



**RDA VIRTUAL NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**TO BE SHOWN THROUGH A LIVE
STREAMED EVENT ON FRIDAY
15TH, SATURDAY 16TH & SUNDAY
17TH NOVEMBER 2024**



Welcome

We are delighted to be able to continue with the Virtual National Championships which are to be held this year on Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November during the late afternoon and evening.

The Virtual National Championships will include many of the disciplines we see within the RDA. It's a great way for even more participants to take part as there is no travel involved.

Please find enclosed the schedule for the Virtual National Championships including which classes will be running and also discipline specific information.

For 2024 we are delighted to be partnering with Dressage Anywhere to run Dressage grades 1 – 5 classes including the Visually Impaired grades B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 with an exciting dressage series where points can be accumulated and a championships will take place and these competitors will be shown during the live stream event of the RDA Virtual National Championships. For more information please visit the Dressage Anywhere website at www.dressageanywhere.co.uk or email Ruth on info@dressageanywhere.com

As in previous years please note Competitors will not need to qualify for the Virtual National Championships. It will be direct entry but if you have competed at the National Championships you will need to enter the Open Section.

If you are unsure of which classes, you should or can enter then please contact either Fiona Harris fharris@rda.co.uk or Katie O'Brien kobrien@rda.co.uk

Several resources and guides have been put together and will continue to be updated on how best to video the test or discipline you wish to take part in. This can be found on the National Championships page of the MYRDA website. The link is: <https://www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/national-championships/>

As in previous years we will be using Horse Monkey to process the entries.

Entries will open on the 1st May and will close on Sunday 6th October 2024 so gives you plenty of time to enter. If you wish to enter the Virtual National Championships, please visit Horse Monkey: https://horsemonkey.com/search_events

Please make sure you have read through all the rules and regulations about which class you should have entered, you have ridden the correct test and you have the correct tack and dress on.

A guide has been produced on how you enter, this can be found on the National Championships page of the MYRDA website. <https://www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/national-championships/>

Best wishes and good luck.

Anne Coney

National Championship Lead

Carriage Driving

The Virtual Championships Carriage Driving competition 2024 consists only of a dressage test. There are three separate dressage tests, one for Novice, Intermediate and Open. The objective of the driven dressage test is to judge the freedom, regularity of paces, harmony, impulsion, suppleness, lightness, ease of movement and correct bending of the horse on the move.

The driver with the lowest number of penalties will win the competition.

Driver Categories.

a) Novice

- Any driver who drives with dual reins who has never competed at any previous RDA National Championships. They may remain in the Novice class until they win the Novice class at the National Championships.
- Any driver who drives with dual reins and has not won the novice class at any previous RDA National Championships.
- The winner of the Novice class, at any previous National Championships, will move up to the Intermediate class for future competitions.

b) Intermediate

- Any driver who drives with dual reins and has not won the intermediate class at any previous RDA National Championships.
- The winner of the Intermediate class at any previous National Championships will move up to the Open class for future competitions.

c) Open

- Any driver who drives with dual reins and has progressed from the Intermediate class at previous National Championships.
- Any driver who has been assessed to drive with single reins with their CD Coach sitting beside them.

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

Arena and Test.

The arena size for the dressage test should be either 60m x 30m, 50m x 25m or 40m x 20m. The markers down the long side are laid out with equal spacing.

The following links give the Competitor's sheet and the Competitor's Diagram sheet.

Novice Test National and Virtual Championships 2024

<https://myrda.org.uk/assets/Novice-Test-RDA-National-and-Virtual-Championships-2024-Movement-Sheet.pdf>

<https://myrda.org.uk/assets/Novice-Test-RDA-National-and-Virtual-Championships-2024-Diagrams.pdf>

Intermediate Test National and Virtual Championships 2024

<https://myrda.org.uk/assets/IntermediateTest-RDA-National-and-Virtual-Championships-2024-Movement-Sheet.pdf>

<https://myrda.org.uk/assets/Intermediate-Test-RDA-National-and-Virtual-Championships-2024.-Diagrams.pdf>

Open Test National and Virtual Championships 2024

<https://myrda.org.uk/assets/Open-Test-RDA-National-and-Virtual-Championships-2024-Movement-Sheet.pdf>

<https://myrda.org.uk/assets/Open-Test-RDA-National-and-Virtual-Championships-2024.-Diagrams.pdf>

For full competition rules please see the RDA Rule Book.

Closing Date for Virtual National Championships

- Sunday 6th October 2024

Entry Fee

- £13.20 for Virtual National Championships

Countryside Challenge

For full competition rules please see the RDA Competition Rule Book. For more information on the course and different equipment that could be used please see the Countryside Challenge section of the National Championships Page on the MYRDA website.

[The RDA Countryside Challenge - Riding for the Disabled Association \(RDA\) \(myrda.org.uk\)](https://myrda.org.uk)

We are once again offering a class with a leader and 2 side walkers.

For led classes, leaders must lead at the 3rd stage of leading.

Side walkers must not hold the rider on or touch the rider, unless an emergency situation arises.

Classes are split into Junior and Senior.

- 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.
Competitors who competed at the RDA National Championships 2024. Or who are an Independent Participant/Own-Horse Participant.

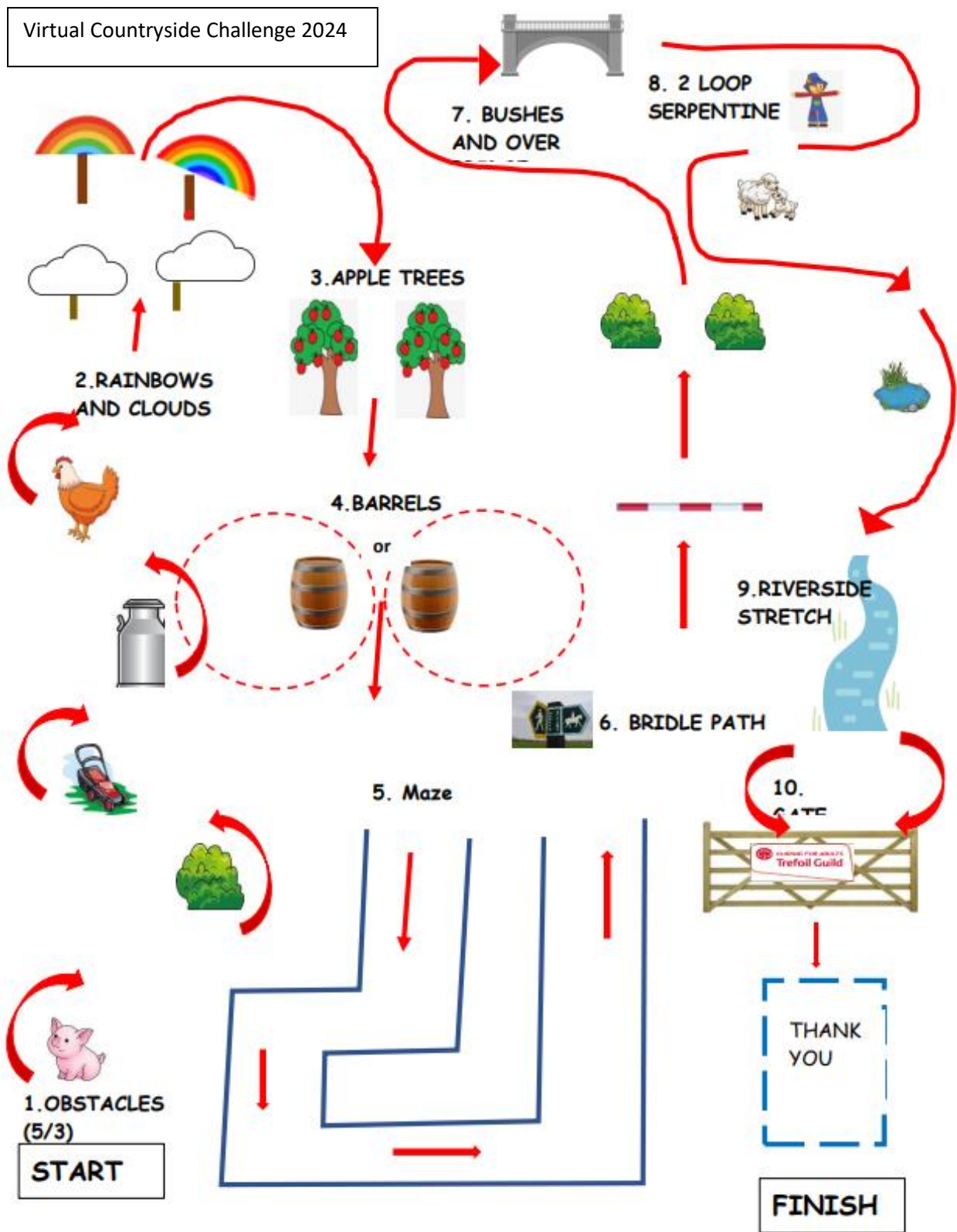
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Virtual Countryside Challenge 2024



Dressage

All dressage classes should be held in 20m x 40m arena or on grass. All letters must be clearly visible.

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 – The Open section will be split into junior and senior 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 independent rider.
Competitors who ride within an Accessibility Mark Centre or who competed at the RDA National Championships 2024.

If the test is being commanded then the commander needs to stand at E, if possible according to the RDA Rule Book.

For full dressage rules please consult the RDA Rule Book.

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- £13.20

Musical Ride/Carriage Drive DVD Competition

Each entry should present a drill ride or carriage drive with riders and helpers smartly dressed – for example in their matching group sweatshirts - on suitable ponies/horses. If they wish to use modest fancy dress, for example to dress as soldiers to reflect marching music, then that is also acceptable.

There are two classes for the Drill Ride, one is for those riders who are led, with or without side walkers. The second one is for those riders who ride independently, without leaders or side walkers. (Their coach may stand at the side of the arena in case of an emergency. In both classes, presentations will be marked down if the ride is 'called'.

BACKGROUND

Since the inception of this competition, it was planned that Groups should go 'BACK TO BASICS' where the performance of a Musical Ride/Carriage Drive could reflect the coaching of flatwork skills and school movements which are included in most RDA sessions. The competition also invites groups to demonstrate imagination and innovation in their coaching methods which make their RDA sessions so enjoyable for all our participants.

Music has been shown to be a powerful element to improve and energise the performance of both horse and rider or carriage driver and each year the judges look forward to seeing a wider use of music and movements to do just that.

Once again, the judges are most definitely not looking for 'professional' productions.

COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. **Participants** - For each ridden entry, in both the led and independently ridden classes, there can be a minimum of 3 riders and a maximum of 8 riders. There can be one or more carriages in the driven class.
2. **Timings** – Each performance should include a short, clear introduction. The introduction should include the title of the ride/drive and the name of the group. Wherever possible, the riders/carriage drivers should introduce themselves in whatever way is considered suitable. The judges are keen to be aware of the participants' abilities and personalities before watching their performance. The introduction can be with or without music. The performance should also include an ending where riders/drivers perform a halt in time with the music ending. Including the introduction, the whole performance must be at least 6 minutes and not exceed 9 minutes.
3. **Ages** - Entries may have mixed age groups.
4. **Health and Safety** - Hats, footwear, tack/harness etc. must conform to all current RDA Health & Safety standards. If skirts etc. are worn trousers/jodhpurs must be worn underneath if saddles are used. Marks will be deducted if any RDA H&S criteria are not met. All equipment/props and dress used should have had a risk assessment to ensure that it is safe for use in an RDA riding/carriage driving session. Riders must ride astride unless a side saddle is used.
5. **Music** – The performance can use music of any genre and use more than one piece of music. Vocals are acceptable if they are not too distracting. However, please bear in mind that the music needs to be clearly heard by the judges watching so the original recording quality is important.

Choosing music which is suitable for walk (4 beat rhythm), trot (2 beat rhythm) and, where used, canter (3 beat rhythm) will enhance your performance and marks. It needs to have energy, and motivate the riders, drivers and helpers to produce an entertaining performance. Dance and marching type music can work well for drill work.

6. **Choreography** – Try to make the floor patterns as interesting as possible and include imaginative and innovative school movements which can be used to extend those usually used in Group sessions. Ideas can be discussed with your County or Regional Coach who will be pleased to help and advise you.

7. **Filming** – The judges are looking for a production which includes a view of the whole ride and also zooms in for close ups occasionally at appropriate moments.

8. **Scoring** – An example score sheet can be downloaded from the RDA website.

9. **Entries** – Each group may submit multiple entries for each class of the competition.

Each recording must have been produced in 'one take' and not been edited in any way.

All video's must state clearly stating the class, date of the video, title of the Ride or Carriage Drive, the name of the group and region.

ALL RIDDEN DRESSAGE TESTS WILL BE IN A 20 X 40 ARENA

THE CARRIAGE DRIVING DRESSAGE TEST WILL BE IN A 60 X 30 ARENA

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Entry Fee

- £7.20 per rider / driver

Performance Showing

What is Performance Showing?

Firstly, these classes have nothing to do with an equine beauty contest! Conformation of the horse/pony is not taken in to account and lumps & bumps are not looked at.

These classes come in three different formats to accommodate all riders:

Class 1. Walk and trot on the leading rein.

Class 2. Walk and trot off the lead rein.

Class 3. Walk, trot and canter.

How is Performance Showing judged?

The judging is conducted by looking at the harmony between the rider and their horse/pony, the turnout and, most importantly, the overall impression. Basically, the judge is looking for a happy partnership regardless of the occasional nerves!

What to Wear.

You do not need to have the most deluxe showing jacket or canary jodhpurs! Make sure that you are clean and tidy with nicely polished boots and that things fit as well as possible.

Have fun turning your horse or pony out to the best of your ability.

What is the point of the performance Showing Classes?

These classes provide an excellent stepping stone for all riders who may wish to progress towards dressage, for example. It is a chance for riders to show off their riding ability at their own level and to design a short individual show to suit them and their equine mount.

Video recordings are available on how to set up and conduct your individual show for all three classes on the RDA Website.

How to Film your virtual Show

In the Virtual Shows you will need to film all round your horse/pony whilst it is standing still and then film your individual show. There is not a Championship offered within the RDA Virtual Shows.

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Entry Fee

- £13.20

Showjumping

RDA Level Showjumping		
RDA Showjumping	Level 1 Led & Unled	Poles on the ground
	Level 2 Led & Unled	30 cm
	Level 3	60 cm
	Level 4	70 cm
		Double max height 60 cm

All showjumping classes are run under RDA rules Please consult the RDA Rule Book for full details on competition expectations.

Classes are split 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.
Competitors who competed at the RDA National Championships 2024 or who are an independent participant or own horse participant.

Course plans and instructions can be found at:

<https://www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/showjumping/>

A clear start and finish must be adhered to.

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Entry Fee

- £13.20

Vaulting

The competition will be run according to BEV and FEI Rules with exceptions made to accommodate a transfer between 2023 rules and the significant rule changes introduced by both BEV and the FEI in 2024. These exceptions can be found in an Update to the RDA Vaulting Rules for 2024 which can be requested at any time from the RDA UK National Office.

Following the significant changes made to both BEV and FEI Vaulting Rules for 2024, RDA Vaulting Rules are clarified as follows:

Compulsories

1. Where the vaulter is performing their freestyle immediately after the compulsories they can choose whether to dismount in between the two routines or not. There is no deduction for staying on the horse/barrel in between the routines and the leg lifts or leg changes will be scored alone.
2. Vaulters performing on the barrel should keep a regular and steady count to replicate a horse's stride as accurately as possible. As a guide, 4 "strides" could be taken as 4 seconds. The vaulter may have a coach counting 'strides' for them if they wish, and there will be no deduction for this.
3. The horse score will be 25% of the total mark for the Compulsory routine (all competitors on the barrel will receive the same horse score). The remaining 75% of the score will be Technique, as per FEI and BEV Rules.
4. Compulsories used will be **as per BEV 2023 rules, not 2024 rules**, with the exception that the dismount is NOT scored for any set of compulsories. **Compulsory moves must be performed in the order detailed below, and to the specifications detailed below** (e.g. no leg changes at Pre-Novice level). The compulsories are already listed in the 2024 RDA Rule Book but for clarification/confirmation, they are:

Pre-Novice Compulsories	Details	Score out of...
1. Mount to basic seat	A bunk or leg-up is permitted at all levels and is compulsory for mounts performed in halt or walk. A trampoline or similar device is permitted for mounts on the barrel only.	Not scored
2. Basic seat	Arms down by the vaulter's sides; otherwise as per FEI Vaulting Guidelines 2024 p.38. Hold for 4 strides (canter/trot) or 4 steps (walk) or a count of 4 (barrel)	10
3. Bench	For a description of the bench position, please refer to FEI Vaulting Guidelines 2024 p.41 Hold for 4 strides (canter/trot) or 4 steps (walk) or a count of 4 (barrel)	10
4. Leg lifts to the middle and back	Starting from a basic seat position but holding the handles, lift the outside leg, straight, to a position <u>in between the two handles</u> and replace it by the horse's outside flank in a rhythm of 4	10 (for the entire movement, not each leg)

	<p>strides (canter/trot), steps (walk) or a count of 4 (barrel).</p> <p>Repeat immediately with the inside leg. (Total of 8 strides/steps/counts for both legs with no pause in between.)</p>	
5. Simple dismount to the inside	May be performed in any pace or in halt, or not at all if the vaulter is remaining mounted to show their freestyle.	Not scored
Novice Compulsories	Details	Score out of...
1. Mount to basic seat	A bunk or leg-up is permitted at all levels and is compulsory for mounts performed in halt or walk. A trampoline or similar device is permitted for mounts on the barrel only.	Not scored
2. Basic seat	As per FEI Vaulting Guidelines 2024 p.38. Hold for 4 strides (canter) or a count of 4 (barrel)	10
3. Flare leg/flag	For a description of a bench, flag and flag without arm, please refer to FEI Vaulting Guidelines 2024 pp.40-44 Hold for 4 strides (canter) or a count of 4 (barrel)	10
4. Free kneel	As per FEI Vaulting Guidelines 2024 pp.61-63 except that the arms should be down by the vaulter's sides , as per BEV Rules 2023. Hold for 4 strides (canter) or a count of 4 (barrel)	10
5. Leg changes	Starting from a basic seat position but holding the handles, lift the outside leg, straight, all the way over the handles to seat inside (first part of mill), in a rhythm of 4 strides (canter) or a count of 4 (barrel). Return the same leg to sit astride over the next 4 strides. Repeat with the inside leg, going to seat outside over 4 strides and returning to seat astride over the next 4 strides. (Total of 16 strides/counts for both legs with no pause in between.)	10 (for the entire movement, not each leg)
6. Simple dismount to the inside	May be performed in any pace or in halt, or not at all if the vaulter is remaining mounted to show their freestyle.	Not scored

BEV Individual classes have changed some levels to have a 45 second freestyle instead of 60 seconds. **The maximum time allowed for RDA Individual Vaulting freestyle routines will remain at 60 seconds.**

Teams/Squads – Freestyle

The requirements and permitted moves for teams at all FEI levels have been changed to improve horse welfare. The most significant changes for coaches and vaulters are:

- Triple exercises are no longer permitted at 1* level and no longer compulsory at 2*/3*
- The maximum time allowed for freestyle routines is now 3 minutes at 1* and 3 minutes 30 seconds at 2* and 3*.

In RDA Vaulting, we already do not permit more than two vaulters to be on a horse at the same time. We are permitting triple exercises on the barrel but these are not compulsory. These rules will remain unchanged.

In RDA Vaulting, we give a time limit of 4 minutes for the freestyle routine in the Team Competition. **For 2024, the maximum time allowed for RDA Vaulting Team freestyles will remain at 4 minutes, but there will be no penalty for teams whose routines are above 2 minutes and 30 seconds.** This reflects the enormous amount of planning involved in preparing team routines: groups who have been working on a 4-minute freestyle for half a year will not be required to shorten their routines, and groups who are now working to the new BEV Guidelines will be able to use their routines in RDA competitions as well. *In the interests of planning training, it is expected that the 2025 RDA Rules will be adjusted to fit FEI Guidelines, meaning that the maximum time allowed in 2025 will be 3 minutes.*

Consideration of the horse – Artistic Score

A major advance in the FEI Rules for 2024 is the introduction of a score for consideration of the horse as part of the Artistic score in freestyle routines. This is in addition to scores for harmony with the horse already given in both compulsory and freestyle routines as part of the Technique score. This element applies to individuals, pairs (pas de deux) and teams.

This element will be introduced in RDA Vaulting in 2024, in line with its introduction in BEV competitions. It is an important factor in protecting horse welfare and will reward vaulters and their coaches who choose moves, transitions and routines with the horse's wellbeing, ability and confidence in mind.

Further details can be found on the FEI website using the link provided below.

Other changes

The FEI and BEV now permit the use of draw reins instead of side reins. These will also be permitted in RDA Vaulting in 2024, provided that they are applied correctly as per FEI Rules in the FEI Vaulting Guidelines 2024, p.23.

Side reins may be unclipped after the final freestyle and before the final salute to the judge. At the very latest, they should be unclipped as soon as the horse exits the competition arena.

In RDA Vaulting, horses may be led into the arena with side reins unclipped, but they must be clipped on prior to the trot circle.

Further information

It is highly recommended that all coaches and, where appropriate, vaulters, familiarise themselves with the rule changes and information produced by the FEI. A number of presentations on these changes are available here:

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/vaulting/forums/february-2024>

The FEI Vaulting Rules, Guidelines and Code of Points can be downloaded from the FEI website (see link below). Please note that all page references in this guide refer to the 'clean' 2024 version of the Guidelines.

<https://inside.fei.org/node/3839/>

If you have any questions, please contact Lizzie Bennett (RDA Vaulting Lead) – eb428.cam@gmail.com.

Closing Date

- Sunday 6th October 2024

Entry Fee

- Team Competition £50.00
- Pairs Online £18.00
- Individual £13.20

Classes 2024

Class	Description	Grade	Test
1	Dressage - Championships	Visually Impairment – not classified through British Blind Sport Junior / Senior	TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
2	Dressage – Championships	Visually Impairment – not classified through British Blind Sport Open	TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
3	Dressage - Championships	Visually Impairment – not classified through British Blind Sport Junior / Senior	TVI/PVI Championships Test Walk & Trot (2022)
4	Dressage – Championships	Visually Impairment – not classified through British Blind Sport Open	TVI/PVI Championships Test Walk & Trot (2022)
5	Dressage - Championships	Visually Impairment – not classified through British Blind Sport Junior / Senior	TVI/PVI Championship Test Canter (2022)
6	Dressage – Championships	Visually Impairment – not classified through British Blind Sport Open	TVI/PVI Championship Test Canter (2022)
7	Dressage – Championships	Grade 6 (walk only) Junior / Senior	Grade 6 Walk Only Championship Test (2022)
8	Dressage – Championships	Grade 6 (walk only) Open	Grade 6 Walk Only Championship Test (2022)
9	Dressage - Championships	Grade 6 (walk & trot) Junior / Senior	Grade 6 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2022)
10	Dressage – Championships	Grade 6 (walk & tot) Open	Grade 6 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2022)
11	Dressage - Championships	Grade 6 (canter) Junior / Senior	Grade 6 Canter Championship Test (2022)
12	Dressage – Championships	Grade 6 (canter) Open	Grade 6 Canter Championship Test (2022)
13	Dressage – Championships	Grade 7 (walk only) Junior / Senior	Grade 7 Walk Only Championship Test (2022)
14	Dressage – Championships	Grade 7 (walk only) Open	Grade 7 Walk Only Championship Test (2022)
15	Dressage – Championships	Grade 7 (walk & trot) Junior / Senior	Grade 7 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2022)
16	Dressage – Championships	Grade 7 (walk & trot) Open	Grade 7 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2022)
17	Dressage - Championships	Grade 7 (canter) Junior / Senior	Grade 7 Canter Championship Test (2022)

18	Dressage – Championships	Grade 7 (canter) Open	Grade 7 Canter Championship Test (2022)
19a	Dressage – Championships	Led (walk only) Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
19b	Dressage – Championships	Led (walk only) Open	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
20a	Dressage – Championships	Led with one side walker. (walk only) Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
20b	Dressage – Championships	Led with one side walker. (walk only) Open	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
21a	Dressage – Championships	Led with two side walker (walk only) Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
21b	Dressage – Championships	Led with two side walker (walk only) Open	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
22a	Dressage – Championships	Led (walk & trot) Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk & Trot (2022)
22b	Dressage – Championships	Led (walk & trot) Open	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk & Trot (2022)
23	Dressage - Freestyle	Visually Impaired Walk Only	Grade 1 Freestyle to Music (2023)
24	Dressage - Freestyle	Visually Impaired Walk & Trot	Grade 2 Freestyle to Music (2023)
25	Dressage - Freestyle	Visual Impairment Canter	Grade 4 Freestyle to Music (2023)
26	Dressage – Freestyle	Grade 6 (walk only) & Grade 7 (walk only)	Grade 6 Walk Only Freestyle to Music (2023)
27	Dressage - Freestyle	Grade 6 (walk & trot) & Grade 7 (walk & trot)	Grade 6 Walk & Trot Freestyle to Music (2023)
28	Dressage - Freestyle	Grade 6 (canter) & Grade 7 (canter)	Grade 6 Canter Freestyle to Music (2023)
29a	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Led with two side walkers
29b	Countryside Challenge	Open	Led with two side walkers
30a	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Led with 1 side walker
30b	Countryside Challenge	Open	Led with 1 side walker
31a	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Led or 1 side walker
31b	Countryside Challenge	Open	Led or 1 side walker
32a	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Independent
32b	Countryside Challenge	Open	Independent
33a	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Visually Impaired Led with two side walkers
33b	Countryside Challenge	Open	Visually Impaired Led with two side walkers
34a	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Visually Impaired Led with 1 side walker
34b	Countryside Challenge	Open	Visually Impaired Led with 1 side walker
35a	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Visually Impaired led or 1 side walker

35b	Countryside Challenge	Open	Visually Impaired led or 1 side walker
36a	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Visually Impaired Independent
36b	Countryside Challenge	Open	Visually Impaired Independent
37a	RDA Showjumping	Level 1 Led Junior & Senior	Poles on the ground
37b	RDA Showjumping	Level 1 Led Open	Poles on the ground
38a	RDA Showjumping	Level 1 Unled Junior & Senior	Poles on the ground
38b	RDA Showjumping	Level 1 Unled Open	Poles on the ground
39a	RDA Showjumping	Level 2 Led Junior & Senior	30cm
39b	RDA Showjumping	Level 2 Led Open	30cm
40a	RDA Showjumping	Level 2 Unled Junior & Senior	30cm
40b	RDA Showjumping	Level 2 Unled Open	30cm
41a	RDA Showjumping	Level 3 Junior & Senior	60cm
41b	RDA Showjumping	Level 3 Open	60cm
42a	RDA Showjumping	Level 4 Junior & Senior	70cm
42b	RDA Showjumping	Level 4 Open	70cm
43	Carriage Driving	Novice	Novice Test National and Virtual Championships 2024
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45	Carriage Driving	Open	Open Test National and Virtual Championships 2024
46	Performance Showing	Led	Walk & Trot
47	Performance Showing	Unled	Walk & Trot
48	Performance Showing	Unled	Walk, Trot & Canter
49	In hand Performance Showing	In Hand	Walk & Trot
50	Vaulting – Individual	Junior / Senior / Open	Level H1

			Walk Freestyle Only
51	Vaulting – Individual	Junior / Senior / Open	Level H2 Pre-Novice Trot Compulsories/Walk Freestyle
52	Vaulting – Individual	Junior / Senior / Open	Level H3 Pre-Novice Canter Compulsories/Walk Freestyle
53	Vaulting – Individual	Junior / Senior / Open	Level H4 Novice Canter Compulsories/Canter Freestyle
54	Vaulting – Individual	Junior / Senior / Open	Level B1 Barrel Freestyle Only
55	Vaulting – Individual	Junior / Senior / Open	Level B2 Pre-Novice Compulsories/Barrel Freestyle
56	Vaulting – Individual	Junior / Senior / Open	Level B3 Novice Compulsories/Barrel Freestyle
57	Vaulting – Pairs	All Ages	Walk Freestyle Only
58	Vaulting – Pairs	All Ages	Barrel Freestyle Only
59	Vaulting – Team	All Ages	Walk Freestyle
60	Vaulting –Team	All Ages	Barrel Freestyle
61	Musical Drill Ride	Led	With or without side walker(s)
62	Musical Drill Ride	Unled	Independent
63	Musical Drill Drive	Drive	

Rules and Regulations

- Each recording must have been produced in 'one take' and not been edited in any way.
- All video's must state clearly the class, participants name/s, group name, date video was taken and clearly state it is for the 2024 Virtual National Championships. Two marks will be deducted for no introduction for every discipline.
- Things to think about when filming:
 - Always ensure that RDA Safeguarding policies and guidance are adhered to at all times
 - Where possible please avoid anything that provides personal or identifying information in the background or setting where the video is taking place.

- Ensure that you only have the horse and participants combination in the film that you are recording
- Make sure all competitors and leaders are wearing the correct competition dress and no inappropriate clothing is worn.
- Make sure all tack and equipment is in line with rules in the RDA Competition Rulebook.
- Do not share the video content with anyone else apart from uploading the image onto YouTube and Horse Monkey.
- Please make sure you use own device to record.
- Where possible use the minimum amount of devices to record the film.
- The device you have used for the recording will need to have a secure Wi-Fi connection to upload the video onto Horse Monkey.
- If needed please connect the device used to record to a laptop or computer rather than sending via an email or file transfer.
- Please make sure you delete the video from your device once you have uploaded it onto YouTube/Horse Monkey and received an email confirmation.
- All Competitors to have completed the Filming Permission Release Form.
- Competitors may enter both the National Championships and the Virtual National Championships. Those competitors that qualify and compete at The National Championships must then enter the open section of the Virtual National Championships for that year.
- Competitors must wear normal competition dress as per the RDA Rule Book. Please note this doesn't have to be beige breeches, shirt and jacket. RDA sweatshirts and smart coloured jodhpurs are acceptable.
- For those classes that have a leader or side walker then correct clothing and footwear must be worn.
- Competitors must be medically fit for the activities they undertake. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that they are medically fit to compete. Where necessary their parents/guardians must take this responsibility. The organisers reserve the right to require any competitor to withdraw.
- Equines must be fit and sensible for the activities they undertake.
- The use of any herbal, natural or chemical product to affect the performance of a horse or pony in a calming (tranquillising) manner is strictly forbidden under RDA rules. The use of such product's during competition has important safety and welfare consequences.
- Horses and ponies must be five years old or over.
- Any height of horse or pony is allowed in any class.
- In line with standard RDA policy, stallions must not be used in any RDA competitions.
- All tack rules apply, any exceptions to this will be eliminated. Please familiarise yourself with the competition's rulebook.
- Each horse may only be videoed a maximum of five ridden classes including lead rein on one day. These must not comprise of more than four in any one discipline.
- Before entering the National Championships, please ensure that you consult the RDA weight charts to ensure that your horse/rider or horse/carriage combination is suitable. We will be monitoring this at the Virtual Championships.

RDA has created an excel calculator to help groups work out the maximum carrying weight a horse can carry. Please see the RDA website (Horses and RDA) for further information.

RDA reserves the right to check any rider/horse combination considered not to comply with the limits set out on the weight chart on RDA's website.

If a combination is found to be outside the parameters action may be taken.

- It is the sole responsibility of riders/guardians to ensure that at all times while on horseback, they wear correctly fitted protective headgear and that chin straps must be securely fastened.