



## Notes from BRC Advisory Committee held on 08 June 2021

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- The BRC Virtual Championships were a huge success with over 1254 dressage tests in 58 arenas judged by 38 judges, making it one of the largest Virtual Equestrian Competitions of 2020/21.
- The BRC Christmas Cracker virtual competition will continue for 2021, an additional under 10 section will be added which may be led or assisted at Intro/Prelim level. Full details to be released with the schedule.
- Arena Eventing Timetable has changed to 3 days for 2022.
- Arena Challenge has been re-named to Combined Challenge, with qualifiers set to run from September 2021. **Effective 1 September 2021.**
- Scoring for the Combined Challenge has been adjusted and can be found in the paper attached. **Effective 1 September 2021.** (If the area schedule has already been released, do not worry about changing the name).
- The Festival of the Horse Championship has been re-named to the Combined Championship. **Effective 1 September 2021.**
- The Pairs classes at the National Championships will be Direct Entry only for 2021.
- Dressage to Music Pairs qualifiers can continue as normal qualifier classes.

- The Quadrille will be held in its entirety as one event at the Dressage to Music Championships, with no separate final later in the year, as voted for by the teams entered.
- An Introductory Dressage Championship will run alongside the Dressage to Music Championships from 2022, full details will be found in the 2022 BRC Handbook. This will consist of: Intro and Prelim teams and individuals, alongside an Intro pairs class, all of which will be split seniors and juniors. Qualifiers may run as a separate qualifier, alongside the Dressage to Music qualifier, or alongside the National Championships qualifier.
- The rules “not to be placed in the top 6” will be removed from all levels where stated in the eligibility table (CR Appendix 2&3 of the BRC Handbook). **Effective 1 September 2021.**
- Eligibility for 90 XC competitions and 80 SJ is raised to 5 BE points, but they cannot have completed a BE Novice or higher in the current or previous calendar year. **Effective 1 September 2021.**
- The automatic downgrade of 3 BE points will be raised to 10 BE points per calendar year since last gaining points.
- Combined Training eligibility for Novice75 and Novice85 will remove the BD and BS restrictions on the horse, the BE restriction will remain in place. The Prelim75 and Prelim85 will stay the same. **Effective 1 October 2021.**
- The 85cm Style Jumping BS points restriction on the horse will be removed to make the class open eligibility, the 75cm eligibility will stay the same.
- A discretionary up to 25 penalties or elimination will be given by an Official Steward at a competition for outside assistance if they deem appropriate.
- If an area is unable to host a dressage qualifier they may request dispensation from BRC to run a virtual qualifier.
- Wording to be added to the handbook: During adverse weather conditions or other extreme situations, the judge at C may ring the bell for the interruption of the test. The rider should return to complete the test when conditions permit. It is up to the rider whether to restart the test from the beginning or to commence from the point the adverse weather or extreme conditions occurred. In either case, the marks already given to the point at which the test was stopped will not be changed.

All rule updates which affect the winter qualifiers will be added onto the rule amendments section of the BRC website and will be emailed to all Official Stewards once confirmed.