

A beginner's guide to the GBPRE National Championships



Never been to the GBPRE breed show? Interested in coming along but want to know how it all works? This document is here to help you out! If you have any questions after having read it please get in touch

So, what's this all about then?

The GBPRE show is a showcase for the Spanish, and other Iberian horses in the UK. This year we are running from Friday 5th August to Sunday 7th August at our usual venue of Hartpury College in Gloucestershire. We have a huge range of classes and events on offer: from official ANCCE showing classes, to dressage, working equitation, horse agility, a tapas night and many other things. It's an amazing weekend and whether you bring a horse or just come to watch you'll have a great time!

This is a super friendly show so please don't be put off if you've never been before, or if you've never taken your horse to an overnight show. Everyone is really supportive and happy to help out where they can and there's always a friendly face at the show office if you need anything!

I want to show my pony! What do I do?

The first thing to do is have a look at the timetable and see what takes your fancy! The timeline can be found here: http://media.gbpre.co.uk/timeline_2022.pdf. The schedule which lists which horses can enter which classes, judges and rules etc is here: http://media.gbpre.co.uk/schedule_class_info_2022.pdf

To enter classes go to <https://gbpre.co.uk/breed-show/breed-show-menu/> and click on the Horse Monkey links

Not sure about showing, is there anything else?

Absolutely! We have Affiliated British Dressage, from prelim to grand prix, running all day Saturday. You don't need to be a full member of British Dressage to compete; you can enter on a ticket. See here for details: <https://www.britishdressage.co.uk/membership/membership-packages/bd-community-membership/>. The dressage to music on the Friday and Saturday evenings is unaffiliated so no BD membership required for that either! And it's huge amounts of fun!

We also have lots of other things scattered throughout the weekend: including have a go at horse agility, working equitation, show jumping, or take part in the parade class if you're more traditionally inclined. We hope there's something for everyone.

We also have the Iberian dressage on the Sunday. This is an exclusive league for Iberian horses that is a qualifier for the European championships, with its own more classical dressage tests. You can find more information about the MCI here: <http://iberiandressagemasters.co.uk/>

I've got a Fusion can I come too?

Yes please! All the dressage is of course open to Fusions and lots of the showing classes are too. We have specific Fusion showing classes as well, in hand and ridden! There's also Iberian Sports Horse which is open to all the Iberian breeds.

What about Lusitanos?

We've got you covered too! We have a whole bunch of Luso specific classes run under the Lusitano Breed Society rules, in addition to the dressage and many of the showing classes.

Other foreign breeds?

Yes yes! You can come too! We have a foreign breeds class, as well as some showing classes open to everyone and also the dressage and jumping.

Do I need to qualify?

No qualification needed to enter any classes at our show, although many of our classes are qualifiers for other people's championships. The schedule lists what the requirements are for each class so have a read for each class you're interested in: http://media.gbpre.co.uk/schedule_class_info_2022.pdf

What should I wear?

We have made some handy showing guides outlining correct attire for our classes which you can find here: <https://gbpre.co.uk/breed-show/showing-guides/> Some classes are run under other society rules so you should check the website of the relevant society to make sure you're correctly dressed. See the schedule to see what rules each class is using.

Do I need to be a member of GBPRE?

No, entry in most classes is open to non-members but you do get a discount of £10 per class if you are a member so if you're entering more than five classes membership will save you money. We give members of the Lusitano Breed Society of Great Britain our member rate for the show.

Can I come and watch?

Of course you can! We'd love to see you! Bring a camera, maybe a nice dog and rock up to enjoy watching some beautiful horses and amazing riders. There's so much to see. If you want to stay overnight (which you do because the Dressage to Music on the Friday and the Gala Saturday night is one of the highlights of the show!) you can book accommodation without show entries here: <https://gbpre.co.uk/breed-show/breed-show-menu/>

Or you can just come for the day, or for half a day. We're easy. **Free admission for spectators!**

Other information:

Accommodation for the horses:

Stabling is available on site, bookable when you do your entries. It costs £40 per night to hire a stable. You can buy hay and bedding (woodchip) on site, just ask at the stable office. We have a vet on call at all times in case of any issues (and first aiders for people of course!).

Accommodation for you:

You have several options! If you like to sleep in a bed and don't have a posh horsebox with living you can book a student room on campus. Single bed but own shower facilities! These are £47.50 per night including breakfast from the restaurant. This is bookable with your show entries.

If you do have a posh horsebox with living there's hookup points available at £40 for the show duration and plenty of parking. Please book this with your entry.

If you prefer camping there's a camping field, or a car park for caravans for £15 per night. The car park has hookup points, again £40 for the show duration. Again, book with your entry.

Where can I eat?

The college restaurant is open for the duration of the weekend, from breakfast throughout the day, and overlooks the International Arena so you can still watch the show whilst you're eating.

We also have the lovely Kempley Catering on site with their van providing burgers and chips and the like. A cup of proper tea and natter is always available from Donna and her crew!

On the Saturday night you can book a ticket for our Tapas evening to have some genuine Spanish food, and maybe a glass of wine or two...

Price list:

ANCCE class entry (non-member)	£55.00
ANCCE class entry (member)	£45.00
Other class entry (non-member)	£38.00
Other class entry (member)	£28.00
BD Entries	£25.00
Stabling (per night)	£40.00
Room on campus (per night)	£47.50
Camping (per night)	£15.00
Hook-up (show duration)	£42.50
Tapas evening	£30.00
Gaynor Colbourn Clinic	£185.00

What if I still have questions?

Then get in touch! People in the Facebook group are often on hand to answer queries or you can email me at ruth@gbpre.co.uk

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