

Rule Changes 2019

- Reserves at Championships will need to be declared 60 minutes before start of competition.
- Creating Area Teams at Championships will have stricter rules when a club can still field a team of three.
- Body Protectors – also accept as of now the BETA Level 3 Blue Label 2018.
- From 1st October 2018, all horses in England (not just those born since 2009) will have to be microchipped by law. There will be a 2 year grace period however, to give time to organise getting older horses' microchipped. So from 1st October 2020, it will be enforceable law. After this date all horses (regardless of residence) must be microchipped and if they are not, they will be disqualified.
- Rules on falls have changed, please read G28 of the Handbook for details and each relevant discipline for the details on the changes.
- Challenge qualifiers only may take place from 1 September 2019.
- Rule regarding riding at the venue in the run up to competition has been removed.
- Quadrille - One competitor in each Quadrille team must be current club member of BD. The competitors will then need to fill out the relevant licence form and return to BD. This allows you to use any music from the record labels listed on the Phonographic Performance Ltd (PPL) repertoire list. Tracks not listed cannot be used. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure they hold the relevant license and PPL stickers before competing.
- When choosing the theme of the Quadrille please be aware that when you are depicting a film/play and using the music along with costumes relating to that film/play, that the team will be required to seek permission from the licence owner. For example: Depicting a Disney film and dressing as the characters or using Abba Music and portraying the film Mamma Mia will require the relevant permissions.
Please note that some licence permissions may be difficult to obtain. It is the team's responsibility to comply and find the relevant licensing company. BRC will carry out spot checks to ensure compliance.

New Classes

- Open 80 Challenge from 1 October 2019 will be added to the challenge qualifiers which will have no eligibility restrictions open to senior and junior individuals.
- Open 80 Horse Trials will be added to the 2019 Horse Trials calendar and will have no eligibility restrictions open to senior and junior individuals. This will be a two day competition at the Championship.
- An Intro Dressage class will be held at the National Championships for individual competitors.
- An Intro Dressage class will be held at the Novice Winter Championships for individual competitors from 1 October 2019.

Changes to classes

- Senior Prelim Dressage will be four different tests, one test (specific test) will have eligibility as follows: unlimited prelim points, up to 35 Novice points and 0 at elementary or above. There will be no rider restriction.

- All prelim tests (except the higher level prelim such as Intermediate Winter Dressage) will have a BE rider restriction to stop those competing at BE Intermediate and above from competing at Prelim Dressage.
- Novice Winter Dressage – all team members will ride a different test.
- Individual competition at 80cm Winter SJ, previously teams only.
- Double clear points for SJ will from 1 April be counted for eligibility purposes.
- 80cm SJ eligibility will change to allow up to 75 BS points from 1 April.
- Arena Eventing Times will be as follows (in the rule update document from 1 October): 70cm – 340mpm, 80cm – 350mpm, 90cm – 360mpm and 100cm – 375mpm.
- For Arena Eventing there will be a 5 second window under the optimum time before gaining time penalties.