

## **Terms & Conditions – The Dressage Masters Entry**

These Terms & Conditions apply to all competitors entering The Dressage Masters at the Chart Stables International Dressage at Hickstead. By submitting an entry, competitors agree to the following:

### **1. Eligibility & Entry Requirements**

Riders and horses do not need to be registered as British Dressage members HOWEVER classes will run under British Dressage rules.

Entries are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis, with a maximum of 40 competitors per class.

Riders may enter more than one horse, provided classes have not reached capacity.

### **2. Entry Process**

Entries must be made online via My Riding Life from the published opening date and time.

1st January 2026, 5pm

Riders should enter only the first-round class; freestyle entries are taken onsite for those who qualify and must be paid in full, the evening before the freestyle class.

### **3. Stabling & Hook-Up**

Stabling and hookup must be booked by the events system – My Riding Life only.

Stabling is allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Stables will be available from 4pm to 4pm. We would advise if you are competing on consecutive days that you book stables to suit your needs. Some classes may run later into the early evening.

A £20 stabling deposit is to be paid in cash to the stable manager and will be refunded if stables are left completely clear of bedding and muck.

15 stables per class will be reserved for those qualifying for the freestyle classes (for one night only. These are optional and must be paid in full before use.

#### **4. Withdrawals & Refund Policy**

Competitors must notify the organisers as soon as possible if they need to withdraw, so places may be offered to others.

NO REFUNDS will be issued for entry fees, hook up or stabling unless a valid veterinary or medical certificate is provided.

NO REFUNDS will be given after close of entries.

#### **5. Freestyle Qualification & Requirements**

The top 15 combinations in each class qualify for the freestyle round the following day.

Riders who qualify for the freestyle final must provide their own music. In the event you qualify for the music final, you must provide your music via email in an MP3 file.

Floorplans must adhere to British Dressage requirements at each level.

#### **6. Judging & Prizes**

All tests will be judged by registered British Dressage judges.

Rosettes will be awarded to 10th place, with sashes and rugs for class winners.

A Champion of Champions prize will be awarded to the highest-scoring combination across all sections.

There will be a prize for the best turned-out combination.

#### **7. Schedule & Timings**

Class dates and times will be confirmed in the official schedule published by the organisers. Details will be published regarding prizegiving timings and location.

Warm up classes are available from Preliminary to Elementary (only 13 spaces available at each level.)

Arena walks will be confirmed on the Aster Events website and social media pages.

## **8. Communication**

All queries, including withdrawals, must be sent to the event team at [info@asterevents.co.uk](mailto:info@asterevents.co.uk)

Competitors are encouraged to follow Aster Events on social media for updates regarding entries and schedules.

## **9. Biosecurity Measures**

All Horses must be in good health and be travelled with their passports and all vaccination up to date. Spot checks will be undertaken to ensure that vaccinations are current. We operate a 12-month vaccination policy.

We have equine veterinary onsite for the duration of the show, should you have any concerns please notify an official or attend the show office.

## **10. General Conditions**

The organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule, rules, or conditions at any time.

By entering, competitors accept that participation is at their own risk.

The organisers accept no responsibility for loss, damage, or injury to horses, riders, spectators, or property.

The decision of the judges & stewards in all cases is final. They reserve the right to alter, amend or cancel any part of the competition or to refuse any entry without stating a reason.

The organiser of this event has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health, safety and welfare of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring, and must obey instructions of the organisers, officials and stewards.

The organisers will not be held responsible and accept no liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, rider, spectators, vehicles or their contents and accessories, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever. It is a condition of entry that each entrant shall agree to indemnify against any legal action arising from such incident.

All competitors & horses must be suitably dressed in correct riding attire & tack according to current British Dressage 2026 rules.

Horses & ponies tied to lorry or trailers must not be left unattended.

Please ensure the area around your horsebox / trailer is clean and tidy. Droppings collected and not swept onto or left on the showground. Please take litter home or use the bins provided.

Children must be supervised at all times

Whilst outside arenas, horses and ponies should be moved at a walk only.

No dogs allowed, other than in Lorry Park Only and MUST be on a lead at all times.

Drivers are urged to take extra care when driving around the showground and in the surrounding villages. Please be mindful of horses, pedestrians and other vehicles.

Coaches and supporter's cars must be parked in the main car park and not in the horsebox and trailer park.