



**RDA VIRTUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO
BE SHOWN THROUGH A LIVE STREAMED
EVENT ON FRIDAY 21st, SATURDAY 22nd &
SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2025**



WELCOME

We are delighted to be able to continue with the Virtual National Championships which are to be held this year on Friday 21st , Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November during the late afternoon and evening on RDA Facebook Page and RDA You Tube Channel. Gather your groups and friends together to view the top three competitors in reverse order in each class. Be interactive by adding your congratulations and comments during the live streaming - this viewing is for everyone.

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.

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.

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.

Best wishes and good luck.

Anne Coney
National Championships Chair

The Virtual Championships - How to enter?

This year we are excited to announce that E-Riders will be hosting the RDA Virtual National Championships 2025

Please visit the link to enter.

www.e-riders-dressage.co.uk

Entries will open on Monday 16th June

Entries will close Sunday 5th October.



Entry fees:

Dressage - £14.00

Countryside Challenge - £14.00

Musical Ride/Drive - £7.50 per driver / Rider

Performance Showing - £14.00

Show Jumping - £14.00

Vaulting -

- Team Competition £50.00

- Pairs Online £18.00

- Individual £14.00

1 - If you do not already have an account, you will need to create one. Registration is quick, simple and free!

2 - Add riders and horses to your profile

Simply go to the [My Account](#) page, scroll down to the "Registered Riders" box and tap "Add Rider". Fill in the form and tap register when you're done.

Do the same for your horses in the "Registered Horses" box.

3 - Find your Class

Head to the ENTER tab and scroll to the RDA Virtual Championships Folder

You will then be able to select the discipline you are looking to enter (dressage, show jumping etc) and then your level & section.

4 - Add the correct class to your basket, go back and add any other classes that you wish to enter to your basket. Once you have all of your tests in your basket, you can then checkout.

FULL INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDING SCREENSHOTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INSTRUCTIONS TAB OF THE E-RIDERS WEBSITE, INCLUDING DETAILS ON HOW TO FILM & SUBMIT YOUR TESTS.

If you are in need of any help on entering, filming & submitting, please email susie@e-riders.co.uk

Carriage Driving

The Virtual Championships Carriage Driving competition 2025 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.

For the Competitor's sheet and the Competitor's Diagram sheet please visit MyRDA, select National Championships and Carriage Driving.

For full competition rules please see the RDA Rule Book.



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.

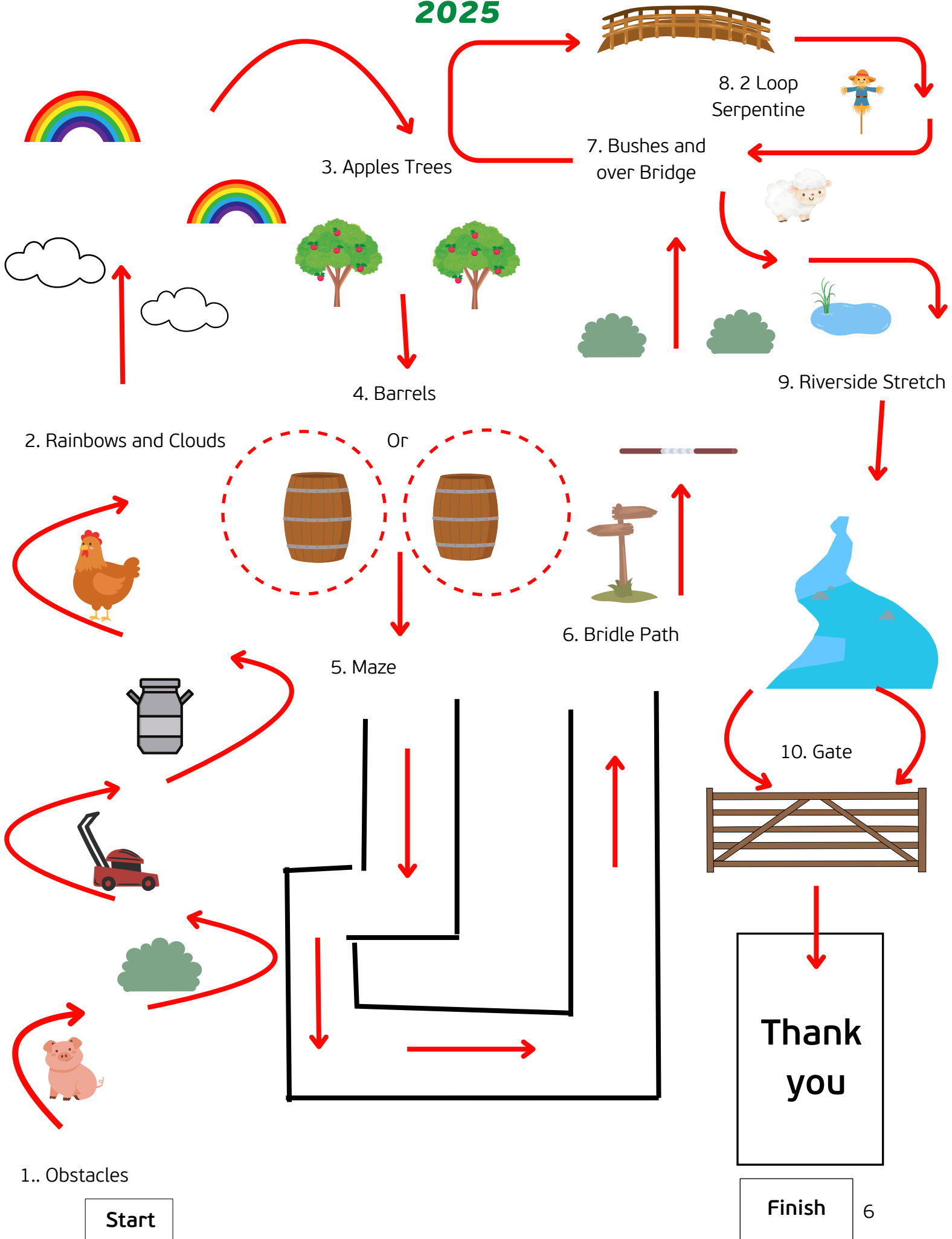
For led classes, leaders must lead at the 3rd stage of leading.

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 2025. Or who are an Independent Participant/Own-Horse Participant.

Virtual Countryside Challenge 2025



This is not to scale

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 horse and rider combinations 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. Competitors who ride within an Accessibility Mark Centre or who competed at the RDA National Championships 2025.

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.



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

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 MyRDA 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.

Showjumping

RDA Level Showjumping

RDA Showjumping	Level 1 Led & Unled	Poles on the ground
	Level 2 Led & Unled	30cm
	Level 3	60 cm
	Level 3 plus	60 cm with 7-9 jump elements
	Level 4	70 cm with 7-9 jump elements

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 – Horse and rider combination 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 on MyRDA website

A clear start and finish must be adhered to.

Vaulting

The competition will be run according to BEV and FEI Rules, with the exception of specific requirements for Individual compulsories and the time limit and composition requirements for a Team freestyle. For details of all rules, coaches and vaulters are required to refer to the RDA Group and Competition Rule Book 2025 for full details on the requirements for each class.

Individual

On the horse:

- H1 (Walk Freestyle only)
- H2 (RDAV1 Compulsories in Trot and a Walk Freestyle)
- H3 (RDAV1 Compulsories in Canter and a Walk Freestyle)
- H4 (RDAV2 Compulsories in Canter and a Canter Freestyle)

On the barrel:

- B1 (Freestyle only)
- B2 (RDAV1 Compulsories and Freestyle)
- B3 (RDAV2 Compulsories and Freestyle)

Pairs

- On the horse: Walk Freestyle
- On the barrel: Freestyle

Team

- On the horse: Walk Freestyle
- On the barrel: Freestyle

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



Class List 2025

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 Junior / Senior	TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
3	Dressage - Championships	Visually Impairment - not Classified through British Blind Sport. Junior / Senior	TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk and Trot (2022)
4	Dressage - Championships	Visually Impairment - not Classified through British Blind Sport. Open Junior / Senior	TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk and Trot (2022)
5	Dressage - Championships	Visually Impairment - not Classified through British Blind Sport. Junior / Senior	TVI/PVI Championships Test Canter (2022)
6	Dressage - Championships	Visually Impairment - not Classified through British Blind Sport. Open Junior / Senior	TVI/PVI Championships Test Canter (2022)

Class	Description	Grade	Test
7	Dressage - Championships	B1 (Walk Only) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025)
8	Dressage - Championships	B1 (Walk Only) Open Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025)
9	Dressage - Championships	B1 (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025)
10	Dressage - Championships	B1 Open (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025)
11	Dressage - Championships	B1 (Canter) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025)
12	Dressage - Championships	B1 Open (Canter) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025)
13	Dressage - Championships	B2 (Walk only) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk only Championship Test (2025)
14	Dressage - Championships	B2 Open (Walk only) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk only Championship Test (2025)

Class	Description	Grade	Test
15	Dressage - Championships	B2 (Walk &Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025)
16	Dressage - Championships	B2 Open (Walk &Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025)
17	Dressage - Championships	B2 (Canter) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025)
18	Dressage - Championships	B2 Open (Canter) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025)
19	Dressage - Championships	B3 (Walk only) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025)
20	Dressage - Championships	B3 Open (Walk only) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025)
21	Dressage - Championships	B3 (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025)
22	Dressage - Championships	B3 Open (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025)
23	Dressage - Championships	B3 (Canter) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025)

Class	Description	Grade	Test
24	Dressage - Championships	B3 Open (Canter) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025)
25	Dressage - Championships	B4 (Walk only) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025)
26	Dressage - Championships	B4 Open (Walk only) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk Only Championship Test (2025)
27	Dressage - Championships	B4 (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025)
28	Dressage - Championships	B4 Open (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025)
29	Dressage - Championships	B4 (Canter) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025)
30	Dressage - Championships	B4 Open (Canter) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025)
31	Dressage - Championships	B5 (Walk only) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk only Championship Test (2025)

Class	Description	Grade	Test
32	Dressage - Championships	B5 Open (Walk only) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk only Championship Test (2025)
33	Dressage - Championships	B5 (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025)
34	Dressage - Championships	B5 Open (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2025)
35	Dressage - Championships	B5 Canter (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025)
36	Dressage - Championships	B5 Open Canter (Walk & Trot) Junior / Senior	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter Championship Test (2025)
37	Dressage - Freestyle	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk only	Grade 1 Freestyle to Music (2023)
38	Dressage - Freestyle	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Walk and Trot	Grade 2 Freestyle to Music (2023)
39	Dressage - Freestyle	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 Canter	Grade 4 Freestyle to Music (2023)
40	Dressage - Championships	Grade 1 Junior / senior	Grade 1 Championship Test (2022)
41	Dressage - Championships	Grade 1 Open Junior / Senior	Grade 1 Open Championship Test (2025)

Class	Description	Grade	Test
42	Dressage - Championships	Grade 2 Junior / Senior	Grade 2 Championship Test (2022)
43	Dressage - Championships	Grade 2 Open Junior / Senior	Grade 2 Open Championship Test (2025)
44	Dressage - Championships	Grade 3 Junior / Senior	Grade 3 Championship Test
45	Dressage - Championships	Grade 3 Open Junior / Senior	Grade 3 Open Championship Test (2025)
46	Dressage - Championships	Grade 4 Junior / Senior	Grade 4 Championship Test (2022)
47	Dressage - Championships	Grade 4 Open Junior / Senior	Grade 4 Open Championship Test (2025)
48	Dressage - Championships	Grade 5 Junior / Senior	Grade 5 Championship test (2022)
49	Dressage - Championships	Grade 5 Open Junior / Senior	Grade 5 Open Championship Test (2025)

Class	Description	Grade	Test
50	Dressage - Championships	Grade 6 (Walk Only) Junior / Senior	Grade 6 Walk Only Championship Test (2022)
51	Dressage - Championships	Grade 6 (Walk Only) Open Junior / Senior	Grade 6 Open Championship Test (2025) Walk Only
52	Dressage - Championships	Grade 6 (walk and Trot) Junior / Senior	Grade 6 Walk and Trot Championship Test (2022)
53	Dressage - Championships	Grade 6 (walk and Trot) Open Junior / Senior	Grade 6 Open Championship Test (2025) Walk and Trot
54	Dressage - Championships	Grade 6 (Canter) Junior / Senior	Grade 6 Championship Test (2025) Canter
55	Dressage - Championships	Grade 6 (Canter) Open Junior / Senior	Grade 6 Open Championship Test (2025) Canter
56	Dressage - Championships	Grade 7 (Walk Only) Junior / Senior	Grade 7 Walk Only Championship Test (2022)
57	Dressage - Championships	Grade 7 (Walk Only) Open Junior / Senior	Grade 7 Open Championship Test (2025) Walk only

Class	Description	Grade	Test
58	Dressage - Championships	Grade 7 Walk and Trot Championship Test (2022)	Grade 7 Walk and Trot Championship Test (2022)
59	Dressage - Championships	Grade 7 (Walk and Trot) Open Junior / Senior	Grade 7 Walk and Trot Championship Test (2022)
60	Dressage - Championships	Grade 7 (Canter) Junior / Senior	Grade 7 Canter Championship Test (2022)
61	Dressage - Championships	Grade 7 (Canter) Open Junior / Senior	Grade 7 Canter Championship Test (2022)
62	Dressage - Championships	Led (Walk Only) Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
63	Dressage - Championships	Led (Walk Only) Open Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
64	Dressage - Championships	Led with one side walker. (Walk only) Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
65	Dressage - Championships	Led with one side walker. (Walk only) Open Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)

Class	Description	Grade	Test
66	Dressage - Championships	Led with two side walkers. (walk only) Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
67	Dressage - Championships	Led with two side walkers. (walk only) Open Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2022)
68	Dressage - Championships	Led (walk and trot) Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk and Trot (2022)
69	Dressage - Championships	Led (walk and trot) Open Junior / Senior	Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk and Trot (2022)
70	Dressage - Freestyle	Visually Impaired Walk Only	Grade 1 Freestyle to Music (2023)
71	Dressage - Freestyle	Visual Impaired walk and Trot	Grade 2 Freestyle to Music (2023)
72	Dressage - Freestyle	Visual Impairment Canter	Grade 4 Freestyle to Music (2023)
73	Dressage - Freestyle	Grade 6 (walk only) and Grade 7 (walk only)	Grade 6 Walk Only Freestyle to Music (2023)
74	Dressage - Freestyle	Grade 6 (walk and trot) & Grade 7 (walk and trot)	Grade 6 Walk and Trot Freestyle to Music (2023)

Class	Description	Grade	Test
75	Dressage - Freestyle	Grade 6 (canter) & Grade 7 (canter)	Grade 6 Canter Freestyle to Music (2023)
76	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Led with two side walkers
77	Countryside Challenge	Open	Led with two side walkers
78	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Led with 1 side walker
79	Countryside Challenge	Open	Led with 1 side walker
80	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Led or 1 side walker
81	Countryside Challenge	Open	Led or 1 side walker
82	Countryside Challenge	Junior & Senior	Independent
83	Countryside Challenge	Open	Independent
84	RDA Showjumping	Level 1 Led Junior / Senior	Poles on the Ground
85	RDA Showjumping	Level 1 led Open Junior / Senior	Poles on the Ground
86	RDA Showjumping	Level 1 Unled Junior / Senior	Poles on the Ground

Class	Description	Grade	Test
87	RDA Showjumping	Level 1 Unled Open Junior / Senior	Poles on the Ground
88	RDA Showjumping	Level 2 Led Junior/Senior	30cm
89	RDA Showjumping	Level 2 Led Open Junior / Senior	30cm
90	RDA Showjumping	Level 2 unled Junior / Senior	30cm
91	RDA Showjumping	Level 2 Unled Open Junior / Senior	30cm
92	RDA Showjumping	level 3 Junior / Senior	60cm
93	RDA Showjumping	Level 3 Open Junior / Senior	60cm
94	RDA Showjumping	Level 3 Plus junior / Senior	60cm (7-9 jump elements)
95	RDA Showjumping	Level 3 plus Open Junior / Senior	60cm (7-9 jump elements)
96	RDA Showjumping	Level 4 Junior / Senior	70cm
97	RDA Showjumping	Level 4 Open Junior / Senior	70cm
98	Carriage Driving	Novice	Novice Test National and Virtual Championship 2024

Class	Description	Grade	Test
99	Carriage Driving	Intermediate	Intermediate Test National and Virtual Championship 2024
100	Carriage Driving	Open	Open Test National and Virtual Championship 2024
101	Performance Showing	Led Junior / Senior	Walk and Trot
102	Performance Showing	Led Open Junior / Senior	Walk and Trot
103	Performance Showing	Unled Junior / Senior	Walk and Trot
104	Performance Showing	Unled Open Junior/ Senior	Walk and Trot
105	Performance Showing	Unled Junior / Senior	Walk, Trot & Canter
106	Performance Showing	Unled Open Junior / Senior	Walk, Trot & Canter
107	Vaulting - Individual	Junior/Senior/Open	Level H1 Walk Freestyle Only
108	Vaulting - Individual	Junior/Senior/Open	Level H2 Pre-Novice Trot Compulsories/Walk Freestyle

Class	Description	Grade	Test
109	Vaulting - Individual	Junior/Senior/Open	Level H3 Pre-Novice Canter Compulsories/Walk Freestyle
110	Vaulting - Individual	Junior/Senior/Open	Level H4 Novice Canter Compulsories/Canter Freestyle
111	Vaulting - Individual	Junior/Senior/Open	Level B1 Barrel Freestyle Only
112	Vaulting - Individual	Junior/Senior/Open	Level B2 Pre-Novice Compulsories/Barrel Freestyle
113	Vaulting - Individual	Junior/Senior/Open	Level B3 Novice Compulsories/Barrel Freestyle
114	Vaulting – Pairs	All Ages	Walk Freestyle Only
115	Vaulting – Pairs	All Ages	Barrel Freestyle Only
116	Vaulting – Team	All Ages	Walk Freestyle
117	Vaulting – Team	All Ages	Barrel Freestyle
118	Musical Drill Ride	Led	With or without side walker(s)
119	Musical Drill Drive	Drive	

Class	Description	Grade	Test
120	Dressage - Freestyle	Grade 1	Grade 1 Freestyle to Music (2023)
121	Dressage - Freestyle	Grade 2	Grade 2 Freestyle to Music (2023)
122	Dressage - Freestyle	Grade 3	Grade 3 Freestyle to Music (2023)
123	Dressage - Freestyle	Grade 4	Grade 4 Freestyle to Music (2023)
124	Dressage - Freestyle	Grade 5	Grade 5 Freestyle to Music (2023)

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 2025 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.
 - 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.
 - If needed please connect the device used to record to a laptop or computer rather than sending via an email or file transfer.
- 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.

