

British Dressage Northern Region



Polite Notice to Members

Please be reminded of **Rule 82**

Entering arena before the signal to start

Normally, no horse may enter any arena, other than the practice arena, except when actually competing, on penalty of elimination. Competitors must wait until the Judge has signified that they may start before entering the arena. Riders are not to enter or ride around the competition arena during a break or whilst the Judge is not present.

Where the construction of the arena makes it impossible for the competitor to ride outside the entire circumference of the arena before the Judge's signal to enter is sounded, they may ride inside the arena. Where a 40m x 20m arena has been created within a 60m x 20m arena, the competitor is permitted to ride in the entire arena. Depending on the circumstances, riders have the option of entering at A from inside or outside the arena.

Any horse failing to enter the arena within 45 seconds of the bell being sounded will have a 2 mark penalty per Judge awarded. Failure to enter after 90 seconds of the signal to start will result in elimination.

**If in doubt please ask the organiser or steward,
who will be very happy to help**

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