

British Riding Clubs Equetech Dressage to Music Qualifier Schedule



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(Part of the Winter Dressage Championships held between 24 – 26 April 2026 at Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2EF)

BRITISH RIDING CLUBS AREA 16

2026 Equetech Dressage to Music Qualifier

on

Saturday 25th October 2025

at

Epworth Equestrian Centre,

Scawcett Lane,

Epworth,

Doncaster,

Sth Yorkshire,

DN9 1LQ

Class	Class Name	Test	Entry Fee
1	Junior Prelim Dressage to Music	BD Prelim Freestyle to Music (2016)	£18.00
2	Junior Novice Dressage to Music	BD Novice Freestyle to Music (2019)	£18.00
3	Mixed Pairs Dressage to Music	BRC Novice Pairs Dressage to Music (2018)	£26.00
4	Senior Prelim Dressage to Music	BD Prelim Freestyle to Music (2016)	£18.00
5	Senior Novice- 0 Points- Dressage to Music	BD Novice Freestyle to Music (2019)	£18.00
6	Senior Novice- with Points- Dressage to Music	BD Novice Freestyle to Music (2019)	£18.00
7	Elementary Dressage to Music (Mixed)	BD Elementary Freestyle to Music (2024)	£18.00
8	Pick a Test Dressage to Music Medium/Advanced Medium	BD Medium Freestyle to Music (2016) or BD Advanced Medium Freestyle to Music (2016)	£18.00

We are delighted to have Equetech as sponsor of the British Riding Clubs Dressage to Music Championships.

At Equetech, we take pride in our British heritage, with many of our garment meticulously manufactured in our own factory the UK to uphold our high standards of quality. Our expert craftsmanship and attention to detail shine through in every stitch, creating clothing that meets the expectations of even the most discerning equestrian enthusiasts.

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This competition is run under current British Riding Clubs rules unless superseded by the rules below.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/brchandbook/>

Entries:

For Winter qualifiers and onwards, **BRC has introduced a 'competition pass' this will take the place of Pre-Entries.** To compete and qualify for BRC championships, all entrants must have a valid club membership AND a valid competition pass, which can be purchased via the BRC Sport80 portal. Any member competing at a qualifier without both club membership and a competition pass will be disqualified.

Riders do NOT need to be members of British Dressage to compete in BRC Dressage to Music classes

It is the rider's responsibility to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria, the eligibility table can be found here: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/british-riding-clubs/brchandbook>.

BRC Area 16 entries close on Friday 17th October 2025

Please also note if we do not have enough to make a team of 4, you will be entered as an individual (please tell us if you do not want to be entered as an individual).

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ENTRIES TO:

Abi van den Heever – 07985 969920 or email (weltondrc@yahoo.co.uk) (no FB messenger please)

Payments by close of entries: Via PayPal: weltondrc@yahoo.co.uk or
Bacs: account 43038327 sort code: 40-22-01

NO PAYMENT=NO ENTRY

Please take note of your flu vacs/hats/body protector regulations. We can check these for you if you want to make sure. Unfortunately, withdrawals will not be refunded unless your space can be filled.

Competitor times will be sent to Team Managers by Thursday 23rd October 2025.

***Please note:**

Declarations of Alterations:

Team managers must declare any alterations to the original entry in writing by email. For changes on the day, forms will be available at the qualifier. Alterations must be made no later than 60 minutes before the advertised start of the qualifier.

Flu Vaccinations:

Flu Vaccinations & Microchips

Your horse must have up to date influenza vaccinations in line with rule G7 in the current BRC Handbook. There is also a downloadable flu vac checking spreadsheet available to check the flu vaccination: [BRC Downloads | The British Horse Society \(bhs.org.uk\)](https://www.bhs.org.uk) under '**Competitions**'.

Flu Vacc checking at Epworth Equestrian on day of qualifier.

Please remember it is the owner's / competitor's responsibility to make sure the horse's / pony's vaccination certificate is correct. If a certificate is found to be incorrect the horse / pony will be issued either a yellow or red card. A red card flu vacc certificate will not be permitted to compete at the Qualifier. A disqualified horse / pony is not permitted to be substituted at the qualifier.

Music:

Competitors to provide their music on USB's. Although USB's are reliable, it is useful to have a back-up USB for use if required.

Dressage to Music tests will be ridden in a 60m x 20m arena.

Please use bridle or saddle numbers which are to be worn one each side of bridle or saddle.

Code of Conduct

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.

All BRC code of conduct rules must be observed at the event unless the venue / organiser has given specific instructions that are still in line with health and safety guidelines. This includes: the welfare of the horses and ponies; the conduct of members, officials, volunteers and representatives; safeguarding and equality and diversity as well as social media and discipline.

For further information on the BRC codes of conduct please see the BRC handbook.

Members should ensure that they are up to date with the BRC code of conduct to encourage a smooth competition; anyone found to be in breach of the BRC code of conduct is subject to discipline from the BRC disciplinary committee at their discretion.

Entry Restrictions:

For further eligibility queries, please see the BRC handbook, Section 2, page 92. For the pair's classes, both riders will ride the test at the same time, parallel to one another. The pick a test class is a mixed class for both Juniors and Seniors.

BRC have adjusted the numbers to qualify due to requests from many areas. For further information on the numbers to qualify for BRC championships, members are advised to review the BRC 2025 handbook.

Withdrawals, Refunds and Cancellations:

WITHDRAWAL BEFORE CLOSING DATE LESS

- **REFUND MINUS £2.00 ADMIN FEE**

WITHDRAWAL AFTER CLOSING DATE LESS IF REPLACED FROM WAIT LIST ONLY

- **REFUND MINUS £2.00 ADMIN FEE**

CANCELLATION DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER OR CONDITIONS OUT OF OUR CONTROL

- **REFUND MINUS £2.00 ADMIN FEE (OR ENTRY FEE MAY BE CARRIED OVER TO NEW DATE).**

PPE:

Hats:

All hats must have a visible **PINK** BRC/BE/PC hat tag in place before they are worn on the showground, to show that they meet the current safety standards. There will be a trained official available on the day to do this for you if your hat does not currently have one. For up-to-date hat rules please see the current BRC Handbook. Hats with a fixed peak can ONLY be used for dressage and show jumping.

Body Protectors:

A body protector is not obligatory for dressage competitions. However, competitors may wear an up-to-date standard body protector should they wish to, for up-to-date list of standards for body protectors please see the BRC handbook.

Riders wearing Exo Body Cage protectors must inform the secretary at all events, so medics can be informed.

Health and Safety

Further information on BRC's Health and Safety Guidelines can be found in Section 3.7 page 126 of the BRC handbook.

The organisers oversee ensuring the appropriate health and safety precautions are being observed. Competitors, visitors, and officials are responsible for ensuring they all individually follow any and all guidelines put forth by the organiser / venue to ensure the health and safety of everyone present.

Individuals under the age of 12 are not permitted in warm-up arenas on foot under any circumstances. Rule G20.2 refers.

Music:

You can use any music from the record labels listed on the Phonographic Performance Ltd (PPL) repertoire list. Music that is not on the list can still be used but cannot be used alongside PPL listed music. It is the riders responsibility to ensure that the music they are using is correctly licensed before competing

Music must be recorded on a USB, the envelope should be clearly marked with rider's name, competitor number and name of horse. Although USB's are reliable it is best practice to have a spare copy!

Performance:

Horses will only be permitted to compete in two individual championship classes (direct entry, warm up classes and pairs not included). Competitors that qualify the same horse in three individual championship classes will be required to choose which classes they will contest at the Championship. This must be declared to the Official Steward on the day of the area qualifier.

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.

Pairs Dressage to Music, for a pair of riders made up of any combination of senior and junior members using a Novice level test with open eligibility

Elementary Dressage to Music, mixed class for senior and junior individuals.

Pick a Test Dressage to Music, mixed class for senior and junior individuals competing at Medium and/or Advanced Medium, this class will be judged as one at the qualifier but may be split at the Championship if entries are sufficient.

Time Allowed

In Advanced Medium, Medium, Elementary and Pairs Dressage to Music the time allowed is 4½ to 5 minutes. In Novice and Prelim Dressage to Music the time allowed is 4 to 5 minutes. All DTM tests are timed from the first halt to the final halt.

If in Pairs Dressage competitors take more than the time allowed for the test it may have an adverse effect on the marks awarded for Artistic Merit.

**Contact number on the day:
07801 548216**

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