

Important Rule Changes for 2022

For full details on these changes please go to the BRC Handbook section of the website under rule amendments

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook>

These changes came into effect from 1 September except where stated.

Winter Qualifiers 2021/2022

Combined Challenge

Formerly known as the Arena Challenge held at the Festival of the Horse Championships has been re-named to Combined Challenge held at the re-named Combined Championships.

The Combined Challenge Speeds have changed to account for the different pace between running in an enclosed arena, open arena, or using the old format (i.e. on a cross country course)

For XC in an enclosed arena:

70 340 MPM

80 350 MPM

90 360 MPM

100 375 MPM

For a open arena 375 mpm at all heights.

For the areas that are running under old format over an actual XC course would be the same as HT (70 height to be run at 400mpm).

Eligibility

The rules "not to be placed in the top 6" has been removed from all levels where stated in the eligibility table (CR Appendix 2&3 of the BRC Handbook).

Eligibility for 90 XC competitions and 80 SJ is raised to 5 BE points, but they cannot have completed a BE Novice or higher in the current or previous calendar year.

Combined Training eligibility for Novice75 and Novice85 will remove the BD and BS restrictions on the horse, the BE restriction will remain in place. The Prelim75 and Prelim85 will stay the same.

Rule Changes for 2022

These changes will be available in the 2022 Handbook

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook>. These are effective from 1 January 2022.

Hat Standards

In order to ensure riders are wearing the most up to date riding hats, please note that from the **1st January 2023**, the following hat standards will no longer be accepted, due to the age of hats made to these standards:

1. PAS O15 1998
2. SNELL 2001

To manage this change, a new colour of hat tag will be required for all BE, PC and BRC activities from 1st January 2023.

Combined Challenge Speeds

The Combined Challenge speeds

Format for Show Jumping at Championships

Areas now have a variety of formats to choose from for Show Jumping qualifiers so will be allowed to run in a way that works best for the area taking into account venue, daylight and number of entries. The Show Jumping format at Championships sees the return of the team jump-off to decide ties, otherwise the competition will run as a first round and a single phase second round with only those double clear continuing onto the jump-off section.

Arena Eventing Championships

The arena eventing championship timetable has changed to 3 days for 2022. Please see the championship schedule for further details, available at <https://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-championships/arena-eventing-championships>

Quadrille

The Quadrille will be held in its entirety as one event at the Dressage to Music Championships as in 2021, with no separate final later in the year. Entries will open in April.

Introductory Championship

An Introductory Dressage Championship will run alongside the Dressage to Music Championships from 2022. This will consist of: Intro and Prelim teams and individuals, split seniors and juniors, alongside a mixed Intro pairs class. Qualifiers may run as a separate qualifier, alongside the Dressage to Music qualifier, or alongside the National Championships qualifier.

Eligibility

The automatic downgrade of 3 BE points will be raised to 10 BE points per calendar year since last gaining points.

The 85cm Style Jumping BS points restriction on the horse will be removed to make the class open eligibility, the 75cm eligibility will stay the same.

Outside Assistance

A discretionary up to 25 penalties or elimination will be given by an Official Steward at a competition for outside assistance if they deem appropriate.

Adverse weather conditions in dressage

Wording to be added to the handbook: "During adverse weather conditions or other extreme situations, the judge at C may ring the bell for the interruption of the test. The rider should return to complete the test when conditions permit. It is up to the rider whether to restart the test from the beginning or to commence from the point the adverse weather or extreme conditions occurred. In either case, the marks already given to the point at which the test was stopped will not be changed."

National Championships Classes

Due to low numbers there will no longer be a Junior Team of 4 at the national championships. The Senior Team of 4 will change to a mixed class and be renamed

Team of 4. Classes may comprise of all seniors, all juniors or mixed and will be held on Saturday afternoon at the National Championships.

The pairs classes will return as normal to qualifiers and the National Championships

Reserves at the National Championships **only** will need to be declared 90 minutes before the start of the class. Due to the number of competitors at this championship more time is needed to get changes to the relevant arenas. All other championships reserve declarations will continue to need to be in 60 minutes before the start of the class.

National Horse Trials Championships Format

In 2022 the National Horse Trials Championships will return to long format with roads and tracks. The 80cm classes will be held over one day, 90cm over two days and 100cm/100cm+ classes over 3 days.

Consecutive Heights

From 1 September 2022 competitors will be able to compete in consecutive heights in Arena Eventing and Combined Challenge.

Minor Additions

There have been some minor additions to the allowed tack and dress so do remember to check relevant sections before competing.