

A beginner's guide to the GB PRE Championship Show 2023



Never been to the GB PRE 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 GB PRE show is a showcase for the Spanish, and other Iberian horses in the UK. This year the show dates are Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July at our usual venue of Hartpury College in Gloucestershire. We have a huge range of classes and events on offer: from official ANCCE morphology classes, to dressage, working equitation, horse agility, a tapas night and many other things including our Bitless dressage and Bitless showing class – the first of its kind to be run. 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 horse! What do I do?

The first thing to do is have a look at the TIMELINE and see what takes your fancy! The schedule which lists which horses can enter which classes, judges and rules etc is here: <https://gbpre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/GBPRE-2023-Schedule-update-24th-June-23.pdf>

To enter classes go to <https://mycavago.com/facility/gb-pre/715>

Not sure about showing, is there anything else?

Absolutely! We have Affiliated British Dressage, from Intro 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 evening is unaffiliated so no BD membership required for that either! It's huge amounts of fun and horse and rider can get dressed up in fancy dress or traditional gear!

We also have lots of other things scattered throughout the weekend: including have a go at horse agility, working equitation, 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 (MCI) on the Friday. 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 PRE Fusion or a PRE Associated Breed - 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.

Pura Raza Menorquina (PRMe) – New exclusive classes at the show for the first year!

We are delighted to be offering breed specific classes for the PRMe both in-hand and ridden, plus a championship for the registered horses. The class will be split into registered and unregistered horses. The Menorcan horse became an officially recognised breed in 1988. At the moment there are approx. 25/30 examples in the UK. The horse is of medium size, with the mares being more slender than the males. The minimum height for females is 1.51 mtrs and males 1.54 mtrs. Black is the uniform coat colour a small amount of white ie a star is permitted. The horses are warm bloods have a great temperament and easy to train. They are excellent for a vast range of equestrian activities.

Working Equitation?

Yes – The show is a National competition for Working Equitation GB as well as being a COPA ANCCE SICAB qualifier. Entries are via <https://abweofficial.co.uk>

What about Lusitanos?

We've got you covered too! We have a whole bunch of classes that the Lusitanos can enter including the Iberian Sports Horse, Foreign Breeds, Parade, Dressage and many of the other general 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.

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.

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, plus there's all the other benefits of being a member!

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 on the Cavago entries website or app.

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 (shavings) 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!). Day stables are also available.

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 – no breakfast. This is bookable with your show entries.

If you do have a posh horsebox with living there's hook-up 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 hook-up points, again £55 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 additional catering vans on site for the duration of the event including coffee and pastries.

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....

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 gemma@gbpre.co.uk or call 07841 752965. Contact details for all of the GB PRE team can be found in the front of the schedule – if in doubt give us a shout!