British Riding Clubs Dressage to Music Qualifier Schedule

Part of the Winter Dressage Championships held between 23 – 25 April 2027 at Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2EF

BRITISH RIDING CLUBS AREA 16

2027 Dressage to Music Qualifier

on

Saturday 24th October 2026

at

Horse World Equestrian Centre,
Sand Lane,
Market Rasen,
LN8 3TE

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

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This competition is run under current British Riding Clubs rules unless superseded by the rules below.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

Mixed Pairs Dressage to Music may be made up of 2 riders from different clubs provided they are from the same area.

Juniors and seniors may share horses, provided they are competing at the same or consecutive levels (if doing the same test and is judged by the same judge, the test sheet will be withheld until both tests are completed).

For Pick a Test competitions a horse may enter both sections, but the sections will still be judged as one competition at qualifiers.

Entries:

Riders are required to have a valid competition pass with the name of the horse they are competing listed on the pass.

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

Horses can only compete in 2 consecutive classes (ie Prelim & Novice 0 Points, or Novice with Points & Elementary)

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 Thursday 15th October 2026

BRC Area 16 Entry Fees

Senior / Junior Individual	£20.00p
Pairs	£20.00p

ENTRIES TO:

Helen Jones (07767 838202) or email (weltondrc@yahoo.co.uk) (no FB messenger please) We will then sort the entries/fees with Area 16. Please give name of horse as on the passport.
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 re-funded unless your space can be filled.

Competitor times will be sent to Team Managers by Thursday 22nd October 2026.

*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) under 'Competitions'.

Flu Vacc checking at Horse World 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:

Riders can use any music from the record labels listed on the Phonographic Performance Ltd (PPL) repertoire list. Music that is not listed on the PPL list can still be used but cannot be mixed alongside PPL listed music. It is the responsibility of the rider 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!

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

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 current 2026 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:

Dressage to Music eligibility can be found on page 46 – D3.1 of the BRC 2026 Handbook and also G6.1

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 2026 handbook.

Withdrawals, Refunds and Cancellations:

WITHDRAWAL BEFORE CLOSING DATE LESS

- REFUND MINUS £5.00 ADMIN FEE

WITHDRAWAL AFTER CLOSING DATE LESS …. IF REPLACED FROM WAIT LIST ONLY

- REFUND MINUS £5.00 ADMIN FEE

CANCELLATION DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER OR CONDITIONS OUT OF OUR CONTROL

- REFUND MINUS £5.00 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.

Health and Safety:

Further information on BRC's Health and Safety Guidelines can be found in Section 3-7 page 117 of the 2026 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.

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Performance:

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.

Other information:

Volunteers will be required from participating clubs for this qualifier.

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

For Dressage whips of any length are permitted for BRC. If shorter than 45cm they must be **padded** as per the 2026 BRC Handbook.

G3.5 (page 20 BRC 2026 Handbook) Adverse Weather Policy applies for this qualifier.

Dress as per 2026 Handbook Competition Rules.

All riders in junior competitions must be under 18 when joining/renewing their membership and will remain a junior for the duration of their membership until they renew.

Numbers to qualify as per Appendix 10 in the current 2026 BRC Handbook.

Any item of jewellery or alternative medical treatment wristbands must be covered up by clothing or gloves, if they cannot be removed, at the riders own risk.

Hair must be neatly secured and should not hang lower than the shoulder line (when standing normally).

Only competitors may work in a horse/pony before a class/phase (unless a Reasonable Adjustment dispensation letter has been given by BRC Office). If so, it is a requirement to produce a copy of the letter to the Event Organiser.

Juniors:
Children aged 16 years and under must not be left unattended in vehicles.

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

Juniors between 12 and 16 years old must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.

Juniors 16 years old and above need to have a parent/guardian on site.

No one under the age of 14 is permitted to fulfil any volunteer role.

(See Rule G20.2)

No horses to be left tied to outside of horseboxes / trailers - Rule G9.3 refers

Cars to be parked in allocated area only.

Please pick all litter, muck and hay from around your horsebox in the parking area and take home.

DOGS ARE PERMITTED BUT MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS. DOGS MUST NOT BE TIED TO A VEHICLE AND LEFT UNATTENDED.

Disclaimer of liability – save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organiser or anyone for whom they are responsible BRC does not accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land or any other person or property whatsoever.

Contact number on the day: 07801 548216