Dear Members

From 31st July to 28th February, 2021, Area 12 will be running a Points Challenge. Whilst we appreciate that there are no shows to attend, many centres are starting to open back up and are now running dressage and show jumping competitions.

The Challenge will make use of these events, and encourage our members to gain points for every competition that they take part in riding side saddle. For those members aiming for the National Championships 2021, this is a great way to practice for the Equitation sections.

You can compete at any level, and will gain points every time you compete, even if you are not placed. All you need to do is to apply for a points card, which should be signed by the entries secretary at each event.

We know that some of you have been enjoying taking part in Dressage Anywhere classes, and we will include these online competitions, so even if your local centre is not open, you can still take part – all you need is a reasonably flat field and someone to video!

The 2020 Challenge Points card is free to Area 12 SSA members, and rosettes will be awarded in each section, with a trophy for the overall winners of the dressage and show jumping sections. SSA members from other areas are more than welcome to enter at a cost of £5.00, and non SSA members at £10.00.

Entry forms and points cards can be obtained by e-mailing area12treasurer@outlook.com, or by messaging the Area 12 Website, or the Area 12 Facebook page.

**Dressage Sections**

* Intro and Prelim
* Novice
* Elementary and Medium

Championship to the combination of horse and rider gaining the most points

Prizes for the highest average percentage for Junior and Adult riders

**Show Jumping**

* Up to 70cm
* 70 – 80cm
* 80 - 90cm
* 90cm and over

Championship to the combination of horse and rider gaining the most points

Points will be awarded as follows:

1st Place 12

2nd Place 10

3rd Place 8

4th Place 6

5th Place 5

6th Place 4

Participation in event 2

**DRESSAGE ONLY:** Points may be accrued from competitions held at a competition centre, at a riding club, or through Dressage Anywhere. Dressage Anywhere allows competitors to video their tests and submit them for judging by an official BD judge. The test may be ridden anywhere, and does not have to be in a formal dressage arena, or in a competition setting. Registration to Dressage Anywhere is free, each competition is charged separately, see [www.dressageanywhere.com](http://www.dressageanywhere.com) for more details.

**Rules of Entry**

1. The competition is open to riders of any age, competing on a horse or pony. The horse or pony should be aged 5 or over.
2. Each rider may enter any number of horse or pony, but one points card must be completed per combination. A separate points card is required for each combination competing in dressage or in show jumping.
3. It is the competitors responsibility to contact the venue to obtain prior permission to compete side saddle.
4. Each entry must be signed by the show secretary, and any placing recorded. Where shows are not awarding placings on the day, the competitor must obtain proof of placing to be submitted with the points card. This may be a screen shot of the competition results, or a copy of the prize card. Where the competitor uses Dressage Anywhere, a signature is not required, but the competitor will be required to submit a copy of the results for each class.
5. All completed entry forms, along with proof of entry/placing must be returned by 15th March, 2021 to area12treasurer@outlook.com. Returns will be accepted by post, if
6. Any competitor wishing to take part in the spot prize for highest average percentage must also include copies of each test.
7. Only competitions entered between 31st July 2020 and 28th February 2021 are eligible for points.
8. The winners will be announced in March 2021

Good luck and have fun!