

**British Riding Clubs 2026 Rule Amendments and Rule Changes**

Updated **21/05/2026** changes indicated in bold

Error/Update in Rulebook
Guidance/Directive
New competition
From member feedback

**Rule Amendments**

Date change made	Page	Rule Number	Section	Amendment	Effective From
21/05/2026	40	D1	<b>Veteran Rider &amp; Veteran Horse</b>	<p>Veteran Horse: The horse must be 15 years old or older on the date of the qualifier, where a horses' birth date is not known the horse should be at least 15 on 1 January of the year of the qualifier.</p> <p>Veteran Rider: The rider must be 55 years old or older on the date of the qualifier</p>	immediate
21/05/2026	74	CC1.6.1: Penalties	<b>Combined Challenge Scoring</b>	If using knockdown fences for cross-country, penalty for dislodging a fence to be 2.4 penalties to match Arena Eventing instead of the current 6 second penalty	immediate
21/05/2026	43, 77 & 64	D1.7, CT2.1.3 & HT1.3.5	Dressage, Combined Training & Horse Trials	Commanders are permitted at all BRC Championships with a Dressage phase at all levels	immediate
29/04/2026	74	CC1.6.1	<b>Combined Challenge Scoring</b>	Show Jumping: Second disobedience on whole course is 8 penalties as per SJ	immediate

29/04/2026	9	C1.6	Area Reps	Area 21: Tracy Maczka <a href="mailto:tracytivysiderc@gmail.com">tracytivysiderc@gmail.com</a>	immediate
01/01/2026	71	HT1.13.2	Horse Trials - Ties	<p>Ties – If there is equality the total marks for the <b>best 3 scores</b> in the tying teams will be considered in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowest total cross-country penalties (jumping and time)</li> <li>• Lowest total deviation from the cross-country optimum time</li> <li>• Highest total good dressage marks</li> </ul> <p>In the event of a tie for any place in an individual event, the riders will be placed by considering their marks in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowest total cross-country penalties (jumping and time)</li> <li>• Nearest the cross-country optimum time</li> <li>• Highest good dressage marks</li> </ul>	immediate
01/01/2026	79	CT3.3	Combined Training - Teams	<p><b>Scoring: Teams – The team total is obtained by adding together the three lowest individual penalty scores.</b></p> <p><b>Ties of Teams: In the event of equality the lowest 3 dressage penalties shall be added together and the team with the lowest total shall take the higher place. If equality still remains the fastest aggregate time of all team members in the show jumping phase shall be the deciding factor.</b></p>	immediate
01/01/2026	85	Appendix 1	Dressage Tests	<p><b>Senior/Junior Intermediate Dressage :</b></p> <p>BD Intro 3 (2024)  BD Prelim 1 (2024)  BD Prelim 2 (2024)  <b>BD Novice 1 (2024)</b></p>	immediate
01/01/2026	9	C1.6	Area Reps	Area 10: Jean Bywater <a href="mailto:jeanbywater960@gmail.com">jeanbywater960@gmail.com</a>	immediate