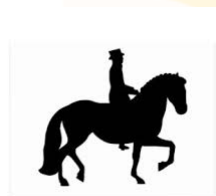


Sunshine Tour Championships



DRESSAGE SCHEDULE 2026

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th & Saturday 19th September
at ALL ENGLAND SHOWGROUND, HICKSTEAD
 West Sussex, RH17 5NU

Entries online
sunshinetour.co.uk/enter



Link to Sunshine Tour
Entry page

Entries by post
 Download entry form from sunshinetour.co.uk/enter
 Post to: Sunshine Tour, Great Bookham Equestrian Centre, Dorking Road,
 Great Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4PZ

Class entries open
 Online: Saturday 15th August; By Post: Sunday 16th August

Initial class entries close
 Online & By Post: Tuesday 18th August

Late entries
 Tuesday 19th - Friday 28th August (subject to availability)

Email: info@sunshinetour.co.uk
Tel: 01372 451458 (from Tuesday before show 07904 898696)



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SUNSHINE TOUR 2026



SECTION 1

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION & GUIDANCE

Please read before proceeding to Section 2: Schedule Information

Introduction

Congratulations on qualifying for the Sunshine Tour Championship! We're thrilled to be able to offer you the chance to compete at the iconic All England Jumping Course at Hickstead, a venue steeped in history and prestige.

The championship aims to provide a fun, exciting show run to the highest standards, all whilst maintaining a friendly and inclusive atmosphere. The spirit of the event is firmly rooted in being an amateur and unaffiliated championship, which is a value held dearly by the organisers, sponsors, and fellow competitors. While some horses or riders may have had light experience in affiliated competition, professionals and experienced affiliated combinations are not permitted. It's important that all competitors respect not only the letter of the law but also the spirit behind them. If you're unsure about your eligibility or which section you should enter, you're encouraged to contact the team at info@sunshinetour.co.uk for guidance.

The organisers hope that all participants will help to foster a fair and enjoyable competition for everyone involved. Best of luck, and most importantly, have a fantastic time at the Sunshine Tour!

Quick Links and Sources of Information

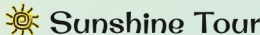
Sunshine Tour website: [Show Information & FAQ page](#) features useful details for all competitors on the run up to the show.

[Enter page](#) includes all the entry information and links to enter.

[Rules & Restrictions page](#) for full details of Sunshine Tour horse and competitor restrictions.

Sunshine Tour Facebook: [Public Page](#) and [Sunshine Tour Group 2026](#) features all the latest news, information, FAQs and gossip!

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 Sunshine Tour

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Entry Conditions & Deadlines

QUALIFICATION & ELIGIBILITY

Pre-qualification and participation in a championship class is required to compete at the Sunshine Tour Championships. Each qualification number allows you to enter one championship class at the same level as your qualification, or at a higher level if eligible. You may compete on different days and in different Tours, subject to certain restrictions.

Restrictions: Both the horse and rider must meet the eligibility criteria for each class entered. It is your responsibility to ensure you comply - see Qualification Restrictions at www.sunshinetour.co.uk for clarification. Link [HERE](#). If you are found to be competing in a class for which you or your horse are not eligible, your entry may be cancelled without a refund, and any placings or prizes already awarded may be forfeited.

Qualification is not a guarantee of your entry being accepted. Some classes may fill before the closing date. If your class is full, there might be an alternative class to choose or you can join a waiting list.

Dressage Tours & Levels: Championships You can compete in up to **two levels** of championship (e.g. Intro, Prelim, Novice, Elementary) which must be consecutive (e.g. Intro & Prelim, but not Intro & Novice). You can compete in more than one championship at the same level. You can compete in Small and Grand Tour classes, if you fit the restrictions for the lower tour. **Open Classes:** You can compete in 3 levels of test, e.g. Intro, Prelim & Novice. **Starters Dressage:** Riders in Starters Dressage cannot compete in dressage championship classes.

ENTRY INFORMATION & DATES

Online Entries for Classes Open: Saturday 15th August. By entering online you will know immediately if your entry is successful. Different disciplines may open at slightly different times, see website for details at www.sunshinetour.co.uk

Online Bookings for Stabling & Camping Open: Friday 14th August. Bedding, hay, camping & electric hook-up can be booked via the stabling system. See separate schedule for details.

Postal Entries Open: Sunday 16th August. Download the entry from at www.sunshinetour.co.uk; we recommend recorded delivery; there is an admin fee. You can post your entry prior to the opening date, but entries are processed on the 16th. You will not know if your entry is successful until confirmed by Sunshine Tour.

Entries for Classes Close: Online & Post: Tuesday 18th August.

Bookings for Stabling & Camping Close: Online & Post: Wednesday 9th September.

Waiting List & Late Entries: Subject to availability, waiting list & late entries may be offered during the period 19th - 28th August.

DRESSAGE ENTRY FEES

Championship Classes: £32.50; **Open & Taster Classes:** £26.50; **Familiarisation:** £16.50 (entries at the show £20.00).

Medical & Safety Charges: £4.50 per class.

WITHDRAWALS & AMENDMENTS

Withdrawals After Initial Closing Date: are only accepted for acute medical conditions and must be submitted in writing accompanied by vet's or doctor's evidence. Withdrawals submitted: 19th - 24th August 75% refund; 25th to 31st August 50% refund; 1st to 7th September 25% refund; 8th September onward - no refund for any reason. Evidence to support a withdrawal must be submitted by 30th September.

Amendments After Initial Closing Date: Only minor amendments accepted, subject to organisers discretion and may incur a £5 fee.

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Admission, Parking, Vaccinations, Passports, & Competitor Numbers

ADMISSION, ACCESS & OPENING TIMES

International Arena: Strictly no access at any time, day or night, not even people on foot!

Parking for Competitors: Access via horsebox entrance post code RH17 5NU. Wednesday access from 2pm (**not before**) until 10pm (**not after**); Thursday - Sunday: 6am to 9pm, later admission **only** by special arrangement.

Wednesday Early Arrival: If you arrive before the official gate opening time of 2pm, you will be given the option to park in the waiting area (you cannot unload or book into your stables) OR pay an early access charge and be able to park and book into your stable. Early access charges: arrival between 12pm and 2pm - £100; arrival between 10am and 12pm - £200; arrival before 10am - no admittance. These measures are not implemented to charge you unnecessarily, but are needed to pay for additional staffing and to ensure safety.

Stabling & Camping: **NEW** please see separate schedule for information about stabling, camping and everything related to staying overnight.

Showground for Spectators: Entrance for spectators vehicles, post code BN6 9NS.

Competition & Warm-Up Arenas: Wednesday: no access to warm-up arenas; Thursday - Sunday: 7.00am until end of competition.

Secretary & Show Office: Show days from 7am-7pm.

Showground Catering: Showground catering open daily Thursday - Sunday; Clubhouse open Wednesday evening and Thursday - Sunday.

Bicycles, Scooters & Mobility Vehicles:

ANYWHERE at Hickstead: Electric scooters are strictly forbidden. Persons found to be using a battery charged scooter will have the scooter impounded until departure.

SHOWGROUND at Hickstead: Mobility vehicles and pushchairs are permitted on the showground. Bicycles, personal scooters or other wheeled vehicles are not permitted. Pull-along trolleys are permitted.

PARKING & STABLING FIELDS at Hickstead: Mobility vehicles and pushchairs are permitted, but access is on a slope and parking is on grass, so may not be suitable for all type of mobility vehicle. Moving around the stable fields with bicycles is permitted, provided they are used in a horse friendly manner and do not cause nuisance to others. **Personal electric scooters are FORBIDDEN.** Vehicles cannot be used to move around the stable field, once parked kindly remain in your slot until you leave.

DAILY PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

For overnight parking arrangements - see separate schedule

Horseboxes and trailers: enter via the horsebox entrance, post code RH17 5NU. **Passes will be issued on arrival at the show.** All vehicles must display a valid parking pass, with vehicle registration number.

Accompanying cars, including grooms and supply vehicles park separately to horseboxes and trailers. ALL cars entering via the horsebox entrance will be directed to park in the Groom's Car park, adjacent to lorry parking fields - **no exceptions!** Cars that park (or re-park in the night!) within lorry parking area, will be towed at owners expense or immobilised with a fine to pay for release.

For spectators and supporters car parking: for easy access to competition arenas, shopping and catering - enter via Hickstead's main entrance just off the A23, post code BN6 9NS. No ringside parking is available, but disabled access from car parking is possible.

VACCINATION & PASSPORTS

ALL horses/ponies must have up-to-date annual influenza vaccination or have completed at least TWO initial vaccination injections. In either case, **the last injection must not have been given after Thursday 10th September 2026.**

Passports must be presented to the Stable Manager when claiming your stable. Day competitors must have passports available for inspection on arrival or on demand by Security or Stewards in parking area. Passports are not required at ringside unless requested.

DECLARATIONS & BRIDLE / COMPETITOR NUMBERS

Declarations are taken at ringside for show jumping, eventers challenge and showing and at the warm up arena for dressage. You must declare in good time for your class/time/drawn order before competing. Missing your drawn order/start time/start of class is likely to result in elimination. Competitors are not required to declare at the Secretary's.

Bridle / Competitor Numbers: All horses **MUST** display their bridle number, **AND wear a bridle**, whilst on the showground, even if walking in-hand (not necessary in stable field). **All numbers are 4-digit**, you can provide your own number disc or buy from the show office for £6. You can display your number on left side of bridle, left side of saddle cloth or left armband, as long as it is **clearly visible**.



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Joining information released shortly before the show on Sunshine socials.



DRESSAGE INFORMATION



RULES & RESTRICTIONS

Qualification and Restrictions: For each qualification number issued, you can enter **one** championship class. You must comply with the restrictions for your class and Tour on the day of the championship competition. Riders not complying with the restrictions found to be competing, may have their entry cancelled without refund and/or placing removed and prizes forfeited.

Rules: British Dressage rules apply. BD Competition Rules available britishdressage.co.uk/competing/competition-rules/

Whips & Callers: are NOT permitted in championships, EXCEPT callers in specific 'Talking Dressage' championship classes. Outside assistance is not permitted during a test, including via electronic communication devices.

Talking Dressage Championships: Test can be called; competitor provides own reader and test read verbatim. Whip not permitted.

Tours & Levels of Competition: Championships: You can compete in **two levels** of championship which must be consecutive (e.g. Intro & Prelim, but not Intro & Novice). You can compete in more than one championship class at the same level. You can compete in Small and Grand Tour classes, if you fit the restrictions for the lower Tour. **Open Classes:** You can compete in 3 levels of test, e.g. Intro, Prelim & Novice.

Competitor number: Only one 'bridle' number is necessary. Must be CLEARLY visible on left side, on bridle disc, saddle cloth or armband.

Qualifying Tests: Your championship test **does not** have to be the same as your original qualification test.

Juniors: Riders age 16 years and under on 1st January 2026 can compete in mixed age group class and/or the Junior Championships.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES, TASTER CLASS & ARENA FAMILIARISATION

Additional classes: Open to Sunshine Tour competitors taking part in championship class (any discipline). **Pairs Dressage D28** is a fun class.

Elementary Taster D27 is a have-a-go classes, with immediate verbal feedback from the judge, giving hints and tips on test riding for better marks. **Pick-Your-Own D29 & D30** are mixed test classes, judged on percentage. Horse/rider combinations can enter more than one section.

Familiarisation sessions are 10-15 minutes for free time in an arena to familiarise your horse with the judges' huts, flowers, boards etc. The familiarisation session may not be exactly the same arena as your competition, but all arenas are within the Polo Arena. Sessions are shared with one other rider, good conduct with consideration for other rider is required. For exclusive use of the session, book a double slot. Persons on foot are **not** allowed in the arena (except double sessions). Pre-booking is strongly advised but booking at the show may be available.

MARKING, SCORES, PRIZES & PRESENTATIONS

Prizes: Championships - Fabulous championship rosettes to 10th place, goody bags to 4th, sash to winner & reserve and championship rug or jacket to winner. **Additional Classes** - Rosettes to 10th place.

Scores: Scores are updated regularly at www.sunshinetourresults.co.uk and on sheets situated on the outside of the Dressage Office, near to the entrance to the Polo Arena.

Results & Presentation: Scores are updated throughout the class at www.sunshinetourresults.co.uk. Final results, rosettes, prizes and test sheets can be collected from the Secretary's Office, near to Ring 5. We aim to release final results within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the class, but delays can occur to ensure accuracy of results. There is not a formal presentation, but there is a podium at the Secretary's Office for your own photo opportunities, which can be accessed at any time.

Equal scores: deciding factors for split of equal scores: 1. collective marks; 2. free walk mark; 3. highest occurrence of high marks.

Test sheets: will only be released after the end of each class and cannot be viewed during the class. SAE can be left for test sheets only (not rosettes/prizes). Test sheets will be posted the week after the show.

START TIMES, COMPETITION ARENAS & WARM-UP AREAS

Start times: are published from 7th September. Any clashes or discrepancies must be raised with the organisers by 9th September.

Your start time: is the time you must be ready to ride down the centre line. You will be called forward from the warm-up area to move directly to the final holding area 15 minutes before your start time. If you require time to de-boot, change clothing or read through your test - leave the warm up more than 15 minutes ahead of your start time. Please allow yourself plenty of time to arrive, park and make your way to the warm-up arena, it can take considerably longer than a day-to-day show.

More Than One Class in a Day: If you are riding more than one class on the same day, **there can be several hours between your tests**. Day stables may be available to book on the day at £30.00/day - enquire about availability at the Stable Manager's office in the Stable Field.

Arenas: Dressage competitions & familiarisation are held in Polo Arena, on sand surface in partially boarded arenas with flowers and judge's hut.

Warm Up: Available in 3 stages: unlimited time on grass (**not** near dressage arenas); limited time (approx. 20 minutes) on sand, restricted to next riders due to compete; final holding area just before test time, walk & trot only. Lunging is not permitted.

Declarations: Please declare at the dressage warm-up arena, and NOT at the dressage competition arena.

Missed slots, for ANY reason may be forfeited without refund. We cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot for late arrivals.

STARTERS DRESSAGE

Starters Dressage: is an introductory, non-competitive class exclusively for beginner riders and riders with additional needs. Riders taking part in these classes cannot take part in dressage championships. Riders can be led or assisted by **ONE** person. If led, the lead rein must be attached to upper/cavesson noseband only. Leaders and assistants may not carry a whip. Rosettes for all participants.

Starters Dressage Test: Sunshine Tour Starters 1, available via the [Dressage page](#) of Sunshine Tour website.



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SUNSHINE TOUR 2026



SECTION 2

SCHEDULE INFORMATION & TIMETABLES

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Sunshine Tour 2026

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN CLASSES

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th & Saturday 19th September 2026

- BD rules apply except where specified in the schedule.
- Qualifying period ends 31st July. Entries open 15th August. Qualification is not a guarantee of entry availability.
- **Class timings on timetable are approximate.** Individual start times are published from 7th September.
- Whips **NOT** allowed in Championships; BD approved spurs permitted. Callers **NOT** permitted in Championships **except** 'Talking Dressage'. Callers, BD approved spurs and whips permitted in Open classes.
- **Additional Classes:** Elementary Taster: have-a-go class with judge's verbal feedback at end of test. Pick-Your-Own-Test: Horse & rider combination **can** enter more than one section.
- Declare at warm-up arena (not competition arena). **Your main warm-up time finishes 15 minutes prior to competition start time** and then you'll move to a final warm-up area.

	THURSDAY			FRIDAY			SATURDAY			
	Polo 1	Polo 2	Polo 3	Polo 1	Polo 2	Polo 3	Polo 1	Polo 2	Polo 3	
8.00	D1 Small Tour Championship Intro 2	D31 Arena Familiarisation	D2 Small Tour Championship Intro 3	D30 Pick Your Own Test Open Dressage	D4 Small Tour Championship Intro 1	D33 Arena Familiarisation	D26 Open Starters & Lead Rein Dressage. Starters Test 1			8.00
9.00	Talking Dressage Caller allowed			Prelim 3, Novice 2, Elem 1			D21 Junior Small Tour Championship Intro 2	D14 Grand Tour Championship Prelim 3	D18 Grand Tour Championship Novice 1	9.00
10.00				Caller allowed			Talking Dressage Caller allowed			10.00
11.00				D5 Small Tour Championship Intro 4						11.00
12.00	D29 Pick Your Own Test Open Dressage	D27 Open Taster Elementary 2 D32 Arena Familiarisation	D8 Small Tour Championship Prelim 2	Talking Dressage Caller allowed	D13 Grand Tour Championship Prelim 1	D17 Grand Tour Championship Novice 2	D22 Junior Small Tour Championship Intro 4			12.00
1.00	Intro 1, Prelim 2 & Novice 3						D28 Open Pairs Dressage Sunshine Pairs Test 1		D6 Small Tour Championship Intro 3	1.00
2.00	Caller allowed						Caller allowed			2.00
3.00		D15 Small Tour Championship Novice 3		D11 Small Tour Championship Prelim 2			D24 Junior Grand Tour Championship Prelim 2			3.00
4.00	D9 Small Tour Championship Prelim 3	D19 Small Tour Championship Elementary 2	D3 Small Tour Championship Intro 1	Talking Dressage Caller allowed	D16 Small Tour Championship Novice 1	D34 Arena Familiarisation	D23 Junior Small Tour Championship Prelim 3		D12 Small Tour Championship Prelim 1	4.00
5.00	Talking Dressage						Talking Dressage Caller allowed			5.00
6.00	Caller allowed							D25 Junior Grand Tour Championship Novice 2 & Elem 3		6.00
7.00										7.00

Colour key:	Intro	Prelim	Novice & Elem	Special / Open	PYO & Familiarisation
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INTRO DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th & Saturday 19th September 2026



KEY INFORMATION & CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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Entry fee: £32.50.

Competitor Numbers: Only one bridle number required.

Tack & Attire: British Dressage rules on tack, dress, judging and welfare apply.

Start Times: Your allocated test start time is your time to be riding down the centre line. You will be called forward from warm-up to go to the final holding area approx. 15 minutes prior to your test time. Early classes start 8.00am, last class might finish as late as 7.00pm. If you are riding more than one test in a day, the time between tests may be considerably longer than usual/qualifier competitions.

Declarations: Please declare at the warm-up arena, and NOT at the competition arena. Missed slots may be forfeited, we cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot for late arrivals.

Warm Up: Available in 3 stages: unlimited time on grass (not near dressage arenas); limited time (approx. 20 minutes) on sand, restricted to next riders due to compete; final holding area just before test time, walk & trot only.

Junior Riders: age 16 years and under on 1st January 2026 can compete in mixed age group classes and/or the Junior Championships.

SEE DRESSAGE INFORMATION on page 8 for further details and need-to-know information on dressage rules & restrictions, class start times, competition and warm up arenas, additional classes, prizes and presentations.

SMALL TOUR INTRO DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Class D1
Thursday
Talking Dressage
Sunshine Tour Small Tour Intro Championship - kindly sponsored by RM1 Alva
For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in an Intro/Walk & Trot level qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Test can be called; competitor provides own reader and test read verbatim. Whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: BD Intro 2

Class D2
Thursday
Sunshine Tour Small Tour Intro Championship - kindly sponsored by RM1 Alva
For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in an Intro/Walk & Trot level qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: BD Intro 3

Class D3
Thursday
Sunshine Tour Small Tour Intro Championship - kindly sponsored by RM1 Alva
For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in an Intro/Walk & Trot level qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: BD Intro 1

Class D4
Friday
Sunshine Tour Small Tour Intro Championship - kindly sponsored by Equi Plaques
For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in an Intro/Walk & Trot level qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: BD Intro 1

Class D5
Friday
Talking Dressage
Sunshine Tour Small Tour Intro Championship - kindly sponsored by Equi Plaques
For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in an Intro/Walk & Trot level qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Test can be called; competitor provides own reader and test read verbatim. Whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: BD Intro 4

Class D6
Saturday
Sunshine Tour Small Tour Intro Championship - kindly sponsored by Equitoes
For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in an Intro/Walk & Trot level qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: BD Intro 3



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PRELIM DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th & Saturday 19th September 2026



KEY INFORMATION & CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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Entry fee: £32.50.

Competitor Numbers: Only one bridle number required.

Tack & Attire: British Dressage rules on tack, dress, judging and welfare apply.

Start Times: Your allocated test start time is your time to be riding down the centre line. You will be called forward from warm-up to go to the final holding area approx. 15 minutes prior to your test time. Early classes start 8.00am, last class might finish as late as 7.00pm. If you are riding more than one test in a day, the time between tests may be considerably longer than usual/qualifier competitions.

Declarations: Please declare at the warm-up arena, and NOT at the competition arena. Missed slots may be forfeited, we cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot for late arrivals.

Warm Up: Available in 3 stages: unlimited time on grass (not near dressage arenas); limited time (approx. 20 minutes) on sand, restricted to next riders due to compete; final holding area just before test time, walk & trot only.

Junior Riders: age 16 years and under on 1st January 2026 can compete in mixed age group classes and/or the Junior Championships.

SEE DRESSAGE INFORMATION on page 8 for further details and need-to-know information on dressage rules & restrictions, class start times, competition and warm up arenas, additional classes, prizes and presentations.

SMALL TOUR PRELIM DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Class D7 Thursday	Sunshine Tour Small Tour Prelim Championship - kindly sponsored by RM1 Alva For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Prelim level (or below) qualifying class. Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted. Dressage Test: Prelim 1	
Class D8 Thursday	Sunshine Tour Small Tour Prelim Championship - kindly sponsored by RM1 Alva For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Prelim level (or below) qualifying class. Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted. Dressage Test: Prelim 2	
Class D9 Thursday Talking Dressage	Sunshine Tour Small Tour Prelim Championship - kindly sponsored by RM1 Alva For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Prelim level (or below) qualifying class. Small Tour restrictions apply. Test can be called; competitor provides own reader and test read verbatim. Whip not permitted. Dressage Test: Prelim 3	
Class D10 Friday	Sunshine Tour Small Tour Prelim Championship - kindly sponsored by Monarchy Equestrian For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Prelim level (or below) qualifying class. Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted. Dressage Test: Prelim 3	
Class D11 Friday Talking Dressage	Sunshine Tour Small Tour Prelim Championship For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Prelim level (or below) qualifying class. Small Tour restrictions apply. Test can be called; competitor provides own reader and test read verbatim. Whip not permitted. Dressage Test: Prelim 2	
Class D12 Saturday	Sunshine Tour Small Tour Prelim Championship - kindly sponsored by Team Edwards Designs For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Prelim level (or below) qualifying class. Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted. Dressage Test: Prelim 1	

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PRELIM DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th & Saturday 19th September 2026



Prelim Dressage Championships continued

GRAND TOUR PRELIM DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Class D13
Friday

Sunshine Tour Grand Tour Prelim Championship – kindly sponsored by Star Saddles

For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Prelim level (or below) qualifying class.
Grand Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: Prelim 1

Class D14
Saturday

Sunshine Tour Grand Tour Prelim Championship – kindly sponsored by Star Saddles

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Dressage Test: Prelim 3

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NOVICE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th & Saturday 19th September 2026



KEY INFORMATION & CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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Entry fee: £32.50.

Competitor Numbers: Only one bridle number required.

Tack & Attire: British Dressage rules on tack, dress, judging and welfare apply.

Start Times: Your allocated test start time is your time to be riding down the centre line. You will be called forward from warm-up to go to the final holding area approx. 15 minutes prior to your test time. Early classes start 8.00am, last class might finish as late as 7.00pm. If you are riding more than one test in a day, the time between tests may be considerably longer than usual/qualifier competitions.

Declarations: Please declare at the warm-up arena, and NOT at the competition arena. Missed slots may be forfeited, we cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot for late arrivals.

Warm Up: Available in 3 stages: unlimited time on grass (not near dressage arenas); limited time (approx. 20 minutes) on sand, restricted to next riders due to compete; final holding area just before test time, walk & trot only.

Junior Riders: age 16 years and under on 1st January 2026 can compete in mixed age group classes and/or the Junior Championships.

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SMALL TOUR NOVICE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Class D15
Thursday
Sunshine Tour Small Tour Novice Championship - kindly sponsored by RM1 Alva
For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Novice level (or below) qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: Novice 3



Class D16
Friday
Sunshine Tour Small Tour Novice Championship - kindly sponsored by Birketts
For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Novice level (or below) qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: Novice 1

GRAND TOUR NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Class D17
Friday
Sunshine Tour Grand Tour Novice Championship - kindly sponsored by Nova Equine Vets
For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Novice level (or below) qualifying class.
Grand Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: Novice 2

Class D18
Saturday
Sunshine Tour Grand Tour Novice Championship - kindly sponsored by Nova Equine Vets
For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Novice level (or below) qualifying class.
Grand Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: Novice 1

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ELEMENTARY DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday 17th & Friday 18th September 2026



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Entry fee: £32.50.

Competitor Numbers: Only one bridle number required.

Tack & Attire: British Dressage rules on tack, dress, judging and welfare apply.

Start Times: Your allocated test start time is your time to be riding down the centre line. You will be called forward from warm-up to go to the final holding area approx. 15 minutes prior to your test time. Early classes start 8.00am, last class might finish as late as 7.00pm. If you are riding more than one test in a day, the time between tests may be considerably longer than usual/qualifier competitions.

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Warm Up: Available in 3 stages: unlimited time on grass (not near dressage arenas); limited time (approx. 20 minutes) on sand, restricted to next riders due to compete; final holding area just before test time, walk & trot only.

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SMALL TOUR DRESSAGE ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONSHIP

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Class D19
Thursday

Sunshine Tour Elementary Small Tour Championship - kindly sponsored by RM1 Alva

For competitors pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in an Elementary level (or below) qualifying class. Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted. Dressage Test: Elementary 2

GRAND TOUR ELEMENTARY DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Class D20
Friday

Sunshine Tour Elementary Grand Tour Championship - kindly sponsored by Equipacs

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JUNIOR DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 19th September 2026



KEY INFORMATION & CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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Entry fee: £32.50.

Competitor Numbers: Only one bridle number required.

Tack & Attire: British Dressage rules on tack, dress, judging and welfare apply.

Start Times: Your allocated test start time is your time to be riding down the centre line. You will be called forward from warm-up to go to the final holding area approx. 15 minutes prior to your test time. Early classes start 8.00am, last class might finish as late as 7.00pm. If you are riding more than one test in a day, the time between tests may be considerably longer than usual/qualifier competitions.

Declarations: **Please declare at the warm-up arena**, and NOT at the competition arena. Missed slots may be forfeited, we cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot for late arrivals.

Warm Up: Available in 3 stages: unlimited time on grass (not near dressage arenas); limited time (approx. 20 minutes) on sand, restricted to next riders due to compete; final holding area just before test time, walk & trot only.

Junior Riders: age 16 years and under on 1st January 2026 can compete in mixed age group classes and/or the Junior Championships.

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SMALL TOUR JUNIOR INTRO DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Class D21
Saturday
Talking Dressage
Sunshine Tour Junior Intro Small Tour Championship – kindly sponsored by Bloomfields Horseboxes
For riders 16 years and under on 1st January 2026 pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in an Intro level qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Test can be called; competitor provides own reader and test read verbatim. Whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: Intro 2

Class D22
Saturday
Sunshine Tour Junior Intro Small Tour Championship – kindly sponsored by Bloomfields Horseboxes
For riders 16 years and under on 1st January 2026 pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in an Intro level qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: Intro 4

SMALL TOUR JUNIOR PRELIM DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Class D23
Saturday
Talking Dressage
Sunshine Tour Junior Prelim Small Tour Championship – kindly sponsored by St Teresa's Equestrian
For riders 16 years and under on 1st January 2026 pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Prelim level (or below) qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Test can be called; competitor provides own reader and test read verbatim. Whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: Prelim 3

Class D24
Saturday
Sunshine Tour Junior Prelim Small Tour Championship – kindly sponsored by St Teresa's Equestrian
For riders 16 years and under on 1st January 2026 pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Prelim level (or below) qualifying class.
Small Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage Test: Prelim 2

GRAND TOUR JUNIOR DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Kindly sponsored by St Teresa's Equestrian



Class D25
A&B
Saturday
Sunshine Tour Junior Novice & Elementary Grand Tour Championship – kindly sponsored by St Teresa's Equestrian
For riders 16 years and under on 1st January 2026 pre-qualified in the 2026 qualification period by being placed in a Novice or Elementary (or below) level qualifying class.
Grand Tour restrictions apply. Caller or whip not permitted.
Dressage tests: Section A: Novice 2; Section B: Elementary 3.
Horse/rider combination can compete in both sections; same horse can compete in both sections, with a different rider.

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STARTERS DRESSAGE CLASSES

Saturday 19th September 2026



KEY INFORMATION & RULES

Starters Dressage classes are open, without the need to pre-qualify. Starters classes are for young or very inexperienced riders or those with different needs, who are not yet ready or able to go into a dressage championship class. **Riders taking part in these classes cannot take part in dressage championship classes.**

Assistance: Riders can be led or assisted by **ONE** person. If rider has special needs and requires assistance by more than one person, you must apply for dispensation at the time of entry, with a full explanation of the rider's needs. Persons giving assistance in the arena should be smartly dressed, with appropriate footwear.

Dressage Test: Sunshine Tour Starters Dressage Test 1, available at sunshinetour.co.uk/championships/dressage/

Scoring: Tests are non-competitive but marked and scored in the usual manner, with encouraging and positive comments. **Starters classes are for encouragement and confidence**, it is not possible to accurately compare every type of assistance or ability against another, so participants are reminded that the judges scoring and decision will be final!

Prizes: Rosettes awarded to all participants.

Competitor Numbers: Only one bridle number required.

Tack & Attire: British Dressage rules on tack, dress, judging and welfare apply.

Start Times: Your allocated test start time is your time to be riding down the centre line. You will be called forward from warm-up to go to the final holding area approx. 15 minutes prior to your test time. Classes are scheduled to start at 8.00am, but could be as early as 7.30am.

Declarations: **Please declare at the warm-up arena**, and NOT at the competition arena. Missed slots may be forfeited, we cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot for late arrivals.

Competition Arenas: All dressage competitions are held on a sand surface in partially boarded arenas, with flowers and a judge's hut.

Warm Up: Available in 3 stages: unlimited time on grass (not near dressage arenas); limited time (approx. 20 minutes) on sand, restricted to next riders due to compete; final holding area just before test time, walk & trot only.

Entry fee: £26.50.

SEE DRESSAGE INFORMATION on page 8 for further details and need-to-know information on dressage rules & restrictions, class start times, competition and warm up arenas, additional classes, prizes and presentations.

STARTERS DRESSAGE

Kindly sponsored by The Pony Club



Class D26
Saturday

Starters Dressage – kindly sponsored by The Pony Club

Open to young, very inexperienced competitors or those with different needs who are not yet confident or are not able to take part in a championship class. Riders can be led or assisted. Leading/assistance can be provided by **ONE** person. Lead rein must be attached to upper/cavesson noseband only. If more than one leader/assistant is needed, dispensation must be applied for at the time of entry. Leader or assistant may not carry a whip and should be smartly dressed.

Tests are scored in the usual manner, rosettes for all participants. No pre-qualification is required.

Dressage Test: Starters Dressage Test 1

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SPECIAL FEATURE CLASSES

Thursday 17th & Saturday 19th September 2026



KEY INFORMATION & RULES

Taster dressage classes are for riders wishing to take part in an Elementary test and receive immediate feedback from the judge. You may receive hints and tips about test riding, how to present a better test and potentially gain higher marks. Each test slot is 10 minutes, rather than the usual 7 minutes to allow for a few minutes of verbal feedback from the judge immediately after the final salute.

Scoring: Taster classes are for education and confidence. Test sheets are scored in the usual way, but no placings are awarded.

Dressage classes are judged under British Dressage rules. **Callers and whips are allowed in additional (not championship) & taster dressage classes. Spurs are allowed** which must be within British Dressage rules and appropriate for the level of competition. See britishdressage.co.uk/competing/competition-rules/ for full British Dressage rules.

Entry fee: Additional & taster classes: £26.50.

Competitor Numbers: Only one bridle number required.

Tack & Attire: British Dressage rules on tack, dress, judging and welfare apply.

Start Times: Your allocated test start time is your time to be riding down the centre line. You will be called forward from warm-up to go to the final holding area approx. 15 minutes prior to your test time. Early classes start 8.00am, last class might finish as late as 7.00pm. If you are riding more than one test in a day, the time between tests may be considerably longer than usual/qualifier competitions.

Declarations: Please declare at the warm-up arena, and NOT at the competition arena. Missed slots may be forfeited, we cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot for late arrivals.

Warm Up: Available in 3 stages: unlimited time on grass (not near dressage arenas); limited time (approx. 20 minutes) on sand, restricted to next riders due to compete; final holding area just before test time, walk & trot only.

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ELEMENTARY TASTER DRESSAGE CLASS

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Class D27
Thursday

Elementary Taster Class

Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required. Verbal feedback provided by the judge immediately following your final salute. Caller allowed.
Dressage Test: Elementary 2

PAIRS DRESSAGE CLASS

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Class D28
Saturday

Pairs Dressage Class

An open class for pairs of riders to take part in a simple walk, trot & canter dressage class with their friends. Some movements are ridden side-by-side and some are divided and ridden in coordination with your partner. Just for fun & giggles! Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required. Caller allowed. Sponsored prizes and rosettes.
Dressage Test: Sunshine Tour Pairs Dressage Test 1, available at sunshinetour.co.uk/championships/dressage/

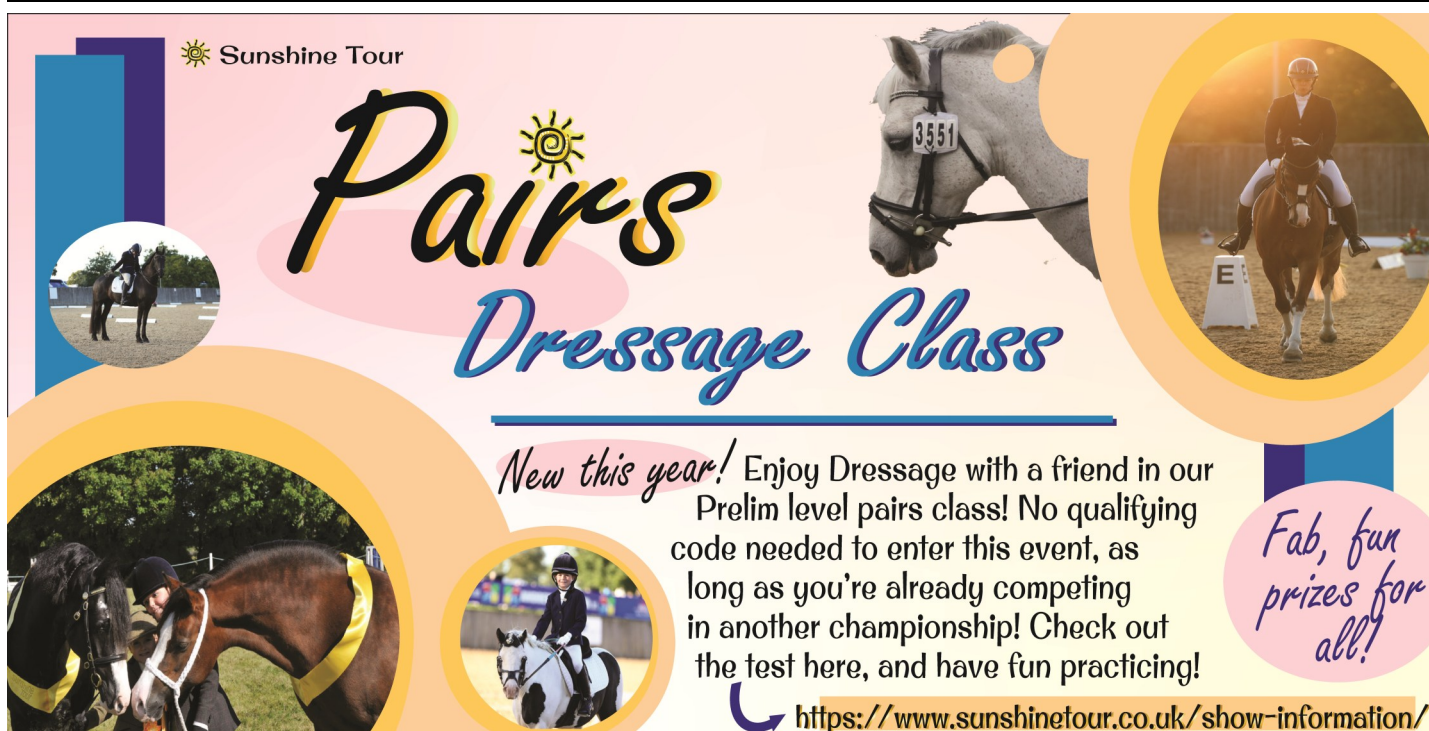


Pairs Dressage Class

New this year! Enjoy Dressage with a friend in our Prelim level pairs class! No qualifying code needed to enter this event, as long as you're already competing in another championship! Check out the test here, and have fun practicing!

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ADDITIONAL DRESSAGE CLASSES & FAMILIARISATION

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th & Saturday 19th September 2026



KEY INFORMATION & RULES

Dressage classes are judged under British Dressage rules. **Callers and whips are allowed in additional & taster dressage classes. Spurs are allowed** which must be within British Dressage rules and appropriate for the level of competition. See britishdressage.co.uk/competing/competition-rules/ for full British Dressage rules. Additional classes are only open to Sunshine Tour competitors taking part in a Championship class (any discipline).

Entry fee: Additional classes: £26.50; Familiarisation: £16.50 (entries at the show £20.00)

Competitor Numbers: Only one bridle number required. **Tack & Attire:** British Dressage rules on tack, dress, judging and welfare apply.

Familiarisation sessions are 10 minutes of free time in an arena to familiarise your horse with the judges huts, flowers, boards etc. The familiarisation session may not be in exactly the same arena as your competition arena, but all arenas are within one area. Familiarisation may not be first session of the day, check the timetable before entering. Each session is shared with one other rider, good conduct with consideration for other horse and rider is required. For exclusive use of the session, book a double slot and request private use. Persons on foot are **not** allowed in the arena (unless you have booked a double session for sole use of the arena).

Tack & Attire: Classes: British Dressage rules. Familiarisation: Casual attire.

Start Times: Your allocated start time is your time to be entering the arena / riding down the centre line. You will be called forward from warm-up to go to the final holding area approx. 15 minutes prior to your test time. Early classes start 8.00am, last class might finish as late as 7.00pm. If you are riding more than one test in a day, the time between tests may be considerably longer than usual/qualifier competitions.

Declarations: **Please declare at the warm-up arena**, and NOT at the competition arena. Missed slots may be forfeited, we cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot for late arrivals.

Warm Up: Available in 3 stages: unlimited time on grass (not near dressage arenas); limited time (approx. 20 minutes) on sand, restricted to next riders due to compete; final holding area just before test time, walk & trot only.

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ADDITIONAL DRESSAGE CLASSES

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Class D29 Pick Your Own Dressage - Intro, Prelim & Novice

A, B & C
Thursday

Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required. Combined class judged on percentage, competitors can enter more than one horse and more than one section. A: Intro 1; B: Prelim 2; C: Novice 3. Caller allowed.

Class D30 Pick Your Own Dressage - Prelim, Novice & Elementary

A, B, & C
Friday

Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required. Combined class judged on percentage, competitors can enter more than one section. A: Prelim 3; B: Novice 2; C: Elementary 1. Caller allowed.

FAMILIARISATION SESSIONS

Class D31 Arena Familiarisation

Thursday

Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required.

Class D32 Arena Familiarisation

Thursday

Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required.
Sessions are scheduled in the middle of the day.

Class D33 Arena Familiarisation

Friday

Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required.

Class D34 Arena Familiarisation

Friday

Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required.
Sessions are scheduled in the afternoon.

Class D35 Arena Familiarisation

Saturday

Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required.

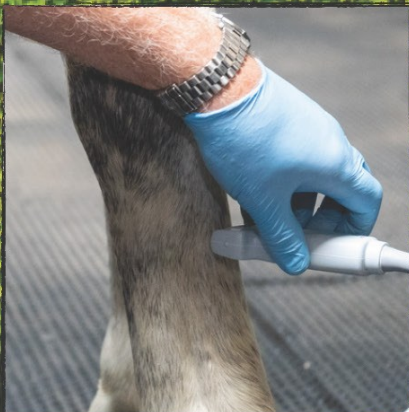
Please note - warm up prior to D35 Familiarisation: The official warm up arena is used for Starters Dressage competitors from approximately 7.30am - 8.45am on Saturday. If you wish to warm up prior to your familiarisation session, you may have limited access to sand areas. This does not affect access to the surrounding area or competition arena for your familiarisation session.

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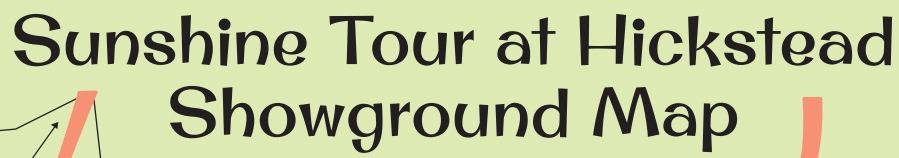


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GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

By entering a competition or attending the showground, you are deemed to have read and agreed to the General Rules & Conditions, and you agree that you will ensure that any party attending with you is made aware of these General Rules & Conditions and that they agree to be bound by them.

At all times when engaging with the Sunshine Tour, whether in the process of making entries, communications, attending the show or discussing the show in any public forum including social media, entrants and competitors must act in good faith, in accordance with these rules, to promote the welfare of all horses attending the show and in the wider interests of the Sunshine Tour and that they must procure the agreement to do the same from any person who intends to attend the show with them.

If any competitor, participant, owner or attendee is found to have breached any provision of these rules, the organisers shall be entitled, at their discretion, to:-

- a) Issue a written or verbal warning.
- b) Disqualify them from competition, whether or not the relevant class has taken place and issue an appropriate re-placing of any class.
- c) Withhold or reclaim prizes awarded.
- d) Refuse their entries or suspend their entries.
- e) Cancel or suspend their membership for any period of time.
- f) Prohibit them from entering the showground or ask them to leave showground immediately.
- g) Apply any other sanction as deemed as appropriate by the organisers.

If any sanction is applied by the organisers which involves the disqualification, suspension or prohibition of a competitor, owner or horse, the relevant individual shall not be entitled to receive a refund of entry fees, membership costs or other expenses in any circumstances. There shall be no right of appeal.

Welfare, Safety & Conduct

1. The organisers of this events have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must themselves take all reasonable precautions to avoid/prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers/stewards/security/judges/officials.
2. The organisers, their representatives, agents, employees, directors or helpers shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss suffered by owners, spectators, competitors, their horses, grooms, friends, vehicles or property however caused save that nothing in this clause will limit liability for anything which cannot legally be limited.
3. The horses' welfare is paramount, and the Sunshine Tour Show aspires to reflect best practice in the ethical training of all horses which compete on its Showgrounds. It is the responsibility of the owner / exhibitor to ensure that horses receive proper attention during their time on the showground and participation in competition. This embraces skilful equitation, effective equine husbandry, proper veterinary intervention, and adequate care at all times. All owners, competitors and other participants agree to observe high standards of equine welfare at all times when participating in the event and in particular to observe the British Equestrian Federation's Charter for the Horse.
4. Due consideration must be given for the animal's age, experience & fitness when entering and competing. Owners of young/inexperienced animals should consider the impact of journey time, unfamiliar surroundings, size of the showground and rings and the demands of the competition when selecting number/type of classes to participate in. The organisers reserve the right to limit the number and type of classes entered if doubts exist about the horse's welfare. Animals considered to be suffering from the demands of competition may be referred for veterinary assessment, withdrawn from further classes on one day or for the remainder of the competition.
5. Mistreatment of any animals will not be tolerated, including use of force or misuse of equipment, by any person. Any whip, spur, bridle, boot or other equipment used anywhere on the showground must comply with the relevant discipline's rule book and not be modified or misused. Animals deemed to be sick or lame may be referred for vet's inspection and/or not be allowed to compete or be ridden on the showground. Use of the whip, spur or bit as a means of punishment or in any way which is liable to cause discomfort to a horse or pony is not permitted. Any practice that could cause physical or mental distress or suffering to a horse or pony will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary sanctions.
6. Participants, (or their parents/guardians if under 18 years), must consider themselves competent to complete the activity for which they are entering. It is not the responsibility of the organisers to decide if a competitor is competent or their mount is suitable for the class. If the judge deems any rider or horse to be unsuitable / incompatible / unsafe to participate they will be asked to leave immediately.
7. All riders must be a suitable size and weight for the height/type of horse/pony for competition, warm up and exercise at any time on the showground. For guidance the rider should be no more than 20% of the horse's body weight. If doubt exists, the organisers decision is final. Any rider reasonably deemed to weigh more than 20% of the body weight of the horse, may, at the discretion of the of the organisers, be asked to dismount and will not be permitted to continue to compete, and will forfeit their entry fee.
8. A correctly fitting riding hat complying with current safety standards and safe footwear must be worn whilst mounted. Protective head gear is advised for all handlers/leaders and compulsory for Junior Handler classes. Body protectors for riders are strongly recommended for show jumping and compulsory for eventers challenges.
9. Vet, medic and farrier will be on-site during competition hours. Out of hours veterinary cover will be available, contact details will be available on site. All veterinary or farrier expenses must be paid direct to the vet/farrier in attendance.

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10. All competitors and anyone accompanying a competitor in any capacity (family, child, friend, helper, instructor, driver etc!) are expected to support the spirit of the Sunshine Tour as a fun, fair and inclusive event. Any rude, argumentative or abusive behaviour in person or online, to other competitors, spectators, judges, officials or stewards will not be tolerated and could result in being banned from the showground immediately or future entries being barred. If you encounter a problem during the show, please contact security or show staff immediately.
11. If you contravene any welfare or conduct rule that results in your right to compete being withdrawn, you will not be eligible for refunds.
12. All competitors or owners must hold third party insurance which will provide coverage for any accident occurring in respect of their horse or pony.
13. No competitor or owner must conduct themselves in a manner which could be considered as offensive or inappropriate.
14. No competitor or owner shall knowingly or not, permit any horse or pony to compete at the Sunshine Tour under the influence of a prohibited substance.
15. All participants of the Sunshine Tour agree to help in the protection of children or adults at risk by, amongst other things: -
 - a) respecting the rights, dignity and worth of everybody equally
 - b) recognising developmental needs and capacity of individuals
 - c) trying to avoid situations which could create risk or perception of risk to a child or an at risk adult
 - d) avoiding at all times making rude, suggestive or inappropriate comments in the presence of a child or an at risk adult or any form of inappropriate or unnecessary touching of a child or at risk adult
 - e) avoiding the taking of unnecessary photography or videography of children or at risk adults and ensure that any video or photography taken is stored securely and deleted when no longer needed

Media & Communication

1. Competitors and owners of horses/ponies competing at the Sunshine Tour agree to maintain their social media posts, comments and conversations in a fair and transparent manner.
2. The organisers reserve the right to monitor, intercept and review any media post relating to the Sunshine Tour, your participation and experience of the event.
3. Comments or posts about the Sunshine Tour should be clear that they represent a personal view and are not endorsed by the organiser.
4. Comments, images or posts published or shared must not be damaging to the name or reputation of the Sunshine Tour or deemed to be abusive, derogatory, threatening, misleading, obscene, discriminatory, scandalous or offensive to any Sunshine Tour competitor, official or volunteer. Any comment or post about the Sunshine Tour must be visible to the Sunshine Tour administrator and may be challenged and required to be removed. Participants should act responsibly, in good faith and using sound judgment when using social media to promote a respectful and positive online environment for show participants. Participants should not engage in online disputes or in forums which target an individual or group critically. Participants should respect the privacy of other participants when posting on social media and shall not share any information which has been shared to them in confidence or which may be deemed as sensitive. The Sunshine Tour and its organisers may require a participant to remove or alter a post, thread, comment or other data which is found to be in breach of these rules, and further disciplinary action may be taken.
5. Failure to maintain a reasonable and fair online communication about the Sunshine Tour may result in competitors' entries being cancelled or future entries being barred.
6. This event may be covered and featured by all types of media, including and not limited to journalists, reporters, television, radio and Sunshine Tour's own social media and news reports. Photos and videos taken at the event may be transmitted, printed and used by media and Sunshine Tour for an unlimited period. Competitors who do not wish images to be used by media should state this with their entry.

Eligibility & Entries

1. To be eligible to compete in any championship class, entrants must have qualified in the current qualification period and recorded their qualification/s. The correct entry fee must be received to be eligible to compete/participate.
2. Absolutely no substitutions of horse or rider are allowed in any championship class.
3. It is the responsibility of the competitor (or parent/guardian if under 18 years) to check if they are eligible to compete and that they comply with the rules applied to every class entered. Competitors must comply with restrictions applicable to their class on the day of championship. Horse and rider combinations who are found to have given false or inaccurate information to the organisers of the show whether expressly or impliedly, including by being over-qualified, under-qualified or having given inaccurate information including concerning age, name or qualification codes or status of the horse or rider shall be liable to have their entire entries and/or membership cancelled with no right to receive a refund and may be subject to further disciplinary proceedings pursuant to these rules.
4. The Sunshine Tour reserves the right to refuse an entry or refuse entry to the showground without having to state a reason.
5. In the event of insufficient entries, classes may be combined and judged as one class.
6. Riders who qualify for multiple levels of championship can compete in a maximum of 5 levels in show jumping, 3 levels in eventers challenge or 2 consecutive levels in dressage. If you qualify for more levels, you must relinquish the lowest level/s.

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7. Competitors must be 3 years old or over on the day of the championships, there's no upper age limit. Horses/ponies must be 4 years old or over to compete in ridden classes. Age of a horse or pony is taken from 1 January in the current year. Stallions are welcome provided they are ridden/handled by an experienced person, displaying appropriate tail ribbons, are well behaved and not causing a nuisance or danger to other competitors or their horses.

Refunds & Fees

1. We reserve the right to alter any part or the whole of the schedule at any time. In the event of a class being cancelled, refunds will be issued.
2. Withdrawals received up to the close of entries will be accepted and refunded. A reasonable admin fee may be deducted.
3. Notice of withdrawal or cancellation of entries, stabling, camping and/or fodder must be received in writing to the Sunshine Tour office by email info@sunshinetour.co.uk or by letter to Sunshine Tour HQ. Text, Facebook, Messenger, WhatsApp messages or phone calls are not accepted as official withdrawal notification.
4. Competitors applying for a refund after close of entries must submit evidence verified by a hospital, doctor or vet certificate. Only a doctor or vet can provide evidence for a medical withdrawal. Correspondence from farriers, physios or other health professionals is not accepted. Only acute and recent medical conditions, traumas or illnesses will be accepted in applications for any refund. Pre-existing or chronic conditions will not be accepted for the purposes of generating a refund.
5. Refunds are considered on a case by case basis, within the following time limits: From close of entries Period 1 - Wednesday 19th to Monday 24th August up to 75% refund; Period 2 - Tuesday 25th to Monday 31st August up to 50% refund; Period 3 – Tuesday 1st to Monday 7th September up to 25% refund; Period 4 – Tuesday 8th September onwards no refund for any reason. Medical evidence to apply for a partial refund must be received by 30th September following the current show.
6. Bad weather - If weather or ground conditions are poor it is the responsibility of competitors to confirm that the event is running by checking website www.sunshinetour.co.uk on the evening before or on the morning of the competition. Every effort will be made to re-schedule, but in the event of the competition being cancelled, entry fees minus administration charge will be returned to competitors.
7. The organisers reserve the right, in their absolute discretion, to refuse an application or re-application for membership, qualification or entry, or to cancel a registration, qualification or entry save that no membership, qualification or entry will be refused in circumstances where it would be unlawful to do so. The organisers will not refuse participation in the Sunshine Tour due to a prospective participant's protected characteristic.
8. Competitors who fail to pay such fees as are due to the Sunshine Tour whether for entry, stabling or other costs agree that the Sunshine Tour can recover from them all reasonable costs and expenses (including legal fees) in recovering such sums due.
9. All amendments or dispensations pursuant to these rules or any competition schedule must be confirmed in writing by an organiser of the show. The Sunshine Tour is committed to ensuring the principles of equality of opportunity for all participants. Participants who seek adjustments or accommodation in respect of any show rule or practice on account of a disability are encouraged to contact the show organisers ahead of the show.

Competition Rules & Prizes

1. Rules for guidance: Dressage: British Dressage; Show Jumping: British Showjumping; Showing: The Showing Register; Eventers: British Eventing & Sunshine Tour. All decisions are subject to Sunshine Tour rulings and might not reflect exact conditions of national rule books. In the case of any conflict of rules, the rules of the Sunshine Tour will take precedence. All competitors are deemed to have read, understood the rules of the relevant governing body.
2. Dispensation for exception to rules must be ratified by the relevant society (BD, BS, BE), submitted with entry and presented to the secretary and steward on the day of competition, prior to competing.
3. It is the competitors responsibility to compete in approved tack & clothing. Spot checks may be carried out to check for compliance with relevant rules (BD, BS, BE). Competitors found to be competing with 'illegal' tack may be disqualified even if they have already competed and will receive no refund of entry fees.
4. Objections: Sunshine Tour uses expert judges, and their decision is to be respected. Any objections about the conduct of classes must be brought to the organiser's attention within 60 minutes of the incident and we will make every effort to resolve problems. If we cannot resolve the problem and you wish to lodge a formal complaint and request further investigation, you should lodge your complaint on the day of competition in writing with the secretary and supported by a £50 deposit.
5. Video evidence is not usually admissible to support a complaint. We will view video evidence as part of an investigation, but in the event of a discrepancy between the judge's view and a video view, the judge's must take priority. The Sunshine Tour will convene a committee to determine a complaint, who will deliberate in private. There will be no right of appeal against the decision of that committee.
6. Prizes stated in the schedule are subject to alteration or substitution. Prize winners may have their eligibility checked prior to prize collection and some prizes may require collection at a later date or incur postage costs. In the event of insufficient entries some prizes will be withheld.

Showground Rules & Security

1. Whilst on the showground, all horse/ponies must wear a bridle and display their correct competitor number. This applies at all times on the showground, even walking in-hand or exercise/familiarisation. You're not required to display your competitor number in stable field or parking area.
2. Horse passports must be brought to the showground. If you are travelling separately, the passport should be with the horse. Passports must be available for inspection upon arrival, at any time if requested by security or show staff in the parking area.

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3. Horses/ponies must have an up-to-date annual equine influenza vaccination or have completed at least TWO initial vaccination injections. In either case, the last injection/booster must not be given less than 10 days before competition.
4. Horse Walks: only walking allowed in the horse walk. No holding horses or stopping to chat with friends! No trotting or cantering.
5. All dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. Owners who allow their dogs to run loose on the showground, stable area or parking areas will be required to remove them from the premises immediately.
6. No access to Hickstead's international arena including the surround and the Derby bank at any time, day or night, not even people on foot!
7. Security are on duty 24 hours a day. Any incident should be reported to WH Security or Sunshine Tour show secretary or show director immediately. 24 hour contact 07904 898696 (only for emergencies between 9pm and 6am).
8. Good conduct and reasonable behaviour is expected at all times. WH Security have the right to summon police/evict/detain persons deemed to be behaving in an unreasonable/abusive/dangerous manner. Any individual attending the showground who is found to have acted in an abusive or uncivil manner towards any member of the organisers staff or contractors will be liable to immediate removal from the showground and may be subject to further disciplinary measures pursuant to these rules.

Bicycles, Scooters & Mobility Vehicles

1. Electric scooters are strictly forbidden anywhere at Hickstead. Persons found to be using a battery charged scooter will have the scooter impounded until departure.
2. Mobility vehicles, pushchairs and pull-along trolleys are permitted on the showground and in the stable field. Bicycles are permitted in the stable field but not on the showground.

Stabling, Camping & Staying Overnight

1. Competitors and their friends & family are permitted to stay overnight in their horsebox or trailer for free if their horse is being stabled at the showground. Additional vehicles for staying overnight, e.g. campervan, caravan, additional horsebox etc. will incur a charge per night.
2. Good neighbour, good conduct and considerate noise levels are expected in the camping area. Noise should be kept to a minimum between 11pm and 6am. Campers found to be causing noise or nuisance to their neighbours may be evicted by security.
3. No open fires. Small generators are permitted; only silent generators can be left on after 11pm and operated before 6am.
4. On site toilets and showers are available. Do not empty caravan/lorry toilet contents into the public toilets, an Elsan point is provided.
5. Dogs must be kept on a lead in stables and camping areas. If kept under control, dogs can be off lead in outside fields away from camping & stables. All dog mess must be bagged and disposed of in a bin. Dogs deemed to be causing a nuisance should be reported to WH security.
6. Horse passports must be presented to the stable manager when claiming your stable.
7. Cash deposit per stable is required upon arrival (see current Stabling schedule for details). Deposit will be returned on departure provided stable has been mucked out **and your booking slip returned**. Your stable may be inspected, or you may be asked to provide proof. If your stable is not mucked out when you arrive, inform the stable manager immediately.
8. The amount of bedding left in stables by the previous occupant varies, some stables may be deep litter and under bedding may be damp in temporary stables. You are advised to bring or pre-purchase some bedding to freshen up / add depth to the bed. Shavings or flax bedding only.

The organisers reserve the right to revise and amend these rules.



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