



*The Side Saddle Association*<sup>®</sup>

## Virtual Equitation Series

Oct 25 – Mar 26

Entry Fee for all classes: £14

Entries on line at [www.justsoequestrianevents.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.justsoequestrianevents.co.uk/whats-on)

ENTRIES **OPEN** ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> OF THE MONTH AND

**CLOSE** AT MIDNIGHT ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH

2024 Short Arena Tests and JSEE Intro B Test Downloadable from:

[www.justsoequestrianevents.co.uk/whats-on/jsee-tests](http://www.justsoequestrianevents.co.uk/whats-on/jsee-tests)

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### **Class 1 LEAD REIN EQUITATION**

*Horse/pony must lead on a loose rein and not be unduly influenced by the leader*

Competitors will enter the Arena at A and give a **Freestyle Show not exceeding 3 minutes timed from initial halt to final halt and salute**. The freestyle show must include Walk and Trot on both reins. Competitors will leave the Arena at A..

The judge will assess the correctness of the rider's position and the influence on the horse/ pony's way of going and the stability and balance of the saddle

**Competitors on this class may not enter the Lead Rein Equitation and another class in the same month but may progress to Classes 2 and 6 (Newcomers and Walk & Trot) in subsequent months. Please do not enter this class if you are confident off the lead rein.**

### **Class 2 NEWCOMERS EQUITATION**

**Please add Junior or Senior to the notes section of your entry to ensure Championship Points are awarded correctly.**

**Newcomers Equitation Criteria** - *Open to Adult & Junior Competitors who have not previously been placed in the first six in any Novice, Intermediate or Open Equitation or the first three in Newcomers, Cygnet or Young Rider classes at the National Side Saddle Shows.*

Competitors will enter the Arena at A and give a **Freestyle Show not exceeding 3 minutes timed from initial halt to final halt and salute**. The freestyle show must include Walk, Trot and Canter on both reins. Competitors will leave the Arena at A. **Ridden in a 20m x 40m arena.**

The judge will assess the correctness of the rider's position and the influence on the horse/ pony's way of going and the stability and balance of the saddle.

**Please enter the appropriate class on your entry form**

**2a – Adult/Junior Newcomers Equitation (Short Arena)**

**2b – Riding School Horse/Pony Newcomers Equitation (Short Arena)**

**To be ridden on a horse/pony hired from a riding school.**

**RIDERS MUST BE MINIMUM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE SSA TO ENTER.**

### **Class 3           NOVICE EQUITATION**

**Novice Equitation Criteria – Rider must not have:**

- *been placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Novice Equitation Championship class at the last 3 National Shows.*
- *been placed in the first six in an Intermediate Equitation Championship (adults only) class at the last 3 National Shows.*
- *competed in an Open Equitation Championship class at the last 3 National Shows.*

**Please enter the appropriate class on your entry form**

**3a – Junior Novice Equitation (Short Arena)** Competitors to ride the SSA 2025 Adult Novice test Oct-Dec / SSA 2026 Adult Novice test Jan-Mar. Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena

**3b – Adult Novice Equitation (Short Arena)** Competitors to ride the SSA 2025 Adult Novice test Oct-Dec / SSA 2026 Adult Novice test Jan-Mar. Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena

**3c – Riding School Horse/Pony Adult Novice Equitation (Short Arena)**

Competitors to ride the SSA 2025 Adult Novice test Oct-Dec / SSA 2026 Adult Novice test Jan-Mar. Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena.

**To be ridden on a horse/pony hired from a riding school.**

**RIDERS MUST BE MINIMUM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE SSA TO ENTER**

### **Class 4           ADULT INTERMEDIATE EQUITATION**

**Intermediate Equitation Criteria Rider must not have:**

- *been placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in an Intermediate Equitation Championship class at the last 3 National Shows.*
- *been placed in the first six in an Open Equitation Championship class at the last 3 National Shows.*

**4a – Adult Intermediate Equitation – (Short Arena).** Competitors to ride the 2024 Adult Intermediate/Junior Open Equitation Online Test Oct-Dec / 2026 Adult Intermediate/Junior Open Equitation Online Test Jan-Mar. Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena

**4b – Riding School Horse/Pony Adult Intermediate Equitation (Short Arena)** Competitors to ride the 2024 Adult Intermediate/Junior Open Equitation Online Test Oct-Dec / 2026 Adult Intermediate/Junior Open Equitation Online Test Jan-Mar. Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena.

**To be ridden on a horse/pony hired from a riding school.**

**RIDERS MUST BE MINIMUM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE SSA TO ENTER**

**4c – Adult Intermediate Equitation (Long Arena)-** Competitors to ride the SSA 2025 Adult Intermediate test Oct-Dec / SSA 2026 Adult Intermediate test Oct-Dec. Ridden in a 20m x 60m dressage arena

**4d – Riding School Horse/Pony Adult Intermediate Equitation (Long Arena).** Competitors to ride the SSA 2025 Adult Intermediate test Oct-Dec / SSA 2026 Adult Intermediate test Oct-Dec. Ridden in a 20m x 60m dressage arena.

**To be ridden on a horse/pony hired from a riding school.**

**RIDERS MUST BE MINIMUM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE SSA TO ENTER.**

### **Class 5           OPEN EQUITATION**

**Open Equitation Criteria – open to all riders**

**5a – Junior Open Equitation (Long Arena).** Competitors to ride the SSA 2025 Junior Open test Oct-Dec / SSA 2026 Junior Open test Jan-Mar. Ridden in a 20m x 60m dressage arena

**5b – Riding School Horse/Pony Junior Open Equitation (Long Arena).**

Competitors to ride the SSA 2025 Junior Open test Oct-Dec / SSA 2026 Junior Open test Jan-Mar. Ridden in a 20m x 60m dressage arena.

**To be ridden on a horse/pony hired from a riding school.**

**RIDERS MUST BE MINIMUM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE SSA TO ENTER.**

**5c – Junior Open Equitation (Short Arena.)** Competitors to ride the 2024 Adult Intermediate/Junior Open Equitation Online Test Oct-Dec / 2026 Adult Intermediate/Junior Open Equitation Online Test Jan-Mar... Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena.

**5d – Riding School Horse/Pony Junior Open Equitation (Short Arena).** Competitors to ride the 2024 Adult Intermediate/Junior Open Equitation Online Test Oct-Dec / 2026 Adult Intermediate/Junior Open Equitation Online Test Jan-Mar. Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena.

**To be ridden on a horse/pony hired from a riding school.**

**RIDERS MUST BE MINIMUM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE SSA TO ENTER.**

**5e – Adult Open Equitation (Short Arena).** Competitors to ride the 2024 Adult Open Equitation Online Test Oct-Dec / 2026 Adult Open Equitation Online Test Jan-Mar.. Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena.

**5f – Riding School Horse/Pony Adult Open Equitation (Short Arena).** Competitors to ride the 2024 Adult Open Equitation Online Test Oct-Dec / 2026 Adult Open Equitation Online Test Jan-Mar.

Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena

**To be ridden on a horse/pony hired from a riding school.**

**RIDERS MUST BE MINIMUM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE SSA TO ENTER.**

**5g – Adult Open Equitation (Long Arena).** Competitors to ride the SSA 2025 Adult Open test Oct-Dec / SSA 2026 Adult Open test Jan-Mar. Ridden in a 20m x 60m dressage arena.

**5h – Riding School Horse/Pony Adult Open Equitation (Long Arena).**

Competitors to ride the SSA 2025 Adult Open test Oct-Dec / SSA 2026 Adult Open test Jan-Mar. .

Ridden in a 20m x 60m dressage arena

**To be ridden on a horse/pony hired from a riding school**

**RIDERS MUST BE MINIMUM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE SSA TO ENTER.**

#### **Class 6 WALK & TROT EQUITATION**

**Walk & Trot Equitation Criteria** – open to riders who are new to side saddle or just off the lead rein and not ready to canter. Competitors to ride the JSEE Intro B test Oct-Dec /JSEE Intro C test Jan-Mar.

Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage

arena **Competitors on this class may not enter the Walk & Trot and another class in the same month but may progress to the Newcomers class in subsequent months. Please do not enter this class if you are confident with cantering!**

*All tests are downloadable from*

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## SSA VIRTUAL EQUITATION POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP

The following points will be awarded in classes 1-5 regardless of final placing in the class

**Please note Championship Points will not be awarded in Class 6**

**New for 2025/26** ➡ 57% or less – 2 points

58%-59.9% - 3 points      60%-61.9% - 4 points

62%-63.9% - 5 points      64%-65.9% - 6 points

66%-67.9% - 7 points      68%-69.9% - 8 points

70%-71.9% - 9 points      72%-73.9% - 10 points

74%-75.9% - 11 points      Over 76% - 12 points

### **Points gained will count towards the SSA Performance Awards APART FROM CLASS 6, WALK & TROT EQUITATION**

Points awarded in each class will accumulate over the 6 monthly competitions. At the end of the series, **Adult, Junior and Riding School Horse/Pony Points Championship** rosettes will be awarded to 10<sup>th</sup> place to the horse/pony and rider combinations with the highest number of points across all classes in the series.

The **Overall Points Champion** rosette and **The Kelpie Perpetual Challenge Trophy** will be awarded to the individual competitor (Adult or Junior) gaining the highest total number of points accumulated across all classes on the same horse/pony.

**NOTE: Competitors may enter more than one class provided they are eligible (with the exception of Classes 1 and 6) – eg: Intermediate & Open provided rider is eligible to compete at Intermediate level – or enter the same class twice, BUT only your highest score will count towards the Series Points Championship**

**Competitors may also enter and ride a max of two different horses in a class under separate entries BUT only your highest score will count towards the Series Points Championship**