

**British Riding Clubs Kbis British Equestrian Insurance  
Regional Hunter Trial Championships  
Northern Region**

**Frequently Asked Questions for Organisers and Competitors**

To be read in conjunction with the current British Riding Clubs Rulebook.

**Who can compete in the Northern Regional Championships?**

They are open to any British Riding Club (BRC) member providing that both horse and rider are eligible and are members of a club in Area 22, 23, 1, 2, 3 and 4.

**Where are the Championships held?**

They will be held at Farnley Farm, Hunwick, County Durham. DL15 0RB on 9 & 10 April 2011.

**Where will I be able to qualify?**

At any Hunter Trial which has registered with BRC to hold a qualifier.

**What if my Riding Club doesn't run a Hunter Trial?**

Any Hunter Trial can register to run a qualifier so you may be able to qualify at an event run by the Pony Club, local Hunt or Equestrian Centre. There will be a list of qualifiers on the BRC website.

**What height will the fences be?**

There will be two classes Novice at a maximum 75cm and Intermediate at a maximum 85cm.

**What classes will there be?**

There will be both a Novice and Intermediate class for Senior and Junior members and also a pairs class for both which will run over the novice course. The rules for the Hunter Trial can be found on page 66 of the current BRC Rulebook.

**How will the class be run?**

It is up to the individual organiser how the competition will be run, so it could be run with a timed section or an optimum time. It could also include a test of skill such as opening a gate.

**Will I have to ride against people who compete with British Eventing?**

No, each class will be split into Open and Restricted sections. The Open section will be for those who compete at BE90 (Intro) and BE100 (Pre novice). Horses in the Open Section must not have been placed first to sixth in any BE100 (Pre Novice) class in the current or preceding calendar year, or competed at BE Novice or above. The Restricted Section will be for those horses and riders who have never been registered with British Eventing.

**How do I enter?**

You will need to make a preliminary entry to the BRC competitions department, preliminary entries can be made online at [www.britishridingclubs.org.uk](http://www.britishridingclubs.org.uk) forms can also be downloaded for postal entries. The prelim entry fee is £7 per individual or £8.50 per pair. You will also need to make an entry to the Hunter Trial you wish to compete at by using their schedule and entry form.

**When will the Prelim Entries close?**

Prelim entries can be made at any time but they will close 14 days before the date of the qualifying Hunter Trial. They must arrive with BRC no later than this date.

**How many people will qualify?**

The highest placed BRC member from each class, who has made a preliminary entry will qualify. If more than one club has nominated a Hunter Trial to act as their qualifier it will be the highest placed member from each Club. Remember that there will be an open and restricted junior and senior member who will qualify from each class. The same qualification will apply to the pairs class.

### **Will qualification pass down the line?**

Yes. If the highest placed member has already qualified, qualification will pass to the next placed BRC member provided they have finished within the top six.

### **Can I try and qualify more than once?**

Yes, you can enter as many qualifiers as you like, however you must make a Prelim Entry for each qualifier you attend.

### **What happens when I qualify?**

The event organiser will give you a qualifying card and rosette. You will need to complete the qualifying card and post it to BRC. The details of where to send it will be on the qualifying card. Qualifying cards should be sent to BRC within 14 days of qualifying. Qualifying cards must be received before the Championship entry is made.

### **Where do I get a schedule for the Championships?**

The schedule will be available to download from the website [www.britishridingclubs.org.uk](http://www.britishridingclubs.org.uk)

### **How does a Hunter Trial register to hold a qualifier?**

Just complete the Hunter Trial registration form and return to BRC. We will also include the date of your Hunter Trial on our list of qualifiers on the BRC website.

### **Will we be required to run extra classes?**

No, the qualifier can run alongside your existing classes. The competitor will be placed in the class in the usual way you will just need to identify the competitors who want to qualify and give the qualifying card and rosette to the highest placed BRC member.

### **How will I know who is eligible?**

You will receive a list of all the eligible competitors from BRC. These will be divided into each class and will state whether they are junior or senior, open or restricted competitors.

### **What will I need to give to those people who qualify?**

You will be sent qualifying cards and rosettes to give to those who qualify. These will be sent to you in the week prior to your Hunter Trial.

### **Will I need to send anything back to the BRC office?**

Yes please, a copy of the results for each class. We will be able to extract the information which we need from this. The results should be returned within seven days of the competition.

### **What should I include in the schedule?**

We will send you the appropriate wording for the schedule. This won't take up much space and should be included in the two classes which will include the qualifiers and the pairs class if you hold one.

### **Will this cost anything?**

Not at all. Hopefully the qualifiers will prove popular and you may attract more entries to your event.