

HOPETOUN RDA CHALLENGE CUP 2018
Thursday 24th May – Main Arena
Dressage 11 a.m. with Cones/Obstacles 1.30p.m.

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To Annandale and Eskdale, Argyll, Forth Valley and Garioch
RDA Carriage Driving Groups.

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Many Changes from last year!

You are invited to compete in the RDA Dressage and Obstacle/Cones Class at Hopetoun on 24th May, which is a Scottish Qualifier for the RDA National Championships in Hartpury in July. The competition is open to all members of Scottish RDA Driving Groups.

The David Brown Trophy will be presented to the RDA Group with the highest cumulative score, and the **Rosettes** are sponsored by the **Coxhill Event organisers, Barbara Anne and Dave Skett.**

There will also be a Non-Qualifying Class for the **Fliskmillan Trophy** for those who love to compete but are struggling to remember a dressage test or learn the Cones/Obstacle Course.

Please note the following points when filling in the Entry Form and do not hesitate to contact **Eileen Cornish** with any questions you have about this year's competition:

- The competition will be run under **RDA Rules 2018** and with **RDA Insurance**.
- Turnouts are to be used under the same conditions as they are used in the Group.
- Turnouts may be used twice.
- Passports, vaccinations, equine soundness and fitness will be checked by a qualified vet. who will be happy to offer free advice on vaccinations, particularly for those qualifying for the championships. Please bear in mind that the show field has International and National horses living on site that are subject to stringent vaccination rules. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR EQUINES' VACCINATIONS ARE UP TO DATE TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT.**
- Dress code is Group sweatshirts as per the RDA Championships.
- Hats, gloves, aprons and whips please.
- The accompanying RDA C.D. Coach will be expected to have experience suitable for this situation, either from driving other turnouts or competing themselves previously.
- **RDA Hartpury Dressage Test 2018** will be used in a 60m x 30m Arena with side markers equidistant i.e. 15m apart. This test is attached as 2 documents, both the written description/judges sheet (1 page) and text/diagrams (2 pages).

PLEASE NOTE: -

****Driver/ Horse or Pony/RDA Group/Group sweatshirt and hat colours will be published as an entry in the Hopetoun Programme 2018 and used by the Commentator – please indicate on entry form if you do not wish to appear in the programme.***

*****Photographs will be taken at Hopetoun by our official photographer and put on their website; also may be used in a future Hopetoun Programme /SCDA Omnibus/RDA Newsletter – please indicate on entry form if you do not wish your photograph to be taken.***

- Entries are £10 per competitor, please print the entry form and send it to Eileen Cornish at the above address by Friday 11th May 2018 with your cheque payable to SCDA Hopetoun. Full details on entry form.
- The competition will commence at 11 a.m. on Thursday 24th May 2018.
- Dressage times will be posted on www.hopetoundriving.co.uk

It is essential that you report to the stable manager on arrival and follow instructions carefully. Parking is limited and may not be in the usual area.

- FEI Trot up will be taking place at 12 noon so turnouts will require to stay away from that area.
- There will be HDT competitors exercising their turnouts nearby.
- There is an event taking place at Hopetoun House on the same day.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Hopetoun and hope you all have a wonderful day out at the only International/National Driving Trials event in Scotland.

Eileen Cornish

(Regional Driving Rep. – Edinburgh and Borders / West and Central)