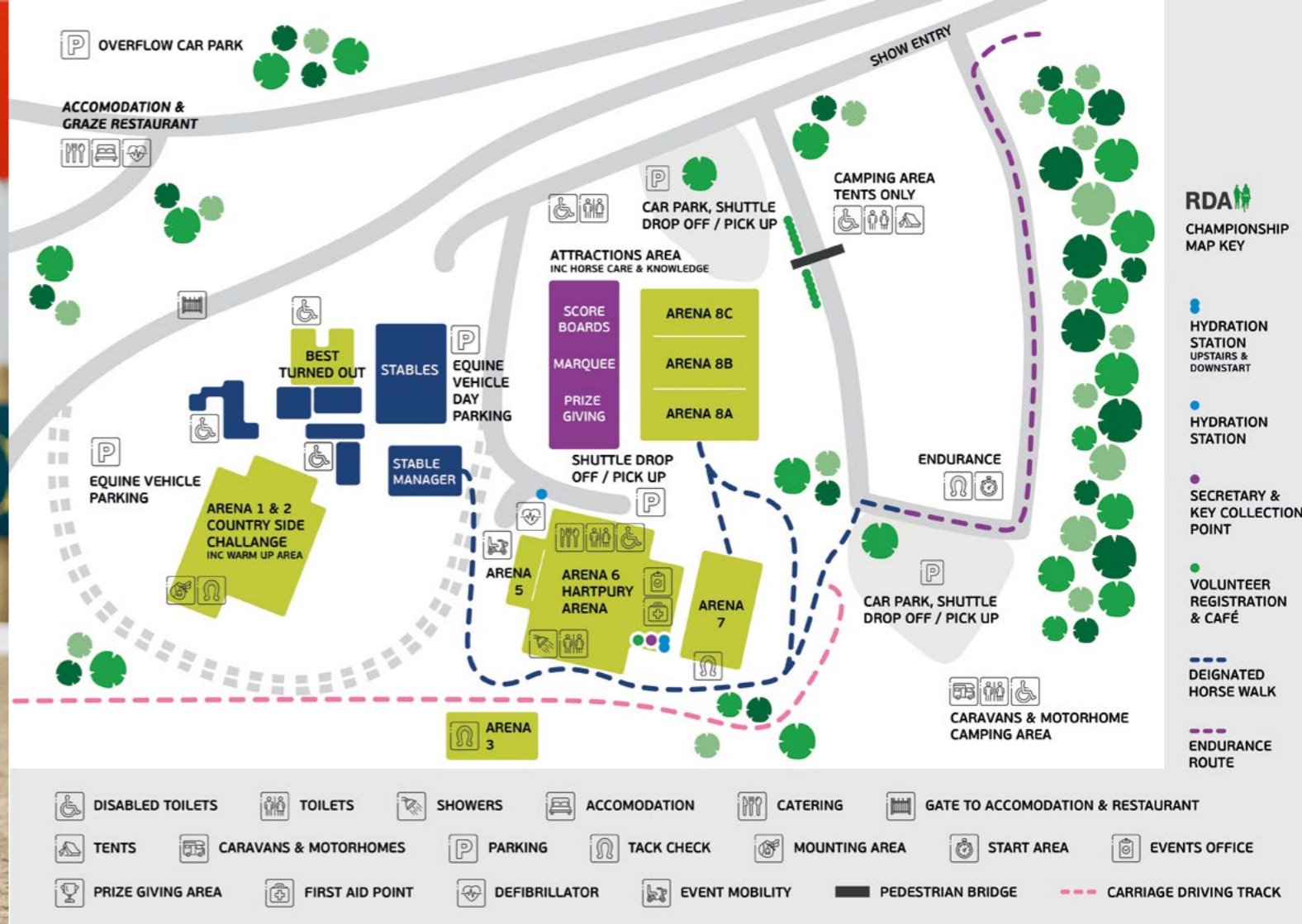
There are three levels of difficulty available on the barrel and four on the horse. Each Individual class will be split into Junior, Senior and Open. If insufficient entries, age groups in classes will be amalgamated.



For specific requirements relating to each level of competition, please consult the RDA Rule Book.

Music must be emailed to Fiona Harris, Championships Secretary three weeks before the National Championships clearly marked with the classes, RDA Group and vaulters names.

For full Vaulting rules please see the RDA Rule Book.





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