



The Side Saddle Association

Virtual Equitation Series

Oct 26 – Mar 27

Entry Fee for all classes: £15

Entries on line at www.justsoequestrianevents.co.uk/whats-on

**ENTRIES OPEN ON THE 1st OF THE MONTH AND
CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH**

2026 Short Arena Tests and JSEE Intro B Test Downloadable from:

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

NOTE: 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 ADULT/JUNIOR NEWCOMERS EQUITATION

Please add Adult or Junior 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 Show.

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 AN ASSOCIATE, JUNIOR OR FULL MEMBER OF THE SSA TO ENTER.

Class 3 NOVICE EQUITATION

Novice Equitation Criteria – Rider must not have:

- *been placed 1st or 2nd 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 2026 Adult Novice test Oct-Dec / SSA 2027 Adult Novice test Jan-Mar. Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena

3b – Adult Novice Equitation (Short Arena) Competitors to ride the SSA 2026 Adult Novice test Oct-Dec / SSA 2027 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 2026 Adult Novice test Oct-Dec / SSA 2027 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 AN ASSOCIATE, JUNIOR OR FULL MEMBER OF THE SSA TO ENTER.

Class 4 ADULT INTERMEDIATE EQUITATION

Intermediate Equitation Criteria Rider must not have:

- *been placed 1st or 2nd 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 2026 Adult Intermediate/Junior Open Equitation Online Test. Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena

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

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

RIDERS MUST BE AN ASSOCIATE, JUNIOR OR FULL MEMBER OF THE SSA TO ENTER.

4c – Adult Intermediate Equitation (Long Arena)- Competitors to ride the SSA 20256 Adult Intermediate test Oct-Dec / SSA 2027 Adult Intermediate test Oct-Dec t. Ridden in a 20m x 60m dressage arena

4d – Riding School Horse/Pony Adult Intermediate Equitation (Long Arena). Competitors to ride the SSA 2026 Adult Intermediate test Oct-Dec / SSA 2027 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 AN ASSOCIATE, JUNIOR OR FULL MEMBER 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 2026 Junior Open test Oct-Dec / SSA 2027 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 2026 Junior Open test Oct-Dec / SSA 2027 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 AN ASSOCIATE, JUNIOR OR FULL MEMBER OF THE SSA TO ENTER.

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

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

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

RIDERS MUST BE AN ASSOCIATE, JUNIOR OR FULL MEMBER OF THE SSA TO ENTER.

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

5f – Riding School Horse/Pony Adult Open Equitation (Short Arena). Competitors to ride the **2026 Adult Open Equitation Online Test** Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena

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

RIDERS MUST BE AN ASSOCIATE, JUNIOR OR FULL MEMBER OF THE SSA TO ENTER.

5g – Adult Open Equitation (Long Arena). Competitors to ride the **SSA 2026 Adult Open test Oct-Dec / SSA 2027 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 2026 Adult Open test Oct-Dec / SSA 2027 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 AN ASSOCIATE, JUNIOR OR FULL MEMBER 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 C test Oct-Dec/JSEE Intro B test Jan-Mar**

Ridden in a 20m x 40m dressage arena

Competitors in this class may not enter another class in the same month but may progress to the Newcomers/Novice class in subsequent months. Please do not enter this class if you are confident with cantering!

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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

➡ 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

Competing in in classes 1-5 will count towards the SSA Performance Awards

Points awarded in each class will accumulate over the 6 monthly competitions. At the end of the series, **Adult, Junior, Riding School Horse/Pony & Walk & Trot Points Championship** rosettes will be awarded to 10th 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 classes 1-5 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