

British Riding Clubs Area 14 Dressage Qualifiers
 2026 Junior Grassroots (was Intro) and Junior Intermediate (was Novice)
 PLUS Schedule Senior and Junior DTM Schedule
Saturday 22nd November 2025
Tophorn Arena, Debenham Road, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk IP14 6BX



Judge – Dena Green

Notes: Outdoor surfaced arena warm up. and competition in indoor surfaced arena
 No formal catering provided, as it was a quiet event last year, but we will have refreshments with donations

Foxhall Creative Photography will be in attendance, for photos and reels. (if you would like a reel please contact Lauren at Foxhall Creative in advance of the day)

(These are qualifiers for the BRC Winter Dressage Championships 24th-26th April 2026 at Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2EF)

JUNIOR GRASSROOTS DRESSAGE WINTER COMPETITION (WAS PREVIOUSLY CALLED INTRO QUALIFIER)

(THE SENIORS COMPETITION AND MIXED PAIRS IS BEING HOSTED BY GIPPING AND HELD ON SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY 2026 AT TOPHORN)

Class	Test	Eligibility
1Q	BD Intro 1 (2024) ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horse's BD Points: 0 points at all levels Horse's BE Points: 0 Points Horses and Riders cannot have competed in Novice BD or BRC, or competed BE100, or above in the current or previous calendar year. Not to have competed Elementary BD, BRC or BE Novice or above in the last 3 calendar years.
2Q	BD Intro 2 (2024) ENTRY FEE £21	Riders not to be a BHS Stage 4 coach or above. Additional Restrictions: Horse and Rider combinations may not have gained 70% or higher in their arena at a BRC/BD Championship at Intro level or above in the last 12 months.
3Q	BRC Prelim A (2025) ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horse's BD Points: Up to 35 Prelim Points, 0 points at Novice or above. Horses and Riders not to have competed Elementary BD, BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year.
4Q	BRC Prelim B (2025) ENTRY FEE £21	Riders not to be a BHS Stage 4 coach or above. Additional Restrictions: Horse and Rider combinations may not have gained 70% or higher in their arena at a BRC/BD Championship at Prelim level or above in the last 12 months.

5Q	Grassroots Junior Team TEAM ENTRY FEE £84	1 rider of each team to ride 1 test. 1 will ride BD Intro 1 (2024) 1 will ride BD Intro 2 (2024), 1 will ride BRC Prelim A (2025), and 1 will ride BRC Prelim B (2025) All team riders will also ride as individuals. (Eligibility criteria as for 1-4Q, above)
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JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE DRESSAGE WINTER COMPETITION (WAS PREVIOUSLY CALLED NOVICE QUALIFIER)**(THE SENIORS COMPETITION IS BEING HOSTED BY CARLETON AT EASTON – NOV25)**

Class	Test	Eligibility
6Q	BD Intro 3 (2024) ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horses Eligibility Up to 35 BD Prelim points, 0 points at BD Novice or above. Riders Eligibility Not to be a BHS Stage 4 Coach or above
7Q	BD Prelim 1 (2024) ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horses Eligibility Unlimited BD Prelim points, up to 35 BD points at Novice, 0 BD points at Elementary or above. Not to have competed at Elementary BD/BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year. Riders Eligibility Not to be a BHS Stage 4 Coach or above. Not to have competed at Elementary BD/BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year.
8Q	BD Prelim 2 (2024) ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horses Eligibility Unlimited BD Novice points, up to 35 BD points at Elementary, 0 BD points at Medium or above. Riders Eligibility Not to be a BHS Stage 4 Coach or above. Not to have competed at Medium BD/BRC or BE Intermediate or above in the current or previous calendar year.
9Q	BD Novice 1 (2024) ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horses Eligibility Unlimited BD Novice points, up to 35 BD points at Elementary, 0 BD points at Medium or above. Riders Eligibility Not to be a BHS Stage 4 Coach or above. Not to have competed at Medium BD/BRC or BE Intermediate or above in the current or previous calendar year.

10Q	Intermediate Junior Team TEAM ENTRY FEE £84	1 rider of each team to ride 1 test. 1 will ride BD Intro 3 (2024), 1 will ride BD Prelim 1 (2024), 1 will ride BD Prelim 2 (2024) & 1 will ride BD Novice 1 (2024) All team riders will also ride as individuals. . (Eligibility criteria as for 6-9Q, above)
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DRESSAGE TO MUSIC WINTER DRESSAGE CLASSES

Class	Class Name	Eligibility
11Q 11Qa- Snr 11Qb- Jnr	BD Prelim Freestyle to Music (2016) ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Senior and Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horse's BD Points: Unlimited Prelim Points, 0 points at Novice or above. Horses cannot have competed Elementary or above in the same competition year (BD or BRC) No horse may have gained 70% or above in DTM Novice (BD or BRC) in the past 12 months. Riders not permitted to be a BHS Stage 4 coach or above. Riders cannot have competed BE Novice or Elementary dressage or above in the current or previous calendar year (BD or BRC) In addition refer to BRC rulebook page 89 for FEI eligibility rules (c)
12Q	MIXED PAIRS DTM BRC Novice Pairs DTM (2018) ENTRY FEE £32.00	Open to Senior and Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horse's BD Points: No limit Riders No limit
13Q	BD Novice Freestyle to Music (2019) 0 points ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horse's BD Points: Unlimited Prelim Points, 0 points at Novice or above. Horses cannot have competed Elementary or above in the same competition year (BD or BRC). Horse may not compete in Elementary DTM at the same qualifier or championship. Riders cannot have competed BE Novice or Elementary dressage or above in the current or previous calendar year (BD or BRC) In addition refer to BRC rulebook page 89 for FEI eligibility rules (c)
14Q 14Qa-Snr 14Qb-Jnr	BD Novice Freestyle to Music (2019) ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Senior and Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horse's BD Points: Unlimited Novice Points, Up to 35 Elementary and 0 Points at Medium or above. Riders refer to BRC rulebook page 89 for FEI eligibility rules (c)

15Q	BD Elementary Freestyle to Music (2024) ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Senior and Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horse's BD Points: Unlimited Elementary Points, Up to 35 Medium and 0 Points at Adv. Medium or above. Riders refer to BRC rulebook page 89 for FEI eligibility rules (c)
16Q	BD Pick a Test Either BD Medium OR BD Adv. Med Freestyle to Music (2016) ENTRY FEE £21	Open to Senior and Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year, and hold a current BRC Competition pass (purchased from Sport 80) Horse's BD Points for both tests: No Limit

COMPETITION PROCEDURES FOR QUALIFIERS

- The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry.
- Anyone displaying symptoms of illness will be asked to leave the venue.
- The organisers ask that horses/ponies are not left tied to their trailers/lorries whilst unattended & where it is safe to do so, horses should remain on their transport to get ready and between tests.
- Please observe and respect any signs displayed by the venue or Gipping Riding Society.
- Please clear away and take home any litter or droppings.
- Lunging is not permitted.
- **Please park respectfully, as parking is limited**

Equine influenza & Microchip Numbers

Your horse must have up to date influenza vaccinations in line with rule G7 in the current BRC Rulebook. There is also a checking device on the BRC website, but if you are unsure, please call BRC on 02476 840518. All horses/ponies attending a qualifier or championship must be microchipped.

Vaccination Records, Passports and Microchip Numbers will need to be validated by Ann McVicar, the Official Steward, before the day of competition. Team Managers should send the passports along with **declaration forms** to: AnnMcVicar@btinternet.com by 14th November 2026.

Health & Safety Policy

The organisers have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must obey the instructions of the organisers and stewards and avoid activities likely to cause accidents. Emergency services must have access to all parts of the showground and members of the public and their vehicles must not block access. Parents must assume full responsibility for their children's safety and control.

LIABILITY The Owners/Organisers will not accept any responsibility for any accident injury illness or loss of property howsoever caused

REFUNDS for entry fees only refunded on production of a valid vet or doctor's certificate.

DOGS must be kept on leads at all times

OBJECTIONS must be made in writing within 30 minutes of incident or results being published with a £20.00 deposit, which will be forfeit if the objection is over-ruled.

RESERVATION: the organisers reserve the right to cancel any class if deemed necessary and to refuse an entry without having to state the reason.

COMPETITOR NUMBERS: Must be worn at all times. Bridle/Saddle Pad Numbers may be worn, but must be shown on both sides of the horse. Number Bibs are also acceptable (A number template is available to download from the BRC Downloads page.)

CHILDREN: under the age of 14yrs **MUST** be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

Photography of Juniors: Professional and Amateur photographers may attend our competitions, upon entering classes you are deemed to have accepted that photographs may be taken of Juniors and possibly used for publicity purposes.

Tack and Dress Rules

Please make sure you adhere to all tack and dress rules in the current version of the BRC rules. The full 2025 Rulebook is available to download online. If you have a query on the rules, please ring BRC on 02476 840593.

All hats must have a visible BRC hat tag in place before they are used for warming up and competing, to show that it meets the current safety standards. There will be a trained official available on the day to do this for you if your hat does not currently have one.

IMPORTANT

ALL team riders are automatically entered into the individual competition

Horses & Riders may compete in Grassroots Dressage, Intermediate Dressage and Dressage to Music Classes, providing they comply with the eligibility criteria, as these are separate competitions.

Horses may be ridden in more than one test if being competed individually and / or as part of a team provided that each test is different. No rider or horse may compete twice for one team or in more than one team in the same competition unless expressly permitted.

Entry Fees:

There are no longer BRC pre-entries before a qualifying event, but all competitors do need to have a current BRC Competition pass ahead of competing, which can be purchased from the Sport 80 website.

Entry Fee £84.00 – per team. 1st Aid Cover included

Individual entry fees, if not part of a team £21 per test incl. First Aid.

Pairs entry – £32 per pair incl. First Aid

Payments to Gipping Riding Society Club 7 days before date of the qualifier. Cheques made payable to 'Gipping Riding Society'.

Please pay by Bank Transfer Account No 65613238 SORT CODE 08-92-99 – Please Reference the date of the event as follows "221125Qual"

Team Managers should submit detailed, and any revised entries via official BRC entry form only, these can be found here: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/british-riding-clubs/competitions/brc-downloads/entry-forms/> And should be emailed to gippingteams@gmail.com by close: Friday 7th November 2025

Enquiries and contacts on the day via the Secretary: Jill Baldwin 07795 413249

START TIMES: Wednesday 19th November 2025 via riding results, notified on Area 14 Facebook Page.

Dressage to Music ONLY:

For the qualifier, the music should ideally be submitted digitally before the event, by sending an MP3 file to Gippingteams@gmail.com, with the club, rider name and horse name by Friday 14th November 2025.

You can use any music from the record labels listed on the Phonographic Performance Ltd (PPL) repertoire list, under the BRC Music Licence. Tracks not listed cannot be used, and It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that the music they are using is correctly licensed before competing. The PPL Repertoire list can be found here:

<https://repsearch.ppluk.com/ars/faces/pages/audioSearch.jspx;jsessionid=8cbdcdf584d8e4723797deb0ac09>

If the music fails at any other time, the rider must keep going unless the judge at C signals for the rider to stop. It is very important that a definite signal to start is given. No more than 20 seconds of introductory music may be played before the entry at A.