

CC: COMBINED CHALLENGE

Combined Challenge is a test of the ability and timing of a horse and rider to negotiate a show jumping course followed by an arena cross-country course. BRC run Combined Challenge competitions as follows:

- 70 Combined Challenge, a mixed class (seniors and/or juniors) for teams and individuals
- 80 Junior Combined Challenge, for teams and individuals
- 80 Senior Combined Challenge, for teams and individuals
- 90 Junior Combined Challenge, for teams and individuals
- 90 Senior Combined Challenge, for teams and individuals
- 100 Combined Challenge, a mixed class (seniors and/or juniors) for teams and individuals

The classes are for teams and individuals. Teams may only be mixed seniors and juniors in the 70cm and 100cm, and numbers to qualify can be found in Appendix 10A of the Handbook.

CC1.1: COMPETITION RULES

CC1.1.1: Show Jumping

The show jumping part of the Combined Challenge competition will be run under the Show Jumping rules set out in section SJ1 unless superseded in this section.

CC1.1.2: Cross-Country

The cross-country part of the Combined Challenge competition will be run under the Horse Trials rules set out in section HT unless superseded in this section.

CC1.2: ELIGIBILITY

CC1.2.1: ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES

As per Arena Eventing, see CR Appendix 2 & 3

CC1.2.2 ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

See CR Appendix 2 & 3.

CC1.3: SADDLERY, TACK AND DRESS

Full details are in CR Appendices 4, 5, and 6 and 7.

CC1.4: THE COURSE

Consists of minimum 6 show jumping obstacles followed by a minimum of 6 cross-country jumping efforts.

CC1.4.1: Heights

Full details are in CR Appendix 8 and will follow Arena Eventing dimensions at the relevant height.

CC1.4.2: Plan

A plan of the entire course shall be displayed by the time it is open for inspection. It must include:

- The course to be followed and its length
- Both SJ and cross-county fences
- The numbering of the fences
- Any compulsory turning points
- Fences with alternatives

CC1.4.3: Inspection of the Course

See SJ1.5 and HT1.5.4

CC1.4.4: Marking the Course

See HT1.5.5

CC1.4.5: Modifications to the Course

See HT1.5.6

CC1.4.7: Fences

Show Jumping:

The show jumping course will:

consist of a minimum of 6 show jumps, including at least one double, and include a proportion with fillers (brushes, walls etc) be built to BS standards have safety cups, to FEI standard on the back and centre of spread fences including practice fences black flag alternatives may be used, offset doubles may be used.

Cross-country:

The Cross-Country course:

- will consist of a minimum of 6 jumping efforts
- will be strongly built with a good ground line and should look imposing
- will have all fences flagged and numbered
- will be fixed in accordance with BE guidelines and should be correct for the relevant levels
- will have any fence at which a pony/horse, in falling, is liable to be trapped or to injure itself, secured by cord in such a way that parts of the fence can be quickly dismantled and rebuilt exactly as before.
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CC1.4.8: Measurement of Fences

See CR Appendix 8D (ignore the joker fence and speed)

CC1.4.9: Dimensions of Fences:

See CR Appendix 8D (ignore the joker fence and speed)

CC1.5: METHOD OF STARTING

Competitors must start from within a simple enclosure which must be erected at the start, measuring approximately 5m square, with an open front marked with a red and white flag. Alternatively, a similar sized enclosure may be used with an open front and a gap of approximately 2m in one or both sides from which horses will enter, provided that the sides of the side opening are padded or otherwise constructed to ensure that neither horse or rider entering through the side can be injured.

The judges will sound the bell and competitors will then commence onto the course from the start box and through the timing equipment.

Cantering through a side entrance into start box may be considered inappropriate or dangerous riding and, as such, may be eliminated at the discretion of the Official Steward.

CC1.6: SCORING

CC1.6.1 Penalties

| | Show Jump | Cross-Country |
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| First disobedience | 10 penalties | 10 penalties |
| Second disobedience on whole course | 20 penalties | 20 penalties |
| Second disobedience at same fence | 20 penalties | 20 penalties |
| Third disobedience | Elimination | Elimination |
| Knock down of obstacle | 5 penalties | 5 penalties (where top pole is used) |
| Fall of horse | Elimination | Elimination |
| Fall of rider | Elimination | Elimination |
| Every commenced period of 1 second in excess of the optimum time | | 0.4 penalties |
| Every commenced period of 1 second under the optimum time | | 0.4 penalties |
| Exceeding time limit | Elimination | |
| Error of course | Elimination | |

CC1.6.2: Time

Show Jumping Phase:

The Time allowed will be based on a speed of 350mpm. Every commenced period of 1 second in excess of time allowed will be penalised by 1 time penalty.

Cross-country Phase:

The Optimum Time will be based on a speed of 350mpm (Challenge 70 & 80), 360mpm (Challenge 90), 375mpm (Challenge 100)

CC1.6.3: Definition of Faults

See SJ1.11 and HT1.8.3

CC1.6.4: Dislodged Fences

Where a fence is dislodged as per SJ1.11.9 and SJ1.11.10 for the SJ section and also the cross-country section where knock down fences are used, the 6 second time penalty will be converted to penalties (based on 0.4 per second) which would equal 2.4 penalties. The total penalties for the refusal and dislodging the fence in the SJ will be 6.4 penalties (4 penalties for the refusal and 2.4 as the time penalty) and for the cross-country will be 12.4 penalties.

CC1.6.4: Double, Treble or Multiple Fences

See HT1.8.4

CC1.6.5: Elimination & Retiring

See SJ1.11.2 and HT1.8.5

CC1.7: COMPETITOR IN DIFFICULTY

See HT1.9

CC1.8: OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE See SJ1.10.15 and HT1.10 CH1.9: OVERTAKING

See HT1.11

CC1.10: TIME KEEPING

The entire competition will be timed. The show jumping and cross country phases will be separately timed. Manual time is counted in whole seconds, fractions being taken to the next second (i.e. 30.4 seconds is recorded as 31 seconds). Automatic time is counted to fractions of a second.

CC1.11: SCORING

CC1.11.1: Total Score

The total score is obtained by adding together show jumping and cross-country penalties.

CC1.11.2: Individuals

The individual with the lowest total score will win.

CC1.11.3: Teams

The team total is obtained by adding together the three lowest individual penalty scores per team.

CC1.11.4 Ties

In the event of a tie for any team place in a competition, the score of the fourth rider will be taken into consideration. If there is still equality the total marks for all the riders in the tying teams will be considered in the following order:

- fastest show jumping times

nearest to cross-country optimum time (if still equal preference will be given to the nearest OVER the time allowed).

In the event of a tie for any place in an individual competition, the riders will be placed by considering their marks in the following order:

fastest show jumping time

nearest to cross-country optimum time (if still equal preference will be given to the nearest OVER the time allowed).

CC1.12: AWARDS

Rosettes will be awarded 1st – 10th