

19. Refund of Entry Fees.

- (A) No refund will be made to those withdrawing after the close of entries.
(B) 50% of total entry fees will be returned to those who withdraw before the close of entries.
(C) In the event of a competition being cancelled, organisers are entitled to retain up to 25% of each entry fee to cover costs. The remainder to be refunded to all entrants including those who withdrew before close of entries.

20. Starting times.

These must be obtained from the show secretary or as per schedule instructions, and may be available on the web site of Northern Ireland Dressage, the venue concerned, and in some other regions.

21. Prize money and rosettes.

The number of prizes given and the amount of prize money, or type of prize if in kind, must be stated in the schedule and is unrestricted. Once stated, this can only be reduced in the event of entries falling below the minimum scale for rosettes as set out below. If there are no more than 2 competitors in a class, prize money should only be awarded if the winner has achieved the relevant qualifying score.

Rosettes must be given to the following minimum scale for competitions, but organisers may give more if they wish.

All Grades:

1st	1 - 4 starters
2nd	5 - 8 starters
3rd	9 - 12 starters
4th	13 - 16 starters
5th	17 - 20 starters
6th	21 - 24 starters
7th	Over 25 starters.

21 A) Prizegivings

Competitors (in correct dress - as per Dressage Ireland Ltd. Rules) must attend the Prizegivings when requested by the Organiser, or make sure that they are represented. Failure to attend may entail the forfeiture of prize money, rosettes and other awards.

22 Equipment - The Rider.

22a) Dress.

Advanced Medium and above: Uniform, Tailcoat with Top hat or; Black / Navy Blue coat, correctly tied white / cream stock, with hunting cap or bowler hat or crash cap. Riders should note when competing in England that Top hat and Tails are only allowed at Advanced level and above.

N.B. At the discretion of the Organiser, competitors may be permitted to ride without coats in excessively hot weather, but a suitable shirt that fastens at the neck, with at least short sleeves (not bright or multi-coloured) with a tie or correctly fastened stock must be worn.

Other tests:

Uniform or Black / Navy blue or tweed coat with correctly tied stock, white American collar or shirt and tie, hunting cap, bowler hat or crash cap or dressage topper. Only white / cream stocks with Black / Navy coats, or coloured stocks with tweed coats are correct.

A plain, dark coloured waterproof may be worn in wet weather.

Body protectors may be worn

22b) Hats.

It is compulsory for anyone mounted on a horse at an affiliated Dressage competition to wear a hat. Failure to do so will entail a €30 (£20) fine payable to the organiser. Crash cap covers should be black, brown or navy blue. Uniform hats are allowed. B.S.I. standard hats or such other protective headgear as may reasonably be expected to offer a similar or higher level of protection are recommended by Dressage Ireland, but are not compulsory. If a hat comes off during a test it must be replaced immediately; either the competitor may dismount or the hat may be handed to them. The test will be restarted at the beginning of the movement during which it came off.

There will be no penalty for an error of course but if the hat is not replaced the competitor will be eliminated.

Pony riders competing in U21 pony classes and run under FEI rules MUST wear hats with safety harnesses.