

Important information and changes for Official Stewards

Format for Show Jumping

In order to assist areas with running show jumping (SJ) qualifiers and also due to repeated requests to allow competitors to compete at more than one height; the format will change. From the start of the winter season 2019, the format of SJ will be shortened at qualifiers, which will allow competitors to enter consecutive heights (excluding 70cm). We hope this will help with falling numbers in some areas, but not overburden the busier areas with even longer days. The Championship format will remain the same. This change will come into effect from 1 October and will be inserted into the Handbook as follows:

SJ1: QUALIFIER FORMAT

Riders jump two rounds. Riders will jump the first round and then the second round separately. The second round will be run as a single phase competition, which will combine the second round and the jump-off. The first half of the course should be set at the second round height, with the second part of the course set at jump-off height. The course should be timed in two parts, with the second half being recorded as the jump-off. If necessary the first half of the round can be timed manually depending on the availability of timing equipment. The jump-off will follow straight on from the first part of the course without stopping. All team and individual members (unless the individual is eliminated in first round) will go forward to the second part of the second round (jump-off) unless eliminated in the first half. The second half of the second round (the jump-off) will be classed as both the team and individual jump-off. An area may choose to run a separate jump-off at the end of the class for individuals and use the second part of the second round as the jump-off for teams only (this will be at the areas discretion and must be relayed to competitors on the schedule).

Should a team member be eliminated before reaching the jump-off phase in the second round they will not continue forward to the jump-off section and the team will continue as a team of three. The Official Steward reserves the right to stop anyone who is in multiple classes if BRC feel the horse's welfare is compromised.

SJ1: CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

Riders jump two rounds. Riders will jump the first round and then a separate second round. If equality exists for first place then there will be a jump-off for teams and a separate jump-off for individuals. All team members will be required to jump-off. The Official Steward reserves the right to stop anyone who is in multiple classes if BRC feel the horse's welfare is compromised.

SJ1.4.1: Single Phase Course for Qualifiers

For qualifiers the second round will be split into a combined second round and jump-off. The first half of the course should be set at 5cm higher than the first round height.

The jump-off part of the course should be set at 10cm higher than the first round height at the discretion of the official steward.

Number of fences should be equally split between the two parts and where possible both sections should contain a double, this could be the same as the first part of the course so fences could be jumped twice provided they are jumped in the correct direction and it is safe to do so. It is recommended that at least 2 fences are changed between classes (including seniors and juniors) where possible. Careful consideration should be taken where horses are shared between seniors and juniors or a horse is competing at more than one height in the same ring.

SJ1.8.3: Ties of Teams

At qualifiers, all team members will have jumped the jump-off section of round two unless eliminated to create a team score. The best three scoring competitors in each team will decide the places. In the event of a tie the fourth rider's jump-off score will be the deciding factor, so a team of three will be placed lower than a team of four. Where a fourth rider is eliminated in the jump-off the team of three will be placed above a team whose rider was eliminated in the second round before reaching the jump-off section.

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Number of fences for National Championships at qualifiers will remain the same (8 – 12) but for Winter Championships at qualifiers this will change from 8 – 10 to 8 – 12. Qualifiers will ensure that the second round has a reasonable number of fences for both sections of the second round/jump-off to ensure smooth progression to the championships.

G6.3 Eligibility (this is the whole section from the Handbook so you can see where changes have been made)

This section should be read in conjunction with CR Appendix 2 & 3. Horses may compete in any competition for which they are eligible in a competition year (1 April to 31 March). Please see G3 for details on the two seasons. Along with the bullet points below; all other eligibility criteria must met.

- Upward progression is permitted in the same discipline, for example a horse could do the BRC HT 90 in the summer season and BRC CH 100 in the winter season or a horse could do the 80 show jumping in the summer and move up to 90 show jumping in the winter.
- Downward progression in a competition year is not permitted in disciplines incorporating cross-country, for example a horse cannot do the BRC HT 100 in the summer and drop down to BRC CH 90 in the winter except for the 100+ HT where the horse may compete in CH100. Arena Eventing is classed as a different discipline.
- Horses that compete in the BRC HT 100 or BRC HT 100+ may not compete in the HT 80, BRC HT 90, BRC CH 80 or the BRC CH 90 even if the Challenge qualifier is held after 1 April. Arena Eventing is classed as a different discipline.
- No horse may compete twice in the same team or in more than one team in the same competition.

- ~~No horse can be ridden over the same course of jumps on the same day.~~ **Juniors and seniors may share horses for show jumping provided the competition is split into senior and junior. In this instance horses for example may compete in the Senior 80 SJ and the Junior 80 SJ or the Senior 80 SJ and the Junior 90 SJ.**
- **A horse may compete at consecutive heights in show jumping for example a horse may compete in 80cm/90cm classes or 90cm/100cm classes, provided they meet eligibility requirements and only once is as part of a team. Horses competing in the 70cm will not be permitted to compete at any other height in show jumping in the competition year other than upward progression.** Style Jumping is classed as a separate competition.
- For dressage competitions a horse may be ridden in more than one test per class if being competed individually and/or as part of a team. For example Senior Novice Dressage, Open Dressage and Prelim Dressage are separate classes where a horse may compete as part of a team in both provided other eligibility criteria are met. Riding Test is classed as a separate competition.
- **For dressage a horse may compete at intro and prelim, prelim and novice or novice and above, but cannot for example compete at prelim and medium even if the rider is different. For competitors sharing horses they may only compete at the same level e.g. intro and/or prelim.**
- For Pick a Test competitions a horse may enter both Medium and Advanced Medium sections, but the sections will still be judged as one competition at qualifier, if entries are sufficient the class may be split at Championships.
- For the Dressage to Music Championship only, horses will only be permitted to compete in two individual championship classes (warm up classes, direct entry and pairs not included). Competitors who qualify the same horse in three championship classes will be required to choose which championship classes they will compete at the Championship. This must be declared to the Official Steward at the qualifier.

Challenge and HT

Due to falling numbers in the Junior 100 competitions this class will be amalgamated with the Senior 100 competitions. For qualifiers from 1 September, they will be renamed as 100 Challenge and 100 HT, which will be mixed classes open to senior and junior teams and individuals, teams may be any combination of seniors and/or juniors.

From 1 September the speed for the Challenge SJ will increase to 350 mpm and competitors when entering the arena will only have 20 seconds from when the bell rings to go through the start.

Control at qualifiers

This will be mandatory for all qualifiers with cross-country. This does not mean that you will need a box and commentary etc. and this person does not need to be a BE listed controller. Qualifiers will be required to have a designated person in a static location to plot competitors on course and liaise with fence judges as to eliminations etc. A data sheet with the requirements for this will be sent out in due course to all Official Stewards for clarification.

This will come into effect from 1 January but it is strongly recommended to implement this for your Challenge qualifiers.

Combined Training

There will be different tests for each team member so there will be two different prelim tests and two different novice tests.

There will also be two new individual sections which will be a novice test, which feeds into the 75cm SJ and a prelim test which feeds into the 85cm SJ.

Competitors may also now enter the combined training as part of a team and also enter once as an individual or twice as an individual only providing the dressage test is different. The SJ height may be either 75cm or 85cm, so a competitor could jump the same height twice.

Tests will be as follows:

Prelim

BE90 Dressage 91 (2009) – 75cm

BE90 Dressage 95 (2012) – 75cm

BE100 Dressage 106 (2012) – 75cm (individuals only)

Novice

BE 100 Dressage 101 (2009) – 85cm

BE 100 Dressage 102 (2010) – 85cm

BE90 Dressage 96 (2016) – 85cm (individuals only)

At the Championships the two individual sections will also be counted towards the Overall Individual.

Please remember that if you are having trouble with the format of a competition or need assistance to contact the office and we will always do our best to assist you.

This could be struggling for judges or there are no venues that have solid fences for your arena eventing qualifiers, please do get in touch as there are dispensations we can grant that may help.

This information will be in E-News, Rider and on the BRC website, but please share the details with your area.