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# Rules for online competitions

## General rules

- My Digital Dressage classes are open to everyone.
- *Riders aged under 18 years must have consent from parent or guardian*
- My Digital Dressage proprietary tests are owned by My Digital Shows Limited and may not be reproduced without permission.
- *Tests should be ridden and will be judged under the rules of BD, BE, except where otherwise stated in the case of our proprietary My Digital Dressage tests, and sections/classes run in affiliation with external organisations including Retraining of Racehorses.*
- By entering any of the classes with My Digital Dressage you agree to accept and abide by all rules and terms and conditions set out by My Digital Dressage.
- *My Digital Dressage reserves the right to refuse an entry without stating a reason*
- The judge's decision is final. Any appeals or objections regarding your score and any perceived mistakes in how your score was reached, must be made within 24 hours of you receiving your test sheet
- *You are riding at your own risk, My Digital Dressage takes no responsibility for any injury occurring to either horse or rider whilst recording their video.*
- Copyright laws must be adhered to when submitting any video footage or photographs or printed material. My Digital Dressage will not be liable for any costs incurred as a result of infringement of copyright laws by any competitor
- *Rosettes to 10th place in all classes/sections.*
- Prizes to the value of £16.50 for 1st place, £14.50 for 2nd place and £12.50 for 3rd, in the case of low entries in a class, a scale will be applied. See Rosettes and Prizes.
- *Please check the schedule for deadlines and dates. All dates and times are based on GMT.*

# Tack and Clothes

## For all classes

- You are not required to wear competition gear and your horse does not need to be plaited
- *You must wear **gloves** and a **BSI standard hat** as well as suitable riding **footwear with a heel**.*
- Ear covers and fly hoods are allowed
- Nose nets and face masks are permitted. They must be discreetly coloured, i.e. similar colour to the horse, and should cover the face/nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible

## For My Digital Dressage "Classic" classes

- Below elementary, snaffle bits in accordance with British Dressage rules. Elementary and above, snaffle bit or double bridle allowed in accordance with British Dressage rules
- *Neck straps or balancing straps may be used*
- Martingales, side, elasticated or running reins are not permitted
- *Boots or bandages are permitted*
- Comfortably fitting nosebands in accordance with British Dressage rules
- **You are permitted to ride without a noseband**
- Whips are permitted in accordance with British Dressage rules

## For My Digital Dressage "Any Saddle" sections

- Any saddle permitted, eg Western, Australian stock saddle, English jump/dressage/GP/whatever you've got
- *Below elementary, snaffle bits in accordance with British Dressage rules. Elementary and above, snaffle bit or double bridle allowed in accordance with British Dressage rules*
- Neck straps or balancing straps may be used
- *Martingales, side, elasticated or running reins are not permitted*
- Boots or bandages are permitted
- *Comfortably fitting nosebands in accordance with British Dressage rules*
- **You are permitted to ride without a noseband**
- *Whips are permitted in accordance with British Dressage rules*

## For Eventing classes

- Snaffle bits in accordance with British Dressage rules
- *Neck straps or balancing straps may be used*
- Martingales, side, elasticated or running reins are not permitted
- *Boots or bandages are permitted*
- Whips are **not** permitted

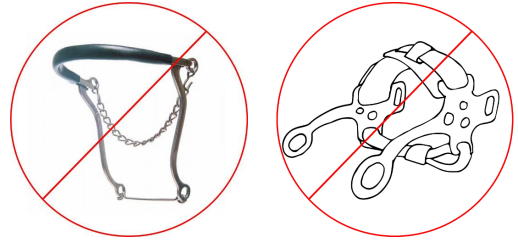
## For My Digital Dressage "Differently" classes

- Any saddle permitted (English, Western, Australian stock saddle etc, or bareback pad)
- *One whip or stick permitted to assist in guiding the horse*

## Dressage Differently sections

### *Bitless*

- Halters, non-mechanical hackamores or bitless bridles permitted
- *Mechanical hackamores are **not** permitted i.e. German or English hackamores*
- Neck string/strap permitted



### *Bridleless*

- Naked head
- *Neck string/strap **compulsory***

# Submitting your videos

**Copyright laws must be adhered to when submitting any video footage or photographs or printed material. My Digital Dressage will not be liable for any costs incurred as a result of infringement of copyright laws by any competitor**

It's easy to submit your video via our [Upload](#) page. Whichever method you choose, you will be sent a confirmation email within 24 hours.

## Facebook

1. Upload your video directly to our Facebook event page. Don't forget to include in your rider name, horse name, class, section and team if applicable

or

2. If you've uploaded your video to YouTube, public or unlisted, you can then share the link to our Facebook event page. Don't forget to include in your rider name, horse name, class, section and team if applicable

## YouTube

Upload your video to YouTube, public or unlisted. Either email the link to **videos@mydigitaldressage.com** including your rider name, horse name, class, section and team if applicable or copy the link into the entry in your [account](#) area.

## WeTransfer

Send your video to **videos@mydigitaldressage.com** including your rider name, horse name, class, section and team if applicable.

## WhatsApp

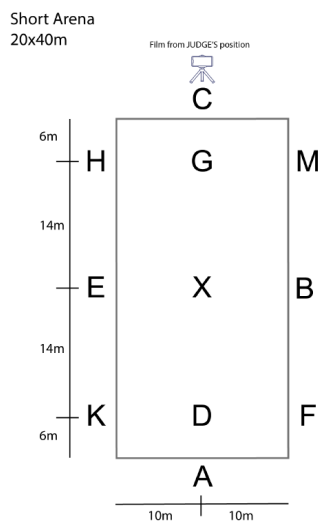
You can send your video to **07519 358709**, making sure you include your rider name, horse name, class, section and team if applicable.

# Filming your test

- Record from behind C, the judge's position
- *If recording on a phone make sure that you record in landscape (on the side)*
- Begin filming at least 2 seconds before horse and rider enters at A and stop filming after move off from final halt at least 4 seconds after.
- *Make certain that the whole horse and rider is ALWAYS visible*
- Only zoom in when horse and rider is at the A end of the arena
- *Leave the sound on your video and make sure the video is as it's recorded with no cuts or edits*
- You may have a caller but no coaching, except for British Eventing tests where you may not have a caller in line with British Eventing rules.
- *The video must include a verbal introduction including rider, horse, month, year, class and team if applicable.*
- **Sound** must be recorded to ensure competitors are not receiving coaching during their test.

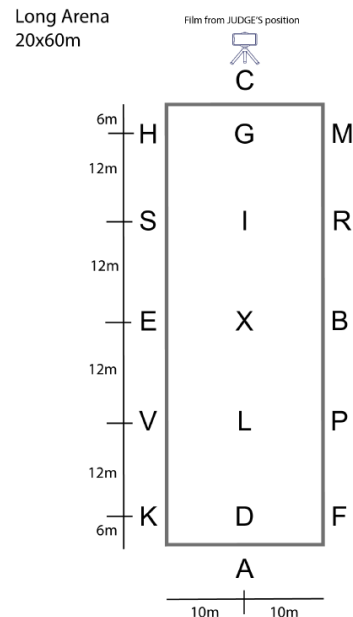
## Short

Short (standard) 20x40m arenas as follows with all letters displayed:



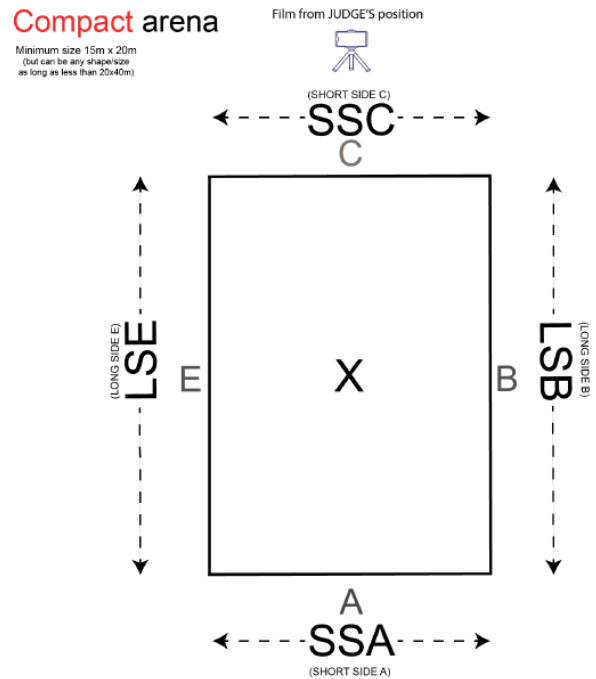
## Long

Long 20x60m arenas as follows with all letters displayed:



## Compact

- Any size arena smaller than 20x40m, with the minimum size 15x20m
- *You will need to know where A, X, C, B and E are, but you do not have to display them*
- Movements have been specifically defined by side only. It is up to the rider to plan their movements to make best use of their arena
- *Circles deliberately do not have set diameters. Again it is up to the rider to plan their circle to fit their arena*
- Judges will use standard British Dressage criteria to assess your horse's way of going in all other respects
- *There is a specific collective for use of the arena, planning and presentation*



### Key to directions

LSE Long Side E

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LSB Long Side B

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SSA Short Side A

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SSC Short Side C

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## Entries & Class Restrictions

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- By entering any of the classes with My Digital Dressage you agree to accept and abide by all rules and terms and conditions set out by My Digital Dressage.
- *My Digital Dressage reserves the right to refuse an entry without stating a reason*
- Entry fees are non-refundable, but you can roll your entry over to the next month for a small transfer administration fee of £2.50. The transfer request must be made before entries close on the 10th for that month
- *Videos submitted must not have been previously judged either at My Digital Dressage or anywhere else*
- We understand that mistakes can happen and entries in the incorrect class will only be moved if a video has not already been judged. Where a rider has entered the wrong class and their video has been judged, the test will be moved but marked as HC
- *Horses/ponies may be entered in multiple tests by the same rider or different riders*

### Individual Sections

#### *Junior and Senior:*

Riders under 18 will need to have completed our consent form to compete. Riders 16 and under will need to enter our **Junior** section if available.

For our own tests, and unless otherwise stated, the age of the rider at the start of the league they are competing in will be used. Leagues run from 21st March (Summer) and 21st August (Winter). Therefore a rider turning 17 in April would be able to complete the Summer league in the Junior section, but would need to move to the Senior section for the Winter league.

Some of the organisations whose tests we use have their own rules, often based around the 1st of January, and for those classes the rules of the relevant organisation apply.

My Digital Dressage reserves the right to amalgamate or split sections.

#### *Senior Standard (Restricted):*

For My Digital Dressage Standard (Restricted) sections combination of horse and rider must not have achieved 3 or more scores at 66% and above with My Digital Dressage, at that level, in leagues previous to but not including the current one.

#### *Senior Advanced (Open):*

For My Digital Dressage Advanced (Open) sections combination of horse and rider must ONLY enter this section if they have achieved 3 or more scores at 66% and above with My Digital Dressage, at that level, in leagues previous to but not including the current one.

## **Team**

A team can consist of 3-6 riders per team - an average of scores will be taken when calculating the league placings.

All combinations are individually placed each month.

In the event there are less than 3 entries from a team in a given month, then no score will count towards the league placings.

My Digital Dressage reserves the right to refuse an entry without stating a reason.



## Rosettes, Prizes & Points

**Rosettes** to 10th place in all classes/sections.

### Prize money

£16.50 for 1st place, £14.50 for 2nd place and £12.50 for 3rd

Prizes will be stated in the schedule. In the event of entries falling below the minimum scale (as shown in the table below) the number of prizes will be reduced.

Number of entries	Prizes
5-8 entries	1st
9-12 entries	2nd
Above 13 entries	3rd

**Prizes and rosettes** will be sent to those riders who are placed along with their score sheets, by post, following completion of judging and the publication of the results. If competing outside the United Kingdom, when the prizes are in cash, or a third party gift voucher cannot be used in the winner's country, the prize winner will receive a voucher for future entries to My Digital Dressage.

My Digital Dressage reserves the right to change stated prizes to similar alternatives where necessary.

## Points

11 points

1st

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10 points

2nd

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9 points

3rd

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7 points

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6 points

6th

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4 points

8th

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3 points

9th

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2 points

10th

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and 1 for video entry submitted over 64% if not otherwise placed.

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## Progress Ribbons

Colour coded ribbons to be awarded to everyone who competes, regardless of placings, in percentage bands as shown below.

Over 75%	Red
70 - 74.99%	Wine
65 - 69.99%	Blue
60 - 64.99%	Pale blue
55 - 59.99%	Yellow
Below 55%	Pale yellow

# Championships, Leagues & Special Prizes

## Championships

Individual horse/rider combinations can qualify for our Summer & Winter Championships by taking part in the following classes at all levels:

- Classic

### *Qualifying periods*

**Summer** - March 2021 to August 2021

**Winter** - September 2021 to February 2022

Summer Championships to take place in September 2021

Winter Championships to take place in March 2022

### *Qualifying criteria*

In order to qualify for Championships a horse/rider combination must achieve 2 qualifying scores at the same level, within the relevant qualifying period.

Championship classes at each level will be split into Restricted and Open sections as well as Junior where appropriate.

### *Qualifying scores:*

Restricted - 2 scores at 64% or above

Open - 2 scores at 69% or above

Junior - 2 scores at 64% or above

## Championship Rosettes & Prizes

### Rosettes

- Special rosettes to 10th in all classes/sections
- *Huge ultra special champion rosettes for Champions*
- Huge special reserve champion rosettes for Reserve Champions

### Prizes

- Champion sash as well as other prizes to be confirmed
- *Reserve Champion sash*

### Format

- Championship classes at any particular level will be run at the discretion of My Digital Dressage.
- Each competitor taking part in the championships will need to film and upload 2 tests at the relevant level
- *Tests to be advised when entries for Championships open*
- *Scores will be added together and divided by 2 to produce an average percentage - this is your championship score!*

## Leagues

### Individual

- Each month, every horse/rider combination competing at any level will receive points for being placed 1-10th and percentages over 64% otherwise not placed
- *Points will accumulate over a six month period to produce League Champions and Reserve League Champions for every level in each class/section*
- In the event of equal points, an average of collectives will be taken into account
- *Summer league runs from 21st February 2021 to 14th August 2021*  
*Winter league runs from 21st August 2021 to 14th February 2022*

## Example of how a league table would work

### Classic Prelim League - Restricted

Horse/Rider	Feb/Mar	Mar/Apr	Apr/May	May/Jun	Jun/Jul	Jul/Aug	Total
Elaine Robinson <b>Embers of Patience</b>	10	9	8	11	6	10	54
Dorothy Fisherman <b>Fred</b>	9	9	9	9		10	46
Tabitha Harman <b>Palomino Pitbull</b>	8	8	10			11	37

And so on...

### *League rosettes and prizes*

- Rosettes 1st-10th for league winners
- *Huge ultra special rosettes for league champions and reserve champions*

### *Team leagues*

- Points will also be added up for each team to produce league team winners at each level. This means that even if a team doesn't win the overall league, they could still win at one or more levels, e.g Elementary league team champion
- *Huge rosettes to league winning teams at each level*

## **Special prizes**

Monthly top score champion - each month the rider who achieves the highest percentage overall, across all classes/sections, will receive an ultra special top score rosette.

### **Other monthly special prizes to include : -**

- **Most dedicated**
- ***Proudest moment***