

BRC rule changes & updates - October 2025

1. Adverse weather policy - Wording to be added to the 2026 handbook and available on the handbook page of the BRC website shortly.

2. Championship entries - Late entries will be accepted only if there is space and time to do so. Clubs will be charged a late fee of £5 per individual & £10 per team for any entries accepted after the advertised closing date.

3. Show Jumping – Rule to be added that technical eliminations are allowed to complete the course before eliminating. This is with immediate effect and will be in the 2026 handbook.

4. Summer Sizzler & Christmas Cracker online dressage competitions - to be counted as a qualifying opportunity, for individuals only.

Individuals in each section will be given an invite to either the summer champs or winter dressage champs depending on which competition they enter.

The qualifying places will only be offered to members with a valid competition pass.

Competitors will be put in the relevant champ classes based on the eligibility/section they won.

There will be no pass down of qualifications if the first-placed decline.

Wildcards will go to competitors who competed at a qualifier in the first instance, then if space permits may be passed onto the online competitors. From Summer Sizzler 2026.

5. Combined Training team ties - Penalty scores will be used as team tiebreaker rather than the current way of using team rankings. This will be added to the 2026 handbook.

6. Horse Trials qualifiers - Organisers will choose their own dressage tests. They must be of the equivalent level for the class, examples of tests available to be provided in the handbook.

This is due to the licencing of BE tests and availability of use to organisers.

British Eventing tests will be used at the championships.

7. Challenge - This competition is under review; there may be some changes to the competition rules and format for 2026. To be published in the 2026 handbook or added to the rule amendments document before the summer qualifiers start.

8. Dressage teams - from the summer qualifiers 2026 onwards riders & horses will be able to compete in more than one team in the same class, providing the test is different. *(Please note they will still only be allowed to compete in the **same** team once as per the current rule).*

9. Use of voice in dressage - Riders can use their voice as a natural aid in a dressage test. It must be discreet and not affect surrounding competitors. **Wording for Handbook:** *'Discreet vocalisation to support natural riding aids—such as tongue clicking—is permitted. Use of voice must remain unobtrusive at all times and must not cause distraction or interference to other riders, horses, or officials. Excessive or disruptive vocalisation may be subject to penalty at the discretion of the judges or event organisers.'* - This is with immediate effect and will be in the 2026 handbook.