

Important Rule Changes for 2021

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 2020/2021

Format for Show Jumping at Championships

Following the changes to the qualifier format; the championship format will now consist of two rounds where riders will jump the first round and then a separate second round. The second round will be run in two parts, which will combine the second round and a jump-off. The jump-off section will be both the team and individual format with all competitors moving forward to the jump-off section.

Eliminations and Penalties in Show Jumping

Competitors who are eliminated in the first round or gain over 24 jumping penalties in the first round will not be permitted to continue onto the second round except for technical eliminations.

Eligibility on Show Jumping

A horse may compete at consecutive heights in show jumping. Style Jumping is classed as a separate competition. Restriction on 70cm removed so competitors may now compete in:

- 70 and 80
- 80 and 90
- 90 and 100
- 100 and 110

Horses may only compete twice in show jumping classes (excluding Style Jumping). Horses may compete in teams or as an individual in each height. Previously only permitted to compete once as part of a team and once individually in show jumping.

Junior Intermediate Winter Dressage

The test levels for this competition will change to 2 x prelim and 2 x novice tests. One novice test will have elementary eligibility so competitors competing at elementary are still able to compete as part of a team.

An individual Junior Elementary Dressage class will be added to this competition.

Membership

Members must be on the BRC database the Friday before the competition. This was previously at close of pre-entries. Horse and rider eligibility will revert back to close of pre-entry.

Competitor Numbers

With immediate effect bib numbers will be permitted in all BRC competitions. This will allow competitors to print their own numbers if they do not have bridle numbers for dressage and in SJ competitions to save organisers having to provide them.

A template will be added to the BHS Cloud and will have been added to the downloads page of the BRC website. This change is with immediate effect and will continue until further notice.

Numbers to qualify

Numbers to qualify will be based off pre-entries rather than number of starters – with immediate effect. For pick a test medium/advanced medium the highest placed individual from each test will be invited to the championships, however, the class at qualifiers will still be run as one class.

Microchips

Microchips will be compulsory by law from 1 October in England. For Scotland this will become law on 28 March 2021 and for Wales, on the 12 February 2021, however please note that if you are attending a BRC competition in England, you will be required to have your horse microchipped as per the England legislation regardless of where the horse resides.

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Committee Members

Individuals who sit on club committees must be a current member of BRC (either club or individual membership). Effective from 1 January 2021.

Dressage to Music

Music submissions are to be sent digitally before the event for championships so that music can be tested to ensure minimal disruptions at the event. Qualifiers will be at the organisers discretion.

Jewellery and Hair

It is advised that hair should be neatly secured and should not hang lower than the shoulder line when standing normally. Any item of jewellery or alternative medical treatment wrist bands should be covered up by clothing or gloves, if they cannot be removed, will be worn at the riders' own risk.

New Competition

BRC have been working on alternatives for the challenge competition, from the feedback from members. The challenge competition will not return in 2021 in its current form due to reasons stated in our previous release. Members wanted a cross-country type event and we are pleased to announce a new arena challenge competition. This re-formatted competition will be financially viable for BRC and will also address issues that areas were having in running qualifiers.

The Arena Challenge will be a direct entry competition at Washbrook Farm, Aston Le Walls, alongside the Combined Training Championships 2021. The Arena Challenge will run under challenge rules, but instead of a full cross-country course it will all be within a large grass arena with show jumping and cross-country fences. It will be a test of skill in judging pace, with no optimum time window, so unless a competitor is on the optimum time for the cross-country section, they will gain penalties. It will be at 80cm and 90cm for the direct entry competition.

We are hopeful that if this event is successful in 2021 as a direct entry competition, we will be able to run qualifiers for a championship in 2022.

The full rules for this competition will be found in the BRC 2021 Handbook when it is released at the end of the year.

BE Leagues

We have listened to feedback from our competitors. The BE League in 2021 will change to be open to all levels starting at 80cm up to Intermediate to allow those who are members of both entities an extra opportunity to compete.

The BE Leagues will therefore run at the following heights:

- BE 80

- BE90
- BE 100
- BE105
- BE Novice
- BE Intermediate

To enter these leagues each combination must enter, which will cost £5 and will cover the combination for the full BE season at all heights. Combinations must be entered through the BRC entries website by 1 September. All results from previous dates will be added to the results.

Grassroots League

Classes with jumping will be changed so that all classes up to and including 70cm will be included.

Lead-rein competitors may take part in the grassroots league.

The points card is being re-formatted so competitors will be able to email the document rather than send by post. The secretary/organisers will no longer be required to sign the form and instead a screen shot, picture or link to the results will be required instead.

Full details can be found in the BRC Handbook or see the BRC website.