

## **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.  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

**NO REFUNDS** will be issued for entry fees, unless a valid veterinary or medical certificate is provided. A £35 admin fee will be applied before refunds are made. NO refunds on sundries e.g. shavings, hook up and stabling.

The organisers reserve the right not to refund entries in full under any circumstances.

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

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

Riders qualifying for freestyle must provide their own music in accordance with British Dressage rules. Music will need to be provided via email (details to follow), we would advise bringing an MP3 in addition to this.

Floorplans must adhere to British Dressage requirements at each level.

## **6. Judging & Prizes**

All tests, including freestyle, will be judged by registered 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.

A best turned-out prize will be awarded.

## **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 available at preliminary – elementary level only.

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 travelled with passports which can demonstrate that all vaccinations are up to date (We operate a 12-month vaccination policy)

Horses must also show no clinical signs of the following when attending the show:

- recent cough of unknown cause
- recent nasal discharge of unknown cause
- enlarged lymph nodes
- fever (>38.5 degrees)
- recent onset of neurological signs of unknown cause

- diarrhoea

Horses must also:

- not be under current investigation for EHV infection
- have not been in contact with and is not kept on the same premises as a horse known to have or be under investigation for EHV
- have not travelled out of the country for the past 28 days.
- Horses should NOT be brought to the centre if they are not in good health on the date of travel.

## **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 according to current British Dressage 2026 rules.
8. Horses & ponies tied to lorry or trailers must not be left unattended.
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
11. Whilst outside arenas, horses and ponies should be moved at a walk only.
12. No dogs allowed, other than in Lorry Park Only and 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.

14. Coach / trainer and supporter's cars must be parked in the main car park and not in the horsebox and trailer park.