

# Combined Training

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## Annual Events

The BRC year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



BRC runs combined training competitions for Junior and Senior competitors as follows:

### Senior team:

2 team members compete in the prelim/ 75cm

2 team members compete in the novice/ 85cm

### Junior team:

2 team members compete in the prelim/ 75cm

2 team members compete in the novice/ 85cm

## 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.

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## 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.

## 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 will be issued by BRC. (if your hat does not already have one) The tag must be worn on the hat.

Whip – One whip is permitted and must be between 45cm and 75cm and must not be weighted or feature a hard point at the end. The end of the whip must be padded. The ‘pad’ must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface (which includes embroidery) and be made of a shock absorbing material throughout its circumference.

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 in extreme heat, but shoulders should remain covered. Dark coloured rain coats may be worn in wet weather (jumping).

Shirts- showjumping shirts, stock shirt and stock or collar and tie may be worn

Body Protectors - may be worn. Should meet guidelines fitted and worn as per the manufacturers’ guidelines. Hybrid Air- jackets and air permitted.

Gloves – are recommended for both phases, mandatory for dressage

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, grey breeches or jodhpurs

Boots – long riding boots designed for riding are to be worn. Short riding boots with gaiters may be worn

## Tack

Stewards will examine your horse’s tack before you compete. You may warm up with boots/ bandages

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 necks traps at any levels, martingales jumping only

Nose nets that are discreet and cover only the nose

Bit guards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides (jumping only)

Boots for jumping only

## Expectations

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

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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

### The following ARE NOT permitted:

Side Saddles and racing saddles

Saddle covers and seat savers, except an unobtrusive saddle coloured gel pad seat saver, 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

### Dressage

BD rules apply

Snaffle bridle in all prelim and novice dressage tests

Nosebands- drop, flash, grackle or cavesson allowed up to and including novice

Breastplates can be worn (no martingales)

class	BD	BE	BS (e)	Rider eligibility (not permitted)	Horses
Prelim 75cm	Unlimited prelim points, up to 35 novice points, 0 points elementary and above	0	0 (d) (e)	(c)	May be registered with BE but must have no points. Not to have competed BE 100 in current or previous calendar year
Novice 85cm		10		(c)	
Prelim 85cm	Unlimited prelim points, up to 35 novice points, 0 points elementary and above	10	225 (e)	(c)	
Novice 75cm		0		(c)	May be registered with BE but must have no points. Not to have competed BE 100 in current or previous calendar year

**(c)** Riders who have competed under FEI Rules in the relevant discipline in the last 5 calendar years (FEI tests at BD National Competitions are not run under FEI rules. BD International only are run under FEI rules). For Eventing restrictions at CT75, CT85, HT80, HT90 applies to 2\* and above only and for HT100 and CH100 applies to 3\* and above only. No restriction on 100+.

**(d)** Other than notional points gained in 70cm and 80 cm classes held at BS Intro shows. BS Club points gained at any level will not be counted.

**(e)** All points gained for double clears will be counted. SJ1 points should be converted into pounds by multiplying by 9 for horses that have gained winnings in 120cm classes or above, 3 for horses that have gained winnings in classes lower than 120cm and 2.5 for ponies.