

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

EAST REGION

**REGIONAL DRESSAGE COMPETITION
REGIONAL RDA HORSE/PONY & RIDER QUALIFIER**

Wimpole Hall, Cambridgeshire.



SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2006, 9:30 A.M.

BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

There are extremely efficient brown National Trust direction signs on all major routes approaching Wimpole

REFRESHMENTS – available on site by “Jack’s Snacks”

PARAMEDICS IN ATTENDANCE

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY
MONDAY 24th April 2006**

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DRESSAGE SCHEDULE

Judge: Mrs I Bryant

As last year we are holding our own East Region Dressage Competition at Wimpole. **It is not** a qualifying competition for the National finals at Hartpury on 15th & 16th July 2006.

We are sending a separate schedule of the qualifying tests to the groups who have been interested in qualifying to go to the National Finals at Hartpury in the last two years. However, they will be judged doing their chosen qualifying test at Wimpole on the 21st May. (If you have not received a schedule and would like one, please contact Sue Diggins – (01787 247810 or 0845 241 6308).

We do hope that many of our RDA Horse/Pony and Rider competitors will have an attempt at doing a dressage test.

RDA Test B (1997) – Walk and Trot

Class D1 – Led – Juniors
Class D2 – Led – Seniors
Class D3 – Un led – Juniors
Class D4 – Un led – Seniors

RDA Test D (2004) – Walk only or Walk and Trot

Class D5 – Led – Juniors
Class D6 – Led – Seniors
Class D7 – Un led – Juniors
Class D8 – Un led – Seniors

Juniors are riders who have not attained their 14th birthday on 1st January 2006

Seniors are riders over the age of 14 years on the 1st January 2006

PLEASE NOTE: Test B (1997) will also be offered at the National Championships at Hartpury on 15th & 16th July 2006, as an extra non championship class to the riders competing in the National RDA Horse/Pony and Rider Championships.

RULES OF ENTRY

1. A hat must be worn at all times when mounted and must comply with current RDA Health & Safety guidelines
2. Horses and ponies must be five years old or over.
3. Horses / ponies may compete in each class four times with a different rider.
4. Riders - Refer to Rule Book.
5. Tests may be ridden from memory or commanded.
6. Helpers should be neatly dressed.

ALL ENTRIES (£5.00 per class) MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 24th April 2006

RDA HORSE / PONY & RIDER COMPETITION
WIMPOLE HALL, SUNDAY 21st MAY 2006

This is a Regional Qualifying event for the National Championships which will be held at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire, on the 15th & 16th July 2006

1. All Classes will be open to both riders with physical disabilities and those with learning difficulties.
2. To qualify for the National Championships the first two in the line up in each class and section **who are able to attend** will be nominated.
3. All classes will be divided into two Groups – Junior and Senior.
Juniors are riders who have not attained their 14th birthday on 1st January 2006.
Seniors are riders over the age of 14 years on the 1st January 2006.
4. Each pony/horse may enter a maximum of 4 times in each class with a different rider.
5. Some classes will run concurrently in blocks to assist with Dressage.
You will be informed on this later when you receive the "Timings".
6. Every rider will receive a completion rosette as he or she leaves the arena.
There will be rosettes (1ST – 6TH place) in each class and each section.

CLASS

H/P&R 1	Section (a) Junior) Section (b) Senior)	Riders with leader and one or two side walkers There will be no brush fence requirement in class 1
H/P&R 2	Section (a) Junior) Section (b) Senior)	Riders with one helper, either leader or side walker.
H/P&R 3	Section (a) Junior) Section (b) Senior)	Independently ridden (a caller may stand in the arena in case of emergency and may call the course as in course Instructions under CALLERS .)

Mares and Geldings must be 5 years or over.

RULES OF ENTRY - HORSE / PONY & RIDER

1. It will be the responsibility of the group to fit their riders in the appropriate Class sometime during the time stated using the sign-up system that will be in operation on the day beside the Collecting Ring so as to fit in with any Dressage timings they may have.
2. RDA Tack should be used and will be inspected. This should include an English or Western Saddle with stirrups.
3. Competitors must be members of an RDA Group.
4. No Rider may compete in more than **one** class.
5. Ponies and Riders should be as correctly turned out as possible - leaders and side walkers should be neatly dressed and their turnout will be included in the marking. Riders please wear correct hats.
6. No Rider who qualified for the RDA Dressage Championships in the previous year is eligible, but may ride hors concours and receive a rosette.
7. The Organisers reserve the right to make small adjustments or changes to the course if necessary. Any changes will be prominently displayed in the Collecting Ring on the day.
8. The Judges' decision is final in all classes.

ENTRY FEE £5.00 PER CLASS, MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 24th APRIL 2006

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RDA HORSE/PONY & RIDER COMPETITION 2006
" A RIDE IN THE COUNTRY"

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL HELPERS AND SIDE WALKERS ARE FULLY INFORMED AND
HAVE A COPY OF THESE GUIDELINES.

Spoken instructions or directions by Leader, Side Walker or Caller should only be those noted in the
following guidelines with words in CAPITAL LETTERS.

A running commentary of instructions to the Rider is not acceptable and will be penalized with a
deduction of marks.

Any added instructions or guidelines in brackets are for the INFORMATION of Groups practising the
course and for helpers and leaders.

In the led classes, where riders are physically unable to organise their reins into one hand to complete a
task with the other, they may lay the reins down neatly on the horse/pony's neck, with the buckle in the
middle.

CALLERS: In the unled classes, callers should stand in a central or roving central position.
In the led classes, the leader or side helper may act as caller, but should be careful to limit instructions to
text in capitals.

TURNOUT: Turnout of rider, pony/horse and helpers will be marked.

- 1 **ENTER AT WALK, HALT IN MARKED AREA AND CHECK GIRTH.** (Rider to make effort to keep a straight line and halt in centre of marked area. Organise reins into one hand, where possible, to check girth or attempt to do so, and take up reins again before proceeding to next obstacle).
- 2 **WALK UNDER THE ARCH OF TREES.** (Central approach, maintain rhythm with correct forward swing under archway, looking ahead).
- 3 **BEND IN AND OUT OF SMALL TREES OR BUSHES LEAVING FIRST TREE ON RIGHT.** (Leaders to maintain straight line outside trees or bushes. Riders to demonstrate their ability to bend pony/horse and maintain an active walk).
- 4 **OPEN GATE AND WALK THROUGH. NO NEED TO SHUT IT.** (Approach should be parallel and close to the gate, never head on. Rider to demonstrate hand dexterity -organising the reins into one hang, if possible, to leave the other hand free to open gate. Pick up reins again and give correct aids, or attempt at correct aids which may include voice, to walk on to next obstacle).
- 5 **TROT AT TYRE MARKERS (with bush or bucket in middle), WALK AT SECOND SET OF TYRE MARKERS.** (There will be a very small brush fence in all classes except Classes H/P & R 1 (JR & SR). Trot may be sitting or rising. Rider to show effort to maintain position at trot and over jump. Attempt correct aids for transitions, these may include voice).

Riders, in (Class 24 Jr & Sr and 27 Jr & Sr in the Championships) will not be required to negotiate the brush fence. Helper or Leader should indicate to the judges, before starting the course, whether they will be attempting sitting or rising trot.

6 HALT AT FARM TRACK (there may be a tractor coming). CROSS OVER TRACK AND PROCEED UP BRIDLE PATH TO LETTER BOX. (Rider to attempt correct aids, which may include voice, for accurate halt before crossing track. Riding and Road Safety before crossing - look right, left and right again).

7 TAKE LETTER FROM LETTER BOX AND POST IT. (Riders may choose either letter box. The letter to be taken and posted the same side with same hand). (Halt to reach chosen letter box - there will be one each side - organise reins into one hand, where possible, to take letter and post it take up reins, walk on, maintaining rhythm to next obstacle).

8 WALK OVER FALLEN BRANCHES, (rustic poles with branches/logs at end). (Active walk, rider to choose most appropriate line for size of pony/horse. Rider to show good, balanced position in harmony with horse or pony).

9 SERPENTINE OF THREE LOOP - each approximately 3 METRES (using bales as markers) (Riders attempt to maintain rhythm and shape of loops).

10 10 METRE CIRCLE ROUND TWO TREES OR BUSHES, THEN DOWN CENTRE BETWEEN TREES. HALT BETWEEN TREES, TAKE APPLE FROM ONE TREE, AND DROP INTO BASKET ON OPPOSITE SIDE. (Rider to maintain balance and shape of circle, effort to maintain square halt for apple, organisation of reins and control when dropping apple in basket).

11 WALK ON LOOSE REIN TOWARDS HOME AND EXIT GATE (Rider to demonstrate ability to lengthen reins and smoothness of shortening reins without losing rhythm before next obstacle).

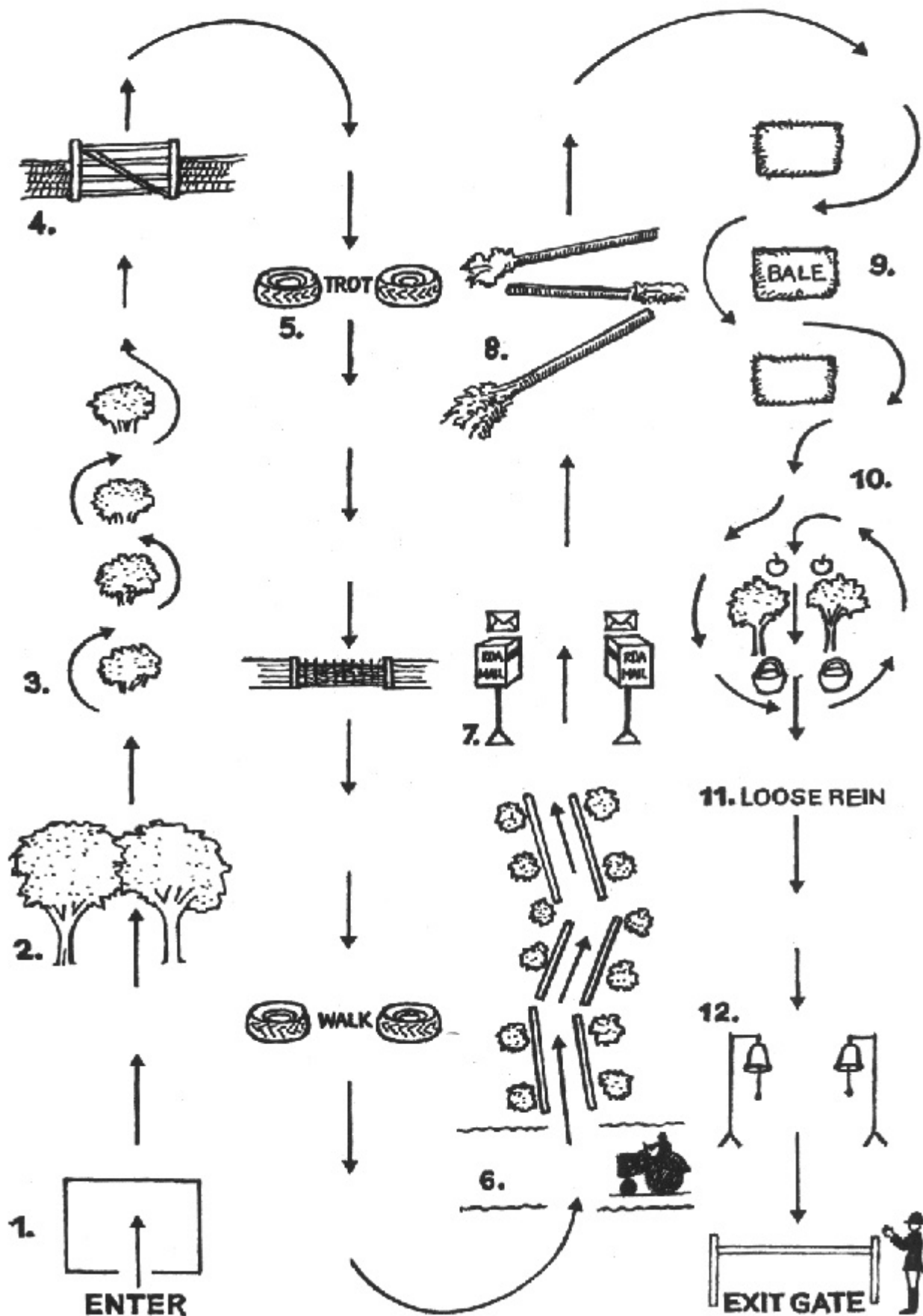
12 HALT AND RING BELL FOR ENTRY TO "YARD", (there will be a bell either side) REWARD PONY/HORSE. Groom will open gate. THANK GROOM AND WALK OUT OF ARENA INTO "YARD". (Organise reins to halt and ring bell, reward horse/pony and thank groom for opening gate by either raising hand or nodding head. Take up reins again before walking out.)

The performance of horses/ponies will be marked as part of every obstacle. Riders will be marked on effort as well as performance and leaders/helpers are urged to give their riders the time and opportunity to do their own riding as far as is possible. It is the responsibility of Groups to ensure all their leaders and side helpers have read the rules of this event. Riders, Helpers and Leaders may walk the course prior to the commencement of the event.

RDA HORSE PONY & RIDER COURSE 2006

"A RIDE IN THE COUNTRY"

(NOT TO SCALE)



RDA HORSE/PONY & RIDER COMPETITION 2006
"A RIDE IN THE COUNTRY"
SUGGESTIONS FOR PROPS & LAYOUT

Scale

At the RDA National Championships at Hartpury the course will be within a roped, outdoor grass area of approximately 80 by 100 metres. It is hoped that most Regional Qualifying events will also be out of doors. Measurements for practice by Groups have not been suggested since facilities vary.

The theme "A ride in the Country" is an attempt to emulate just that and get away from plastic and pot plants! Going out for a ride entails some training and control of the horse/pony from eating likely looking foliage and this will be an added skill to learn, we hope.

Obstacles

1. This may be marked off with sawdust or other suitable markers.
2. Foliage may be placed round an archway or fake Christmas trees can be used. Many people have these stored away and shops like Homebase, Tescos or local garden centres may be prepared to sponsor a Regional event and supply trees and/or shrubs.
3. For bushes, the same applies as to obstacle 2 - or small evergreen branches may be tied to short stakes. Remember that the height should be low enough to allow the leader to walk outside in a straight line as the rider bends in and out.
4. The gate should be secured so that a pony/horse may ride a parallel line to it with ease. There are various prototypes if help or advice is needed. There will be a latch/hoop to undo before pushing the gate open. Wings to the gate may be hurdles, or similar, with greenery.
5. Car tyres should be easily obtained from local garages. Most people have feed buckets which are made to fit tyres. Alternatively the centres may be filled with wild flowers (imitation snowdrops or daffodils perhaps). The obstacle should be a very small brush fence with hurdle type wings like the gate.
6. The farm track may be marked with rustic poles/dressage markers, etc. A billboard with a tractor, a toy tractor or a cut out tractor may be used. The bridle path can be similarly marked with bushes, small trees, etc.
7. Most Groups have letter boxes.
8. These poles should be rustic/unpainted with some foliage at ends. They should not be touching at the ends and should not be placed at regular angles.
9. Straw or hay bales.
10. Trees can be as in No 2., baskets and apples can be chosen or substituted for practice.
11. Stands to suspend bells, with string/rope hanging down to ring bell.
12. Person opening gate will be in working/riding clothes.

TACK AND TURN OUT CLASS

for the Liz Comper Memorial Trophy

This Class is open to all riders, ponies and horses. (Helpers will not be judged.)

If you wish to enter, please tick on the entry form in the column provided, with heading T.T.

Entry Fee - £1.00

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TREASURE HUNT - ENTRIES ON THE DAY

PLEASE NOTE This is now a DISMOUNTED ACTIVITY

Open to Riders and visitors

Rosettes to all participants. Entry fee - £1.00

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ART COMPETITION

To be held, as last year, during the competition.

In between your rides come along to the art tent, draw a picture, write a poem or a short story describing your riding experiences. You may bring your entry with you.

Open to Riders and Spectators (entry free)

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HORSE CARE COMPETITION

Suitable for all levels, based on Proficiency Tests 1 – 4. Come and have a go.

Rosettes will be awarded to all participants and section winners.

(entry free)

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Neither the organisers nor any person acting on their behalf accept any liability for any loss, damage, accident, injury or illness to horses, riders, spectators or any other persons or property whatsoever.

EAST REGION DRESSAGE AND HORSE / PONY AND RIDER QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

ENTRY FORM

DRESSAGE

	CLASS	RIDER	AGE	HORSE/PONY	T.T.

RDA HORSE / PONY AND RIDER

	CLASS	RIDER	AGE	HORSE/PONY	T.T.

T.T = Tack and Turn Out

Please do not write in the 1st column – This is for Rider No. allocated by the secretary.

May Region use any photos taken at Wimpole for publicity (eg Regional Newsletter) **YES**__ **NO**__

SEND ENTRY FEE OF £5.00 PER CLASS FOR DRESSAGE & H/P&R CLASSES, £1.00 FOR TACK & TURN OUT CLASS, **CHEQUES PAYABLE TO “RDA EAST REGION”**, TO:

Mrs C I Stone, Home Farm, Hempnall Green, Norwich, NR15 2NP. Tel: 01508 499472

**** **PLEASE ENCLOSE LARGE SAE FOR RIDING TIMES** ****

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 24th April 2006

NO LATE OR TELEPHONE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.

NAME OF RDA GROUP _____

PERSON RESPONSIBLE _____ Tel No _____

ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____ I agree to abide by the rules of this event.

PLEASE NOTIFY CHRISTINE STONE OF ANY CANCELLATION OR CHANGE OF PONY/RIDER IN ANY CLASS.