MREC PRESEASON SERIES

Dressage +
Arena XC Derby

Love Dressage?
Come for Saturday.

Love Eventing?
Make a weekend of it.

MREC
HORSE PARK

Different Riders.

Same Goal:
Be Ready for Next Season.

October, November,
February, March, April, May.

Six months. Six weekends.
Championship finale
in May.

Table of Contents

1. COMPETITION OFFICIALS 4

2. ABOUT THE MREC PRESEASON SERIES 5

Dressage Series 5
Arena XC Derby Series 5
Series Dates 6

3. DIVISIONS & CLASSES 7

Arena XC Derby Divisions 7
Dressage-Only Divisions 7

4. ENTRY DETAILS 8

Competitive Levels & Additional Rides 8
Entry Changes / Post Entries 8
Day-of Adds 9
Hors Concours 9

5. SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STRUCTURE 10

Tie Breakers 11

6. AWARDS 11

Series Competition Awards 11
Dressage 11
Arena XC Derby 11
Series Championships 11

7. SATURDAY — DRESSAGE 12

Dressage Series Tests 12
Arena XC Derby Series Dressage Tests 12

8. SATURDAY — ARENA XC DERBY SCHOOLING 13

9. SUNDAY — ARENA XC DERBY 13

Course Walking 13
Derby Scoring 13

10. RIDER ATTIRE & SAFETY EQUIPMENT 14

All Mounted Riders 14
Arena XC Derby 14
Dressage 14

11. FOOTING & WARM-UP 14

12. FEES 15

Dressage Series 15
Arena XC Derby 15
Other Fees 15

13. STABLING & CAMPING 16

Camping 16
Departure 16

14. REFUND POLICY 16

Withdrawn by Competitor 16
Cancellation Due to Weather or Circumstances Beyond Management's Control 16

15. BIOSECURITY & VACCINATIONS 17

16. HORSE WELFARE 17

17. COMPETITION RULES 17

18. DOGS 18

19. MOTORIZED VEHICLES / E-BIKES / SCOOTERS 18

20. COMPETITION NUMBERS 18

21. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS 18

22. EMERGENCY & MEDICAL INFORMATION 18

23. HCBC DISCLAIMER 19

MREC PRESEASON SERIES
Dressage + Arena XC Derby

HCBC Provincially Sanctioned Competition

Six months. Six weekends. Championship finale in May.

- October 17–18, 2026
- November 7–8, 2026
- February 27-28, 2027
- March 20-21, 2027
- April 24-25, 2027
- May 22-23, 2027

MREC Horse Park
21973 132 Ave.
Maple Ridge, BC

www.mrec.ca

236.632.3922
alison@mrechorsepark.ca

Two ways to compete:

Dressage Series
Arena XC Derby Series

1. COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Competition Manager:
Alison Cartier

Ground Jury Committee:
TBD – Will be posted

Entry Secretary:
Alison Cartier
alison@mrechorsepark.ca
236.632.3922

Dressage Judges:
Licensed official selected for each competition

Arena XC Derby Judge:
Licensed official selected for each competition

Arena XC Derby Course Designer:
Shayla Northey

Veterinarian:
On call

Farrier:
On call

2. ABOUT THE MREC PRESEASON SERIES

Dressage + Arena XC Derby

Six months. Six weekends. One championship destination.

The MREC Preseason Series lets riders keep competing, training, and developing through the fall, winter, and spring.

Each weekend offers two competition streams:

Dressage Series

For riders who want to compete in Dressage only.

Dressage classes take place on Saturday, with individual show awards at each competition for dressage-only riders and points accumulating toward the MREC Dressage Series Championship in May.

Each Dressage Series entry includes two back-to-back rides of the same test at the rider's chosen competitive level. The judge will score both rides, but the score from the second ride will be the official competition score used for placings, results, and Series Championship points.

Riders may also choose to enter a second level. When two levels are entered, the lower level will be ridden Hors Concours (H/C) and the higher level will be the rider's competitive level.

Hors Concours rides receive a score and judge's comments but are not eligible for placings, prizes, or Series Championship points.

Arena XC Derby Series

For riders interested in Dressage and Arena jumping with cross-country and show jumps.

Competitors ride Dressage on Saturday, can school the Arena XC Derby course on Saturday, and compete over the Arena XC Derby course on Sunday.

Dressage penalties and Arena XC Derby penalties are combined, and the horse-and-rider combination with the lowest total penalty score wins the division.

Riders may also elect to ride additional Arena XC Derby rounds. Only the first round is the competitive round and will count toward placings, results, and Series Championship points.

Any additional rounds will be ridden Hors Concours (H/C) and will not be eligible for placings, prizes, or Series Championship points. Additional H/C rounds will take place after all competitive rounds in the division are complete.

Series Dates

- October 17 – 18, 2026
- November 7 – 8, 2026
- February 27 – 28, 2027
- March 20 – 21, 2027
- April 24 – 25, 2027
- May 22 – 23, 2027 — Championship Finale

Individual competition awards will be presented at each show. Series Champions and Reserve Champions will be crowned following the final competition in May.

3. DIVISIONS & CLASSES

Arena XC Derby Divisions

- Cross Pole / 45 cm Division
  - Dressage: EC ICE Eventing Dressage Test A
  - Arena XC Derby: maximum 45 cm
- 60 cm Division
  - Dressage: EC ICE Eventing Dressage Test B
  - Arena XC Derby: maximum 60 cm
- 69 cm Division
  - Dressage: EC EV 85 Dressage Test 1 (2023)
  - Arena XC Derby: maximum 69 cm fixed / 78 cm brush
- 77 cm Division
  - Dressage: EC EV 85 Dressage Test 1 (2023)
  - Arena XC Derby: maximum 77 cm fixed / 85 cm brush
- 85 cm Division
  - Dressage: EC EV 85 Dressage Test 2 (2023)
  - Arena XC Derby: maximum 85 cm fixed / 94 cm brush
- 90 cm Division
  - Dressage: EC EV 90 Dressage Test 1 (2023)
  - Arena XC Derby: maximum 90 cm fixed / 1.00 m brush
- 100 cm Division
  - Dressage: EC EV 100 Dressage Test 1 (2023)
  - Arena XC Derby: maximum 1.00 m fixed / 1.20 m brush

Dressage-Only Divisions

- Introductory Level
- Training Level
- First Level
- Second Level
- Third Level
- Fourth Level
- Test of Choice H/C

4. ENTRY DETAILS

- **Entries Open:** Three weeks before competition date
- **Entries Close:** Tuesday of the week of the competition
- **How to Enter:** Entries will be accepted through an online form here: https://forms.gle/LgDAh27t8viJ8x5aA

All entries must include:

- Completed entry information
- Applicable HCBC membership information
- Signed waiver and entry agreement
- Horse information
- Class/division selection
- Stabling and camping requirements and a $50 stall deposit, if applicable
- Payment of all required fees; preferably by e-transfer to mrecshowentries@gmail.com.

All competitors and owners of horses participating in an HCBC-sanctioned competition must hold current HCBC membership.

Competitive Levels & Additional Rides

A horse may be entered in only one competitive Arena XC Derby level per competition.

Riders may purchase additional Arena XC Derby rounds at the same height; however, only the first round is competitive. Any subsequent rounds are ridden Hors Concours (H/C) and do not count toward placings, prizes, or Series Championship points.

Dressage-only competitors may enter a second Dressage level as outlined under the Dressage Series rules. When two Dressage levels are entered, the lower level is ridden H/C, and the higher level is competitive.

Entry Changes / Post Entries

Entries received after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of Competition Management and will be subject to a **$30 late fee**.

Changes or additions to an existing entry after the closing date are subject to availability,the competition schedule, and a $30 administration fee.

Day-of Adds

If time and space allow, registered competitors may add **additional Arena XC Derby rounds** on the day of competition.

Only the rider's **first Arena XC Derby round is competitive**. Any additional rounds are Hors Concours (H/C) and will take place **after all competitive rounds at that division height have been completed**.

Additional H/C rounds are not eligible for placings, prizes, or Series Championship points.

Hors Concours

Hors Concours (H/C) entries **will be accepted**, subject to the competition schedule and Management approval.

H/C rides receive no placing and are not eligible for prizes or Series Championship points.

H/C applies in the following circumstances:

- For Dressage-only competitors entering two levels, the **lower level is H/C** and the higher level is competitive.
- For Arena XC Derby competitors, only the **first Derby round is competitive**. Any additional Derby rounds are H/C.
- Riders who wish to receive **verbal coaching while riding the Arena XC Derby course** may do so only in an H/C round.

Additional Arena XC Derby H/C rounds will be scheduled after the competitive rounds at that division height are complete.

5. SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STRUCTURE

Starters in class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
4	4	3	2	1	—	—	—	—
5	5	4	3	2	1	—	—	—
6	6	5	4	3	2	1	—	—
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	—
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
9–15	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
16+	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3

- Points belong to the horse/rider combination.
- Best scores from 4 of the 6 competitions count.
- A minimum of 3 competitions before the May finale is required for Champion or Reserve Champion eligibility.
- Points remain with the level in which they were earned. If a combination moves from 77 cm to 85 cm during the season, the 77 cm points don't move with them.
- Eliminated or withdrawn combinations receive zero championship points for that class.

Tie Breakers

Most wins among the four counting results; then most second-place finishes; then the better placing at the May Championship Finale.

If a scheduled competition is cancelled, Management reserves the right to adjust the minimum number of qualifying competitions and/or number of scores counted toward the Series Championship.

6. AWARDS

Series Competition Awards

Dressage

Ribbons awarded **1st through 6th** in each class. Prizes for 1st to 3rd.

Arena XC Derby

Ribbons awarded **1st through 6th** in each class. Prizes for 1st to 3rd.

Series Championships

At the May Championship Finale, MREC will award:

- Dressage Series Champion & Dressage Series Reserve Champion for each division
- Arena XC Derby Series Champion & Arena XC Derby Series Reserve Champion for each division
- Ribbons and prizes for 1st through 5th

Championships are awarded to the **horse-and-rider combination.**

7. SATURDAY — DRESSAGE

All dressage tests will take place Saturday.

Start time: ~8:00 am
Ride times posted: Startbox.

Tests may be called at all levels.

Whips may be carried in accordance with HCBC rules and may not exceed 120 cm for horses or 100 cm for ponies.

Dressage Series Tests

Dressage-only rides will be ridden in a 20×40 m or 20x60 m all-weather sand arena, depending on the test requirements. Dressage-only riders will ride after the Arena XC Derby competitors have completed their dressage tests.

- 2023 USDF Introductory Level – Test A, B, C
- USEF 2023 Training – Test 1, 2, 3
- USEF 2023 First Level – Test 1, 2, 3
- USEF 2023 Second Level – Test 1, 2, 3
- USEF 2023 Third Level Test – 1, 2, 3
- USEF 2023 Fourth Level – Test 1 and 2

Note: Tests will be updated to 2027 tests once new tests are released.

For Dressage-only classes, placings will be based on the highest percentage.

Arena XC Derby Series Dressage Tests

- **Cross Pole / 45 cm Division**: EC ICE Eventing Dressage Test A
- **60 cm Division:** EC ICE Eventing Dressage Test B
- **69 cm Division:** Dressage: EC EV 85 Dressage Test 1 (2023)
- **77 cm Division:** Dressage: EC EV 85 Dressage Test 1 (2023)
- **85 cm Division:** Dressage: EC EV 85 Dressage Test 2 (2023)
- **90 cm Division:** Dressage: EC EV 90 Dressage Test 1 (2023)
- **100 cm Division:** Dressage: EC EV 100 Dressage Test 1 (2023)

The competitor's Dressage penalty score is carried forward to the Arena XC Derby phase.

8. SATURDAY — ARENA XC DERBY SCHOOLING

School Saturday. Compete Sunday.

Arena XC Derby competitors have an opportunity following Dressage on Saturday to school the Sunday's Arena XC Derby course.

Schooling time: Published following posting of dressage times.
Format: Open arena with assigned divisions. Full access for coaches.

Saturday schooling can be purchased with an Arena XC Derby entry.

Dressage-only entries are not eligible for Arena XC Derby schooling.

9. SUNDAY — ARENA XC DERBY

Arena XC Derby rounds will take place Sunday in the combined space of two arenas on all-weather sand footing.

Start time: 8 am
Division order: high to low

The Derby course will combine show-jumping fences with natural or cross-country-type obstacles.

Course Walking

Courses will open for walking once the show office opens on Friday and will also be open between divisions on Sunday. Courses are closed for walking during the Arena XC Derby schooling times.

Derby Scoring

Arena XC Derby penalties will be added to the Dressage penalty score. The horse-and-rider combination with the **lowest total penalty score wins**.

Key obstacle penalties include:

- **Knocked rail:** 4 penalties
- **First refusal/run-out/circle:** 20 penalties
- **Second at the same obstacle:** 40 penalties
- **Third at the same obstacle:** elimination
- **Third penalized disobedience on course:** elimination
- **Omission of obstacle/compulsory passage:** elimination

- **Jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction:** elimination
- **Fall of horse or rider:** elimination
- **Willful Delay between the last fence and the finish line:** 19 faults
- **Exceeding Optimum Time:** 0.4 penalty points per second
- **Exceeding Time Limit:** elimination
- **Speed faults:** 0.4 penalty points per second under speed fault time

10. RIDER ATTIRE & SAFETY EQUIPMENT

All Mounted Riders

All competitors, regardless of age, must wear properly fitted ASTM/SEI-approved protective headgear, with the safety harness secured whenever mounted, specifically designed for equestrian activities.

Arena XC Derby

An **equestrian body protector is mandatory** for the Arena XC Derby phase and must be worn according to the manufacturer's instructions. BETA- or ASTM-standard body protectors are required. Inflatable vests may be worn in accordance with manufacturer instructions in addition to the body protector.

Dressage

Suitable warm or waterproof competition clothing may be worn in inclement weather instead of traditional dressage attire.

11. FOOTING & WARM-UP

Dressage Competition Arena: All-weather sand footing

Dressage Warm-up: All-weather sand footing

Arena XC Derby: All-weather sand footing

Arena XC Derby Warm-up: All-weather sand footing

Lunging: Indoor arena with sand footing

12. FEES

Dressage Series

Entry fee: **$80**

Includes:

- Two of the same dressage tests, ridden back-to-back
- Individual competition placing eligibility
- Dressage Series Championship points

Arena XC Derby

Entry fee: **$155**

Includes:

- Saturday Dressage
- Sunday Arena XC Derby
- Individual competition placing eligibility
- Arena XC Derby Series Championship points

Other Fees

- Stabling: $100
- Tack stall: $75
- Haul-in Fee for Friday Dressage Schooling: $30
- Derby Schooling round on Saturday: $30
- Extra H/C Arena Derby Round: $25
- Second Dressage Series Entry, with same horse/rider pair: $70
- Late Entry Fee: $30
- Service Fee for Credit Card or Interac Payments: 4%
- Clean stall deposit: $50 cash or credit card

All fees include GST.

13. STABLING & CAMPING

Stabling opens Friday morning and closes Sunday evening. Stabling fees include shavings.

Clean stall deposit: **$50 cash or credit card**

Clean stalls are emptied and swept. Binder twine must be removed. Rake the front of the stall area and pick up shavings and manure. If any cleanup is required after moving out, the clean stall deposit will not be refunded.

Camping

Camping is available at no cost.

Departure

All horses/stalls/trailers must depart by end of day Sunday, unless prior arrangements have been made.

14. REFUND POLICY

Withdrawn by Competitor

- Before Closing Date:
  - Entry and stabling fees refunded by credit, less a $30 administration fee.
- After Closing Date:
  - With veterinary certificate: 50% of entry and stabling fees refunded by credit.
  - Without veterinary certificate: no refund.
- After Show Opens
  - No refund.

Cancellation Due to Weather or Circumstances Beyond Management's Control

Horse and rider safety will take priority in all decisions regarding weather, footing, and competition conditions.

If MREC Horse Park cancels the entire competition before competition begins due to weather, unsafe footing, emergency, or circumstances beyond Management's reasonable control, entry fees paid will be issued as a credit toward a future MREC Horse Park competition. No cash refunds will be issued.

If all or part of the competition is cancelled after the event has begun, no refunds or credits will be issued.

Stabling and other services already used or supplied are non-refundable and will not be credited.

If the competition proceeds as scheduled but a competitor elects not to attend because of weather, travel conditions, or personal circumstances, the regular withdrawal and refund policy will apply.

Credits must be used within 6 months, are non-transferable, and have no cash value.

A competition cancelled in whole or in part does not automatically affect a competitor's eligibility for Series Championship awards. Management may adjust championship qualification requirements if a scheduled series competition cannot be completed.

15. BIOSECURITY & VACCINATIONS

Horses attending MREC Horse Park should be in good health and up to date on vaccinations. Competition Management reserves the right to require supporting vaccination documentation and to require removal of any horse deemed unfit to compete or presenting a potential health risk.

16. HORSE WELFARE

Horse welfare takes precedence over competition, training goals, and personal objectives. Horses must be treated with dignity, respect and compassion at all times. Inhumane treatment, abuse, unsafe training practices, or excessive force will not be tolerated. Competition Management and Officials reserve the right to intervene or remove a horse or participant where welfare concerns arise.

17. COMPETITION RULES

This competition will be conducted in accordance with the current Horse Council BC Rule Book, Section 2 — Dressage for Dressage Only Competitors and Section 5 — Eventing Derby for Derby Competitors, together with all applicable HCBC General Competition Rules.

Every class covered by the current HCBC Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance with those rules.

Any MREC-specific competition or venue rules published in this prize list form part of the conditions of entry and are subject to HCBC approval where required.

18. DOGS

Dogs are permitted on the premises but must always remain on a leash and under control. Dogs are not permitted in warm-up areas, on the field of play, or at ingates.

19. MOTORIZED VEHICLES / E-BIKES / SCOOTERS

All motorized vehicles, golf carts, e-bikes, scooters, and similar devices must be operated responsibly and only in designated areas. Operators must yield to horses at all times.

Motorized vehicles are only allowed in stabling on warm-up/move-in day and at the close of the show. Operation of motorized or electric vehicles is prohibited in competition arenas, warm-up areas, barn areas, or horse-only or pedestrian routes during the competition unless authorized by Competition Management.

20. COMPETITION NUMBERS

Once the show opens, competition numbers must be worn and clearly visible whenever the horse is on the grounds, whether mounted or hand walking.

21. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Competition Management reserves the right to cancel, combine or split classes where entry numbers warrant and to alter schedules where necessary for safety, weather or efficient operation of the competition.

Any changes affecting course specifications or competition conditions will be communicated to affected competitors prior to the first rider competing under the revised conditions.

22. EMERGENCY & MEDICAL INFORMATION

Competition First Aid: An adult with recognized and valid Standard or above First Aid certification who is not competing will be delegated prior to the start of the show.

Emergency Contact: 911

Nearest Hospital: Ridge Meadows Hospital, 11666 Laity Street, Maple Ridge

Facility Address: 21973 – 132 Ave., Maple Ridge, BC

Any competitor who falls on the competition grounds during competition will be eliminated.

23. HCBC DISCLAIMER

It is the responsibility of the show/event committee, or competition organizers and the facility owners and managers, to ensure that all BC Health Authority and WorkSafeBC directives are followed and enforced. Horse Council is not a regulatory body, and it is understood and agreed that sanctioning and approval of a HCBC Provincial competition / event relates to the use of the rule book and approved officials only.

This Competition is a Horse Council BC provincially sanctioned competition and will be governed in accordance with the Horse Council BC Rule Book. Knowledge of the rules is the responsibility of Competition Management, Officials, and Competitors.

The Horse Council BC Rule Book can be found at www.hcbc.ca.

Neither Horse Council BC, its Board of Directors, organizing committee, staff, volunteers, officials, or employees of the horse show, will be responsible in any way, for damage, injury, or loss to persons, horses or property of exhibitors, spectators, owners, riders, trainers, or grooms. All competitors and owners of horses must be members of Horse Council BC to participate.