



## **Rescheduled 2020 Novice & Intermediate Winter Championships FAQs**

### **Why are the 2020 championships not being rescheduled to run at the end of 2020?**

Following extensive research into various options, the only financially viable option is to run the 2020 championships as an add on to the 2021 Novice Winter Championships. We still do not know when the government will allow large gatherings to take place, so trying to re-organise an event of this size for this year is too much of a risk. We remain hopeful that by next year restrictions will allow for large sporting events to take place once again. When looking at the budget for rescheduling the events, with the costs we have incurred this year for the cancelled events, we need to be sure that any new events are financially viable. By adding these rescheduled competitions onto an existing event, the costs become far more manageable. We also need to be sure that should the current situation change, for example if a second wave of the pandemic was to occur, then we are safeguarding BRC funds from future cancellations, as best as we can.

### **Why can't you run everything over the Easter weekend?**

We do not have use of the venue that weekend, it has been booked by another organisation. We also find it is more difficult to source volunteers and competitor numbers drop as people are spending time with their loved ones.

### **Why aren't you rescheduling the Festival, Horse Trials or National Championships?**

There were no qualifiers for the Horse Trials or the National Championships and very few for the Festival. These three events are also the largest of the BRC championships and there would be no way to accommodate them alongside the 2021 competitions.

### **What days will the 2020 classes run?**

The championships will run from 26 – 29 March 2021. The 2021 championships will run on the Saturday and Sunday as usual with the 2020 classes spread over the four days, mainly on the Friday and Monday. See the provisional schedule at the bottom of this document – please note this is subject to change.

### **Why are the juniors running on a weekday?**

The committee felt that we must maintain the schedule for the 2021 championship. When looking at the timetable this was the only way to fit everything in.



### **What happens if I was a junior when I qualified but will be a senior by the time of the rescheduled championships?**

You will still be permitted to enter the class you qualified in even if you have moved up to seniors for 2021.

### **What happens if I enter the 2020 Novice Winter Championships and then also qualify for the 2021 Novice Winter Championships in the same class?**

Providing you are still eligible; both of your qualifications will still stand, the classes will run separately so you will be able to compete in both.

### **What happens if I entered the 2020 Intermediate Winter Championships and then also qualify for the 2021 Intermediate Winter Championships in the same class?**

Providing you are still eligible; both of your qualifications will still stand. The competitions will be run over separate weekends so you will be able to compete in both.

### **What format will the rescheduled events take?**

The dressage for all 2020 competitions will run as normal.

The 2020 show jumping for the novice and intermediate competitions will run as one round. The main course, which will be longer than a standard show jumping course, will be immediately followed by a jump-off course, which all competitors continue onto without stopping. The course will start at the normal first round height and will gradually increase up to a discretionary 10cm higher by the end of the course. Running with this shortened format is the only way to ensure that all the 2020 show jumping competitors can fit into the arena space and daylight hours we have. There is simply not enough time or space to run these competitions across two rounds.

The 2021 show jumping will run as a two-round competition. For 2021, all show jumping championships will be run under the qualifier format, please see the BRC Handbook for details. An update on this will be published later in the year once the relevant documentation has been amended and will subsequently be in the 2021 BRC Handbook.

### **Who is invited to the rescheduled 2020 championships?**

For the Novice Winter Championships, those who had paid their entry fee and had sent entry forms at the time of cancellation will receive a new invitation. For the Intermediate, original declines of invitation will stand and those who confirmed they would be entering will receive a new invitation. This was decided so that those who intended to come to the championships at the time of cancellation have first refusal to accept the invite.

For both championships, if the invited club is unable to make the new date, they must decline as soon as possible to allow the invitation to be passed down the line. Where the invitation has been passed down the line previously, it will revert back to the 1<sup>st</sup> placed



team/individual from the qualifier. Any declines following on from this will be processed as normal.

The areas that had not run a qualifier for the Intermediate Winter Championships will be given the option to run a ballot. To be entered into the ballot, a club must make a pre-entry, then all pre-entries will be put into a hat and teams/individuals for all classes will be pulled out in accordance with CR Appendix 10A/B of the BRC Handbook. BRC will contact the relevant areas to organise this ballot and further details on how to enter will be released closer to the time. The ballot will either be run by the area or HQ. Once the ballot has taken place, an official invite will be sent to the relevant teams and individuals. For the show jumping classes, a “Fit to Compete” form will need to be filled out for all balloted entries.

### **When is eligibility taken from?**

For qualifiers that were originally held, the eligibility stands from the close of pre-entry for the qualifier. For anyone wishing to enter the ballot, the horse and rider must both have been eligible as of 17 March 2020. Any reserves being put forward must have been eligible at the close of pre-entry for their relevant qualifier.

### **What happens if I put in a reserve when I made my entry?**

The normal rule regarding reserves will stand. All teams must have at least two original horse and rider combinations from the qualifier (team of four) and the other two places may be changed as many times as necessary. For teams of three, there only needs to be one original horse and rider combination from the qualifier. For dressage, the original combinations must be riding the same test as the qualifier.

Any reserves for show jumping must fill in and return a “Fit to Compete form” to be entered.

### **Will entries be due at the same time as the 2021 entries?**

Invitations will be sent for those not needing to ballot in November 2020. Pre-entries for the areas that are balloting will open on 2 November 2020 and will close on 30 November 2020, with the aim of being drawn and invited from the 1 December 2020.

All entries for the 2020 rescheduled championships will be due by 31 January 2021 to ensure that HQ have enough time to process and schedule the running of the championships before the bulk of the 2021 paperwork comes in. It should be noted that unless we have enough 2020 entries to make the competition viable, the rescheduled event is subject to cancellation. This is the reason we are implementing an early close of entries date. The closing date for the 2021 Novice Winter Championships will be 5 March 2021.

### **Do I have to be a 2021 member to compete in the rescheduled 2020 championships?**

Yes, all competitors competing in the 2020 and 2021 championships must be a current 2021 member at the point of entry to ensure they are covered by BRC insurance.



### **Why do I have to pay the full entry fee for the 2020 event when I only received a 75% refund for the cancelled event?**

BRC require the full fees to make this rescheduled event financially viable. The 25% we kept from the cancelled competition was to contribute towards committed costs of the cancelled event. This refund policy is in line with the BRC rule on cancellations as per the BRC Handbook.

### **What happens if I have to withdraw after the close of 2020 entries?**

If you have to withdraw after the close of 2020 entries (31 January) but before the close of 2021 entries (4 March) and the invitation can be passed down, you will receive a refund - this will be done at the discretion of BRC and cannot be guaranteed. If the invitation cannot be passed down, or you withdraw after 4 March, no refund will be issued.

### **Do we still need to supply a team volunteer for our 2020 entry?**

Yes, we will require a team volunteer for every team entered at the championships whether it is a 2020 or 2021 qualification. This is to ensure smooth running of the event and to keep costs down as much as possible. If we are short of volunteers, clubs may be asked to provide extra helpers. There are only nine members of BRC staff – the rest of the officials at our championships are volunteers, and so we are heavily reliant on their support and availability to run the extra days of competition. We will do our best to cover the necessary roles, but of course we can only run if we have enough officials.

### **Do I have to be part of a club/team to volunteer?**

No, we welcome all volunteers! We offer refreshments throughout the day and do our very best to look after you. If you are interested in volunteering and want to know more, please email [jennie.pallett@bhs.org.uk](mailto:jennie.pallett@bhs.org.uk).

As you can imagine, this will be a big undertaking and therefore we will need the membership to come together and help us along the way. We will no doubt require more volunteer support than usual, so anyone that is willing and able will be gratefully received!

**\*\*PROVISIONAL\*\* Timetable for the 2020 Novice & Intermediate Winter Championships and 2021 Novice Winter Championships. Please note this is subject to change.**

**FRIDAY 26 March 2021**  
**(blue = 2020 Novice, pink = 2020 Intermediate)**

<b>Ring /Arena</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Class</b>
Outdoor	0800	Senior 90 Show Jumping 2020
Indoor	0800	Senior 70 Show Jumping 2020



Outdoor	1230	100 Show Jumping 2020
Indoor	1230	Senior 80 Show Jumping 2020
Outdoor	0830	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2020
Outdoor	0830	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2020
Outdoor	0830	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Prelim 2020

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Outdoor	0830	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2020
Outdoor	1300	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Novice 2020
Outdoor	1300	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Novice 2020
Outdoor	1300	Winter Pick a Test Dressage 2020
Outdoor	1300	Senior Intro Winter Dressage 2020

**SATURDAY 27 March 2021 (2021 SENIORS)**  
**(blue = 2020 Novice, pink = 2020 Intermediate)**

<u>Ring /Arena</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>
Outdoor	0800	Senior 70 Show Jumping 1 <sup>st</sup> Round 2021
Indoor	0830	Senior 70 Show Jumping 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round 2021
Outdoor	1230	Senior 80 Show Jumping 1 <sup>st</sup> Round 2021
Indoor	1300	Senior 80 Show Jumping 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round 2021
Outdoor	0830	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2021
Outdoor	0830	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2021
Outdoor	0830	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Prelim 2021
Outdoor	0830	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Prelim 2021
Outdoor	0830	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2021
Outdoor	0830	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2021
Outdoor	1100	Senior Intro Winter Dressage 2021
Outdoor	1300	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Novice 2021
Outdoor	1300	Senior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Novice 2021
Outdoor	1300	Senior Intermediate Winter Dressage Team 2020
Outdoor	1300	Senior Intermediate Winter Dressage Team 2020
Outdoor	1300	Senior Intermediate Winter Dressage Team 2020
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**SUNDAY 28 March 2021 (2021 JUNIORS)**  
**(blue = 2020 Novice, pink = 2020 Intermediate)**

<u>Ring /Arena</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>
Outdoor	0830	Junior 70 Show Jumping 1 <sup>st</sup> Round 2021



Indoor	0900	Junior 70 Show Jumping 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round 2021
Outdoor	1130	Junior 80 Show Jumping 1 <sup>st</sup> Round 2021
Indoor	1230	Junior 80 Show Jumping 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round 2021
Outdoor	1400	Open 80 Show Jumping 1 <sup>st</sup> Round 2021
Indoor	1430	Open 80 Show Jumping 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round 2021

Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2021
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2021
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Prelim 2021
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Prelim 2021
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2021
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2021
Outdoor	1100	Junior Intro Winter Dressage 2021
Outdoor	1300	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Novice 2021
Outdoor	1300	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Novice 2021
Outdoor	1300	Senior Intermediate Winter Dressage Individual 2020
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Outdoor	1300	Senior Intermediate Winter Dressage Individual 2020
Outdoor	1300	Senior Intermediate Winter Dressage Individual 2020

**MONDAY 29 March 2021**

(blue = 2020 Novice, pink = 2020 Intermediate)

<u>Ring /Arena</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>
Outdoor	0830	Junior 90 Show Jumping 2020
Indoor	0900	Junior 70 Show Jumping 2020
Outdoor	1130	110 Show Jumping 2020
Indoor	1230	Junior 80 Show Jumping 2020
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2020
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2020
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Prelim 2020
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Prelim 2020
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2020
Outdoor	0830	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Team 2020
Outdoor	1100	Junior Intro Winter Dressage 2020
Outdoor	1300	Junior Novice Winter Dressage Individual Novice 2020
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