

# **RULE CHANGES 2008**

## **GENERAL**

### **Area Entries**

Proof of posting does not constitute evidence where entries have not been received.

### **Eligibility**

No pony/horse may compete in the same senior and junior competition.

### **Reserves**

Reserves do not have to be named in advance on the championship entry form.

### **Reasons for Disqualification**

The BRC Office may disqualify a competitor if they are found to be ineligible to compete or not on the Members Database, or the club has not fully paid the affiliation fees to BRC Office or local Area within the specified date.

### **Logos**

Sponsors and other logos are permitted up to 14cm x 14cm (200cm<sup>2</sup>)

### **Spurs**

Spurs that have a smooth rotating rubber or plastic ball on the shank are permitted for all disciplines.

Juniors will be allowed to wear spurs in line with senior competitors.

### **Dispensation**

Dispensation for the use of nose-nets will no longer be required from BRC Office

## **DRESSAGE**

### **Commanders**

Commanders should be courteous when multiple arenas are running and position themselves to avoid disturbing other riders.

### **Judges**

The appropriate list judge from the BD/DI Judge's Panel must be used for all Area Qualifiers and Championships (see Guidelines for Organisers Handbook):

- Preliminary & Novice                      List 1 to 5
- Elementary & Pairs                        At least one from List 1 to 5
- Medium                                        List 1 to 3
- DTM & pairs DTM                        At least one from List 1 to 5

### **Entering the Arena**

Entering before the signal to start or failure to start within 45 seconds will result in a two mark penalty per judge being awarded. Prolonged failure to enter for significantly more than 45 seconds may lead to elimination.

If the combination does not enter at A in a freestyle test, two marks should be deducted.

**Arenas**

Adjacent arenas should be a minimum of 5m apart and preferably 10m

**Dressage to Music**

No more than 20 seconds of introductory music may be played before the entry at A.

If music does not commence, continue with your signal and remain at your start point.

All licensing literature, will be dealt with via the British Dressage office. Please contact the BD Music Membership Co-ordinator on 02476 698846 with any queries.

**SHOW JUMPING****The Course**

The top pole of any fence must be wooden not plastic

**Start & Finish**

The start and finish line must be a minimum of 6m and a maximum of 25m from the first/last fence.

**Mandatory Elimination:**

First fall of horse/pony and/or rider after entering the arena and before completing the course

It will no longer incur elimination for showing a pony/horse the fence

**Falls**

A fall of horse/pony and/or rider after entering the arena and before completing the course incurs elimination.

**STYLE JUMPING****The Course**

The course will consist of seven obstacles (coloured, to BSJA/SJAI standard or above), including a stile or narrow fence, plenty of dog legs and one double which should be towards the end of the course, set up with the spread fence going into the jump and an upright fence going out.

**HORSE TRIALS****Duration**

Intermediate Senior Horse Trials to be a Three Day Event at the Championships

**Phases**

The same pony/horse and rider must complete all phases mounted, spot checks will be carried out to ensure compliance.

**Outside Assistance**

Examples of outside assistance include:

- joining another competitor and continuing with them
- following or in any other way being accompanied by another person while on the course
- arranging for associates to provide signals or encouragement

- tampering with an obstacle or its marker flags
- the use of any electronic equipment by riders
- spectators who draw attention to a competitor to any deviation from the course
- a fence judge or official assisting a competitor by directions to rectify an error of course.

### **Time Keeping**

In the event of a timing error the Official Steward is allowed to make an accurate estimate of a competitor's time utilising official times taken around the course.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

### **New Classes**

Junior Open  
Junior Pairs  
Senior Pairs

### **Junior & Senior Pairs Cross Country**

All pair's competitions at Area and at the Championships will be run after the appropriate Team/Individual Novice competition

A pair may consist of two ponies/horses that are eligible for either the Novice or Open Cross Country competitions. No junior may compete in the senior competition and no senior in the junior competition.

There will be dressing fences in the Junior and Senior Pairs Cross Country competitions

The time in the pairs competitions is counted from the signal to start to when the second pony's/horse's nose passes the finish.

### **Junior Open Cross Country**

Ponies/horses that have gained 21 BE or IHTS points or more are ineligible

## **DRESS & TACK**

### **Dressage, Riding Test & Horse Trials Dressage**

Discreet padding of the bridle at the poll or noseband is permitted

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### **Juniors**

Novice/Pairs dressage tests	0 – 124
Dressage to Music	0 – 124
Riding Test 6 & 7	0 – 60

### **Seniors**

Novice/Pairs dressage tests	0 – 124
Dressage to Music	0 – 124
Pairs Dressage to Music	0 – 124

Elementary dressage tests	0 – 199
Elementary Dressage to Music	0 – 199



**Junior Pairs Cross Country**

Maximum height of fences 85cm

Distance 1600m to 2800m

Speed of 450mpm

**Senior Pairs Cross Country**

Maximum height of fences 85cm

Distance 1600m to 2800m

Speed of 450mpm