



# RDA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

EVENT SCHEDULE





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#### **CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES**

| <b>Class</b>          | <b>Closing Date</b>  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Countryside Challenge | 9 <sup>th</sup> June |
| Dressage              | 9 <sup>th</sup> June |
| Endurance             | 9 <sup>th</sup> June |
| Showing               | 9 <sup>th</sup> June |
| Showjumping           | 9 <sup>th</sup> June |

#### **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**All rider times will be available on the RDA website  
<https://www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/national-championships/> two weeks  
prior to the event.**

**It is the responsibility of the groups/competitors to comply with the Rules and Regulations outlined in this schedule.**

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## What's happening in 2021

Due to COVID-19, this year's championships will look a little different to the normal three day event that normally takes place.

With so many groups only just getting back started and many riders not being able to ride it has been decided to run a smaller National Championships this year and run over two days. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Hartpury College have been very accommodating but at the time of writing they have stated that all events in 2021 will take place behind closed doors. Therefore there will not be any spectators at RDA National Championships 2021. All those attending should be participants, those supporting participants, horses or those volunteering at the Championships. If restrictions change nearer the time to allow limited numbers of spectators, all groups will be notified.

Hartpury College have a very strict COVID-19 procedure in place and we ask all competitors, grooms and coaches to adhere to these rules. To see a copy of these rules please see the back of the schedule.

Due to running a smaller championships this means we will have to make some changes and not all disciplines and classes will take place at this year's Championships. For those disciplines and classes that can't take place this year at The RDA National Championships they will take place virtually at the Virtual National Championships which will take place in September 2021.

**Disco** – This year the Disco that normally takes place at the Legends bar will not be able to take place.

**Entries** – We are encouraging all groups to enter online through Horse Monkey but if you cannot enter online then please contact Fiona Harris on [fharris@rda.org.uk](mailto:fharris@rda.org.uk) or Emma Bayliss on [ebayliss@rda.org.uk](mailto:ebayliss@rda.org.uk) and we will be able to send out an entry form.

**Horsecare & Knowledge** – Horse care and Knowledge will not be taking place at the National Championships this year but there will be an online quiz available for those competitors that wish to have a go.

### Opening Hours

The event secretary's office will be open during the following hours:

Fri 12.00noon – 20.00pm

Sat 07.00am – 20.00pm

Sun 07.00am – 18.00pm

Stable Manager's office will be open for arrivals and departures at the times listed below. Anything outside of these hours please contact the Stable Manager to arrange on 01926 492915 (prior to event) or 01926 405972 (during the event).

Fri 12.00pm – 20.00pm

Sat 07.00am – 20.00pm

Sun 07.00am – 18.00pm

## Entry Fees

| Classes                 | Online Entry Fee |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Countryside Challenge   | £18.00           |
| Dressage - Championship | £18.00           |
| Endurance               | £18.00           |
| Showing                 | £20.00           |
| Showjumping             | £18.00           |

## Prizes & Prize Giving

Prizes will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in all classes.

To prevent gatherings as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no prize giving this year at the RDA National Championships. All rosettes, prizes and score sheets will be available to collect at Secretaries Office after the class has finished or they will be posted to the group contact after the competition.

## Stabling

Stables must be reserved at the time of class entries and on payment of the fee below. This entitles the competitor to the use of a stable from **17.00hrs on the day of reservation until 17.00hrs the following day**. Day stables are available from 07.00hrs to 17.00hrs. Stabling is not available on Sunday night.

| Stabling         | Fee  |
|------------------|--|
| Overnight        | £29.00 including a base bed 17.00 – 17.00  |
| Day Stable       | £16.00 some bedding included 07.00 – 17.00 |
| Electric Hook Up | £70.00 for the duration of the event       |

Stable Manager's office will be open for arrivals and departures at the times listed below. Anything outside of these hours please contact the Stable Manager to make arrangements on 01926 405972.

Fri 12.00pm – 20.00pm

Sat 07.00am – 20.00pm

Sun 07.00am – 18.00pm

All stables **MUST** be cleaned out each day, prior to departure your stable must be mucked out and checked by the stables team. 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 (approx. £6.00 each) 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.

## Vehicle Parking

Equine vehicles may park in the designated parking area 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.

## Accommodation

Accommodation at the college is available on a first come first served basis. Most rooms are single occupancy and en suite. The number of disabled access rooms available are extremely limited. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, aiming to limit the number of gathering, accommodation should only be booked if you absolutely have to stay over. This could be that you are participating, supporting someone to participate or volunteering over multiple days or if due to distance travelled you are unable to arrive, compete and leave in a single day.

Accommodation must be booked in advance and the price includes breakfast. **All rooms MUST be vacated by 10.00 am** 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.

Offsite accommodation can be booked through Gloucester Tourist Office on 01452 396576.

The accommodation office will be open for arrivals at the times listed below:

Fri 12.00noon – 20.00pm

Sat 09.00am – 20.00pm

Sun 09.00am – 14.00pm

| Accommodation | Fee              |
|---------------|------------------|
| All Rooms     | £40.00 per night |

## Caravans & Camping

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, aiming to limit the number of gathering, you should only camp if you absolutely have to stay over. This could be that you are participating, supporting someone to participate or volunteering over multiple days or if due to distance travelled you are unable to arrive, compete and leave in a single day.

A limited amount of space is available for caravans and camping. Pitches must be booked and paid for in advance using the relevant form and returning it to the Championships Secretary. There is no power supply; a standpipe provides water and toilet/shower facilities are available. The showers are located in the Hartpurty 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.

| Caravans & Camping | Fee              |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Caravan/Camper Van | £15.00 per night |
| Tent               | £10.00 per night |

## Catering

Catering facilities are available on site either from the refreshments vans or the college refectory. There is also a selection of good pubs locally. Please be aware this may be for takeaway only depending on the COVID-19 restrictions in force at the time.

## Dogs

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

## How to Find Us

Hartpury College is on the A417, 4 miles north of Gloucester. There may be heavy traffic around Gloucester, so you are advised to approach from the M5 or M50 motorways.

### From the M5:

Leave at Junction 11 and follow the A40 towards Gloucester. At the first roundabout turn towards Ross-on-Wye. At the third roundabout, take the A417 towards Ledbury. After leaving Maisemore, the college is signposted at the second turning on the left.

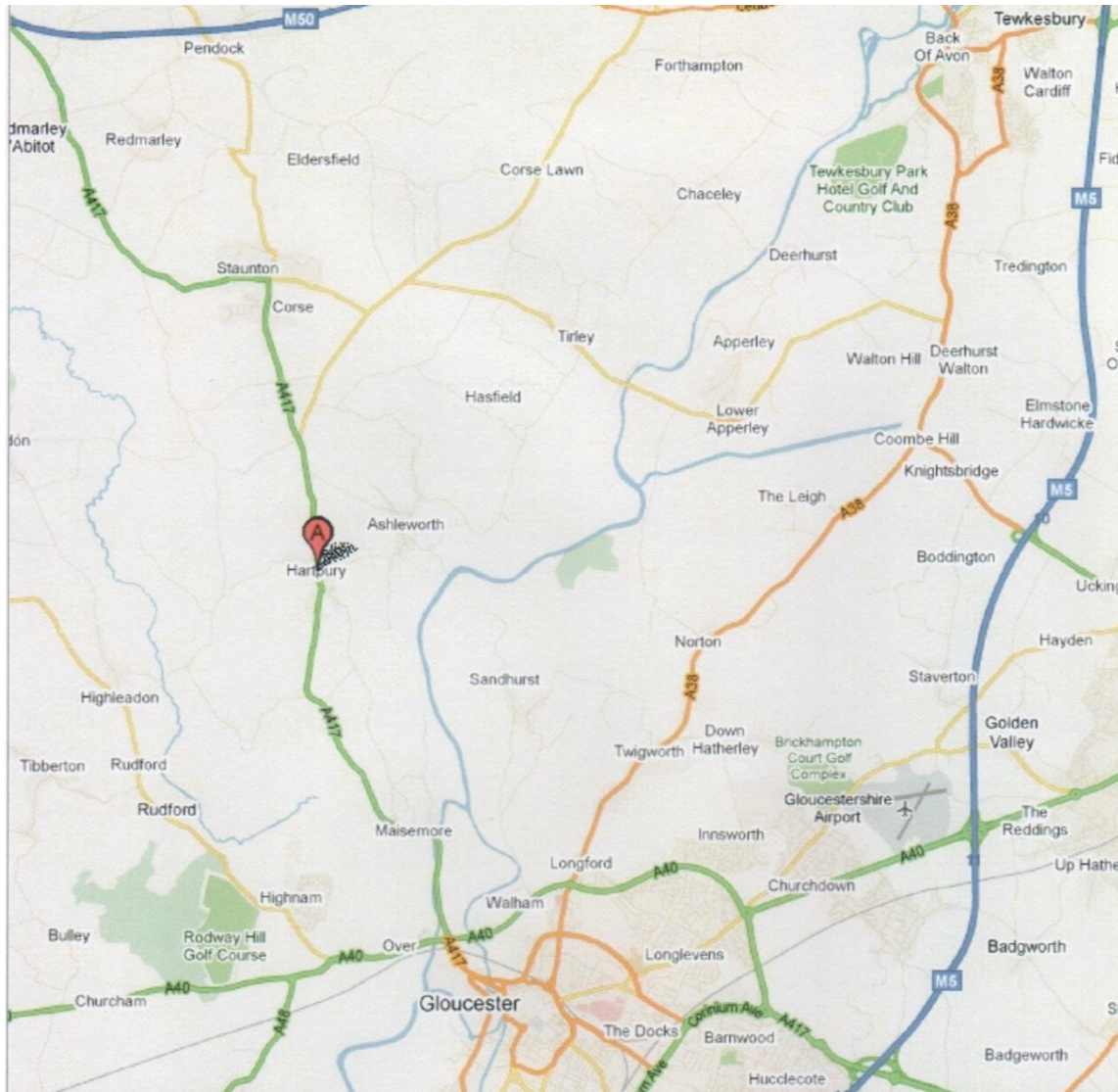
### From the M50:

Leave at Junction 2 and follow the A417 south towards Gloucester to Hartpury. Continue for approximately 10 miles. The college is signposted to the right.

### From London and the M4:

Leave the M4 at Junction 15 and follow the A419 towards Cirencester. At Cirencester the A419 becomes the A417. Follow the A417 towards Gloucester and the M5. At the roundabout at the Air Balloon pub, take the first exit towards Gloucester. Take the second exit at the next roundabout. At the next roundabout take the third exit (A40) towards Ross-on-Wye. Continue on the A40, heading straight on at the next two roundabouts.

At the third roundabout, take the A417 towards Ledbury. After leaving Maisemore, the college is signposted at the second turning on the left.



## **Countryside Challenge**

For full competition rules please see the RDA Competition Rule Book.

For those classes that have a side walker then the COVID-19 RDA rules apply. This is currently that the side walker accompanying the competitor must be from the same household/support bubble. Leaders may be from outside the household/ support bubble as long as social distancing is maintained with mitigation (e.g. 1m plus a face covering). Please be aware that these COVID-19 rules are subject to change.

### **Closing Date**

- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### **Entry Fee**

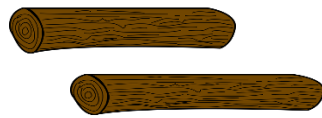
- Online £18.00

**2. Anniversary Archway**  
Clytha Clouds  
Haworth Rainbow

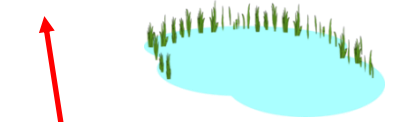


**3. Barrel Circle**

**8. Stevie Scarecrow**



**4. Laura's Logs**

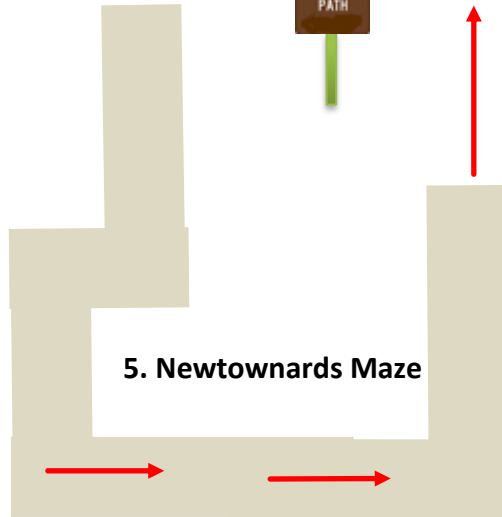


**7. Pond**



**6. Bridle Path**

**9. Riverside Stretching**



**5. Newtownards Maze**

**START 1. Seven Obstacles**



**10. GWR - Great Wellow Railway**

## **Dressage**

All dressage classes are held in 20m x 40m arenas. For 2021 we will only be offering Championships Classes and one freestyle class on both Saturday and Sunday. Freestyle to music, costume freestyle to music and pairs classes will be available at the Virtual Championships in September 2021.

Classes are divided in to 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 – Riders who have competed FEI or BD Para Silver or Bronze Championships in the previous 4 years and those that have been Overall Class Champion in the same class for 2 consecutive years at the RDA National Championships.

Freestyle Class – Please ride your freestyle test according to your grade. Numbers will be limited and entries will be received on a first come first serve basis. And the results will be done on percentage.

For those classes that have a side walker then the COVID-19 RDA rules apply. This is currently that the side walker accompanying the competitor must be from the same household/support bubble. Leaders may be from outside the household/ support bubble as long as social distancing is maintained with mitigation (e.g. 1m plus a face covering). Please be aware that these COVID-19 rules are subject to change.

For full dressage rules please consult the RDA Competitions Rule Book.

### **Closing Date**

- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **Entry Fee**

- Championships - Online £18.00

## **Endurance**

This year we will be offering endurance as a competition at the National Championships. There will be distances 1km – 5km available.

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 by nomination only
- 3km is a led or unled class and by nomination only
- 5km is a led class and by nomination only.

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

Entries must be made and paid for prior to the event, entries on the day will not be accepted.

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

Times for this class will be allocated and will be available 2 weeks prior to the event on the RDA website <https://www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/national-championships/>

For those classes that have a side walker then the COVID-19 RDA rules apply. This is currently that the side walker accompanying the competitor must be from the same household/support bubble . Leaders may be from outside the household/ support bubble as long as social distancing is maintained with mitigation (e.g. 1m plus a face covering). Please be aware that these COVID-19 rules are subject to change.

For full details on dress, tack, timings etc. please consult the RDA Rule Book.

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

### **Closing Dates**

- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **Entry Fee**

- Online £18.00



## **SEIB Search for a Star RDA Showing Championships**

The competition is open any to rider associated to an RDA Group who can walk and trot independently. Entry is subject to the Groups approval for each horse and rider. Stewards will be on hand to explain what to do. Riders will be asked to enter the arena, and walk round, they will then be asked to line up. Riders will then be asked to give a short individual show that can include canter but this isn't compulsory, just a short display showing the capabilities of the horse and rider. As well as a ridden show the horse and rider will be asked to come out of line and stand for the conformation judge to have a look at the horse.

Any type of horse is able to compete and the class will be judged as follows

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Conformation                        | 30% |
| Turnout of Horse & Rider            | 30% |
| Suitability, manners & way of going | 40% |

If numbers of entries are high the class will be split into sections with the top competitors returning for a final judging. Riders should be neatly turned out, clean and tidy but tack and saddlery suitable for the rider not the show ring will be encouraged.

Two from each of the qualifiers, six competitors in total will go forward to the BSHA (British Show Horse Association) Championship at Addington Manor in September, and will have the chance to take part in the evening performance (with the opportunity of wearing evening dress) for the final judging.

### **Entries**

Entries will be taken via the SEIB Search for a Star RDA Showing Series Entry Form and all entries should be sent to RDA National Office with cheques made payable to RDA. Entries for the Hartpury Qualifier will be limited to a maximum of 20.

### **Rules**

The SEIB Search for a Star rules booklet will be available on the Showing section of the Myrda website.

### **Stabling & Accommodation at Hartpury**

If you enter this competition you must ensure that you organise your stabling and accommodation through the RDA National Championships Secretary, not through SEIB Search for a Star.

### **Closing Date**

- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **Entry Fee**

- £20.00

## Showing

Following on from the success of the SEIB Search for a star competition we are delighted to announce that we will be running three RDA Showing classes as part of the RDA National Championships.

### **The three classes are as follows:**

- Ridden Horses / Ponies Led ( Walk & Trot)
- Ridden Horse / Ponies Unled (Walk & Trot )
- Ridden Horses / Ponies Unled ( Walk, Trot & Canter)

### **Classes will be judged on:**

- Turnout – cleanliness and condition of equine/tack
- Conformation of the equine with the suitability for the rider/job in mind
- Overall impression

All classes will require a group walk only go-around followed by an individual show. For more details on judging criteria and what is required in an individual show please see the RDA Competitions Rule Book.

For those classes that have a side walker then the COVID-19 RDA rules apply. This is currently that the side walker accompanying the competitor must be from the same household/support bubble. Leaders may be from outside the household/ support bubble as long as social distancing is maintained with mitigation (e.g. 1m plus a face covering). Please be aware that these COVID-19 rules are subject to change.

### **Closing Date**

- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **Entry Fee**

- Online £18.00

## Showjumping

| RDA Level Showjumping |         |                                  |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| RDA Showjumping       | Level 2 | 30 cm                            |
|                       | Level 3 | 60 cm                            |
|                       | Level 4 | 70 cm<br>Double max height 60 cm |
|                       | Level 5 | 80 cm<br>Double max height 70cm  |

| British Showjumping   |         |       |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| BS Graded Showjumping | Grade 1 | 70 cm |
|                       | Grade 2 | 80 cm |
|                       | Grade 3 | 90 cm |
|                       | Grade 4 | 70 cm |

All showjumping classes are run under RDA rules. British Showjumping competition classes run under BS Club rules but riders must adhere to the general rules and expectations.

Please consult the RDA Rule Book for full details on competition expectations.

Course plans and further information can also be found here  
<https://www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/showjumping/>

### Closing Date

- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Entry Fee

- Online £18.00

## Saturday

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Description</b>       | <b>Grade</b>       | <b>Test</b>   |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1            | Dressage - Championships | TVI (walk only)    | TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk Only (2020)                    |
| 2            | Dressage - Championships | PVI (walk only)    | TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk Only (2020)                    |
| 3            | Dressage - Championships | TVI (walk & trot)  | TVI/PVI Championships Test Walk & Trot (2020)                 |
| 4            | Dressage - Championships | PVI (walk & trot)  | TVI/PVI Championships Test Walk & Trot (2020)                 |
| 5            | Dressage - Championships | TVI (canter)       | TVI/PVI Championship Test Canter (2020)                       |
| 6            | Dressage - Championships | PVI (canter)       | TVI/PVI Championship Test Canter (2020)                       |
| 7            | Dressage - Championships | 4                  | Grade 4 Championship Test (2020)                              |
| 8            | Dressage - Championships | 5                  | Grade 5 Championship Test (2020)                              |
| 9            | Dressage - Championships | 1-6 (walk & trot)  | Grade 6 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2020)                  |
| 10           | Dressage - Championships | 1-6 (canter)       | Grade 6 Canter Championship Test (2020)                       |
| 11           | Dressage - Championships | (I/D) Canter       | I/D Canter Championship Test (2020)                           |
| 12           | Dressage – Championships | Led (walk & trot)  | Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk & Trot (2020) |
| 13           | Dressage – Freestyle     | Open to all grades | Please ride your freestyle test according to your grade       |
| 14           | SEIB Search for a Star   |                    |   |
| 15           | BS Graded Showjumping    | 3                  | 90cm  |
| 16           | BS Graded Showjumping    | 2                  | 80cm  |
| 17           | RDA Showjumping          | Level 5            | 80cm  |
| 18           | BS Graded Showjumping    | 4                  | 70cm  |
| 19           | RDA Showjumping          | Level 4            | 70cm  |
| 20           | RDA Showjumping          | Level 3            | 60cm  |
| 21           | RDA Showjumping          | Level 2            | 30cm  |
| 22           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior      | Led with 1 side walker  |
| 23           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior      | Led or 1 side walker  |
| 24           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior      | Visually Impaired Led with 1 side walker                      |
| 25           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior      | Visually Impaired led or 1 side walker                        |
| 26           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior      | Independent   |
| 27           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior      | Visually Impaired Independent                                 |

## Sunday

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Description</b>       | <b>Grade</b>              | <b>Test/Height</b>  |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 28           | Dressage - Championships | 1                         | Grade 1 Championship Test (2020)                            |
| 29           | Dressage - Championships | 2                         | Grade 2 Championship Test (2020)                            |
| 30           | Dressage - Championships | 3                         | Grade 3 Championship Test (2020)                            |
| 31           | Dressage - Championships | 1-6 (walk only)           | Grade 6 Walk Only Championship Test (2020)                  |
| 32           | Dressage - Championships | I/D (walk only)           | I/D Walk Only Championship Test (2020)                      |
| 33           | Dressage - Championships | I/D (walk & trot)         | I/D Walk & Trot Championship Test (2020)                    |
| 34           | Dressage – Championships | Led (walk only)           | Introduction to Dressage Championship Test Walk Only (2020) |
| 35           | Dressage – Freestyle     | Open to all grades        | Please ride your freestyle test according to your grade     |
| 36           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior             | Led with 1 side walker                                      |
| 37           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior             | Led or 1 side walker  |
| 38           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior             | Visually Impaired Led with 1 side walker                    |
| 39           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior             | Visually Impaired led or 1 side walker                      |
| 40           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior             | Independent   |
| 41           | Countryside Challenge    | Junior/Senior             | Visually Impaired Independent                               |
| 42           | RDA Showjumping          | Level 2                   | 30cm  |
| 43           | RDA Showjumping          | Level 3                   | 60cm  |
| 44           | RDA Showjumping          | Level 4                   | 70cm  |
| 45           | Showing                  | Led                       | Walk & Trot   |
| 46           | Showing                  | Unled                     | Walk & Trot   |
| 47           | Showing                  | Unled                     | Walk, Trot & Canter   |
| 48           | Endurance                | Led                       | 1km   |
| 49           | Endurance                | Led or Unled              | 2km   |
| 50           | Endurance                | Led or Unled              | 3km   |
| 51           | Endurance                | Unled with mounted escort | 5km   |

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

## **Competition Code of Conduct for Competitors, their Carers and Supporters**

RDA UK is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of everyone involved and wants to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience for all. When attending competitions, everyone is expected to abide by the following code of conduct:-

- All riders and drivers and/or their carers must take responsibility for ensuring they are up to date with the rules; understand and adhere to them.
- All riders, drivers, carers and supporters should recognise the valuable contribution made by all officials, who are usually volunteers. They give their time and resources to enable the event to happen.
- All riders, drivers, carers and supporters must respect officials and their decisions.
- All officials must treat everyone equally and with dignity.
- All those attending the event should treat others with the same level of respect that they would expect to be shown to themselves.
- Everyone must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all; regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Everyone must ensure that inappropriate language or behaviour is challenged.

### **If you have a concern:-**

If anyone has a concern leading up to the event, please either refer to the RDA Group Safeguarding Officer or contact RDA UK's Lead Safeguarding Officer on 01926 492973 / 01926 405969

Any concerns during the event should be reported to the Event Safeguarding Officer - their details will be displayed in the Secretary's Office, Arena 4, Hartpury. Matters will be considered and appropriate action will be taken including, where necessary, removing individual(s) from the venue.

## Rules & Regulations

1. All those attending the Championships must undertake a self-assessment for COVID-19 symptoms prior to leaving for the Championships. If they have any symptoms, they must not attend. It is recommended that groups make contact (e.g. text, WhatsApp, phone) to confirm that all attending do not have symptoms prior to their departure.
2. All those attending the Championships must not attend if they have been contacted by Track and Trace (or equivalent) and are required to self-isolate
3. All those attend the Championships should plan their travel arrangements to ensure they are adhering to the prevailing COVID-19 restrictions. This may include people not being able to travel together, or the need to wear face coverings when travelling. Please consider this when planning your travel.
4. Groups should undertake a COVID-19 risk assessment for activities needed to attend the Championship, including preparing the horses and equipment and travel to Hartpury.
5. If anyone develops COVID-19 symptoms during the National Championships, they should notify the Championships Secretary immediately. They will be required to depart the site immediately and return home.
6. Each group should maintain a list of their participants, coaches and grooms attending the National Championships including approximate time of arrival and departure from Hartpury. This should also include whether any individuals have made closer contact than social distancing would normally allow (<1m even with a face covering) or whether these individuals travelled together as these individuals will be classed as a contact for Track and Trace purposes. These records should be kept for 21 days.
7. All horses travelling to the Championships must have a valid passport from which the horse's identification and vaccination record will be verified. The passport must contain all vaccination details which must be up to date, completely and clearly recorded, signed and stamped by a veterinary surgeon, who is not the owner of the animal. Passports with missing, altered, unclear or incomplete vaccine records will not be accepted and entry to the event may be refused. Before unloading your horse at Hartpury you must report to the Stable Manager and have your horse's identification and vaccination record checked by a vet.

The horse must receive a primary course of two injections against equine influenza given no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart (only these first two injections need to be given before the horse may compete). In addition, a first booster injection must be given no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second injection of the primary course. Subsequent booster injections must be given at intervals of not more than one year apart, commencing after the first booster injection. **Those horses attending the RDA National Championships must have received a subsequent vaccination in the preceding 6 months of the event.** None of these injections can be given within the seven days before the day of the competition or entry into competition stables, whichever is sooner.

Due to COVID-19 it is unlikely that we will have a yard to use away from Hartpury College to use when horses vaccinations aren't up to date so please make sure the correct vaccinations are in place.

If your horse has not been vaccinated against equine influenza in accordance with the above requirements, it will not be permitted entry to Hartpury College.

Passports will be kept by the Stable Manager for the duration of the horse's stay. Any questions regarding vaccinations please contact the RDA vet at [vet.rda@gmail.com](mailto:vet.rda@gmail.com)

8. 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. The complexity of the event requires strict observation of health and safety guidelines at all times by everyone involved. In order to minimise risk of accidents you are asked to comply with any instructions given by a Steward.

9. There will be no tying up of equines on the outside of lorries or trailers unless you are tacking up due to health and safety. Day stables are available to purchase if needed.

10. 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 products during competition has important safety and welfare consequences.

The RDA follows the lead of the FEI (Federation Equestre Internationale) and British Equestrian with respect to the medication of horses used in competition. A full list of banned substances can be found on the FEI's Clean Sport website.

The RDA does make certain, specific exceptions to the FEI's list of controlled and banned substances with respect to the population of horses engaging in RDA activities. Some of these medications need to be declared in order to be permitted using the National Champs Equine Medication Form which needs emailing to Nick Hart Hon Vet at [vet.rda@gmail.com](mailto:vet.rda@gmail.com) before the National Championships. Please also bring a copy with you to the National Championships. A copy of the form can be found at <https://www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/horses-and-rda/>

Medication Control Testing may be carried out at the National Championships. If a horse tests positive for a banned or undeclared substance the horse will be disqualified and the cost of the test will be passed onto the RDA Group/ Competitor. This cost is approximately £500+VAT.

It is strongly recommended that you familiarise yourself with the Prohibited Substances Policy under the National Championships section of the RDA website.

11. To ensure the welfare of participants and all horses on site, horses showing signs of infectious disease may be isolated. If the person responsible for the horse cannot be contacted emergency treatment will be provided as deemed necessary by the attending Veterinary Surgeon. Once isolated the horse may no longer take part in the competition. Where possible, isolation facilities will be provided on site, however if this is not possible for any reason the RDA Group/person responsible for the horse will be required to make alternative arrangements for the horse to be stabled outside the venue.

12. Horses play a vital role in RDA and their welfare is paramount. Equine welfare will be monitored throughout the competition to ensure horses' welfare needs are being met. This includes freedom from hunger and thirst, discomfort, pain, injury and distress. Any welfare concerns will be investigated, and in the event of a breach sanctions may apply.

13. Horses and ponies must be five years old or over.
14. Any height of horse or pony is allowed in any class.
15. In line with standard RDA policy, stallions must not be used in any RDA competitions.
16. Bitless bridles are not permitted in any discipline.
17. Each horse may only enter a maximum of five ridden classes including lead rein each day. These must not comprise of more than four in any one discipline. At the National Championships the maximum number of classes is 12 over the 3 days of competition.
18. A horse is only permitted to enter the same class a maximum of 3 times.
19. If a horse becomes unsettled to the point at which it poses a risk to the rider, helpers, the judge and others in the immediate area the judge has discretion to ask the horse/rider combination to leave the judging area.
20. Before entering the National Championships please ensure that you consult the RDA weight chart to ensure that your horse/rider combination is suitable. We will be monitoring this at the 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.
21. All hats worn when mounted at the RDA National Championships are required to be checked and tagged to show that they meet the required safety standard. This must be done prior to competition.
22. For all Showjumping and graded Dressage classes please ensure proof of classification is sent to the National Championships Secretary at the time of entry.
23. Lunging should only take place in designated areas.
24. Horses may be ridden and schooled for up to 20 minutes per day by the trainer/coach or their nominated representative during competition hours (8am to 6pm). The horse may only be warmed up in permitted saddlery and bits. The competitor only may ride the horse during the 20 minutes immediately before the test.
25. Walk only outside the arenas.
26. Only ride on the designated horse walks.
27. No mounting/riding in the stables, please use the designated mounting area.

28. 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.

29. Riders must be aware that they may be photographed and videoed during the National Championships. If you have any strong objections to either being videoed or photographed please complete the tick box on the rider entry form.

30. Any lost property found or handed in will be kept by National office for 3 months then disposed of accordingly.

31. The organiser of this event has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers, officials and stewards.

32. Neither the organiser nor any person acting on their behalf accepts any liability for any loss, damage, accident, injury or illness to horses, riders, and spectators or any other persons or property whatsoever.

33. There may be circumstances where the event has to be postponed, cancelled, abandoned or curtailed as a result of circumstances beyond the control of the organisers, for example as a result of inclement weather, making it impractical to hold the event. In such circumstances, once any administration fees have been deducted, entry fees will be refunded.

34. Refunds for entry, accommodation and stabling fees may be issued for withdrawals/cancellations received by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. For withdrawals/cancellations made after this date refunds will be considered on an individual basis, partial refunds may be given. The Organisers decision is final.

**CAR PARK**  
SHUTTLE DROP  
OFF/  
PICK UP POINT



**ACCOMMODATION**  
BLOCKS &  
REFECTORY

**SHOW ENTRY**

**COUNTRYSIDE  
CHALLENGE  
(ARENA 10)**



**COUNTRYSIDE  
CHALLENGE  
COLLECTING RING  
(ARENA 9)**



**ENDURANCE  
START**



**CAR PARK**

SHUTTLE DROP  
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PICK UP POINT

**CARAVANS  
&  
CAMPING**



**CAR  
PARK**  
SHUTTLE DROP  
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**STABLE  
MANAGER**



**STABLES**

**EQUINE VEHICLE  
DAY PARKING**

**EQUINE VEHICLE  
PARKING**



**ARENA 1**  
**ARENA 2**



**MOUNTING  
AREA**

**ARENA 4  
Hartpur  
Arena**

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**ARENA 5**



**LIZ'S CAFÉ**

**SECRETARY/KEY COLLECTION POINT**

**VOLUNTEER REGISTRATIONS**

- = TACK CHECK LOCATIONS
- = FOOTBRIDGE TO COUNTRYSIDE CHALLENGE
- = DESIGNATED HORSE WALK
- = ENDURANCE ROUTE

