



British Riding Clubs Winter Dressage Qualifier Schedule



SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2026

**At Tushingham Arena, Wobbs Lane,
Whitchurch SY13 4QR**

(Championships held 24 – 26 April 2026, Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2EF)

Show Organiser	East Clwyd Riding Club
Show Secretary	Nicky Pinfold, 07702 086 128 nicky785@hotmail.com
Qualifier Entries Close	Monday 23rd February
Results	ridingclubresults.co.uk

Please note - BRC have renamed the Grassroots qualifier


New Name	Old Name	Level
Equetech DTM Championship	-	Prelim - Advance Medium
Junior/Senior Grassroots Dressage	Junior/Senior Introductory Dressage	Intro - Prelim, includes BRC tests

New for 2026 Qualifiers

This year there are no prelim entries as they are being replaced by the annual competition pass. Each member wishing to compete in the area classes will need to purchase the pass (similar to horse membership for BD/BS/BE), which will be £30 for people wishing to compete 1-2 horses and £45 for people competing 3+ horses. (Contact your club for more information). All competitors in the qualifying classes are required to have a competition pass before entries close.

Entries Close on the 23rd February

Rules: This competition is run under current British Riding Clubs rules unless superseded by the rules below. The current BRC Handbook and Rule Amendments document can be found on: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook/>

Class	Class name	Test	Entry fee
Please make clear on entry form if in Senior or junior sections in the Music Qualifier 			
1	Pick a test Dressage to Music Medium / Advance Medium – Mixed Senior / Junior	BD Medium Freestyle to Music (2016) or BD Advanced Medium Freestyle to Music (2016)	£20
2	Elementary Freestyle to music Separate classes for Senior & Juniors	BD Elementary Freestyle to music (2024)	£20
3	Mixed Novice Pairs Dressage to Music (Seniors / Juniors) (In the pairs dressage to music the horses and riders will be expected to ride together, side by side, for at least 80% of the test.)	BRC Novice Pairs Dressage to music (2018)	£40
4	Senior Novice Freestyle to music with points	BD Novice Freestyle to music (2019)	£20
5	Junior Novice Freestyle to music	BD Novice Freestyle to music (2019)	£20
6	Senior Novice Freestyle to music with no points	BD Novice Freestyle to music (2019)	£20
7	Prelim Freestyle to music Separate classes for Senior & Juniors	BD Prelim Freestyle to music (2016)	£20
8	Junior Grassroots Dressage Intro Individual	BD Intro 1 (2024)	£20
9	Junior Grassroots Dressage Intro Individual	BD Intro 2 (2024)	£20
10	Junior Grassroots Dressage Prelim Individual	BRC Prelim A (2025)	£20
11	Junior Grassroots Dressage Prelim Individual	BRC Prelim B (2025)	£20
12	Junior Grassroots Dressage Team	Each member rides one of the above tests. Teams must have minimum 3, and Maxium 4 riders.	£80
13	Senior Grassroots Dressage Intro Individual	BD Intro 1 (2024)	£20
14	Senior Grassroots Dressage Intro Individual	BD Intro 2 (2024)	£20
15	Senior Grassroots Dressage Prelim Individual	BRC Prelim A (2025)	£20
16	Senior Grassroots Dressage Prelim Individual	BRC Prelim B (2025)	£20
17	Senior Grassroots Dressage Team	Each member rides one of the above tests. Teams must have minimum 3, and Maxium 4 riders.	£80

Tack & Turnout

1. **Riding Hats** - 'Protective Headwear' must be worn at all times by anyone, whether or not a Competitor, riding anywhere at a BRC event. Harnesses must be correctly adjusted and fastened. At all BRC Championships and qualifiers 'Protective Headwear' must show a visible BRC 'Pink hat tag'. 'Protective Headwear' constitutes a hat which meets one of the current standards as detailed in the 2025 handbook.
2. **Body Protectors** – Body protectors are optional, if worn must be to the current standard 2018 Blue Label.
3. There will be a trained steward available on the day who will be carrying out hat tagging if your hat does not already have one and checking body protectors.
4. **Gloves** - must be worn in Dressage Competition.
5. **Spurs** - not permitted at introduction level

Flu Vaccinations & Microchips

Vaccinations - Your horse must have up to date influenza vaccinations in line with rule G7 in the current Rulebook and be microchipped. If you have any questions re Flu vaccinations you can contact Peter Booth, area20liaisoncommittee@gmail.com or use the link below for copies of Flu vacc rules and Flu vacc checker.

Please copy qualifier entries to area20liaisoncommittee@gmail.com for flu vacc chcking.

Health & Safety Guidelines

British Riding Clubs and the Organiser of this event have 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 organiser and all the officials and stewards.

Save for death or serious injury caused by the negligence of the organiser, Area 20 Liaison Committee or any one for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organiser or Area 20 Liaison Committee, nor any agent, employee or representative accept any liability for accidents, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever.

Organisers Details:

Nicky Pinfold, Nicky785@hotmail.com, 07702 086 128, also contact on the day

Entries:

Entries to Nicky Pinfold, nicky785@hotmail.com

Electronic entries preferable for all classes

Area Entries payable by BACS to ECRC please contact Nicky for details

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Area Entry Form link - <https://brc-area20.org.uk/schedules%2Fentry-forms>

Times will be published on Riding Club Results in the evening on Thursday 5th March.

All alterations to entries to be notified no later than Tuesday 3rd March.

Each Riding Club to appoint a Chef d'Equipe who is responsible for co-ordinating entries and making any changes. Riders will make their own declaration on the day and supply their own numbers. Number template on 'Riding Club results' when times available. Or can be found on Area website.

One helper per team or 4 individuals, the details of whom MUST be sent with the team entry. Jobs will include arena stewarding, Writing, Scoring, arena party(poo picking).

This competition will run under BRC Rules, anyone in attendance will be bound by the BRC Code of Conduct. It is important that all competitors are aware of the rules relating to this competition – please see the current BRC Handbook and also the BRC Rule Amendments and Changes Document which can be found at the link below:

<https://brc-area20.org.uk/rules-%26-rule-changes>

Postponement or Cancellation.

If the date of the qualifier is cancelled for any reason and rescheduled within 21 days, the close of pre-entry will remain. If the qualifier is rescheduled for more than 21 days after the original date, entries will re-open. Late entry fees will not be refunded. Eligibility is taken from the Friday before the qualifier, regardless of rescheduling. Pre-entries that cannot attend the new date may be issued a credit note but the Team Manager must inform the office in writing before the cut-off date which the area will be informed of upon rescheduling. In the event of cancellation entries will be refunded minus any outgoings to the organiser.