



Dressage Etiquette at Shows:

Warm-up etiquette: During warm-up, all riders are to pass left-shoulder-to-left-shoulder in all warm-up areas (like all international events).

ETIQUETTE FOR RIDING ARENA & WARMING UP AT SHOWS

1. Pass left shoulder to left shoulder (thus, a horse on the left-rein on the track has right of way).
2. A slower moving horse (walking) keeps to the inside track. When walking or halting, do so 5m off the track to keep the track clear for faster moving horses (i.e. cantering horses).
3. A horse doing lateral work has right of way (shoulder-in, leg-yield, half-pass).
4. A horse doing more advanced work (tempi changes, extended trot, etc.) has right of way. If you would like to use the diagonal or centreline, please announce it in a clear voice (i.e. "Diagonal please!").
5. Be aware of stallions, they can be unpredictable and should be treated with respect.
6. Be aware of your fellow riders and ride considerately:
 - Try not to stop suddenly and do not deliberately cut across someone else's path
 - Do not obstruct the entrance/exit, or the track
 - When entering the riding arena, make sure you do not get in the way of approaching riders. If the entrance or view to the entire arena is obstructed, announce in a clear voice "Door please", before entering, to prevent accidents
 - Give riders ample room when passing them so they do not get pushed up against the railings of the arena, whether passing from behind or in front.
 - When passing, make sure your whip does not inadvertently touch the other horse
 - Do not gallop past riders in the arena or anywhere on the grounds.
 - If you have a fractious or young horse, use the riding and lunging arenas to settle him but not at the expense of everyone else's safety. Also, if you see a young or fractious horse, try not to upset them
 - Make sure what tack is allowed in the warm-up ring at shows, as it can lead to elimination (e.g. Running reins, whips longer than 120cm, helpers carrying whips).
 - The warm-up arena steward's duty is to protect the sport & ensure safe and fair warm-up experience for all competitors. His decision is final: if you are reprimanded or warned, obey graciously, and learn from your mistakes.