

## Dressage Rules

1. The annual league will run from January until December each year.
2. The Intro Classes do not count towards any leagues as they are intended as a stepping stone to Prelim Classes and above.
3. There will be only one prelim league, one novice league, one elementary league and one medium league.
4. Prelim league – If two tests are offered at the same level then competitors can enter both competitively.
5. Eight of the eleven competition scores will count towards the league. Competitions are only open to over 18's.
6. The FDRC operates a 'one competitive class only' rule for each dressage competition. Competitors riding more than one test at different levels must choose which test is to be a competitive class, and which is to be an HC class. This rule prevents riders winning lower classes than their ability when using them as a warm up, and shares the prizes more fairly. Judges are not made aware of who is competing and who is HC. All riders are judged as if competitive.
7. Reduction is made in the entry fee for HC classes.
8. Entries close **midnight** on the **Monday** preceding the competition.
9. Once times are completed on **Wednesday 5pm** before the competition then there are no refunds of money. The judges still have to be paid for their time.
10. Competition times are only available on the website
11. At the end of the year a rider's average score is **65%** and above then they will be asked to move up a level.
12. A member who wins the dressage league at a particular level will have to move up to the next level or compete HC at the lower level.
13. The member with the highest number of points from each class wins the league.
14. League Prizes will be given from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.
15. There is also a prize for the overall champion, based on the highest average scores [both competitive and HC] during the year.
16. There will also be a prize for highly commended [based on general improvement/effort made throughout the year].
17. Only the competitor may ride/warm up the horse prior to competing.
18. No instructors or assistants [or anyone dismounted] within the warm up arena, only the competitor. For more rules please see **HERE**.
19. **Northop Rules**: No haynets on car park and all droppings must be cleared..
20. All the test sheets are available to buy on the BD website.

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