

Dressage Arena FAQs

What sizes are Premier Equestrian Dressage Arenas?

The standard dressage arena size is 20x60 meters (66’ x 198’) and is required for First Level Test 1 through Grand Prix, as well as upper level eventing. The small or short dressage arena size is 20x40 meters (66’ x 132’) and is used for lower level dressage and eventing tests. Premier dressage arenas can be easily converted into the small or standard sizes. Upgraded sizes are available too!

See our blog about the Geometry of the Dressage Ring: <https://premierequestrian.com/the-geometry-of-the-dressage-ring/>

Premier Equestrian offers Training Set Dressage Arenas which leave openings on the sides, allowing riders to move in and out of the ring: <https://premierequestrian.com/product/sundance-dressage-training-arenas/>

How is the Sundance Dressage Arena different from the Pyramid or Wellington Arenas?

The Sundance Dressage Arena is our best seller. Along with the Pyramid Dressage Arena, it can be weighted down for extra wind resistance.

The Sundance, Pyramid, and Wellington dressage arenas are designed with molded, one-piece rail cones with set-in troughs. This makes set up and tear down easy, and it allows the rail to pop out for safety. The Sundance dressage arena and Wellington dressage arena rails are 1.5” wide x 5” tall, and the Pyramid rails are 2” wide x 6” tall.

Visually, the Pyramid and Sundance dressage arenas have rounded curves on rail cones, while the Wellington dressage arena has a block-style cone

Arena	Rail dimensions	Add weight?	Rail cone style
Sundance	1.5” x 5.5” rails	Yes	Rounded
Pyramid	2” x 6” rails	Yes	Rounded
Wellington	1.5 “ x 5.5” rails	No	Blocky

How do I set up my dressage arena?

Premier dressage arenas are easy to set up. Watch our video “How to Set Up a Dressage Arena” or download instructions for your arena style.

Video: https://youtu.be/NiW1sCKbX_I

How do I set up dressage arena letters?

Dressage arena letters are commonly placed around the outside of your arena rail. If you have rail letters, just snap the channels onto the rails, or attach wall letters to the wall. For the dressage arena letter layout, use our diagrams or watch our videos.

How to Set Up Letters for a 20x60 Meter Dressage Arena: <https://youtu.be/FvK1IMqQy4A>

How to Set Up Letters for a 20x40 Meter Dressage Arena: <https://youtu.be/xSs50ND2yjQ>

What is the lifespan of my dressage arena?

Most Premier dressage arenas feature molded, one-piece rail cones made of extremely durable, high density polyethylene. This is the same material recycling bins are made of. Materials are engineered with impact modifiers and extra UV protection so they won’t shatter or fade. The first Premier dressage arena installed over 20 years ago is still standing beautifully today! <https://premierequestrian.com/product/classic-arena-post-anchor-system/>

How do I maintain my dressage arena?

Premier Equestrian dressage arena maintenance is easy! Dressage arenas are made from sturdy PVC and high-density polyethylene. This material is UV treated for sun and impact. Aside from a thorough cleaning from time to time, your arena is basically maintenance free.

To clean your arena use water and a mild detergent with a sponge or soft cloth as abrasives may scratch the finish. Melamine foam sponges work great! (Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser) To get out stubborn stains use mineral spirits followed by a water rinse. Go lightly when using mineral spirits—it can damage the finish.

When arena is set up, rails should be turned over every 2-3 months to prevent sagging. When moving your arena, be sure to lay flat and not let rails bend while in transit. Arena is safe to leave out in all weather conditions, however in extreme cold, rails are more susceptible to damage with any impact. To store, wash sand off rails to prevent scratching. Rails must lie flat on a smooth, flat surface. Rail cones should be clean and free of sand and debris before stacking