

CHART STABLES | Aster Events

International Dressage at Hickstead

10 - 16 May 2027

Terms & Conditions – The Dressage Masters Entry - 2027

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 members of British Dressage, as this is an unaffiliated event.

Entries will be accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.

A maximum of 40 competitors will be accepted in the qualifying (straight) classes.

The top 15 competitors will qualify for the corresponding Freestyle class.

At Prelim and Novice levels, we may increase the number of entries. If required, the qualifying class may be split into two sections, with the top 8 competitors from each section qualifying for the Freestyle class.

Riders may enter more than one horse, provided the relevant class has not reached capacity.

2. Entry Process

Entries must be made online via My Riding Life from the published opening date and time. **1st January 2027, 5 pm** Riders should enter only the first-round class; freestyle entries are taken on site for those who qualify and must be paid in full, the evening before the freestyle class (by 8pm)

3. Stabling & Hook-Up

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

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. We cannot swap horses or riders for the show unless the class is not full. **No refunds will be issued for classes, stabling or sundry items once the entry is made. The organisers reserve the right not to refund entries in full under any circumstances.**

5. Freestyle Qualification & Requirements

Top combinations in each level qualify for the freestyle round the following day (qualifying numbers are published when entries have been confirmed). Please contact the Secretaries office following the prize-giving to confirm you are riding in the music class the following day. Entries will need to be paid for by 8pm on the day of qualification or your entry will be passed to the next person in line. Please be aware that we may contact entrants via phone to inform them of qualification, if you do not answer the call your place may be awarded to the next rider. Payments can be taken over the phone. Times for those qualifying for the music classes will be posted the evening before the class.

MUSIC - Riders must provide their own music in accordance with British Dressage rules. Music will need to be provided BY ALL ENTRANTS via email music@asterevents.co.uk by the 1st April 2027. We would advise bringing an MP3 on a memory stick in addition to this. Floorplans must adhere to British Dressage requirements at each level.



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6. Judging & Prizes

All tests, including freestyle, will be judged by registered judges. NO whips or callers allowed in tests.

Straight test prizes: Trophy, winner's sash Rosettes to 10th place. **Freestyle prizes :** Rug, winner's sash, Rosettes to 10th place

7. Schedule & Timings

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

8. Communication

All queries, including withdrawals, must be sent to the event team at info@asterevents.co.uk **NOT via messenger, DM or text.** Competitors are encouraged to follow Aster Events on social media for updates regarding entries and schedules.

9. Biosecurity Measures

All horses must be travelled with passports which can demonstrate that all vaccinations are up to date (We operate a 12-month vaccination policy) Horses must be fit and well when attending the show.

10. General Conditions

1. The organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule, rules, or conditions at any time.
2. By entering, competitors accept that participation is at their own risk.
3. The organisers accept no responsibility for loss, damage, or injury to horses, riders, spectators, or property.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. All competitors & horses must be suitably dressed in correct riding attire & tack.
8. No horses or ponies to be tied to lorry or trailers
9. 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.
10. Children must be supervised at all times
14. Coach / trainer and supporter's cars must be parked in the main car park and not in the horsebox and trailer park.

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

12. Dogs MUST be on a lead at all times.

13. 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.