

## Rules

- 1) The competition shall be run generally under the rules for British Riding Club competitions as laid down in in the Rule Book for the current year. The competitions are unofficial in that the result does not affect the grading of the horse unless otherwise stated.
- 2) **Orders:** "Riders and owners of competing horses and their servants must, under penalty of elimination, obey any order or direction given to them by any responsible official and they must, in particular, be careful not to do anything liable to upset or hinder the undisturbed progress of the competition
- 3) **Disclaimer of Liability:** Save for death or personal injury caused by negligence of the organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor the BHS nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever.
- 4) **Reservation of Right:** The Organisers reserve the right to: (a) cancel any class or event (b) divide any class (c) alter a time (d) refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason.
- 5) **Starting Times:** Competitors must phone for times on the date and time stated. Times also available on the EFRA web site ([www.Ettrickforest.co.uk](http://www.Ettrickforest.co.uk)). **Withdrawals Are Mandatory**
- 6) **Riding In Arenas etc:** "Competitors may not, under penalty of elimination, ride on, over or near any part of the cross country course, dressage or show jumping arenas except when actually competing.
- 7) **Saddlery & Equipment:** Riding-in with Market Harborough running reins, bearing reins, side reins or any other artificial aid is forbidden. Lunging in side reins is permitted. Spurs must be blunt and if curved must be downwards. Only spurs of metal may be worn.
- 8) **Cruelty:** Any act or series of actions which in the opinion of the Chief Steward, can be clearly and without doubt be defined as cruelty, shall be penalised by elimination. Such acts will include excessive use of the whip, spurs and bit.....
- 9) **Unfitness of Horses:** If at any time during competition a horse is lame, sick or exhausted it must be eliminated on the authority of the organiser or steward.
- 10) **Doping:** It is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, to administer any stimulant or sedative to a horse, or cause one to be administered in any way with the object of influencing its performance before or during a competition.
- 11) **Destruction of Horses:** If a horse is so severely injured that on humanitarian grounds it ought to be destroyed, the following procedure will apply; if the owner or his authorised agent is present, his agreement will first be obtained by the official Veterinary Surgeon; if the owner or his agent are not available the Chief Steward, acting on the advice of the Veterinary Surgeon or SSPCA inspector may order the destruction of the horse.
- 12) **Objections:** Complaints must be accompanied by a deposit of £10 and must be made within 30 min after the happening which gave rise to the objection. Resolution will be by the Judge and/or the organising committee and their decision will be final.
- 13) Making an entry for any class constitutes implicit acceptance of these rules.
- 14) Riding Club Member refers to adult members of an affiliated BHS club and of a minimum age of 17 years.
- 15) Disciplinary rules laid down in the Riding Clubs Rule Book shall be upheld
- 16) If the running of a competition is in doubt then it is up to the entrants to contact the organisers regarding arrangements.
- 17) Horses tied to the outside of lorries/trailers MUST NOT be left unattended
- 18) Dogs must be kept on a leash during all competitions.
- 19) Regulation riding hats MUST BE WORN at all times when mounted.
- 20) HC Entries will be accepted but horses cannot compete in any other class on that day.
- 21) Late Entries may only be accepted by prior arrangement with the secretary of the competition.
- 22) There will be opening and closing dates for most training days, please send entries within these dates.
- 23) Riders should pass left hand to left hand when in warm up arenas with a maximum of 6 horses at a time when possible.
- 24) Full refund for withdrawals before the closing date, part refunds may be available after the closing date if withdrawn to the secretary.

BRITISH RIDING CLUB RULE BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MARCH 06 FROM ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER.

## Dress Code for all Riding Activities

Competitors must be correctly dressed for the phase or competition in which they are riding. Please find below a list of the correct attire for your guidance and don't hesitate to ask any committee member if unsure.

- Hats: Hats marked EN1384, PASO15 or Prefixed with ASTM or SEI are the minimum standard allowed and should be worn at all times when mounted.
- Neckwear: Collar and Tie or Stocks should be worn at Dressage and Show Jumping competitions, White stocks should only be worn with Black or Navy Jackets. Stocks without stock pin or Polo Neck Sweaters should be worn for Cross Country.
- Jackets: Tweed or Black/Navy should be worn for Dressage and Show Jumping  
**In exceptionally warm weather competitors may be allowed to compete without jackets providing long sleeves are worn and stock/tie is fixed to shirt. Riders must check with the stewards first.**
- Body Protectors: Approved to Class 3 Purple Label are obligatory for all Cross Country (competition or schooling) and are recommended for any jumping. Medical Armbands are recommended.
- Gloves: Gloves must be worn in all dressage competitions and are recommended to be worn at any other time.
- Breeches: Should be **light** coloured for competitions and **training**.
- Boots: Long boots (including Mountain Horse) or Leather Gaiters with Matching Colour Boots should be worn (half chaps are not permitted for competition or official training). Larger irons should be used for chunky soles.

It has been brought to our notice by the BHS that the police and insurance companies expect all riders to wear reflective clothing whilst riding on the roads.