



2020 MCI GB NATIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

12th and 13th September 2020

at Keysoe Equestrian

COMPETITORS INFORMATION AND COVID-19 POLICY

We have pleasure in providing you with some useful information on preparing for the **MCI GB National show** taking place on 12th and 13th September at Keysoe. The health and safety of all visitors to the MCI National Dressage Championships must remain paramount at all times and the Government guidelines should be adhered to by all participants, whether you are a competitor, organiser, judge, steward, groom, trainer, owner or other support personnel.

Prior to departure to the Championships:

- 1) Do not attend the venue if you, or any of your associated visitors, or anyone that that you have been in contact with, have shown any Covid-19 symptoms 7 days prior to arrival to the Championships, no matter how slight.
- 2) Prior to travelling to the Championships, all visitors must take their temperature and must not travel to the venue if their temperature is 37.8 C or above.
- 3) Do not travel to the Championships if you answer yes to any of the following questions:
 - a. Do you have a new continuous cough?
 - b. Do you have a temperature of 37.8 C or above?
 - c. Have you experienced a loss of, or new change in sense of smell or taste?
 - d. Have you tested positive to Covid-19?
 - e. Are you self-isolating due to contact with someone with Covid-19 symptoms and / or someone with confirmed Covid-19?
 - f. Are you self-isolating due to visiting a country for which a self-isolating period is

required upon your return?

g. Have you been asked to self-isolate by Track & Trace?

h. Are you living in an area with local lockdown restrictions preventing you travelling?

4. Ensure that you have provided your Track & Trace details. As a competitor you will have done this when you entered online.

5. Only travel to the Show if you are able to return home at any time during your trip due to the onset of any symptoms for you or anyone within your group.

6. Do not travel with anyone outside your household unless you maintain safe social distancing.

Social Distancing

1. Social distancing of two metres should be maintained where possible; if this is not possible, individuals are advised to remain at least one metre apart and where possible use other mitigating measures such as face coverings or avoiding face to face contact.

Competitor PPE

1. All Competitors and associated visitors should provide adequate supplies of their own face coverings, gloves and hand sanitizer sufficient for the duration of their stay at Keysoe.

Handwashing

1. Regular handwashing, cleaning and hygiene procedures are essential. It is important to wash or sanitize your hands for at least 20 seconds to prevent the spread of the virus.

Face Coverings

1. All riders and associated persons should have face coverings immediately available in case of need. Face covering are strongly recommended when in close proximity to others and for any unmounted person in the stable area or any indoor space. Please be considerate to others at all times.

Passing Others

Always endeavour to keep to the left when walking in enclosed spaces and passing others.

Qualification and Classes:

You do not need to qualify for our MCI National Dressage Championships

All Purebred and Partbred PRE's and Lusitano's can enter. A Partbred is considered Partbred Iberian by having either Spanish or Portuguese in the pedigree line.

All rider groups can compete at any level, there will be no restrictions. There is no gold, silver or bronze classification, everyone is eligible.

There are no limits as to how many different horses a rider can compete at each level. Although the maximum number of classes any rider can enter is limited to 4 classes per horse (including freestyles) over the 2 day show.

Whips are allowed in all classes but no callers.

FREESTYLE MUSIC AND CD'S AND USB STICKS

For all competitors competing in the freestyles, please bring 2 x CD's or a USB stick to the office on arrival. A music sound check will be announced at the show. **Please check your CD's work!** We can accept no responsibility for problems with your discs.

Showground Access:

Horses may arrive at the show ground from 3pm on the Friday 12th September. The Horsebox entrance to the showground will be open from 7.30am – 6.30pm on both show days. Outside these hours entrance to the showground will not be manned. Horses requiring stabling must arrive on the show ground before 6pm. Should any competitor be delayed, they must contact the Stable Manager, the telephone number will be made available closer to the time.

The Stable Managers Office will open each day and times to be announced during the show..

Only horseboxes/trailers bringing horses intending to compete at the Championships will be admitted to the showground during the show.

Stabling

Stables must be booked and paid for online at the time of making your entry via our website www.mcigb.co.uk. Prices and conditions are on the official stable form.

Stable hire is per night from arrival at 3pm until 3pm the following day. Any damage caused to stables will be charged to the occupant.

Please ensure you **EMPTY the stable** on departure, a charge of £10 will be due if the stable is not empty as Keysoe will enforce this charge.

Vaccinations and Passports

All horses at the Championships must have up to date vaccinations against Equine Influenza. Horse Passports will need to be handed in on arrival to the office. We are happy to welcome any horses that have been vaccinated within 12 months of the competition date.

Horsebox electrical hook-up

Electrical hook ups are available for horseboxes at a cost of £50 per hook up for the weekend that the Competitor is staying in the Show Ground. It is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure that all their cables and electrical equipment comply with current electrical regulations. Whilst the Organiser endeavors to supply the hook up booked the Organiser does not guarantee a constant supply throughout the Show, nor do we accept any responsibility for losses and / or discomfort occurring as a result of a break in the supply provided. Electrical connection must be booked on the Official Stable Form and is on a strictly first come basis. Competitors will be allocated a numbered hook up space which they must adhere to.

Car access to the show ground

Cars must be parked in the public car park where designated and will not be permitted entry to park in front of any electric hook ups or near the horsebox parking area.

Competitor admission

Admission is free of charge to all competitors. Only one additional person accompanying each rider is permitted. Face masks must be worn and social distancing must be adhered to.

Entertainment

Saturday “Masked” Supper Party:

A fabulous socially distancing “Masked” supper party will be held on the Saturday evening. Tickets are available through our website @ £20 per person. Social distancing rules must be adhered too. Tickets cannot be bought after midnight of the 7th September 2020.

Bring your own booze, no corkage applies but please take your bottles home with you otherwise corkage will be charged.

Restaurant/Café/Bar

The restaurant/cafe will be open on Saturday 8am – 6pm and Sunday 8am – 5.30pm. It will not be open on Friday. The café accepts both cash and card.

Arena walk exercise times

All arena walk exercise times are subject to amendment, times will be posted in reception at the Show Secretary’s desk and on the main notice board. No horses may be led or lunged, with or without a mounted rider. Competition numbers must be worn at all times.

NO LUNGING ALLOWED.

Competition warm up arena

The Competition warm up arenas will be available only for those competing in that arena for exercising/warming up before each class for up to 50 minutes before competing. Competition numbers must be worn at all times.

General exercise arena

Competitors not warming up to compete must exercise their horses in the general exercise arena which will be signposted. There will one outdoor arena for general exercise and this will be available for use by competitors from 4pm Friday 11th September. No lunging or walking in-hand. Competition numbers must be worn at all times.

Prize Giving

There will be an unmounted prize giving for each class for 1st – 6th places. The National Champions will be announced on the Sunday once all the scores have been collated.

Official Event Photographer

Kevin Sparrow Photography – Kevin is an internationally recognized equine photographer with a real passion for horses. He has been photographing horses since 1989, from the most elite sports horses in the world to the most loved, his specialty is recording that ephemeral moment that captures the true spirit and beauty of the horse and moments of sporting history.

Telephone: 01296 658855

Please note: There's no cash point on site at Keysoe so please plan ahead. Cash or card can be used in the restaurant/café.

WISHING YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT SHOW!

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