



Notes from BRC Advisory Committee held on 10 and 11 October

BRC Advisory Committee

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- BD moving away from the point's structure being the main eligibility criteria due to the points structure not reflecting the performance. BRC are in the process of reviewing dressage eligibility
- BD has re-introduced Combined Training and has opened this up to BRC members ([details already circulated to areas](#))
- BS are reviewing their tack criterion and BRC will be keeping an eye on any changes made
- BS 'Just for Schools' competition will include BRC members for 2017, details are currently being finalised
- Stop watches at all levels is being discussed by BE in their National Sport Committee in November, BRC will follow the decision made by BE
- Body Protector rules will change from 1 January 2018, where BETA level 3 body protectors with the 2000 label will no longer be accepted
- SNELL 2016 has been introduced as a new hat standard which will be added to the permitted standards
- BRC and BE have teamed up to introduce a Novice League which will be run similar to the former 80 competition. Details will be announced shortly
- New accident forms were trialled at HT and Lincoln Championships; these will be rolled out across BRC

- BRC 80 HT rider eligibility was questioned and will be put forward at the BRC Development Forum for an advisory vote on two options: Leave restriction as it is, so riders cannot have completed a BRC HT100, BRC CH100 or BE100 in the current or previous calendar year or remove 'previous' restriction
- Bitless bridles will now be permitted for junior competitors in XC and SJ
- Competitors competing in Pick a Test will be permitted to enter both sections, so can enter Medium and Advanced Medium. Rulebook will be amended to allow this as an exception
- SJ limits were lowered on 1 October for Intermediate SJ. The plan was to also lower the Open SJ height to 100cm, however following feedback, the Open SJ will remain as it is and a new class will be introduced at the National Championships at a height of 100cm. The new class will be run as the Open SJ and will be a mixed class of seniors and juniors. The names of classes will be taken forward to the BRC Development Forum for an advisory vote
- A 70cm class will also be introduced at National Championships. There will be a class for seniors and another for juniors. For 2017 only, this will be open to BHS members as individuals to celebrate BHS 70th Anniversary. They will be required to make prelim and area entries as BRC members. BHS members will not take BRC competitors qualification places, as will be run the same as Forces Equine. Details of eligibility and numbers to qualify will be in 2017 rulebook. The names of classes will be taken forward to the BRC Development Forum for an advisory vote
- Late trophy returns wording in rulebook will be amended so BRC reserve right to discipline and disqualify competitors for failure to return by the correct date
- Late Championship entries are an increasing problem, especially failure to decline the invite and competitors are losing out on places at Championships. Repeat offenders will receive a letter and wording will be introduced into the rulebook
- Late stable bookings will now incur a late payment fee as this causes numerous problems with admin. A late booking page will appear on the stabling website once stabling closes, which is same date as entries. This page will state that no special requests can be made and a late fee of £10 per stable, per night will be incurred. Those areas with late qualifiers are encouraged to book stabling on your club's behalf in plenty of time
- Style and Riding Test Judges Training will be postponed for 2017 and a BRC 'Gala' evening will be run instead. BRC will source demonstrations from professionals. To ensure the pool of judges does not dwindle, BD judges and BHS qualified instructors (BHSAI and above) will be permitted to judge Riding Test and Style. A judging data sheet will be made available
- A date of birth field will be added to membership lists
- Several items of correspondence was received and discussed:
 - BRC finances will be in next issue of Rider
 - Other queries regarding specific rule changes and communications were responded to accordingly
- BRC will revert to BE rules in relation to rider falls for Showjumping
- Walk and Trot direct entry class will be opened to BRC club members as well as Centre members and will be trialled again for 2017.