



National Dressage Championships

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When: Sunday 1st September 2024

Venue: Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Athlone Road, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

Organiser: Association of Irish Riding Clubs
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AIRC reserves the right to alter, amend or cancel any of this schedule or part thereof.

Entries: Online entries open, via your [membership online account](#), on Friday 9th August and close at 12 noon on Wednesday 21st August. Never used this service before? [read this](#). **Postal, email or telephone entries not accepted.**

Entries are **non-transferable** and **non-refundable** after the close of entries.

Qualification: Entrants to classes 1, 4, 5, and 6 must have qualified at one of the designated qualifiers held throughout the year. Please note that only rider and horse combinations that qualified are eligible. A list is available [here](#).

No qualification is required for classes 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10. **Please note classes 9 and 10 are only open to those who have not qualified for a championship class.**

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Schedule of Competitions:

1. Team Championship
2. RC Medium Championship
3. RC Elementary Championship
4. RC Novice Championship
5. RC Preliminary 3 Championship
6. RC Preliminary 2 Championship
7. RC Preliminary 1 Championship
8. Young Horse
9. RC Preliminary 2 Open (entries capped)
10. RC Preliminary 3 Open (entries capped)

Members may only compete at the grade stated on their membership card.

Classes will only run if there are sufficient entries. AIRC reserves the right to amalgamate or cancel any class due to insufficient entries.

Team members must enter in their respective individual championship class otherwise they are not eligible for inclusion on their team. (i.e. They must enter either class 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 in order to be eligible for their team at the finals). Club Secretaries must enter the team separately via their Membership Online account.

Format:

See section 4 of the current edition of rule book for the rules of this championship.

Team and individual competitors will ride two tests, as per the [dressage test list for national competitions](#).

Entrants to class 8 are open to riders of RC P3, RC N, RC E and RC M riders. Only 4 and 5-year-old horses are eligible for this competition.

Competitors:

Only registered members of an affiliated club in receipt of their Association of Irish Riding Clubs membership card are eligible to enter this event.

Competitors may only compete at their dressage grade at the time of entering, irrespective of any subsequent grade changes.

It is the competitors' responsibility to be fully conversant with the rules for this competition.

Horses:

Horses must be entered under their registered name as described on their passport, at this event. Consult rule 6 in the rules and regulations (D04/12) of the Association for eligibility criteria.

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If your horse is not registered with the Association, you will not be able to enter online. For information on registering a horse, [click here](#). Please ensure to register your horse in time before entering this event. Applications to register a horse take a minimum of 48 hours to process and can take up to 5 working days.

You can check to see if your horse is already registered by logging into your membership online account or alternatively by searching for it, using its registered name, [here](#).

Entry Fees & Information:

- €40 per team entry.
- €36 per individual entry.

Hors concours and novice horse entries are not accepted at this event. Late entries, if accommodated, are subject to a €10 supplementary charge.

Refunds:

Refunds (excluding the admin charge) will be issued for withdrawals received, using the [online event refund request form \(F14/13\)](#), by the close of entries. *No refund will be issued for withdrawals received after this date.*

In the event of this championship being abandoned (i.e. after it started), for whatever reason, no refunds will be issued.

Volunteers:

Each region will be allocated tasks to assist with the running of this event and therefore all participating members will be called upon by your club/region to volunteer at this event.

If you are not participating at this event but would like to volunteer, please email National Office at info@airc.ie with your details and availability.

All volunteers will be entered into a special draw for a gift voucher after the event has taken place.

Stabling:

Limited onsite stabling is available. Bookings can be made via www.mullingarequestrian.com.

Other Information:

- Competitors must have their Membership Card in their possession at this event and must present this for inspection when asked as per rule 5.3. You must have the AIRC app installed on your smart device as screenshots are not acceptable.

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- Competitors must abide by AIRC rules, including dress code, at all times and it is their responsibility to be fully conversant with them for this competition. To download a copy of the current AIRC rule book, go to www.airc.ie/downloads and search for rule book.
- Competitors must have their equine passport in their possession at this event. Spot checks will be carried out.
- There will be no farrier service available at this event.
- Tests can be commanded at these championships, competitors must notify National Office before the close of entries if they wish their test commanded.
- Only RC E and RC M riders are permitted to use double bridles when riding tests of elementary standard or above. This applies irrespective of what is printed at the end of the dressage tests involved.

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