

# *Hinckley Dressage*



## *Members Handbook*

*2017*

*Season*

[www.hinckley-dressage.org.uk](http://www.hinckley-dressage.org.uk)

# *Welcome to Hinckley Dressage*

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Hinckley Dressage is an Area 5 affiliated riding club concentrating on dressage. With a competition base at Blaby Mill just outside of Leicester we attract members from Leicester, Nuneaton, Hinckley and all over the Midlands.

The club was established in 1975 and during 2015 celebrated it's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

We run regular competitions with classes at all levels from Intro to Advanced. Entries are welcome from non-members as well as members, with members receiving a discount on the entry fee.

It is our aim to encourage riders of all standards from those at their first competition to established competitors who wish to get experience of higher levels.

Hinckley Dressage is a club run by volunteers with a passion for dressage, and there are always supportive members present to help newcomers with test reading or general moral support.

Myself and the committee look forward to helping you achieve your goals over the coming season.

Rita Young-Jones

Club Chair

# *The Committee*

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# *Competition Rules*

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Competitions are run under British Dressage rules with the addition of the following club rules:

1. Riding hats with a 3-point fixing and to current British standard **must be worn**.
2. Competitors must check in with the steward at least 20 minutes before their time and also enquire if the class is running to time.
3. If the class is running ahead of time please be prepared to do your test up to 10 minutes early.
4. Please ensure that droppings, hay, straw and litter are removed from all venues.
5. Anyone requiring a commander for their test should make their own arrangements.
6. Entries are taken on a first come, first served basis, enter by post or online at [www.myridingclub.co.uk](http://www.myridingclub.co.uk)
7. As a courtesy to organisers, would competitors please ring for times on the correct date and between the stated times.
8. If withdrawing from a show, please contact the organiser within 48 hours of the show taking place in order that your time may be reallocated.
9. Horses must not be left unattended unless they are safely secured inside a lorry or trailer.
10. A responsible adult must accompany juniors at all times. Junior membership is for anyone who is 16 or under on January 1<sup>st</sup> (the commencement of the club year).
11. Entries for stallions are by arrangement with the committee prior to submitting an entry. A stallion sash must be worn while working in.
12. No dogs allowed at Blaby Mill.
13. The organiser's decision is final.

## *Warm up arena rules.*

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It is always worthwhile for the safety of horse and rider to reiterate the protocol of the working in arena.

- a) In order to ensure safety whilst working in the number of horses allowed in the working in area at any one time is restricted to 4.
- b) Pass left hand to left hand when meeting another rider coming in the opposite direction unless he/she is in counter canter in which case you should give way by circling.
- c) Make tack adjustments outside the arena if possible or near the middle of the arena but without obstructing the diagonal of centre lines.
- d) Announce that you intend to enter an indoor practice area to avoid an accident.
- e) Ensure your whip is not so long that it could upset a passing horse.
- f) Do not halt or walk in the outside track but always leave room for other riders to pass.
- g) Do not lunge in practice areas.
- h) Trainers or other pedestrians should not stand in the collecting rings or practice arenas.

# *Points and Championships*

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Points are awarded for being placed in competitions and as well as determining which section a rider competes in count towards the club championships.

Championship trophies are presented annually at the AGM. As well as Overall Open Points and Overall Junior Points trophies there are trophies for the Open trophies for each level up to Advanced and Junior trophies for each level up to Elementary.

Veteran horse points are awards to horse and rider combinations where the age of the horse is 15 or over, in its 15<sup>th</sup> year. If you wish to enter this competition please ensure you tick the Veteran box on the competition entry form.

A special rosette is also awarded to each horse and rider combination that is promoted out of the restricted sections.

Points are awards for the following competition performances:

- 8 points are awarded for finishing in 1st place.
- 7 points are awarded for finishing in 2nd place.
- 6 points are awarded for finishing in 3rd place.
- 5 points are awarded for finishing in 4th place.
- 4 points are awarded for finishing in 5th place.
- 3 points are awarded for finishing in 6th place.
- 2 points are awarded for finishing in 7th place.
- 1 point is awarded for finishing in 8th place.

# *Class Restrictions*

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## *Intro Classes*

Restricted to horses with less than 38 BD grading points.

## *Restricted Intro Classes*

Restricted to horses with less than 38 BD grading points and riders with no BD or BE points.

Horse and rider combinations entering this section will be awarded points for placings. When 16 Intro points have been accumulated the combination is no longer eligible for this section.

## *Preliminary Classes*

Restricted to horses with less than 38 BD grading points.

## *Restricted Preliminary Classes*

Restricted to horses with less than 38 BD grading points and riders with no BD or BE points.

Horse and rider combinations entering this section will be awarded points for placings. When 16 Preliminary points have been accumulated the combination is no longer eligible for this section.

## *Novice Classes*

Restricted to horses with less than 125 BD grading points. Horses with 125 or more BD grading points may compete Hors Concours.

## *Restricted Novice Classes*

Restricted to horses with less than 125 BD grading points and riders who are BD grade 7 or 8 or have no BD points.

Horse and rider combinations entering this section will be awarded points for placings. When 32 Novice points have been accumulated the combination is no longer eligible for this section.

## *Elementary Classes*

No restrictions.

# *Class Restrictions - continued*

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## *Restricted Elementary Classes*

Restricted to riders who are BD grade 6, 7 or 8 or have no BD points.

Horse and rider combinations entering this section will be awarded points for placings. When 32 Elementary points have been accumulated the combination is no longer eligible for this section.

### *Please Note*

Points earned in restricted sections are not counted towards the Club Championships.

## *2017 Show Diary*

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017