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BRC Christmas Cracker

An online festive dressage competition for all affiliated British Riding Clubs members

❄️ We are delighted to announce we will be running bitless bridle classes this year ❄️



2023 Schedule

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Introduction

BRC are excited to be once again hosting the BRC Christmas Cracker for our members this year. The competition will be run online and will consist of dressage classes for teams, individuals & under 10's.

NEW for 2023 - We will be running bitless bridle classes at Intro and Prelim level this year!

For details on classes and eligibility, please see further down the schedule.

Rules and Regulations

This competition will run under British Riding Club rules. It is important that all competitors are aware of the rules relating to this competition – please see the current BRC Handbook and also the BRC Rule Amendments and Changes document which can be found via the link below: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook/>

Entries

Entries are limited and will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis, opening at 12pm on Monday 2 October and will close at 3pm on Friday 20 October **or when the class is full, whichever occurs first.**

Entries are restricted to **one team per club**; however, clubs may enter as many individuals as they wish providing space permits.

Payment **can only be** made via the BRC Entry Website to receive an entry form from BRC HQ, this is to ensure the classes do not become oversubscribed.

Entries are only secured when the entry form has been completed and returned via email to brcentries@bhs.org.uk

Failure to send in your video submission by the closing date will result in elimination.

Changes

Changes to entries are accepted but the original test entered may not be changed unless space permits. No changes are not permitted after 5pm Wednesday 8 November.

Video Submissions

Recorded tests must be received by 5pm Wednesday 8 November. Details of how to submit the test will be sent out with confirmation of your entry once it has been accepted and will also be available on the website (please note videos will need to be uploaded to YouTube as per the instructions).

Payment

Payment for entries can **ONLY** be made via the online entry booking system

<https://brc.bhs.org.uk/select>

Entry prices are as follows:

Teams £56 & Individuals £14

Refund Policy

If a team or individual have to withdraw before the closing date and the space can be filled, a refund may be issued at the discretion of BRC. If the space cannot be filled, or the withdrawal is after the closing date, then no refund will be issued.

Dress & Tack code

Smart dress is required, although Christmas outfits and tinsel/decoration are encouraged. This must not impede the horse's way of going or compromise the horse's welfare. Horses may wear boots/ bandages and any bit is permitted. Bitless bridles are only permitted in the specified bitless bridle classes.

Results

The top 3 tests in each section will be streamed via the BRC Facebook page from Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 December (TBC). Once each section has been aired, the results for that section will be released. Please note that for teams, the results will not be released until all the relevant sections are complete.

Choice of Test for Teams

A team can choose which tests they all do, for example, one team may enter all riders riding a novice test, one may enter all riders riding elementary, and another may enter a team with one rider at each test level. Team scores will be calculated using the percentage from each test added together. All four scores to count. Anyone entered as a team is automatically counted as an individual for that test. Where there is more than one section in an individual class, an overall winner will be picked by averaging the scores of all arenas and working out the highest score – this is in addition to the arena placings.

Rosettes and Prizes

Rosettes will be awarded to the top 10 teams and individuals in each section. The highest placed junior in each section will also be awarded a rosette.

There will also be a prize for the best fancy dress or decoration, **please ensure any decorations used do not impede the horse's way of going.**

Prizes will be awarded in kind.

Dressage tests

Intro – BRC Walk & Trot 1 (2020) (team and individual)

Prelim – BRC D4 (2022) (team and individual)

Novice – BRC D11 (2021) (team and individual)

Elementary – BRC D20 (2021) (team and individual)

Medium – BRC D25 (2021) (team and individuals)

Advanced Medium – BRC D30 (2021) (team and individuals)

Under 10'S- BRC Walk & Trot 1 (2020) *

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***Note:** This will be judged by a BHS APC. Competitors must be 10 or under at close of entry. Competitors may be assisted/lead.

All tests can be downloaded from the BRC website:

<https://www.bhs.org.uk/british-riding-clubs/competitions/brc-downloads/brc-tests/>

Eligibility

Test	Eligibility criteria
BRC Walk & Trot	Up to 35 Prelim Points 0 points at Novice or above. Horses cannot have competed in novice or above in the current or previous competition year BD or BRC. Riders cannot have competed at BE Novice or Novice dressage or above in the current or previous calendar year BD or BRC. Riders may not have competed under FEI Rules in the relevant discipline in the last 5 calendar years or be a FBHS, BHSI, BHSII.
BRC D4 (Prelim)	Unlimited Prelim Points, Up to 35 Novice Points, 0 points at Elementary or above. Horses cannot have competed in elementary or above in the same competition year BD or BRC. Riders may not have competed under FEI Rules in the relevant discipline in the last 5 calendar years.
BRC D11 (Novice)	Unlimited Novice Points, Up to 35 Elementary Points, 0 points at Medium or above. Riders may not have competed under FEI Rules in the relevant discipline in the last 5 calendar years.
BRC D20 (Elementary)	Unlimited Elementary Points, Up to 35 Medium Points, 0 points at Adv. Medium or above. Riders may not have competed under FEI Rules in the relevant discipline in the last 5 calendar years.
BRC D25 (Medium)	Open eligibility
BRC D30 (Advanced Medium)	Open eligibility