



RoR at Blenheim Palace 2026 - Schedule

**Featuring Championship Dressage from Prelim – Advanced Medium
&
Tattersalls RoR Showing Series 2027 qualifiers**

Dates: Thursday 17th & Friday 18th September 2026
Venue: Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials, Oxfordshire

Entry Link: insert
Closing date: 1st September 2026
Organiser contact email: aparkinson@ror.org.uk

Eligibility	
All horses entered for this event must hold current RoR Competition Membership and all riders/handlers to be aged 15 yrs or over at 01.01.2026, more here: https://ror.org.uk/registration	
DRESSAGE	SHOWING
For combinations that have qualified and have received prior approval. All horses to be aged 4 yrs or over.	Open to all subject to individual class criteria. Horses aged 3 yrs are permitted in the Open In-Hand class.
Arena Plan	
Thursday 17 th September - Dressage	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RoR at Blenheim Palace PRELIM Championship – for qualified combinations only 2. RoR at Blenheim Palace NOVICE Championship – for qualified combinations only 	
Friday 18 th September – Dressage and Showing	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. RoR at Blenheim Palace ELEMENTARY Championship – for qualified combinations only 4. RoR at Blenheim Palace MEDIUM Championship – for qualified combinations only 5. RoR at Blenheim Palace ADVANCED MEDIUM Championship – for qualified combinations only 6. Tattersalls RoR Open In-Hand Showing Series qualifier 2027 7. Tattersalls RoR Novice Ridden Showing Series qualifier 2027 8. Tattersalls RoR Amateur Ridden Showing Series qualifier 2027 9. Tattersalls RoR Open Ridden Showing Series qualifier 2027 	

Competitor information and general rules

1. All horses must be fully registered with RoR and have current competition membership, riders must be aged 15 years or over at 01.01.2026
2. By entering this event, members agree to comply with RoR Rules for Welfare and Competitions.
3. In the interest of the overall well-being of horses competing at this event, there will be an independent Welfare Stewarding team in attendance and there may be routine testing for prohibited substances.
4. The organisers reserve the right to make any changes/amendments to the competition or rules.
5. All horses must be four years of age in all ridden classes. Horses aged three years are permitted in the RoR In-Hand showing class.
6. All horses attending this event must be fully up to date with annual flu vaccinations. Passports must be available on request and spot checks may be carried out.
7. Entries are online only via Horse Monkey
8. Refund requests will not be accepted after close of entries on 1st September at 22:00 hrs.
9. This is a stand-alone event and unless otherwise stated, i.e. the Tattersalls RoR Showing Series finals, does not qualify for any other RoR Championship event.
10. Entry fees for this event will include a lorry/trailer pass and two admission tickets for the day of your class/classes only.
11. Prize-giving will be mounted for first to sixth places in each Championship Dressage class. This will take place in a designated area as soon as possible after the class has finished. Competitors are advised to monitor the scoreboard and ensure that they are ready in good time.
12. Bridle numbers for dressage classes are not supplied please bring your own. Back numbers for showing and performance classes will be available for collection at the RoR Info Point on the day. Back numbers are permissible in RoR dressage classes.
13. Grooms will be required in classes 7 & 9 and must wear a current safety standard hard hat with the chin strap fastened
14. Lungeing is not permitted.
15. No horses may be left unattended outside lorries/trailers and no hay nets may be tied to the outside of lorries/trailers. All droppings must be removed from the lorry park immediately. Bins are provided.
16. On-site stabling is not available for non-FEI entries.
17. Parking - please follow instructions issued by the parking stewards at all times.
18. All dogs must be kept on leads and any mess to be cleared up and disposed of correctly.
19. Abuse of stewards, officials, volunteers, trainers and fellow competitors will not be tolerated.
20. Any person disobeying these rules may result in that person being eliminated.
21. Objections must be launched with the RoR MD before the close of this event by email at info@ror.org.uk
22. RoR official merchandise can be purchased at www.rorshop.uk/
23. Disclaimer – save for death or personal injury caused by negligence of the organisers or anyone in law for whom they are representing, neither the organisers of BPIHT, RoR, the sponsors, nor any agent, employee, or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury, or illness to horse, owners, riders, grooms, spectators, dogs or any other persons or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract, or in any way whatsoever.

To qualify for RoR at Blenheim Palace Dressage Championship classes

- 1) Riders must submit three score sheets for the level at the required minimum percentage or above from affiliated competitions, unaffiliated competitions or both.
- 2) **Qualification period: 01.04.2026 – 31.08.2026**
- 3) Score sheets must include the registered racing name of the horse, have full details re date and venue and must be signed by the Judge.
- 4) The qualification is for horse/rider, no substitutes (horse or rider) allowed.
- 5) Horse/rider combinations are allowed to compete in two classes at adjacent levels so long as they have submitted the relevant qualifying score sheets
- 6) Horses qualified with two riders are not allowed to be entered more than once in the same Championship class.
- 7) To submit qualifying scores for verification, members must email their scores with supporting proof by way of screenshot of event scoreboard, BD record etc. to aparkinson@ror.org.uk
- 8) All qualifying score sheets must have been received and approved before entering any Championship class at this event.
- 9) In the event of oversubscription, a wait list will be held and priority will be given to those combinations who have submitted the highest qualifying percentages, based on the average of their three scores
- 10) The Dressage Championship classes will run and judged under BD rules, they will however, also be affiliated to RoR only and no BD grading points will be awarded.
- 11) Whips and callers are not permitted in Championship Dressage classes
- 12) All entrants agree to be bound by the RoR Rules for Dressage:
<https://d301l49b0xhsa2.cloudfront.net/documents/RoR-Dressage-Rules-2025.pdf>

Class	Level	Min Q % x 3	Criteria
1	Prelim	67%	Open to qualified combinations that have never competed at elementary level or above
2	Novice	66%	Open to qualified combinations that have never competed at medium level or above
3	Elementary	65%	Open to qualified combinations that have never competed at advanced medium level or above
4	Medium	64%	Open to qualified combinations
5	Advanced Medium	63%	Open to qualified combinations

Prize Structure: Championship Dressage classes: rosettes to 10th place and a souvenir rosette to each competitor, plus a sash and rug to each winner.

Competitors, in accordance with BD rules, must attend prize givings, mounted or unmounted at the organiser's discretion, or ensure that they are represented, when requested by the organiser. Failure to attend (unless agreed with the organiser) may result in the forfeit of prize money, rosettes or other awards. Correct competition dress should be worn for prize givings whether mounted or not.

Prize Money: 1st 60, 2nd 40, 3rd £20 and will be allocated thus and will be paid by RoR via BACS after the event. Members will be required to fill in a prize money claim card.

Prize Money and allocation for classes 1 - 5 inc	
1 st Place	1 – 4 starters
2 nd Place	5 – 8 starters
3 rd Place	9 starters plus

Tattersalls RoR Showing Series 2027 qualifier classes



Judges: CONFORMATION – Mrs Hettie Keyes. RIDE – Miss Jess Mills

Class 6 - Tattersalls RoR Open In-Hand Showing Series 2027 qualifier

Open to GB raced horses and horses that have raced abroad or been in training. Horses must have RoR Competition Membership and handlers to be 15 years old on the 1 January of the current year. For horses three years and over, fillies, mares and geldings. Handlers must wear the current approved safety/kite mark hard hat with a chinstrap. Racing injuries and blemishes are ignored. Horses do not need to be shod to compete in the RoR Open In Hand class. Horses can be shown in a bitless/In hand bridle. The first three go forward to the final at The Jockey Club RoR National Championships at Aintree Equestrian Centre in August 2027. Rosettes first to fourth places and a Tattersalls RoR official merchandise voucher first to third place.

Class 7 - Tattersalls RoR Novice Ridden Showing Series 2027 qualifier

For GB raced horses only. To take part in this class, horses must not have won an open ridden class, including SEIB/HOYS, BSHA, SHB, RoR Tattersalls Show Series Open Ridden Qualifier, RoR Amateur Ridden Show Series Qualifier or any other open class except Tattersalls RoR Former Racehorse Challenge Show Series classes. Horses may remain in Tattersalls RoR Novice Show Series classes until they win three Tattersalls RoR Novice Show Series Qualifiers. They are de-noviced on their third novice win or at midnight on the day they win an open class, whichever happens first. They are still eligible to compete in the Tattersalls RoR Novice Final at The Jockey Club RoR National Championships that August. The first three go forward to the Final at The Jockey Club RoR National Championships at Aintree Equestrian Centre in August 2027. The Series Champion goes forward to the RoR Ridden Show Series Supreme Championship at The Jockey Club RoR National Championships at Aintree Equestrian Centre in August 2027. Rosettes first to fourth places and a Tattersalls RoR official merchandise voucher first to third place.

Class 8 - Tattersalls RoR Amateur Ridden Showing Series 2027 qualifier

Open to GB raced horses and horses that have raced abroad or been in training. Horses must have and have current RoR competition membership. Riders must be 15 years or over on the 1 January of the current year. For horses four years old and over mares and geldings owned, produced and ridden by an Amateur. Competitors and grooms must wear the current approved safety/kite mark hard hat with a chinstrap. Horses should be ridden in a snaffle, pelham or simple double bridle with a plain cavesson noseband. Horses should be plaited. The Series is open to AMATEURS only – those employed in racing will be allowed to compete. Class will be judged under 'riding horse' format without 'type' being taken into consideration. This class is a qualifier for the Tattersalls RoR Amateur Ridden Show Series Final. The judge will not ride at the qualifier but will ride at the final. Racing injuries and blemishes ARE IGNORED in this series. Amateur definition - The rules are as in the rulebook with the following addition that an amateur may not show a horse owned or sponsored by a company or commercial firm. In addition, a person classed as amateur must not be supported by a company in any way or act as brand ambassador whether financially or in-kind. An amateur is a

person who for the purpose of RoR classes does not/has not during the current season or previous season:Engage(d) in breeding, livery, buying or selling, dealing or hiring horses in a commercial capacity. Horses must not have been stabled at or reside in a Professional Producer's/Trainer's yard from 1 January 2025. Riders must not have ridden any animals produced by a Professional/Trainer in the current or previous season. Horses and riders must not receive any help from a Professional Producer/Trainer at a SHOW in the current season. A rider who has ridden for a Professional/Producer Trainer in the current or previous season must not have ridden horses at a show. Any breaches of this ruling will be taken seriously and will result in disqualification from future classes.


Qualification criteria - The first three go forward to the final at Al Shira'aa Hickstead Derby Meeting in June 2027. The winner of each Tattersalls RoR Amateur Show Series Qualifier between 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2027, also qualifies for the Tattersalls RoR Amateur Ridden Special Final at the Jockey Club RoR National Championships at Aintree in August 2027. All winners of the Veteran prize (horses aged 15 years and over) at each qualifying show, between 1 August 2026 and 31 July 2027, will qualify for the RoR Ridden VETERAN Final to be held at the The Jockey Club RoR National Championships at Aintree Equestrian Centre in August 2027. Rosettes first to fourth places and a Tattersalls RoR official merchandise voucher first to third place.

Class 9 - Tattersalls RoR Open Ridden Showing Series 2027 qualifier

Horses must have raced in GB and have current RoR competition membership. Riders must be 15 years or over on the 1 January of the current year. Horses must be over four years old and mares and geldings any height. Competitors and grooms must wear the current approved safety/kite mark hard hat with a chinstrap. Horses should be ridden in a snaffle, pelham or simple double bridle, and should be plaited. General purpose or straight cut saddles may be used. Competitors must wear a safety/kite mark hard hat with a chinstrap. Racing injuries and blemishes are not ignored. Please make sure you have big enough stirrups for the ride judges. You will not be asked to gallop your horse. Please be aware that should the entries exceed 20 the show will split the class on the horse's last run in a race (NH or flat) or will provide two ride judges. Please mark your entry form accordingly. The RoR Tattersalls Open Show Series is part of the RoR Elite Performance Awards. The winner of the Championship held at Hickstead in June 2027 will receive their prize at the RoR Awards (date and venue tbc). The first three in each class go forward to the final at the Al Shira'aa Hickstead Derby Meeting in June 2027. There will also be a prize for the highest placed veteran horse aged 15 years or over. Please note, qualified combinations must enter the [Hickstead Derby meeting](#). The final will be split into two; one class will be for horses whose last race was on the flat and the other class for those whose last race was under National Hunt rules (this includes National Hunt Flat races and Point to Point races). The top three from each section will be taken into the International Arena for the final judging. Previous RoR champions at the final at Hickstead are unable to compete in the final in subsequent years but they can compete in qualifiers should they so wish. Winners of each Tattersalls RoR Open Show Series qualifier between 1 Aug 2026 to 31 July 2027 are eligible to enter the Tattersalls RoR Open Ridden Show Special Final on Saturday in August 2027, at The Jockey Club RoR National Championships held at Aintree Equestrian Centre.

Winners of the Veteran prize (horses aged 15 years and over) at each qualifying show will qualify for the RoR Ridden VETERAN Final to be held at the The Jockey Club RoR National Championships at Aintree Equestrian Centre in August 2027. Rosettes first to fourth places and a Tattersalls RoR official merchandise voucher first to third place.

Quick check chart for RoR Showing classes

 Tattersalls	Open In-Hand	Open Ridden	Novice Ridden	Amateur Ridden
For GB raced horses only		✔	✔	
For horses that have raced in GB or abroad or have been in training	✔			✔
Ride Judge		✔	✔	
Strip for conformation judging		✔	✔	✔
1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd qualify for Series Finals	Aintree	Hickstead	Aintree	Hickstead
Highest Placed Veteran prize		✔		✔
Shoeing rules apply		✔	✔	✔
Blemishes overlooked	✔			✔

About RoR:

Retraining of Racehorses

Established in 2000, Retraining of Racehorses (RoR) is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all former racehorses through various preventative measures, including:

- Setting industry standards for retraining former racehorses.
- Providing training and education to owners to build lifelong partnerships with their retired racehorses.
- Promoting the versatility of these horses in various equestrian activities and facilitating their participation in competitions.
- Maintaining a robust tracking system for former racehorses through RoR membership.

RoR also extends support to former racehorses in times of need through its welfare work.

Find out more about our work, please visit www.ror.org.uk

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