



HORSE & HOUND FESTIVAL OF DRESSAGE AT SHEEPGATE EQUESTRIAN

20-22 JULY 2018

UNAFFILIATED THREE DAY DRESSAGE COMPETITION

with classes from intro to medium levels

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We are delighted to introduce the inaugural Horse & Hound Festival of Dressage in July. Having spent five years as Horse & Hound dressage editor, I've enjoyed a great many hours at dressage championships and know the crowd are passionate, knowledgeable and have high expectations of themselves and others. We're looking forward to bringing dressage aficionados this new event, with a bit of Horse & Hound magic thrown in.

A large number of Horse & Hound's readers are successful, keen amateur riders. We know how much anyone who fits that description needs clear goals to maintain motivation. It's not easy getting up at 5:30am every day before work to keep your horse fit and progressing. Readers and their trainers told us how much they and their clients would value a Horse & Hound championship — a great stay away show experience with the prestige of becoming a Horse & Hound champion, plus great prizes and of course coverage in Horse & Hound's magazine, website and social media.

SARAH JENKINS, HORSE & HOUND CONTENT DIRECTOR

Get your entries in today at www.Equoevents.co.uk/HHDressagefestival

EVENT FORMAT

There are championship classes available to enter from intro to medium levels. These classes are run over two days — the Saturday and Sunday. The horse and rider with the highest combined scores from tests they have ridden over these two days will be crowned champion at each level. There are also warm-up classes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, plus freestyle to music classes on Saturday evening. There will be nightly entertainment, adding to the stay-away atmosphere at the show.

FRIDAY

Optional warm-up classes are scheduled to take place on Friday across the levels. A welcome reception with a talk and drinks will be held for all to attend on Friday evening.

SATURDAY

On Saturday, riders will contest the first of their championship tests. There will also be the chance to enter music classes on Saturday night. A complimentary hog roast will be held on the Saturday evening to which all riders are very welcome.

SUNDAY

On Sunday, riders take part in their second championship test and the champions will be decided based on a combination of their scores from Saturday and Sunday. Podium prize givings will take place with a fantastic selection of prizes being offered for the top 10 at each level.

WARM-UP CLASSES

There are non-compulsory warm-up classes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Riders may only enter these classes if they are taking part in the championship classes, too.

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Class 1 - Intro A (2006)	Class 11 - Pick your own Intro A (2006) or Intro B (2009)	Class 14 - Pick your own Intro A (2006) or Intro C (2016)
Class 2 - Intro C (2016)	Class 12 - Pick your own Prelim 15 (2008) or Novice 22 (2007)	Class 15 - Pick your own Prelim 17a (2010) or Novice 23 (2012)
Class 3 - Preliminary 12 (2005)	Class 13 - Pick your own Elementary 40 (2010) or Medium 69 (2005)	Class 16 - Pick your own Elementary 43 (2006) or Medium 61 (2002)
Class 4 - Preliminary 17a (2017)		
Class 5 - Novice 24 (2010)		
Class 6 - Novice 23 (2012)		
Class 7 - Elementary 42 (2008)		
Class 8 - Elementary 43 (2006)		
Class 9 - Medium 61 (2002)		
(Class 10 - Medium 69 2005)		

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

These tests make up the two championship classes at each level

CHAMPIONSHIP	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Class 17 - Intro	Intro C (2016)	Intro B (2009)
Class 18 - Prelim	Preliminary 17a (2017)	Preliminary 19 (2008)
Class 19 - Equestrian Surfaces Novice	Novice 23 (2012)	Novice 38 (2005)
Class 20 - Elementary	Elementary 43 (2006)	Elementary 53 (2007)
Class 21 - WOW Saddles Medium	Medium 61 (2002)	Medium 69 (2005)

MUSIC CLASSES

These optional tests do not count towards the championship total scores at each level

TEST	SATURDAY LATE AFTERNOON/ EVENING
Class 22 - Prelim	Preliminary Freestyle to Music (2016)
Class 23 - Novice	Novice Freestyle to Music (2016)
Class 24 - Elementary	Elementary Freestyle to Music (2016)
Class 25 - Medium	Medium Freestyle to Music (2016)

ENTRIES

We ask people to enter the correct class for their level. Please do not take part in a class if the horse and rider combination have ever been placed at two levels above that. e.g. horse/rider combinations in the intro championship should never have been placed in a novice, etc. Horse and rider combinations may take part in two consecutive levels if they are eligible. For example, you may take part in the intro and prelim championship classes, but not the intro and novice.

This is a friendly event where we hope competitors will get to know each other throughout the weekend and encourage one another to do well. Please help build this atmosphere by entering the correct class for your level. The organisers, Sheepgate, reserve the right to refuse an entry they feel has entered an incorrect class due to horse or rider's previous results

WARM-UP CLASSES £15

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES £70 – to include both your Saturday and Sunday test

MUSIC CLASSES £20

Online entries at www.Equoevents.co.uk/HHDressagefestival entries close 13 July or when classes are full. No refunds after close of entries 13 July

PRIZES

WARM-UP CLASSES — rosettes 1st – 6th, plus prizes sponsored by Sheepgate Tack & Togs including gift vouchers and/or a range of prizes in kind from the large selection stocked by Tack & Togs

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES — Prize funds of approx. £1000 per championship overall result, within these include rosettes 1st – 10th for overall championship result, winners' rug, top quality prizes in kind approx. values of £200, £150, £100, £75, £50, £25, plus prize money of £75, £50, £25, £20, £15, £10

MUSIC CLASSES — rosettes 1st – 6th, plus prize money £25.00
£20.00 £15.00 paid dependent on entries

GOODIE BAGS — on arrival for all championship class entrants

STABLING

Limited permanent stables available at £40 per night

Temporary stables £35 for one night or £70 for the duration of the show (Earliest arrival Thursday night, latest departure Monday lunchtime)

Hook-up £25 per night

FACILITIES

ARENAS — All classes will be run on excellent all-weather surfaces with three outdoor competition arenas and an outdoor and indoor warm-up arena.

CATERING — The Sheepgate Savoy will be open daily serving hot and cold drinks, snacks and meals.

RETAIL SHOP — Sheepgate Tack & Togs will be open for any forgotten items and stocks everything for horse and rider including a large selection of the best outdoor and country clothing with carefully selected ranges by Barbour, Toggi, Joules, Ariat, Pikeur, Lazy Jacks, Cavallo, Dubarry, Equetech and many more.

ABOUT THE VENUE

Sheepgate Equestrian is a well-established, family run show centre based just north of Boston in Lincolnshire. Sheepgate runs unaffiliated and affiliated dressage shows from March to November including the National Under 25's British Dressage Championships in August. The experienced team at Sheepgate makes every effort to continually live up to their motto "Well worth the journey!"

DIRECTIONS

FROM BOSTON: Sheepgate Equestrian is situated six miles north of Boston just off the A52 towards Skegness. Stay on main A52 through the village of Leverton, until you reach a large lay-by and picnic area. Turn right at the end of it directly in front of the Travellers Rest Café. Take the next left turn into Sheepgate Equestrian.

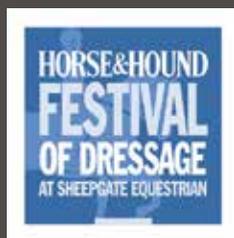
FROM SKEGNESS: Take the A52 towards Boston. After the village of Old Leake look for Leverton Leisure Centre and the Three Horseshoes Pub on the right. Continue past them both and take your next left turn and then the first left into Sheepgate Equestrian.

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RULES & REGULATIONS

- There are no refunds after close of entries.
- It is compulsory for anyone mounted on a horse or pony at Sheepgate Equestrian to wear correct riding clothes, including a hard hat and correct footwear. BSI Standard hats or above (see hat rule below). Anyone not complying with this rule will be asked to dismount immediately.
- The organisers accept no responsibility for any injury, damage or loss sustained by ponies, horses, spectators, competitors, their belongings or any property in their custody.
- Vehicles, boxes and trailers are parked entirely at the owner's risk.
- The organisers retain the right to refuse any entry.
- Any objections must be made to the Secretary within 30 minutes of the completion of the event, accompanied by a deposit of £20, which may be forfeited, if the objection is overruled.
- The judge's decision is final.
- The organisers reserve the right to cancel or amalgamate classes at their discretion.
- All dogs must be kept on a lead.
- Please do not muck out onto the parking area, and pick up your droppings with the skips provided. Please dispose of your own litter in the bins provided.
- Rider's age taken as at 1 January, unless otherwise stated. Juniors not to have attained 17th birthday.
- The organiser's request that horses and ponies that are not entered to compete are not exercised in the working in area unless prior permission has been given. Any rider exercising a horse or pony at a show that is not intending to compete must contact sarah@sheepgate.co.uk or events@sheepgate.co.uk in advance to obtain permission.
- Lunging is allowed only by prior arrangement with organisers and people involved must respect others working in at all times.
- Anyone entering classes at this show shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by the rules and have signed the declaration on the entry form.
- Warm-up class and music class prize money will be awarded as follows:- minimum six starters – 1st prize awarded; seven to 12 starters – 1st and 2nd prize awarded; 13-plus starters – 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize awarded.
- Championship prize money will be awarded as follows: minimum six starters – 1st prize awarded; minimum 10 starters – 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize awarded; minimum 20 starters – 1st to 6th prize awarded.
- Once a competitor has made an entry it is assumed that he intends to take part unless he notifies the secretary to the contrary. There are no refunds after close of entries.
- All dressage classes will be run under British Dressage rules.
- Horses and ponies must not be left unattended while tied to the outside of a lorry or trailer. Failure to abide by this rule will incur a £10 on the spot fine that will be donated to RDA.
- HAT RULE — all hats must be to the following standards. PAS 015, EN1384, BSEN1384, ASTM F1163 (2004) with SEI mark, SNELL E200
- Warm-up tests may be called. Tests that form the 'Championships' — no callers.
- It is requested that any helpers, grooms or supporters do not stand in the working-in area.
- Horse and rider combination can compete in a maximum of two levels but those levels must be consecutive — e.g. intro and prelim, not intro and novice.
- Photographers and videographers will be in attendance throughout the competition and competitors should be aware that these images may be used in print & online by Sheepgate and Horse & Hound as required.
- It is the rider's responsibility to know the know the rules of the competition including any eligibility restrictions and ensure they are entering the correct class(es).



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