WEST MERCIA REGION RDA QUALIFIER

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| **Sunday 14th May 2023**  Dressage, Show Jumping & Horse Care  STARTING AT 10 am | ***Monday 15th May 2023***  Countryside Challenge & Arts and Crafts,  STARTING AT 11 am |

**VENUE: Lowlands Equestrian Centre Shrewley CV35 7AX**

**Chief Stewards:** Ruth Godfrey& Doug Smith **Secretary**/**Entries:** Anona White

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SCAN PASSPORT WITH ENTRIES AND BRING YOUR EQUINE PASSPORT ON THE DAY.**

Each horse or pony may enter a maximum of 5 ridden classes (including lead rein) per day, which must not comprise of more than 4 in any discipline (e.g. 4 Dressage, 1 Countryside Challenge or 1 Show Jumping)

**No animal may compete more than three times in any class**

**Countryside Challenge** – Outdoor Arena**, Dressage** - Indoor and Outdoor arenas, Callers must stand at **E**.

**Show Jumping** - Outdoor Arena, **Arts and Crafts** – Gallery, **Horse Care** TBC

**Change of Class must be declared no later than 9.30 am otherwise competitors will be Hors Concours**

**Please inform the Secretary as soon as possible, if any of the qualified riders do not intend to go to the Championships, this will enable the next highest placed rider, who has achieved the qualifying conditions, a place at the Championships.**

**Junior Riders** may compete as Juniors until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 16.

**Open** **Riders –**The Open section is not age specific and is for all participants who have been RDA Class Champion for two years, compete in FEI, BD Para at Silver level or above or are an Independent Rider.

**Mounting Blocks and ramps are available.**

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| **ENTRIES: CLOSING DATES**  **Dressage, Countryside Challenge, Show Jumping: Noon Friday 28th April 2023**  **Send to: Anona White, White Cottage, Weston Lane, Oswestry SY11 2BB.**  **Arts & Crafts:** completed Artwork and entry form must be there **by 10am on 14th May 2023.**  **STARTING TIMES** - Will be emailed to Groups and published on Website www.rdawestmercia.co.uk/qualifiers |

##### Approx Prize Giving times will be on Scoreboard

##### AWARDS: Trophies must be signed for by the person in charge of the group.

##### In the event of any query, the decision of the Regional Officials and Chief Steward will be final.

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

Neither the organisers nor any person acting on their behalf accept liability for any loss, damage, accident, injury or illness to any horses, riders, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.

Please do not clean Lorries out onto the car park. **A fine of £50 will be issued to the group offending.**

**Tack Check –** all tack will be checked to ensure that it complies with the RDA Competition Rules.

**Scanned Equine Passport to be included with your entry form**

**PLEASE REMEMBER BRING THE PASSPORT FOR YOUR EQUINE**

**RDA REGIONAL QUALIFIER DRESSAGE CLASSES & TESTS**

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|  |  | **Friday at the Championships** |  |
| 20 | Dressage - Championships | Led (walk only) Junior/Senior | Intro to Dressage Championship Test Walk only (2022) |
| 20a | Dressage – Championships | Led (walk only) Open | Intro to Dressage Championship Test Walk only (2022) |
| 21 | Dressage – Championships | Led (walk & trot) Junior/Senior | Intro to Dressage Championship Test Walk & Trot (2022) |
| 21a | Dressage – Championships | Led (walk & trot) Open | Intro to Dressage Championship Test Walk & Trot (2022) |
|  |  | **Saturday at Championships** |  |
| 22 | Dressage – Championships | TVI (walk only) Junior/Senior | TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk Only (2022) |
| 23 | Dressage – Championships | TVI (walk only) Open | TVI / PVI Championship Test Walk Only (2022) |
| 24 | Dressage – Championships | PVI (walk only) Junior/Senior | TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk Only (2022) |
| 25 | Dressage – Championships | PVI (walk only) Open | TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk Only (2022) |
| 26 | Dressage – Championships | TVI (walk & trot) Junior/Senior | TVI/PVI Championship Test Walk & Trot (2022) |
| 27 | Dressage – Championships | TVI (walk & trot) Open | TVI / PVI Championship Test Walk & Trot (2022) |
| 28 | Dressage – Championships | PVI (walk & trot) Junior/Senior | TVI / PVI Championships Test Walk & Trot (2022) |
| 29 | Dressage – Championships | PVI (walk & trot) Open | TVI / PVI Championship Test Walk & Trot (2022) |
| 30 | Dressage – Championships | TVI (canter) Junior/Senior | TVI/ PVI Championship Test Canter (2022) |
| 31 | Dressage – Championships | TVI (canter) Open | TVI/PVI Championship Test Canter (2022) |
| 32 | Dressage – Championships | PVI (canter) Junior/Senior | TVI / PVI Championships Test Canter (2022) |
| 33 | Dressage – Championships | PVI (canter) Open | TVI/PVI Championship Test Canter (2022) |
| 57 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 6(walk & trot) Junior/Senior | Grade 6 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2022) |
| 58 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 6 (walk & trot) Open | Grade 6 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2022) |
| 59 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 5 Junior/Senior | Grade 5 Championship Test (2022) |
| 60 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 5 Open | Grade 5 Championship Test(2022) |
| 61 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 6 (canter) Junior/Senior | Grade 6 Canter Championship Test (2022) |
| 62 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 6 (canter) Open | Grade 6 Canter Championship Test (2022) |
| 63 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 4 Junior/Senior | Grade 4 Championship Test (2022) |
| 64 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 4 Open | Grade 4 Championship Test (2022) |
| 65 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 7 (canter) Junior/Senior | Grade 7 Canter Championship Test (2022) |
| 66 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 7 (canter) Open | Grade 7 Canter Championship Test (2022) |
|  |  | **Sunday at Championships** |  |
| 81 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 1 Junior/Senior | Grade 1 Championship Test (2022) |
| 82 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 1 Open | Grade 1 Championship Test (2022) |
| 83 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 2 Junior/Senior | Grade 2 Championship Test (2022) |
| 84 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 2 Open | Grade 2 Championships Test (2022) |
| 85 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 3 Junior/Senior | Grade 3 Championship Test (2022) |
| 86 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 3 Open | Grade 3 Championship Test (2022) |
| 87 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 6 (walk only) Junior/Senior | Grade 6 Walk Only Championship Test (2022) |
| 88 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 6 (walk only) Open | Grade 6 Walk Only Championship Test (2022) |
| 89 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 7(walk only) Junior/Senior | Grade 7 Walk Only Championship Test (2022) |
| 90 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 7 (walk only) Open | Grade 7 Walk Only Championship Test (2022) |
| 91 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 7(walk & trot) Junior/Senior | Grade 7 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2022) |
| 92 | Dressage – Championship | Grade 7 (walk & trot) Open | Grade 7 Walk & Trot Championship Test (2022) |

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| **Entries permitting riders may enter 2 Dressage classes however they MUST state on entry form which class they wish to Qualify for at the Championships, this may not be changed.** |

Those wishing to apply for an invite to the RDA & BD Intellectual Disability Championships, must have competed a Grade 7(ID) Dressage test at the Qualifiers.

Dressage Tests can be down loaded www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/dressage/dressage-tests

**Visually Impaired Riders** must be classified by British Blind Sport and must qualify at their Regional Qualifiers. If they wish to enter the Grade 4 / 5 classes the horse and rider combination must qualify at their Regional Qualifier. Riders must be classified prior to the Championships to enter the graded dressage classes. All riders, including visually impaired riders, must provide proof of their classification at the time of entry. Riders who are not classified can only ride in the 1-6 classes.

**For every class the rider is to have a helper standing at E in case help is needed during the test.**

**Riders** may enter as many disciplines as they wish, taking into consideration that each horse or pony may enter a maximum of 5 ridden classes (including lead rein), which must not comprise of more than 4 in any discipline (e.g. 4 Dressage, 1 Countryside Challenge or 1 Show Jumping)

**A horse is only permitted to be entered in the same class a maximum of 3 times.**

### **THE COUNTRYSIDE CHALLENGE**

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| 1 NQ | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior | Led with 2 side-walkers |
| 11 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior/Open | Led with 1 side walker |
| 12 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior/Open | Led or 1 side walker |
| 13 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior/Open | Visually Impaired Led with 1 side walker |
| 14 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior/Open | Visually Impaired led or 1 side walker |
| 15 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior/Open | Independent |
| 16 | Countryside Challenge | Junior/Senior/Open | Visually Impaired Independent |

There is a safety tack check only. No Tack and Turnout. A mark will be included in the overall impression.

Classes 12-17 are qualifiers for the National Championships at Hartpury College, Gloucester, and will be run under Championship Rules**.** Trophy will be awarded to the Rider with the best mark overall.

**RIDERS MAY ONLY ENTER 1 COUNTRYSIDE CHALLENGE CLASS**

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SHOW JUMPING

### **https://myrda.org.uk/assets/RDA-SJ-Competition-Pack-Nov-2021.pdf**

**No coaching allowed except for VI riders when only directions may be commanded.**

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| 9 | RDA Showjumping | Level 3 | 60 cm |
| 10 | RDA Showjumping | Level 2 unled | 30 cm |
| 2NQ | RDA Showjumping | Level 2 led | 30 cm |
| 3NQ | RDA Showjumping | Level 1 Led | Poles on ground |
| 4NQ | RDA Showjumping | Level 1 unled | Poles on ground |

**Those wishing to be considered for RDA Level 4 and 5 please send video of rider/horse combination competing at a show or training over a course in spring 2023 to the Regional Show Jumping Rep Alison Ramisier or your County Coach before 29th April 2023.**

**Entries for Dressage, Countryside Challenge & Show Jumping Classes**

Close Friday 28th April 2023 @Noon

### **Entry fee £10.00 per rider per class**

send to:  **Anona White, White Cottage Weston Lane Oswestry SY11 2BB**

*Please make cheques payable to “RDA West Mercia”*

**Please read the RDA COMPETITION RULES 2023**

**and**

**RDA National Championships Event Schedule 2023**

When entering a Regional Qualifier, it should be the rider/driver’s intention to attend and compete at the RDA National Championships. It is important that arrangements have been made to enable this to happen. If there is no intention to attend the National Championships please make this known on your entry form.

**Arts & Crafts**

**Free Entry**

Please clearly mark artwork with the Participant name(s), title of artwork, class number and RDA Group. Unmarked artwork will not be judged. Group entries must be submitted as one piece of artwork. Larger work will not be accepted.

NB: Standard sizes are as follows:

**A1** (W x H) 594mm x 841mm / 23.4” x 33.1” **A2** (W x H) 420mm x 594mm / 16.5” x 23.4”

Whilst we don’t specify a maximum size for sculpture classes, please do bear in mind that any work submitted needs to be able to be safely displayed in the marquee at Hartpury, if it reaches the Finals. Table space can be very limited, so unwieldy pieces (or unstable items that need to be displayed on an even floor) are discouraged.

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| 76 | Paintings & Drawings | Junior/Senior | Individual or Groups of up to 4 |
| 77 | Collage | Junior/Senior | Individual |
| 78 | Collage | Junior/Senior | Group |
| 79 | Sculpture | Junior/Senior | Individual or Groups of up to 4 |
| 80 | Photographic | Junior/Senior | Individual photo must be taken by the participant themselves |

**Closing Dates Regional Round** - **Wednesday 10h May or before 10am 14th May 2023.**

Please make arrangements for your completed artwork and entry form to be handed in for judging

and collected after Prize giving. (Country Chair’s may be able to assist with this.)

**Free Entry for Regional’s however Groups are responsible for Entry Fee for the Championships.**

The winners from all classes in the Regional Rounds will qualify for the Finals.

**Horse Care & Knowledge**

**Free Entry**

Open to all competitors, riders and drivers of RDA Groups. All questions will relate to requirements for the Horse Care sections of RDA Proficiency Tests. The classes will take the form of a visual and tactile test of knowledge, using illustrations and items of equipment about which the Steward will ask questions of the competitor. The Steward will record the competitor’s answers on a marks sheet that will be checked and totalled by the Chief Steward. In the case of a competitor with hearing or communication difficulties, one helper will be allowed to facilitate communication between competitor and steward only. In every other case the competitor will be accompanied by a steward only, no other person will be allowed to enter Horse Care arena. All competitors will receive a rosette.

Class **A** Grade 1 & 2 Class **B** Grades 3 & 4 Class **C** Bronze Plus

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***2023 National Championships Friday 14th – Sunday 16th July 2023***

***Hartpury College, Gloucestershire***