

British Riding Clubs 2025 Rule Amendments and Rule Changes

Updated **09/07/2025** 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
09/07/2025	79	CT 3.4	Combined Training	<p>CT3.4: Ties of Teams In the event of equality the dressage penalties for the team members (excluding any discarded scores, even if they have lower dressage penalties than another score) 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 the three non-discarded team members in the show jumping phase shall be the deciding factor.</p> <p>CT3.4: Ties of Teams In the event of equality the three lowest dressage penalties for team members 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 the three fastest team members in the show jumping phase shall be the deciding factor.</p>	Immediate

27/06/2025	83	Appendix 1	Dressage Tests	Dressage		1 st October 2025
				Senior/Junior Grassroots Winter Dressage	BD Intro 1 (2024)	
					BD Intro 2 (2024)	
					BRC Prelim A (2025)	
					BRC Prelim B (2025)	
				Senior/Junior Intermediate Winter Dressage	BD Intro 3 (2024)	
					BD Prelim 1 (2024)	
					BD Prelim 2 (2024)	
					BD Novice 1 (2024)	
				Mixed Open Winter Dressage	BD Prelim 3 (2024)	
					BD Novice 2 (2024)	
					BD Novice 3 (2024)	
					BD Elementary 1 (2024)	
				Mixed Intro Pairs	BRC Intro Pairs 1 (2022)	
				Pick a Test	BD Medium 2 (2024) or BD Advanced Medium 1 (2024)	
27/06/2025	92	Appendix 5A	Gloves	Gloves are no longer compulsory in Dressage competition		immediate
27/06/2025	83	Appendix 1	Dressage tests and entry fees	For the Winter Dressage and Championships the Pick a Test Medium test will be BD MEDIUM 2		1 st October
27/06/2025	83 & 84	Appendix 1	Dressage - Tests	<p>BRC Dressage Tests, having similar names to the BD tests caused some confusion for riders so we will be renaming the tests as follows:</p> <p>BRC Walk and Trot 1 will change to BRC Walk and Trot A BRC Walk and Trot 2 will change to BRC Walk and Trot B BRC Prelim 1 will change to BRC Prelim A BRC Prelim 2 will change to BRC Prelim B BRC Prelim 3 will change to BRC Prelim C BRC Prelim 4 will change to BRC Prelim D BRC Novice 10 will change to BRC Novice A BRC Novice 11 will change to BRC Novice B BRC Elementary 20 will change to BRC Elementary A</p>		1 st October

				BRC Medium 25 will change to BRC Medium A BRC Advanced Medium will change to BRC Advanced Medium A						
27/06/2025	43	DR	Dressage - Classes	Introductory Winter Dressage will change to Grassroots Winter Dressage Novice Winter Dressage will change to Intermediate Winter Dressage Intermediate Winter Dressage will change to Open Winter Dressage					1 st October	
24/02/2025	84	Appendix 1	Dressage Tests and Entry Fees	Mixed Open Pairs test: BRC Pairs 5 (2014)					immediate	
01/01/2025	87	Appendix 2&3	Eligibility – Novice Winter Dressage		Class	Level/Test	Horses	Rider Eligibility (not permitted)	Horse Eligibility	immediate
			Senior and Junior Winter Novice Dressage		BD Intro 3 (2024)	Up to 35 BD points at Prelim 0 BD points at Novice or above	(a)(c) BHS Stage 4 Coach or above.			
					BD Prelim 1 (2024)	Unlimited Prelim Points Up to 35 BD points at Novice 0 BD points at Elementary or above	(a)(c) BHS Stage 4 Coach or above. Not to have competed at Elementary BD/BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year	Not to have competed at Elementary BD/BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year		
					BD Prelim 2 (2024)	Unlimited Prelim Points Up to 35 BD points at Novice 0 BD points at Elementary or above	(a)(c) BHS Stage 4 Coach or above. Not to have competed at Elementary BD/BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year	Not to have competed at Elementary BD/BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year.		
					BD Novice 1 (2024)	Unlimited Novice points Up to 35 BD points at Elementary 0 BD points at Medium or above	(a)(c) BHS Stage 4 Coach or above. Not to have competed at Medium BD/BRC or BE Intermediate or above in the current or previous calendar year			
01/01/2025	87	Appendix 2&3	Eligibility – Intermediate Winter Dressage		Class	Level/Test	Horses	Rider Eligibility (not permitted)	Horse Eligibility	immediate
			Mixed Intermediate Dressage		BD Prelim 3 (2024)	Unlimited Prelim points Up to 35 BD points at Novice 0 points at Elementary or above				
					BD Novice 2 (2024)	Unlimited Novice points Up to 35 BD points at				

							<i>any higher level</i>				
						<i>BD Novice 3 (2024)</i>	<i>Unlimited Novice points Up to 35 BD points at any higher level</i>				
						<i>BD Elementary 1 (2024)</i>	<i>Unlimited Elementary points Up to 35 BD points at any higher level</i>				
01/01/2025	87	Appendix 2&3	Eligibility – Pick a Test Winter Dressage		Class	Level/Test	Horses	Rider Eligibility (not permitted)	Horse Eligibility		immediate
					Mixed Pick a Test Winter Dressage	BD Medium 1 (2024)	No Limit				
						<i>BD Advanced Medium 1 (2024)</i>	<i>No Limit</i>				