

# ALL STEPS FORMATION RIDING

## COMPETITION SPECIFIC RULES & REGULATIONS.

The rules are a great place to start for all you need to know to compete in formation riding, including what you and your horse are allowed to wear, what the judges are looking for and how to qualify for all the different championships.

We ask that our members respect the following requests to maintain a healthy atmosphere within the sport:

- 🇬🇧 Show proper respect for laws governing copyright and fair use/dealing of copyrighted material.
- 🇬🇧 Be aware that publication of information and comment on social media carries the same obligations as any other kind of publication and should follow the same ethical and legal standards
- 🇬🇧 All-Steps Formation Riding (ASFR) maintain appropriate public liability insurance. Membership of the association does not entitle members to any personal public liability or personal accident coverage. Members are required to take out appropriate personal insurance policies.

## Eligibility to Classes

If a team has won a championship at one level they are no longer able to compete at that level.

## Entries

- 🇬🇧 Competitors must complete the ASFR entry form in full.
- 🇬🇧 Currently riders can ride twice in the same test.
- 🇬🇧 Entrants can change the riders of their teamup a week before the competition.

## Tack conformity

- 🇬🇧 Snaffle or double bridles for all levels. Currently no bits are restricted.
- 🇬🇧 Any style of saddles is allowed.
- 🇬🇧 Whips, both long and short are permitted.
- 🇬🇧 Spurs are permitted but are to be used responsibly but no shanks to be longer than 1inch.
- 🇬🇧 Under 18s are only allowed spurs with prior permission.
- 🇬🇧 Saddle pads can either be white or different colour, the team should have the same colour. The saddle pad can have the teams name embroidered on with no size restriction yet.

**Test calling is allowed along with voice cues from the two lead riders.**



## What are the judges looking for

- 🇬🇧 Spaces between the riders are all uniformed within the whole of the test.
- 🇬🇧 All horses are working at the same rhythm.
- 🇬🇧 Movements are ridden precisely and flowing with the ride.
- 🇬🇧 The music suits the ride and lasts for the length of test.
- 🇬🇧 Overall harmony throughout the horses and riders.

## Dress code for competitors

- 🇬🇧 A shirt with collar.
- 🇬🇧 White/ beige breeches.
- 🇬🇧 Tall riding boots or short boots with short chaps.
- 🇬🇧 A show jacket (black or dark blue or tweed coat).
- 🇬🇧 Colour/white stock or collar and tie.
- 🇬🇧 Gloves, dark or white.
- 🇬🇧 A hat that meets current safety requirements. Colour either black or blue.
- 🇬🇧 Whips are permitted both short and schooling.
- 🇬🇧 Spurs are permitted.
- 🇬🇧 Team gilets are allowed if all riders from team have the same colour, these can have the team's name embroidered on them.

## Horse Welfare

- 🇬🇧 Farriery and Tack
  - Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard.
  - Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid pain or injury.
- 🇬🇧 Good horse management
  - Stabling, feeding and training must be compatible with good horse Management and must not compromise horse welfare.
  - Any practices which could cause physical or mental suffering in or out of Competition will not be tolerated.
- 🇬🇧 ASFR officials may refuse entry of any equine into competition should they feel that it is not fit to compete.
- 🇬🇧 Legal Identification Documents of Horses
  - A legal passport must accompany each horse or pony at any competition and be readily available for presentation to competition officials.
- 🇬🇧 Vaccination Programme
  - First vaccination
  - The second is given between 21 and 92 days after the first vaccination.
  - The third is to be given between 150 and 215 days after the second
  - One annual booster.
  - No horse or pony should attend a national competition less than 7 days after a vaccination.
  - All vaccinations must be listed in the horse's passport.



## Competing Internationally

- 🇬🇧 All horses travelling abroad to international competitions must have Vaccinations in compliance with FEI regulations.

## Rules of the Warm-up Arena

- 🇬🇧 The warm-up arena is for the rider's preparation of their horses before their Entry into the competition arena.
- 🇬🇧 The warm-up arena may be monitored by paddock officials.
- 🇬🇧 All competitors must respect the orders of the paddock officials.
- 🇬🇧 No other person is allowed into the warm-up arena except the grooms/helpers and trainers of the competitors.
- 🇬🇧 The warm-up arena is an area for quiet working in. Riders conduct must not jeopardise other riders. Riders must pass left to left.
- 🇬🇧 Any breach of conduct will be reported by the paddock officials or to the President of the Jury.

## Organising commissions

- 🇬🇧 Organising commissions co-ordinate a competition.
- 🇬🇧 Rights - organising commissions can set the specific terms of a formation riding competition as long as it has the express consent of ASFR.
- 🇬🇧 Obligations: all organising commissions must provide good competition Facilities for horses and riders.

## Judges

- 🇬🇧 Types of judge:
  - A candidate judge is one that is undergoing training and has been approved by ASFR to judge at training competitions and/or regional level.
  - A National judge is one who has undergone training and has been approved by ASFR to judge both regional and national competitions.
  - An international judge is one that has undergone International training and has been approved by ASFR to judge at International level competitions.
- 🇬🇧 When there are large number of entries, different judges may be allocated for each level.
- 🇬🇧 Rights: The judge must be in an isolated and comfortable position so that he/she can carry out his/her duties in an impartial manner.





### Obligations:

- All judges must follow these rules.
  - The President of the Jury has maximum authority in the absence of the President of the ASFR at a competition and it is his/her duty to ensure the smooth running of the competition.
  - The President of the Jury must direct any complaints made by a competitor.
  - The Paddock Commission must declare any irregularity to the President of the Jury.

### **Paddock Commission**



The Paddock Commission are chosen by ASFR.



### Rights:

- The Paddock Commission is comprised of impartial and trustworthy individuals.
- Members of the Paddock Commission are situated in the entrance of the warm-up arena in order to carry out their duties.



### Obligation of the Paddock Commission

- Co-ordinate the competitors in the warm-up arena.
- Inspect the clothing and tack, ensuring the correctness and accordance with traditional British Dress and Tack.
- Control of each competitor as they proceed from the warm-up arena to the competition arena.
- Monitor the conduct of the riders.
- The Paddock Commission must declare any irregularity to the President of The Jury.

