



Senior Home Nations | 5 – 7 September 2025
International Team and Individual Championship

SECRETARY:

Website: www.chardequestrian.co.uk | **Entries:** www.horsemonkey.com

Venue name and address:

Chard Equestrian , Whitehouse Farm , Cricket St Thomas , Chard , Somerset , TA20 4BP

Classes

Thursday 4th September

Warm Up Classes - there is a BD competition running at the venue on 4th September to which all riders are invited to enter.

Friday 5 September 2025

Home Nations Warm Up Classes

- 1 Preliminary 4
- 2 Novice 4
- 3 Elementary 4
- 4 Medium 4
- 5 Advanced Medium 4
- 6 Advanced 1

Saturday 6 September

Team Championships (Day 1)

- 7A Preliminary 5
- 8A Novice 5
- 9A Elementary 5
- 10A Medium 5
- 11A Advanced Medium 5
- 12A Advanced 2

Times for the team tests will be provided to the Development Officer's by Friday 29th August for checking and any errors/omissions and clashes must be resolved by Wednesday 3rd. It is the rider's responsibility to check times for any changes. Team Times will be displayed on the Equipe website. There will be no prize giving on Saturday for Team classes and riders will receive their sheets via Equipe online.

Sunday 7 September

Team Championships (Day 2)

- 7B Preliminary 6
- 8B Novice 6
- 9B Elementary 6
- 10B Medium 6
- 11B Advanced Medium 6
- 12B PSG

Prizes: Rosette's 1st – 10th Prelim, Nov, Elem, and 1st-6th Med, Adv Med/PSG with prizes awarded for riders placed 1st – 3rd. Sashes will be awarded to the winning team and the winning individuals on Sunday at the prize giving. Winners are decided on the combined scores over the two days. The prize giving will be no earlier than 45 minutes after the last competitor has finished their test.

Team Championship

- Teams will be selected in accordance with the Regional Team Selection Policy 2025.
- All scoring for team and individual competitions will be based on percentages as per rule 189 of the BD Members Handbook.
- Teams must consist of four riders with one at a level from Prelim, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced Medium or PSG. Advanced Medium and PSG will be considered as one class for Individual placings.
- Each team of 4 will have a drop score on each day. The rider with the lowest percentage will be deleted from the team average.
- The following combinations are permitted:
Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced Medium or PSG from Bronze, Silver or Gold combinations.
- Teams of 3 riders are permitted but all 3 scores will count. If a team drops to two members, they may still ride in the competition for individual placings. However, the competition is a team competition and they will not be eligible for team placings.
- Individual Championships will also be awarded at each level:

Preliminary	Novice
Elementary	Medium
Adv Med/PSG	
- The individual championships will be determined from the individual results in the team classes.

Team Allocations

England – 24 Teams

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| • South & East Region | 6 Teams |
| • North & East Region | 6 Teams |
| • South & West Region | 6 Teams |
| • North & West Region | 6 Teams |

Scotland, Ireland and Wales – 12 teams

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| • Scotland | 4 Teams |
| • Ireland | 4 Teams |
| • Wales | 4 Teams |

N.B. If the allocation for any region is not fulfilled the remaining teams may be allocated to other regions

Conditions of Entry and Qualification

As per Rule 191 and 189 of the British Dressage Members Handbook 2025. All riders must be full BD members with fully registered horses and must adhere to the BD code of conduct.

Riders must adhere to British Dressage Regional Selection Policy 2025 guidelines set down for team selection. For Horse and rider combinations that have competed at the BD

National or Winter Championships (excluding Area Festival Championships) in the 12 months prior please see rule 191 & 189 of the BD Handbook for eligibility.

Any riders found in breach of the selection policy may be eliminated. Any complaints must be advised to the Ground Jury immediately after the incident and no later than the end of the class.

Date	Event	Cut Off for Applications, Training & Results	Teams Verified	Teams Announced	Final Date to Order Clothing	Entries Close
5 – 7 September 2025	Chard Equestrian, Somerset	29 July	5 August	8 August	13 August	26 August

Entry Information

Entries must be made via the Chard online entry system Horse Monkey using the link given in your selection email. You must also confirm your entry with your DO and complete the commentary form and return it promptly to your DO.

An indication of how many teams and individuals being sent from each region will be sent to the Development Officers by the verified entries date 5th August. If all allocated places for each region are not taken up then they may be offered to the remaining regions.

Entry Fees:	£80	Team Tests (includes both days)
	£22/£24	Classes 1 – 5 (warm up classes)
	£100	Duration permanent stabling (2pm Thursday – Sunday)
	£100	Duration temporary stabling (2pm Thursday – Sunday)
	£75	Hook up Duration
	£35	Hook Up per night
	£12	Shavings per bale
	£12	Horsehage Rygrass/HI Fibre small Haylage per bale
	£8	Hay
	£60	Large Bale Haylage

Please note that after the definite entry date **no refunds** can be made. Substitutions will be accepted after the close of entries.

Please note that the Secretary will only deal with Chef d'Equipes and official Competition information will only be given to Chef d'Equipe or their nominated person.

Important Notice

All horses must be compliant with the Vaccination rule 10 of the British Dressage Members Handbook.

Riders must be available with their passports at their stable at their allotted time. Times will be per region and will be published on Horse Monkey.

Stabling & Stable Manager

- Stabling is on site; there are both permanent and temporary stables; no shavings are supplied with your stable. You are more than welcome to bring rubber matting to put down in the stables. Stables must be left completely empty.
- Shavings and Hay/Haylage is available to purchase on site or you can BYO.
- Stabling will be available to purchase online via Horse Monkey, along with hook ups and shavings.
- The stable areas have taps for water and also areas to wash horses down. You will need to bring all your own mucking out equipment including wheelbarrow, brush and muck fork.
- Stables will be available from Thursday at 10am, admittance until 6pm. Outside of these times may be possible – please check with the organisers.
- Stables are open all day for arrivals on Friday. Please ensure you are on site by 17:00

Please state if you are bringing a stallion and we will accommodate you.

Hook Up

Hook up is available for the duration of the show. This must be booked in advance when you make your entry and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Lorry Park

There is ample parking for lorries and a regional plan will be advised for 'regional camp'. Please note that vehicles requiring hook ups will be parked separately at the hook up points. Each DO / Chef d'équipe will be notified of their team's allocated parking spaces to coordinate. Please only park next to a hook up point if you have pre booked.

Bridle numbers will be circulated in advance. All horses at all times must have a bridle number on. This is for your own safety and security.

Dogs

Chard is Dog Friendly, but they **must be on a lead at all times** even in the lorry park and whilst walking. All dog droppings must be picked up. No dogs in the stabling area, inside the buildings or arenas.

Arena Walks

These will be in the morning preceding the show Saturday and Sunday. Times for arena walks will be published with times.

Exercise of Horses

- Please note that during the competition, no horses can be exercised in the allocated warm-up arenas, apart from those who are actually preparing for riding their tests. The Wayford & Wyvern Arena will be available outside of competition times for general exercise. It is not permitted to ride in these arenas at any time other than those provided and a steward must always be present to ride.

- On Thursday and Friday outside of competing times the warm-up arenas will be available for those not competing to exercise their horses. Please see the office for details. Warm-up arenas will be available pm on Thursday 4th September. Please check the office for timings to ensure a steward is present.
- Two bridle numbers must be worn at all times when mounted or hand grazing. No hand grazing in headcollars, bridles must be worn at all times.

General Rules and Conduct

- Normal BD championship rules apply and this competition is not under FEI rules.
- No whips or commanders are permitted in team tests on Saturday and Sunday. Both whips and commanders are permitted for warm up classes on Thursday.
- No person but the competitor may school a horse from the saddle for the duration of the show and competitors may not enter a competition arena apart from organised familiarisation or competing.
- In the interests of health and safety the directions of the stewards and Organizer's must be followed at all times. Competitors and supporters are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the nature of the sport and the spirit of the friendly intent and in line with the British Dressage Members code of conduct.
- Team and individual results will be determined when each combination at each level has completed their test and the percentages have been calculated. The results will be notified to the regional representatives, and the test sheets will then be released and each rider will be given the opportunity to check their sheets. A period of 30 minutes after the test sheets have been released will be allowed for the riders to notify their regional representative of any issue or error and for the regional representative to report this to the scorers. If no issue has been raised within the given period then the published results will stand and cannot thereafter be challenged.
- All competitors will be bound by the BD code of conduct and social media policy, please refer to Handbook.
- Rude and abusive behavior towards people and / or animals will not be tolerated and those in contravention of this will be asked to leave.
- Emergency telephone numbers and contact numbers will be posted at the notice board.
- Please note that some areas are designated judges/officials only. We would ask you to respect this.

Dress Code

Those selected to compete as team members are entitled to wear their nation's pocket badge (England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales – not the Union flag) on their competition jacket and saddle cloths for the duration of the Home International. Flags to be removed immediately after the competition. Flags must be fixed onto the left breast of the competition coat. Flags may also be worn on saddle cloths for the competition.

Chef D'Equipes

There will be a Chef D'Equipes meeting on Friday at approx.17.00 in the upstairs in the clubhouse

Contact details of all Chef D'Equipes should be sent by email to sarah@chardequestrian.co.uk

Ground Jury

There will be a Ground Jury comprising a Senior Judge and Senior BD Officials to mediate and resolve any disputes. These must be raised by team Chef D'Equipes to the secretary promptly and before the conclusion of the class concerned.

Any riders found in breach of the selection policy may be eliminated. Any complaints must be advised to the Ground Jury immediately after the incident and no later than the end of the class.

Opening Ceremony

There will be an Opening Ceremony on Friday evening. It is compulsory that all riders and Chef D'Equipes attend in Team Clothing with One non-living mascot per team.

There will also be a best dressed stable competition.

The theme for 2025 will be the Europeans

The opening ceremony will be followed by a welcome prosecco & nibbles reception in the Clubhouse, and then teams are free to meet in their regions.

Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony

The Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony will take place approximately 45 minutes after the final test has been ridden on Sunday. All team riders are required to attend and should not make travel arrangements contrary to this. This will be unmounted, and all riders must be in full riding attire.

Entertainment & Catering

The café will be open from 7am until at least one hour after the last horse every day, the bar will be open from late afternoon onwards also daily.

Welcome reception Friday 5 September 1900 onwards

The bar will open after the ceremony.

Please note that only food & alcohol purchased from the bar may be consumed in the buildings.

The Café will be open for evening meals .

Saturday 6 September

Evening entertainment will be Italian themed , with some lovely Pizza & pasta dishes. Please pre-purchase tickets with your booking.

The onsite bar will be open all evening

Daytime

The café will be open for hot food and drinks

First Aid

There are on-site medics for the duration of the show. Please ask the secretary or anyone from the office should you require help.

Toilets and Shower Facilities

There are male, female & disabled toilets and showers in the clubhouse which are open 24/7. Please treat them with respect and keep clean and tidy for the next person following you.

Security

Chard Equestrian is secured by a barrier which will open as you drive close to it , the gates get locked overnight and will be open between 07:00 and 22:00. There will be overnight Security in place. Please ensure that valuables are secured and that your vehicles remain locked at all times.

Vet / Farrier

Although not on site a Vet and Farrier will be on call - please however ensure that your horse is well shod. Contact details will be posted on the notice board outside the secretary's office .

Photographer

There will be an official photographer onsite (ESP Photography).

If you do not wish to be photographed during the show please inform your DO.

Accommodation

Chard Equestrian have accommodation on site in the clubhouse, they are dorm rooms which can sleep up to 6 people. We have limited rooms available , please email sarah@chardequestrian to book