



## **Invitation to the 5th VIRTUS Para Dressage Video Competition 2021**

### **Dates**

- The competition will open on 5th June 2021 and all entries must be submitted no later than midnight (GMT) on 5th October 2021.
- To validate that all tests have been recorded in the qualifying period, please show a newspaper with the date clearly visible at the beginning of the recording.
- Results will be published on October 19th.

### **Tests**

Senior Division - riders can choose one or two of the following tests, all ridden on a 20x40m arena. The tests will be judged separately.

**NOTE: In all tests the Halt in the first movement is skipped.**

- FEI Grade 4 Introductory Test B
- FEI Grade 4 Novice A
- FEI Grade 2 Novice A

For inclusion in the Senior Team competition, riders should provide videos of the Grade 4 Introductory Test B and Grade 4 Novice A Test.

Youth Division (for riders up to the age of 21, birthday before end of the year) - riders can choose one or two of the following tests. The tests will be judged separately.

**NOTE: In all tests the Halt in the first movement is skipped.**

- FEI Grade 2 Introductory A
- FEI Grade 2 Novice A
- FEI Grade 4 Introductory A

For inclusion in the Youth Team competition, riders have to provide videos of the Grade 2 Introductory Test A and Grade 2 Novice A Test.

### **Arena**

20 x 40 m, outdoor arena preferred. If an indoor arena is used, it must provide

enough space for proper video recording

### Rules

Horses and ponies can be ridden by more than one rider, but not more than two riders in a team.

This event is organized in accordance with the VIRTUS Para Dressage Rules (March 2021) and in accordance with the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.

Videos of tests may not be entered if they have already been judged at a competition. If a video is suspected to have been taken at a competition, the rider will be disqualified. Therefore, while riders are encouraged to wear regular competition outfit, the horse has to wear bandages.

The person filming must stand behind C as far as possible, but will have to zoom in when the rider is at A. The video must be taken in landscape format in one shot, no cuts allowed. The whole horse has to be seen all times. Sound must be recorded to make sure no coaching is taking place during the test. A commander is allowed.

The decisions of the judges are final.

### Entries

In countries with a VIRTUS member organization, the entries must be made through that organization. In countries without a VIRTUS member organization, entries can be made direct to VIRTUS (Please contact VIRTUS for an entry account).

Riders must hold a minimum of a national eligibility and appear on the VIRTUS Master List with a valid competition licence. Please submit new eligibility applications as soon as possible.

Entries are invited from athletes in II1, II2 and II3 eligibility groups.

### Entry Fee

The entry fee is GBP 55.00. Entry fees will not be refunded once an entry has been accepted.

In case an entry has been rejected, entry fees will be refunded and VIRTUS has to state a reason for the rejection.

### Acceptance

Making an entry constitutes acceptance of the VIRTUS Para Dressage Rules. Entrants also agree to Virtus using pictures and videos in marketing and promotion such as press release, social media and website.

#### Judges

Entries will be judged by 2 or 3 FEI Para Dressage judges.

Riders placed in rank 1 to 6 will be provided with rosettes and a certification showing their rank and score. There will be no prize money given out.

#### Dress and Tack

Competition gear should be worn as stated in the FEI Para Dressage Rules, but the riders may wear Jodhpur boots and black or brown half chaps. Gloves have to be worn.

#### Bridles & Tack

While double bridles are allowed, snaffle bridles should be preferred.

No auxiliary reins are allowed. Use of auxiliary reins leads to disqualification.

The horses must wear bandages.

For the use of spurs, whips and compensating aids please refer to the VIRTUS Para Dressage Rules.

#### Errors

Errors will be handled as stated on the test sheet.

#### Team Competition

For the Team Championships riders have to ride the two tests stated above. Teams are made up of three riders. If a nation enters more than three riders, the scores of the best three riders count. The riders of the first three nations of the competition will get rosettes.