* **Are all riders and volunteers riding hats up to the current standard? Have they been “tagged” by RDA?** if not you will need to arrive early enough to have time before your riders compete to get all your hats tagged at Regionals
* **Are all riders aware that they will be weighed (dressed for riding) before they compete?** Please insure riders arrive in plenty of time to do this before warm up time to avoid stress. Hat tagging and weighing station will be located by the blue horse box
* **Do any of your riders have a visual impairment?** Partially sighted riders or B2 & B3 riders need to compete in the PVI classes and riders who have no sight or a B1 classification compete in the TVI classes. V.I. riders need to be classified by British Blind Sport before they attend the competition. As this can take up to 3 months we suggest this is done well in advance of the Qualifiers. Riders with mild short or long sightedness will not need to be classified and may compete in other classes.
* **Have you let us know any additional information you think we should know?** e.g. we have fluorescent tabards with dressage letters on that are available for the competition for riders who find it hard to see the letters. If riders would like us to use them for their test then please make a note on the entry form next to the rider name
* **Have riders been weighed recently, dressed for riding?** This is essential information in order to find a horse suitable for riders prior to the event which helps us to be able to run to time on the day, and must be completed in the box on the entry form
* **ARMBANDS: In order to make people more aware, the following arm bands to be worn:**

V.I. riders to wear a white armband, riders with hearing impairments to wear a yellow armband and riders who do not wish to have their photo taken or appear in any photos put on social media may wear a pink armband. People taking photos of their riders/family members on the day are asked to check that riders with pink armbands do not appear in the background of photos.

* **Are you bringing your own horse(s) to compete?** If yes, then have you done the following:
* **Contacted our Regional Coach, Anne Furey** 07944 065 028 in plenty of time to arrange an assessment of the horses you want to bring so that they can be assessed as suitable to attend RDA competitions?
* **Packed your horses’ passports** with you ready to be checked, including all the dates of your horses’ vaccination history?
* **Checked the horse(s) inoculation dates are correct?** They must have received their first 2 vaccinations and be 7 days clear of the 2nd vaccination to attend the Regionals (and Hartpury.) If your horse has missed a vaccination or booster by even one day in their passport history then the vaccinations must restart from the 1st injection. There is an excellent “vaccination Flu checker” on the RDA website under running your group> horse welfare. Groups may use the “free vaccine” forms for vets to receive their vaccines free if the horse is used primarily for RDA work.

**NOTES:**

**Riders wanting to borrow a horse on the day:**

1. If a rider wishes to borrow a riding school horse on the day of the competition they may do so without trying the horse prior to the event. However it is possible for riders to independently book lessons at the venue and ride the horse prior to the closing date of entries if they wish to do so - they need not do this through their RDA group, as the venue has its own riding school insurance. If they have ridden a horse at the venue before and wish to ride the same one at the competition this can be inserted into the “Horses Name” box and we will do our best to make this happen if it is possible
2. If a rider wishes to ride one of the North Wales RDA pool of horses at the qualifiers (or at Hartpury) then they must get in contact with Sara Jones Williams (telephone: 07823 779 387) well in advance of the qualifier in order to try out the horse(s) before the qualifiers and see if there is a suitable match

**If in any doubt regarding horse vaccinations**, please get in contact with the **RDA national vet** whose details are on the RDA website

I**f you are in doubt about which class to enter** for your riders then please contact: Sara 07823 779 387 or Linda 07906 783 682

**Any horses attending competitions are subject to RDA rules regarding prohibited substances.**  Any groups with horses on painkillers or anti inflammatory drugs must declare what dosage and reason for administration BEFORE the competition

**Stables may be booked from Pen Y Coed if you would like to bring your horse down the day before the event**, stabling costs are £25 per night and this includes bedding. Please organise this directly with the venue not through N Wales RDA

**Riders who qualify in their dressage class at Regionals may then enter costume freestyle or pairs dressage at Hartpury**. Sara and Linda can help with queries related to this

There will be a Pre Dressage Training on March 29th at Pen Y Coed Riding Stables coached by the judge Sarah Rodger from 1pm onwards. A great chance to have a dress rehearsal for riders. For more info or to book please contact Linda or Sara.

**More info will also be found on the North Wales RDA FaceBook**