



Cobham Manor Livery & Events



The Kent Winter Dressage Challenge

Ride either as an individual or get together in a team with a group of 3 or 4 friends and have a go at a The Kent Winter Dressage Challenge. This is the Challenge's second year! The series is also ideal for BD Quest Club teams to remain together and keep competing and training through the winter until Quest Club kicks off again in January. Being a little less restrictive than Quest Club, it also gives combinations with current or previous BD points up to and including Medium level to take part and maybe form a team with their unaffiliated friends.

The key points to know about the Challenge are:

- There are 2 Championships – My Challenge (where you compete as an individual) and Team Challenge
- There are 3 levels - Intro, Prelim and Established. Established level is either a Novice or Elementary test, there will be 1 test at each level set on the day, you select whichever is relevant to you (see below for further clarification).
- There are 2 age categories in My Challenge – Junior (21yrs and under) and Open (all ages).
- There are no age categories in Team Challenge, however, teams can be made up of entirely Junior riders or entirely of Open riders or a mixed team.
- For tack regulations, refer to www.britishdressage.co.uk Quest Club rules.
- All competition tests are ridden in a 40m x 20m arena.

Team Challenge

- Teams are competing for points and climbing up the Team Challenge leaderboard.
- Each team may be made up of either 3 or 4 combinations.
 - You may have 1 'established' BD combination who is currently competing up to BD Medium in your team (this will be checked) or who have previously competed gaining points at that level.
 - You may have BD Quest Club members in your team.
 - You may have a team made up of all unaffiliated competitors who may start at Intro level and work their way up (starting at the lowest level is recommended).
 - Teams may be made up of riders competing at any level (or all at the same level).
 - A rider may only compete once for a team per competition day (ie a rider may not ride multiple horses in the same team).
 - A horse may be ridden twice by 2 separate riders in the same team (at different or same levels).

- A horse may not compete in more than 2 team tests per competition day (eg can be ridden by 2 riders in the same team or same rider in 2 different teams). If a combination competes for 2 different teams on the same competition day, **they may ride at the same levels for each team.**
- BD combinations currently competing at Medium level or previously gaining points at medium level must select the Elementary test set at the established level. BD combinations currently competing at Elementary level or previously gaining points up to elementary level may select either Established test.
- In Team competitions each team member rides their test with the best 3 scores contributing to the overall team total.
- **There will be both on site and online qualifiers.**
- You need to register your team name and team riders with the Challenge secretary. **You must register a minimum of 4 riders but thereafter any number of riders may be added without further registration. Horses do not have to be declared upon registration.** Email the Challenge secretary Sian Eadon @ sianeaddon@live.co.uk
- The highest team total wins the competition which adds valuable points to team rankings on the Team leader boards (1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points, 3rd place = 8 points and so on down to 10th place = 1 point). The total % will continue to cumulate throughout the season. Points simply keep accumulating (unlike Quest Club)
- The top 15 teams qualify for a Final Championship held at Cobham Manor on **Saturday 16th April 2022**. **In the event of a tied position for 15th place, all teams tied to that placing will qualify.**
- **Riders making up your team at the final may have previously competed at either onsite or online qualifying shows but must have represented your team at least TWICE throughout the qualifying season.**

My Challenge

- Combinations are competing for points and climbing up the My Challenge leaderboard.
- **There will be both on site and online qualifiers.**
- Individual points are earned in line with the percentage score gained, as per below table.

%	Pnts
1.00-59.99	0.5
60.00-61.99	1
62.00-63.99	2
64.00-65.99	3
66.00-67.99	4
68.00-69.99	5
70.00-71.99	6
72.00-73.99	7
74.00-75.99	8
76.00-77.99	9
80.00 and above	10

- The top 20 ranked riders qualify for a Final Championship held at Cobham Manor on **Saturday 16th April 2022**. **In the event of a tied position for 20th place, all competitors tied in that position will qualify (unlike Quest Club).**

Limitations for both My Challenge and Team Challenge

- Combinations having been placed 1st to 3rd in the My Challenge final in May 2021 must now move up to the next level. This DOES NOT apply to Team Challenge.
- If already at the 'Established' level riding Novice, you may continue to select the Novice test providing you have not scored 3 x 70%+ in a previous or this current season.
- Once a combination has scored 3 x 70% or above at a particular level in either My Challenge or Team Challenge (but not a combination of), **in the previous or this current season**, they must move up to the next level. When a BD combination starts to earn Medium points they must select the Elementary Established tests. There are no limits at the Established level forcing a combination out of a team other than a combination gaining Advanced Medium points. When a combination scores 70% or above once at any level, they cannot drop back down to a lower level (eg if a combination scores 70% or above in Prelim, they cannot then do an Intro test for the rest of the season). The 70% restriction applies to either My Challenge or Team Challenge but not a combination across both.
- The leaderboard will be regularly updated and shared on FB group 'Cobham Manor Events'.
- New participating venues may join the Challenge providing they have a minimum of 2 x 40mx20m arenas (1 for warmup and 1 for competition). All competition tests are ridden in a 40m x 20m arena, which can be indoors or outdoors, and must be on a surface and not grass. The warmup arena must be on a surface and not grass.
- Any questions or queries should be sent to the Challenge Secretary via email sianeadon@live.co.uk