



Invitation to the 8th VIRTUS Para Dressage Video Competition 2023

Dates

- The competition will open on December 7th 2022 and all entries must be submitted no later than midnight (GMT) on March 27th 2023.
- To validate that all tests have been recorded in the qualifying period (starting October 4th) please show a newspaper with the date clearly visible at the beginning of the recording.
- This is the 1st of two video competitions for 2023. Riders joining both competitions can vie for the annual champion.

Tests

Performance Level- riders can choose one or two of the following tests, all ridden on a 20x40m arena. The tests will be judged separately.

NOTE: In all tests the Halt in the first movement is skipped.

- FEI Grade 4 Introductory Test B (2018)
- FEI Grade 4 Novice A (2009)

For inclusion in the Team competition, riders must provide videos of both tests. Teams are made up of three riders. If a nation enters more than three riders, the scores of the best three riders count. The riders of the first three nations of the competition will get rosettes. Teams of 3 must have at least 2 riders in the classes II-1 and/or II-2.

Development Level - riders can choose one or two of the following tests. The tests will be judged separately.

NOTE: In all tests the Halt in the first movement is skipped.

- FEI Grade 2 Introductory A
- FEI Grade 2 Novice A

There is no age limit for both levels.

Arena

20 x 40 m, outdoor arena preferred. If an indoor arena is used, it must provide enough space for proper video recording

Rules

Horses and ponies can be ridden by more than one rider, but not more than two riders in a team.

This event is organized in accordance with the VIRTUS Para Dressage Rules (March 2022) and in accordance with the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.

Videos of tests may not be entered if they have already been judged at a competition. If a video is suspected to have been taken at a competition, the rider will be disqualified. Therefore, while riders are encouraged to wear regular competition outfit, the horse must wear bandages.

A commander is allowed. Please also refer to the Rule Book.

The decisions of the judges are final.

Filming

The person filming must stand behind C as far as possible, but will have to zoom in when the rider is at A.

The video must be taken in landscape format in one shot, no cuts allowed. The whole horse must be seen at all times. Sound must be recorded to make sure no coaching is taking place during the test. The riders are not allowed to wear earphones.

Please try to ensure the video is clear and in focus. In particular:

- Use a tripod or stand where possible to reduce motion
- Minimize background noise and interruption
- Be aware of sunlight or spotlights to avoid glare

Videos should be saved in MPEG or MOV format.

PLEASE NOTE THAT POOR QUALITY VIDEOS MAY LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION

Entries

In countries with a VIRTUS member organization, the entries must be made through that organization. In countries without a VIRTUS member organization, entries can be made direct to VIRTUS (Please contact VIRTUS for an entry account).

Athlete Eligibility

Riders must hold the international eligibility and appear on the VIRTUS Master List with a valid competition license.

Please submit new eligibility applications as soon as possible.

Entries are invited from athletes in II1, II2 and II3 eligibility groups.

Entry Fee

The entry fee is GBP 55.00 + £1.85 for online entry. Entry fees will not be refunded once an entry has been accepted except where an entry is rejected by VIRTUS (where we will state the reason for the rejection).

Acceptance

Making an entry constitutes acceptance of the VIRTUS Para Dressage Rules. Entrants also agree to Virtus using pictures and videos in marketing and promotion such as press release, social media, and website.

Judges

Entries will be judged by 2 or 3 FEI Para Dressage judges.

Riders placed in rank 1 to 6 will be provided with rosettes and a certification showing their rank and score. There will be no prize money given out.

Dress and Tack

Competition gear should be worn as stated in the FEI Para Dressage Rules, but the riders may wear Jodhpur boots and black or brown half chaps. Gloves must be worn.

Bridles & Tack

While double bridles are allowed, snaffle bridles should be preferred.

No auxiliary reins are allowed. Use of auxiliary reins leads to disqualification.

The horses must wear bandages.

For the use of spurs, whips and compensating aids please refer to the VIRTUS Para Dressage Rules.

Errors

Errors will be handled as stated on the test sheet.