

RDA Arts & Crafts Competition 2017



Who can enter?

Forming part of the RDA National Championships, the annual RDA Arts & Crafts competition is always an incredibly popular event. Not only does the competition provide a brilliant opportunity for riders, vaulters and carriage drivers to express themselves through art, but also, as it is open to all participants, of all ages, in RDA, it gives everyone a chance to take part in the RDA National Championships in some way, and to achieve recognition.

We're always amazed by entrants' creativity and imagination! As in previous years, we'll be offering entry classes for both individual and group artwork, and these can be drawings, paintings, collages, sculptures – or even textile creations.

It's a fantastic opportunity to involve families, schools, colleges or care centres, too, as participants are welcome to create their artwork at any time; **in RDA sessions, in the classroom or at home.**

How do groups take part?

We recommend that groups speak with their Regional Chairman as soon as possible for specific dates and deadlines for the regional round of judging, as it will vary from region to region. Please contact RDA National Office on 01926 405973 if you are unsure of who your Regional Chairman is, or how to contact them.

The winners from all classes in the regional rounds will qualify for the finals, which will be judged on **Friday 14th July 2017**, at the RDA National Championships at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire. The winners for all Arts & Crafts classes, in places 1st – 6th, will be announced on Saturday 15th July.

How much will it cost to enter?

Entry to the regional rounds of judging is free of charge, however all winning entries from each region will be subject to a fee of £5.50 per individual entry / £5.50 per entrant in a group entry class (up to a maximum of £22.00) in order to be entered into the National Championships round of judging at Hartpury. **This fee must be paid to RDA National Office at the time of entry, in advance of the event.**

How will the artwork be marked?

The following marking system will be used for Classes 57 to 63 at both the regional judging and the finals at the RDA National Championships:

1. Relevance to RDA (not applicable to Class 57)	25 marks
2. Originality/ use of colours and materials	25 marks
3. Overall impression	25 marks
Total	75 marks
	(Total 50 for Class 57)

Which classes are available to enter?

All classes are open to participants of any age and ability

Participants are strongly encouraged to think about the theme of their artwork for the class they are entering. Unfortunately, marks are often lost as the subject doesn't quite meet all of the entry criteria. For Classes 58 – 63 please make sure that the artwork is clearly relevant to RDA activities, not just a general equestrian theme.

Definition of Artwork Types

Artwork entered in the wrong class will not be judged.

Please avoid any disappointment by carefully reading the following definitions of 'Pictures/Painting and Drawing', 'Collage', and 'Sculpture', for the purposes of this competition:

Paintings/Drawings

Artwork must be produced using pens, inks, crayons, pencils or similar, with no details stuck on, or extra embellishments added (although the odd sequin or jewel is fine!)

Collages:

Artwork must be created by sticking different materials such as photographs, pictures, coloured paper, fabric etc. onto paper or card, canvas, a sheet of fabric etc. Collage classes will also encompass embroidery pieces, on a flat canvas or cloth. Work must be one-sided and be able to be wall-mounted.

Sculptures:

Artwork should be in 2D/3D form, in any material. Sculpture classes will also include any textile work that is multi-dimensional and not flat. Please note the size restrictions for these classes, and the portability of the artwork

Classes

Class 57:

'Paint me a Picture' – Any Age – Individual or Group of up to 4

This can be any equestrian-themed picture, using watercolours, oils, acrylics, pencil, crayon, pen and ink or pastel etc. Entries in this class **do not** need to be relevant to RDA activities. **Maximum size A1.**

Class 58:

Paintings & Drawings – Any Age – Individual Watercolours, oils, acrylics, pencil, crayon, pen and ink or pastel etc. The work **MUST** be relevant to RDA activities. **Maximum size A1.**

Class 59:

Collages – Any Age - Individual.

The work **MUST** be relevant to RDA activities. **Maximum size A2.**

Class 60:

Collages – Any Age – Group (maximum 10 people).

The work **MUST** be relevant to RDA activities. **Maximum size A1.**

Class 61:

Sculpture – Any Age – Individual.

The work **MUST** be relevant to RDA activities.

Class 62:

Sculpture – Any Age – Group (maximum 10 people)

The work **MUST** be relevant to RDA activities.

Class 63:

Special Class for 2017

'OUR WONDERFUL RDA VOLUNTEERS'

A great opportunity for participants to show how they feel about RDA volunteers...through the medium of art!

Entries for this class can be made in any of the above artwork formats, but **must** be relevant to volunteers in RDA. Entries can be made by an individual or as a group, but will all be judged together.

There will be no regional round for Class 63, but entries must be confirmed with the Championships Secretary at RDA National Office, using the correct entry form, by the closing date of 14th June 2017, accompanied by the correct entry fee.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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Entry Form: **Regional Round**

Please complete clearly in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, or tick the appropriate box.

Completed forms will need to be returned to your **RDA Regional Chairman**, or their appointed representative, by the closing date for your RDA region.

Group		Region	
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Correspondent Details

	Title	Forename	Surname	
Name				
Address				
Postcode		Email		
Telephone		Mobile		

Artwork Title			
Artists' Names	Forename/s	Surname	
Artist 1			
Artist 2			
Artist 3			
Artist 4			
Artist 5			
Artist 6			
Artist 7			
Artist 8			
Artist 9			
Artist 10			

Category Details (please tick one)



Class 57	Paint me a Picture (individual, or group entry of up to 4 artists)	
Class 58	Paintings or Drawings (individual entry only)	
Class 59	Collages (individual entry only)	
Class 60	Collages (group entry of up to a maximum of 10 artists)	
Class 61	Sculptures/ 3-D Artwork (individual entry only)	
Class 62	Sculptures/ 3-D Artwork (group entry up to a maximum of 10 artists)	
Class 63	Theme 'Our Wonderful RDA Volunteers'	

Completed entry forms should be returned to your **RDA Regional Chairman**, or their representative, by the regional closing date. Please contact your Regional Chairman, or RDA National Office on 01926 405973, for the deadlines for your RDA region. **Please securely attach a copy of this entry form to all artwork submitted.**