



Wellington Saddle Club

MEMBERS HANDBOOK FOR 2025/26



WELLINGTON RIDING

Wellington Saddle Club Clothing Range

The Wellington Saddle Club has its own bespoke clothing range and logoed saddle clothes, which can be purchased locally from 'Team Rider'.

The range is competitively priced and of good quality and includes Wellington Saddle Club competition and casual wear, embroidered with the club logo.

Jackets, Gilets and sweat jackets can also be personalised with the member's name. Please visit the website for further information and details of how to order.

Team Rider is based in Sunninghill, Berkshire and members can arrange to view and try on items of clothing to ensure a good fit. Please call Linda on 07840 833 540.

Visit the Team Rider website:

teamrider.co.uk/product-category/wellington-saddle-club/



Wellington Saddle Club

Wellington Saddle Club clothing is now available to buy in our on-line shop. All our clothing is good quality and wears well. All tops have a WSC logo embroidered on the front left hand side. The jackets/gilets and sweat jackets can be personalised with the member's name.

You can also now order a Wellington Saddle Club saddlecloth with the Wellington Saddle Club logo embroidered on it. If you want to visit to collect in person please call Linda on 07840 833540 to arrange a time. We are based in Sunninghill..

Please allow for postage time if you are ordering at the last minute. We don't want you to be disappointed.



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Welcome to Wellington Saddle Club

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Wellington Saddle Club (WSC)! We offer opportunities to extend your riding experience and compete in a safe, friendly and supportive environment alongside your regular training at Wellington Riding.

WSC was established in 1978. The club's purpose is to provide an environment to introduce, educate, encourage and support regular Wellington Riding School clients aged 17 years and above to the world of equestrian competition across Dressage, Show Jumping and Arena Eventing. As such, members have the opportunity to expand their equestrian knowledge and share experiences with like minded people.

Wellington's Chief Coach Mandy Chaffin, heads up WSC with the support of Senior Coach Dani Reddan and a committee of volunteers drawn from the club's membership.

Welcome to WSC and I wish you all a happy and successful year!

Stacey Kinnear
WSC Chairperson



About Wellington Saddle Club

WSC run an annual calendar of events and competitions from May through to April with a break during the Summer months. Events take place on a regular basis, usually on a Friday evening.

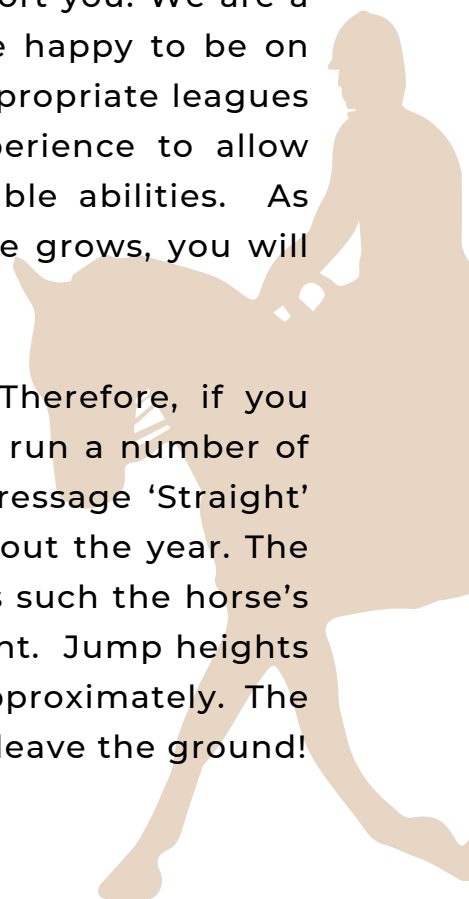
Social and training events are also held periodically, culminating with the AGM when the new season's calendar is launched, membership renewed and the league points counted, followed by the annual prize giving.

WSC aim to provide an environment where knowledge, support and encouragement enable members to compete in an 'as near competition' atmosphere as possible.

Rider Experience

WSC welcomes all level of experience, and if the prospect of managing a horse and competing may feel daunting, the club offers a 'buddy' system where an established member can help support you. We are a friendly club and you will find that everyone will be happy to be on hand to help. On joining, you will be placed in the appropriate leagues for dressage and showjumping based on your experience to allow members to compete against others with comparable abilities. As your confidence, competition success and experience grows, you will be promoted to the next league.

It is appreciated that jumping isn't for everyone! Therefore, if you prefer dressage and flatwork, that's no problem. We run a number of dressage competitions where you can ride British Dressage 'Straight' tests, Dressage to Music and Pairs Dressage throughout the year. The same goes for those who prefer jumping and aspects such the horse's age, your experience and ability are taken into account. Jump heights range from the minimus courses through to 1m approximately. The baseline for jumping is that the horse and rider must leave the ground!



May 2025 - Oct 2025

Wellington Saddle Club Calendar of Events

Membership £25.00 - Minimum Age 17

Date	Event
25th April	Dressage To Music
9th May	Dressage (20x60) - Taster
30th May	Showjumping - Taster
20th June	Dressage
11th July	Combined Training Three-Phase
25th July	Non-Ridden Demo
5th September	Dressage
19th September	Arena Eventing Clinic 5:30pm
3rd October	Dressage
24th October	Halloween Showjumping
31st October	Halloween Quiz (Social Event)

Nov 2025 - April 2026

Wellington Saddle Club Calendar of Events

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Date	Event
21st November	Showjumping
5th December	Dressage
19th December	Christmas Showjumping
9th January	Dressage
30th January	Showjumping
13th February	Valentines Dressage To Music
27th March	Showjumping

Competition format

WSC recognise the rules of the national governing bodies: British Dressage (BD), British Showjumping (BS) and British Eventing (BE). However, we also reserve the right to introduce minor variations as appropriate.

Dress Code

We recognise that horse riding is an expensive sport and equipment and suitable clothing comes at a cost. Where possible, we encourage the following dress code as this helps the rider gain a greater insight of what is expected when competing in BD, BS and BE competitions.

Dressage and Show Jumping

- Show jacket or waistcoat
- Suitable competition top
- Breeches of a solid, single colour and gloves
- WSC sweatshirt/Gillet/polo shirt with logo (optional) - please see page 2 for details.

Arena Eventing

- Long sleeved shirt or sweatshirt
- Body protector
- Non-peaked helmet
- Gloves

Safety equipment

Your safety and those of other members is paramount. Therefore, all equipment must comply to the current safety standards. If you are unsure, please check with the riding school reception team who will be happy to assist and advise you.

The following rules apply:

- Helmets must be worn when riding or handling horses.
- Appropriate heeled boots must be worn for riding
- Sleeveless shirts/tops and trainers are not permissible
- Body Protectors and Air Jackets may be worn for any competition
- Body Protectors must be worn for all arena eventing sessions.

Competition

There are two forms of WSC competitions: League events and Special events. In League events, points are awarded for 1st – 6th place (1st = 6 points, 2nd 5 points etc). The points are accumulated over the year, culminating in an Annual League Winner and Runner up for both Dressage and Show jumping.

Special events (non-league) Annual awards and all levels catered for:

Pairs Dressage You and your partner ride a WSC devised Dressage test.

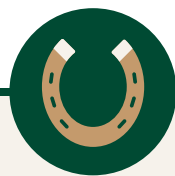
Dressage to Music (Tests at all levels): Ride a floor plan that you have created (perhaps with your Wellington Riding School Instructor), to music that you like. (additional training and practice slots can be arranged).

Combined training Dressage and Show Jumping round (there is also the opportunity for those who don't jump to be judged for dressage only).

Arena eventing (non-competitive - training only) A course of typical cross-country jumps. Riders must be confident to jump 70cm +

Rosettes and points

Rosettes are awarded at each event for those placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd and across all leagues.



Leagues

There are three leagues in both Dressage and Show jumping; Bronze, Silver and Gold. On joining the club, members will generally be entered into the Bronze leagues, unless their level of experience dictates a higher league.

Dressage and Show jumping leagues are independent of each other, allocation to the leagues is based on a member's experience or competition success in those disciplines. Members could therefore be in the Silver league for Dressage, but Bronze for Show jumping. Promotion to a higher league is based on competition success and occurs annually in April at the start of the WSC year. The leagues are updated after each event and shared on the WSC Facebook page.

Dressage leagues

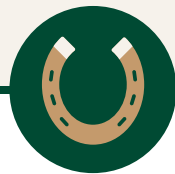
Promotion to a higher league is based on achieving an annual average score of:

- Bronze: Initial entry (Intro and prelim tests)
- Bronze to Silver: 65%
- Silver to Gold: 68%

If a member scores higher than 71% in any one test, they remain in the same league but will compete at a higher test level from the next event. For example, if a score of 71% is achieved in a prelim test, all future tests should be at Novice level.

Show jumping leagues

The Annual Winner (most points achieved) is promoted to the next higher show jumping league. The jumping height is determined by a rider's experience and comfort zone as well as the capability of the horse they are riding on the night. These factors will be determined by Mandy Chaffin, Wellington Riding School Chief Coach.



Membership

Membership forms along with the current year's Events calendar can be downloaded from the WSC facebook page or by emailing the chairperson: chairman.wellingtonsaddleclub@gmail.com. Paper copies are also available from the main reception of Wellington Riding School.

Event booking

Please use your ECPRO account to book into any of the WSC events. As soon as you become a WSC member, you will be able to view and book onto any WSC event listed in the annual calendar, as well as special events, demonstrations and social events which are added throughout the year.

WSC Communications

WSC has a very active Facebook page where you will find information regarding upcoming events, post-event write-ups, social events and news.

Your Notes

Wellington Saddle Club