

What Happens on Each Day

~ Day One: Dressage



The weekend's competition will start with the dressage. Each rider will be allocated a time together with an arena. All riders will complete their dressage tests in the main All-Weather arena at the centre of the showground. This prestigious arena measures a spectacular 100m x 72m, and will site all three dressage arenas creating the most wonderful and exciting atmosphere.



Your dressage mark will be converted into a percentage and subtracted from 100 to give your penalty marks for the dressage phase. After the three days the rider with the lowest overall penalty marks will be deemed the winner.

The individual scores from the day's test will be posted as soon as possible after the last competitor in each section has finished. However, the prizes for the top three scores in each section will be made during the welcome party in the Pavilion on the Friday evening.



~ Day Two: Cross Country In the event of Fair Weather

If we are blessed with fine weather, the Cross Country phase will take place on grass. For riders' safety, and so we can offer such a range of heights to compete at, we will be using knock down cross country jumps. However there will be steps and other permanent landscape challenges for you to enjoy.

The course will be built by the time that you arrive on Thursday so that you can familiarise yourself with it beforehand. The course will be viewable from one position so that your family and supporters can cheer you around the whole course.

Scoring will be based on an optimum time and the penalties that you accrue around the course. Going too slow or too fast will result in penalties. Full details of all these rules will be found in the Show Office.



~ Day Two: Arena Cross Country

In the event of Wet Weather

If the weather is not so kind to us, the cross country phases will be moved into the main All-Weather arena. The same knockdown fences will be used, although obviously there will be no landscape fences.

The course will be built openly to encourage your horses and ponies to cover the ground as though they were actually competing on grass. The format has worked very well for us over the past few years and it means that, even if the weather is against us, we can still look forward to an enjoyable cross country phase that is safe and enjoyable for both riders and their mounts.

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~ Day Three: Jumping



The show jumping phase is held in the main All-Weather Arena. The attractive show jumps and creative courses, designed specifically for each class, will be the ultimate decider for who will be deemed the winner of this year's Championships of Great Britain.

The order for the show jumping phase will be in reverse order to the penalties accumulated over the previous two days. This order will be displayed on Saturday afternoon so that riders can prepare for their big day on Sunday.

The final presentation for all classes will take place once all the show jumping has finished. The top three riders from each class will be called down to the podium and given their moment of glory in front of all the photographers. It is a very special occasion for riders and their supporters and certainly a moment to remember forever. In addition

to the winners' prizes, all riders that take part in the event will be given their own mementoes to take home.