

SSRC OPEN DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

The club holds open dressage competitions throughout the year. We may include NPS Dressage Championships qualifiers and the RoR Riding Club Challenge.

RULES FOR SSRC OPEN DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS All classes are ridden under British Riding Club/British Dressage Rules. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry, cancel, amalgamate or alter classes at their discretion. The Judge's decision is final. Anyone who verbally abuses any officials will be banned from future competitions. Competitors are responsible for their own timekeeping. Competitors are expected to clear up after their horses in the parking area, absolutely no mucking out on the showground. Horses/ponies MUST NOT be left tied to the outside of transport unattended. An undamaged properly fitted riding hat/helmet that is certified to the current BRC standard, properly adjusted and fastened, must be worn at all times when mounted. Correct riding footwear must be worn – trainers and wellingtons are NOT regarded as acceptable footwear.

DISCLAIMER All entries are at competitor's own risk. Shropshire South Riding Club, the organising committee and landowners cannot be held responsible for any accident, damage, theft, injury or illness to horses, ponies, riders, owners, grooms, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.

ELIGIBILITY

Classes will be divided into three sections:

Junior

Open to members and non-members under 18 years of age.
Lead rein combinations are permitted at Intro level.

Restricted

Open to members only who are eligible at that level (see eligibility criteria below).

Open

Open to non-members and to members who are not eligible for the Championship at that level.

HC (Hors Concours) entries are accepted at all levels.

Restricted Section Eligibility

Eligibility is based on the horse and rider combination with scores attained at either affiliated or unaffiliated competitions within the 3 years prior to the date of entry.

- **Intro** – eligible if the combination hasn't achieved three scores of 70% (72% music) or above at this level or higher.
- **Prelim** – eligible if the combination hasn't achieved three scores of 70% (72% music) or above at this level or higher.
- **Novice** – eligible if the combination hasn't achieved three scores of 70% (72% music) or above at this level or higher.
- **Elementary** - eligible if the combination hasn't achieved three scores of 70% (72% music) or above at this level or higher.
- **Medium & Higher** – eligible if the combination hasn't achieved three scores of 68% (70% music) or above at this level or higher.

Open Section

Non-members should enter at the levels at which they are currently competing.

Sidesaddle

Sidesaddle is permitted at all competitions.

To qualify for the Championship, all three qualifying scores must be achieved using the same type of saddle. The same saddle must then be used at the Championship.

HEALTH & SAFETY Everyone visiting the events organised by Shropshire South Riding Club is required to comply with the Health & Safety Policy to ensure not only their personal safety but also that they do not place others at risk. The organiser of each event takes reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For such measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers, officials, and stewards at all times. Children must be under the supervision of a responsible adult at all times and adults are expected to take due care.

SSRC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

SSRC members may qualify for the Championship (held in November) by:

- Achieving **three scores of 60% or above** in Restricted sections at one level.
- For music classes, achieving **one score of 62% or above**.
- Qualifying period , the current calendar year.

If qualification is gained riding sidesaddle, sidesaddle must be worn at the Championship (all three qualifying scores must have been achieved sidesaddle).

Members may compete in two consecutive levels at the Championship, provided they have qualified at both levels.

Any combination that has won the Championship twice at the same level may not compete again in the championship at that level, (except at the highest level)

The Championship will consist of one test judged by two judges. Final placings will be determined by the average of the two scores.