

## Festival of the Horse

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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



The Festival of the Horse Challenge (FOTH Challenge) is a test of the ability of a pony/horse and rider to negotiate a show jumping course together with a cross-country course. BRC runs 6 Challenge competitions for Junior and Senior riders:

80cm	Senior/Junior	Individual/Team
90cm	Senior/Junior	Individual/Team
100cm	Senior/Junior	Individual/Team

## 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

## 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 – MUST be between 45cm and 75cm, MUST NOT be weighted or with a hard point
- Spurs - riders may wear spurs
- Jackets – traditional style fitted show jacket in any colour. At the discretion of the judge, competitors may be permitted to ride without jackets in excessively hot weather, but shoulders must remain covered. Dark, plain waterproof coats may be worn in wet weather
- Shirts – Show jumping shirts, white stocks, white American collar or white shirts with collar and tie may be worn
- Body Protectors - may be worn. If worn, it should be fitted and worn as per the manufacturers' guidelines. Hybrid Air- jackets and air jackets incorporated into a blouson style jacket are permitted. All competitors must wear a BETA Level 3 (Purple Label) body protector manufactured in 2009 or later
- Gloves – are recommended
- 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
- Boots – long riding boots designed for riding are to be worn. Short riding boots with gaiters may be worn
- Medical Armbands – compulsory and MUST be properly completed, worn on the arm

## Tack

Stewards will examine your horse's tack before you compete.

The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles
- Hackamores, other bitless bridles, Micklem bridles with permitted bits
- A stallion disc MUST be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- Breastplates and neckstraps at any levels
- Nose nets that are discreet and cover only the nose

Championships should they qualify.

## Entries

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

## The Course

Consists of a course of show jumps immediately followed by cross country fences, and will finish with the last fence as a show jump, the joker fence, which will be set at a discretionary 10cm higher than the rest of the course. There will be a maximum of 20 jumping efforts, 9 show jumping, 10 XC fences and the joker SJ fence.

## Contact Us

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- Only one martingale (Irish or running) running MUST have rein stop
- More than one noseband may be worn at a time
- Tongue guards that are properly made and detached from the reins and bits
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Discreet fly fringes, gauzes
- Ear covers and fly hoods are permitted for all competitions, and may also provide noise reduction. Ear covers/fly hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and should be discreet in colour and design
- Anti-fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Side Saddles and racing saddles
- Saddle covers and seat savers, except an unobtrusive saddle coloured gel pad seatsaver, unless the rider has dispensation from BRC office
- Market Harborough's or side, draw, check or running reins
- Standing martingales
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horse's mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheek pieces or similar
- Tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue
- Substitutes for conventional shoes, except in warm up

## Eligibility

Any rider, who competes at the Championships, may not have ridden over or through any cross-country fences, elements, obstacles, ditches, steps or water at the same venue as the Championship course during the ten days prior to the day of the Championships.

Championship	Class/Level	BE	Rider Eligibility	Horses
Festival of the Horse  No horse may compete in more than one Arena Eventing class	70	0	Not to have completed a BE 90, BRC HT 90 or CH 90 or above in the current competition year at close of prelim entry	Horses may be registered with BE but must not have <u>any</u> BE points. Not to have been placed in the top six at BE 80 or to have completed a BE 90 or above in the current or previous calendar year at close of prelim entry
	80	0	Not to have completed a BE 100, BRC HT 100 or CH 100 or above in the current competition year at close of prelim entry	Horses may be registered with BE but must not have <u>any</u> BE points. Not to have been placed in the top six at BE 90 or to have completed a BE 100 or above in the current or previous calendar year at close of prelim entry
	90	1		Horses may not have completed at BRC CH100, BRC HT 100 in the same competition year. All horses may be currently registered with BE but must not have been placed in the first six in any BE 100 or completed a BE105 or higher in the current or previous calendar year at close of prelim entry
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