

Dressage

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Annual Events

The BRC year runs from 1 April to 31 March in any one year and is divided into 2 seasons – Summer and Winter. There are Qualifiers and Championships for both.

Membership

You need to be a fully paid up member of the Riding Club – you can be a member of another Riding Club, but you may only compete in official competitions for one riding club at a time. A rider may change clubs between competition seasons.

Age of Rider

Seniors: 18 or over on 1st January in the current year. Juniors must be under 18 on 1st January in the current year.

Riding in an Official BRC Competition

What You Need to Know

In essence the BRC follow standard British Dressage rules but there are a few anomalies.



4 riders to a team with the top 3 scores counting. For the Winter Dressage, there are two Senior categories:

Novice – 2 team riders will ride a Prelim test and 2 a Novice test

Intermediate – 1 rider will ride a Prelim test, 2 a Novice and 1 an Elementary

Depending on eligibility riders can ride in both Novice and Intermediate categories. Anyone wanting to ride at Medium or Advanced Medium can do so as an individual. Riders can be entered as individual if not in a Team and the scores for Team Members also count individually.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations against Equine Influenza must be up-to-date. A record of vaccinations must be taken to all BRC Competitions showing the original primary injections and all annual boosters must be correct and within the correct time limits. (Please note, the BRC are sticklers for this and riders have not been allowed to compete where records are either not available or have not been kept correctly and up-to-date) If we can have a copy of your passport number, name of your horse and vaccination record prior to the event we can get these checked in advance of the competition – but they will still need to be presented for a final sign off at the event.

Passport

You will need to take this with you and it will need to be presented for inspection when you compete at any BRC Competition.

Expectations

Teams and Individuals entering Area Qualifiers must be willing and able to compete at the BRC Championships should they qualify.

Dress Code

Stewards will examine your attire before you compete

- Hats - protective headwear must be worn and must meet current British standards. All hats will be checked and once inspected a tag (coloured aqua for 2018) will be issued by BRC.(if your hat does not already have one) The tag must be worn on the hat
- Whip – riders can carry a whip (but not in Championships)
- Spurs - riders may wear spurs
- Jackets – as per BD rules – muted colours only. Tweed jacket with coloured stock or collar and tie. White stocks, white American collar or white shirts with collar and tie may be worn
- Gloves – must be worn
- Hair – must be neatly secured and MUST not hang lower than the shoulder line
- Jewellery – must be covered up by clothing or gloves. If not, worn at riders own risk
- Jodhpurs & Breeches – White, cream, beige breeches or jodhpurs

Tack

Stewards will examine your horse's tack before you compete. You may not warm up in equipment not permitted in the actual test except for boots or bandages on the horse.

In essence BD rules apply here. In summary:

- Snaffle bridle in all Prelim and Novice dressage, snaffle or double bridle in Elementary and above
- Nose band: drop, flash, crossed or cavesson in Prelim and Novicem and drop, flash, crossed or cavesson with a snaffle or a cavesson with a double bridle
- Breast plates and neck straps are allowed
- No martingales, boots or bandages are allowed in the competition

Entries

All entries are made via the club at least 21 days before the qualifiers.

2019 Dates

Qualifiers (Novice & Intermediate) – 16 Feb

Nationals (Novice) – 30-31 Mar

Nationals (Intermediate) – 26-28 Apr

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Eligibility

If you have never competed in a BD Affiliated Dressage Competition, you are eligible. If your horse has never competed at Elementary or higher in a BD and/or BRC competition, your horse is also eligible.

If you and your horse however do compete in BD Affiliated Dressage Competitions, it's a bit trickier. Hopefully the table below sets out the criteria:

Novice Winter Championship Category	
To compete at Prelim level	
Rider	Horse
If you are qualified with FBHS, BHSI or BHSII you are not eligible If you are a BD group 1-6 rider you are not eligible	Your horse should not have competed in Elementary or above in the same competition year – BD and/or BRC Your horse can have unlimited Prelim points Your horse may not have any points at Novice or above
To compete at Novice level	
Rider	Horse
If you are qualified with FBHS, BHSI or BHSII you are not eligible If you are a BD group 1-5 rider you are not eligible	Your horse can have unlimited Novice points Your horse can have up to 35 Elementary points Your horse may not have any points at Medium or above
Intermediate Winter Championship Category	
To compete at Prelim level	
Rider	Horse
You can have any points at any level but you cannot have competed under <u>FEI Rules</u> in this discipline in the last 5 calendar years.	Your horse should not have competed in Elementary or above in the same competition year – BD and/or BRC Your horse may have unlimited Prelim points Your horse may have up to 35 Novice points Your horse may not have any points at Elementary or above
To compete at Novice level	
Rider	Horse
You can have any points at any level but you cannot have competed under <u>FEI Rules</u> in this discipline in the last 5 calendar years.	Your horse may have unlimited Novice points Your horse may have up to 35 Elementary points Your horse may not have any points at Medium or above
To compete at Elementary level	
Rider	Horse
You can have any points at any level but you cannot have competed under <u>FEI Rules</u> in this discipline in the last 5 calendar years.	Your horse may have unlimited Elementary points Your horse may have up to 35 Medium points Your horse may not have any points at Advanced Medium or above
To compete at Medium level	
Rider	Horse
You can have any points at any level but you cannot have competed under <u>FEI Rules</u> in this discipline in the last 5 calendar years.	Your horse may have unlimited Medium points Your horse may have up to 35 points at Advanced Medium or above
To compete at Advanced Medium level	
Rider	Horse
You can have any points at any level but you cannot have competed under <u>FEI Rules</u> in this discipline in the last 5 calendar years.	Your horse may have unlimited Advanced Medium points Your horse may have up to 35 total points at Advanced or above