

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

1. GENERAL RULES

- a) Where not specified, rules for the qualifiers and final to be as per the current British Riding Clubs Rule Book unless agreement is reached by the London & South East Novice Championships Representatives Committee. It is up to the Individual Clubs to bring these rules to the notice of competitors.
THE LATEST RULE REGARDING HEADGEAR WILL APPLY AND BODY PROTECTORS MUST BE WORN DURING THE CROSS COUNTRY TEST.
- b) All competitions at qualifiers and the final will be for teams of four with the best three scores to count.
- c) In the event of any horse or rider at either a qualifier or the final being found to be ineligible, the whole Team will be disqualified and the Club may be debarred from the competition the following year.
- d) It is a condition of entry that each Club qualifying for the final agrees to provide **one helper per team – except Horse Trials where two experienced helpers per team are required.** Names, addresses and telephone numbers must be given on the Entry Form. Helpers must be prepared to assist in any discipline as required. They will be notified as to the time when they will be required. Clubs not producing the necessary number of helpers may not be allowed to compete.
- e) Notifications of the full results of Qualifiers to be made by the Area Secretary or Competition Organiser **IMMEDIATELY** after the qualifier on the form provided and sent to the Secretary at the address on the inside front cover of the schedule.
- f) In the event of the Championships being cancelled a percentage of the entry fees will be kept to cover administrative and cancellation costs
- g) Entry fees for the qualifiers will be at the discretion of the organisers of each competition and cheques to be made payable as directed by them.
- h) Objections to be made in writing to the organiser within half an hour of the close of the appropriate competition accompanied by £20.00 which will be returned if the objection is upheld. Committee to deal with the objection at the finals will consist of at least three Area Chairmen or their nominated representatives plus the steward of the event concerned.
- i) Horses are limited to three of the four competitions but **NO HORSES MAY COMPETE IN BOTH THE HORSE TRIALS and the SHOW JUMPING at the CHAMPIONSHIPS. IF A HORSE SHOULD QUALIFY IN TEAMS FOR BOTH THESE DISCIPLINES, IT MUST BE DROPPED FROM ONE TEAM AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WITHOUT BEING REPLACED.**
- NO RIDER MAY COMPETE IN MORE THAN ONE TEAM IN THE SAME DISCIPLINE.**
- j) Where qualifiers are held within an Area, up to two substitutions of horse and/or rider are allowed at the championships. Further substitutions within the team may be allowed at the discretion of the organisers. All substitutes must be equally eligible on the date of the Championships.
- k) Competitors should note that if the same competitor appears at the Championships in Horse Trials or Show Jumping and also the Pure Dressage and/or the Riding Test, they may have to jump before riding their pure Dressage Test and/or Riding Test.

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- l) The number of Teams qualifying for the final from each Area will be :

| <u>AREA</u> | <u>HORSE TRIALS</u> | <u>RIDING TEST</u> | <u>SHOW JUMPING</u> | <u>DRESSAGE</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 10 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| 11 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 13 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

If a Team qualifying for the final is unable to take part, the next placed Team may go through. If the Area concerned is unable to provide the additional Team, the organising Area may take it. If they are unable to take it, the space will be offered to the Area with the greatest number of teams in the qualifier. **FOR THIS REASON, FAILURE TO NOTIFY WITHDRAWAL BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES MAY DEBAR THE CLUB FROM COMPETING IN THAT DISCIPLINE AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**

- m) **PRIZES AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.** Rosettes to the first eight teams and first six individuals in each discipline. Perpetual trophies to the winning team in each discipline. Perpetual trophy plus rosettes for the Best Turned Out Team in the Show Jumping. Perpetual trophy to the winning individual in the Show Jumping. The Natasha Trophy will be presented to the Club with the best overall performance.

2. **ELIGIBILITY** -

ALL DISCIPLINES as per the current BRITISH RIDING CLUBS RULE BOOK EXCEPT

- a) Competitors must be members of a BHS affiliated Riding Club within Areas 6, 9, 10, 11 and 13. Teams may include one Junior member but all other members of the team must be senior members. Official membership numbers must be included on all entry forms.
- b) Horses/ponies must be at least 4 years old except for Horse Trials where they must be at least 5 years old. Not more than three ponies allowed per team. (Ponies classified as 14.2hh and under).
- c) The rider must not have gained Pony Club 'A' Test or BHS Stage 4 during the last 10 years.
- d) The rider must not have gained FBHS or BHSI.
- e) No rider/horse may compete for more than one Club during the year in the London & South East Novice Championships.
- f) Any qualifications obtained after the closing date of the qualifying competition will not debar the competitor from taking part in the Championships. Where no qualifier is held, 31st July will be used as the cut-off date. **THIS WILL ONLY APPLY TO COMPETITORS WHO TOOK PART IN A QUALIFIER OR MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR A TEAM – ALL SUBSTITUTES MUST BE ELIGIBLE ON THE DAY OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

3. **HORSE TRIALS**

- a) The Entry Fee for the Final will be determined by the organising Area and set out in the schedule.
- b) Dressage Test will be BRC HN1 at the Championships – recommended at the Qualifiers.

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- c) The approximate height of jumps in the cross country and show jumping sections will be 2' 9"(0.85m) for the qualifier and the Championships.
- d) Rider/Horse combination must not have been placed in the first six in a BE Pre Novice or completed a BE Novice Horse Trials or above in the last 3 years or BE** Three Day Event ever.
- e) Horse must not have qualified for the Intermediate or Open National Riding Club or Pony Club Championships during the last three years in this discipline.
- f) The speed for the cross country section not to exceed 450 metres per minute for the qualifier and the Championships. All penalties will follow National Riding Club Rules.
- g) No competitor may, under penalty of elimination, compete other than Hors Concours on a horse which has had the opportunity to practice over any of the obstacles at the Area Qualifier or Championships, except where the course is generally available for schooling, when no horse may have practiced over any of the obstacles to be used in the competition during the two weeks prior to the competition.
- h) **MEDICAL ARMBANDS MUST BE WORN FOR CROSS COUNTRY.**

4. SHOW JUMPING

- a) The Entry Fee for the final will be determined by the organising Area and set out in the schedule.
- b) The height of the jumps will be 2' 6" (0.75m) in the first round and 2' 9" (0.85m) in the second round at both qualifier and Championships. In the event of a jump off, the course may be raised but the maximum height of jumps in this competition is 3' 0" (0.90m).
- c) Each team will jump two rounds with the best three scores in each round to count for the team total. If a team member is eliminated in the first round they are permitted to compete in the second round. If two or more team members are eliminated in the first round the team is eliminated and those who have been eliminated cannot jump in the second round. The remaining team members can go forward into the second round as individuals at the championships (and at the qualifier where the organiser is awarding individual rosettes).
- d) In the event of equality for first place after the two rounds in the team competition, the whole team will be required to jump off over a shortened course against the clock. Equality for minor placings will be determined by the aggregate times of the three scoring members of the tying teams in the second round.
- e) Team members will also compete as individuals at the championship. In the event of equality for first place after the two rounds in the individual competition, the individuals concerned will be required to jump off over a shortened course against the clock. Equality for minor placings will be determined by the time taken by the individual in the second round.
- f) At the championships there should be two separate jump-offs for teams and individuals over different courses with the team jump off first. However, the jump off for team and individual places may be combined at the discretion of the organiser in certain circumstances (e.g. adverse weather conditions and/or insufficient daylight hours left for separate jump-offs).
- g) Horse/rider combination must not have won an official BSJA class where the height of jumps in the first round was 1.00m or above in the last 3 years.
- h) Horse must never have been graded 'A', 'B' or 'JA'.

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- i) Horse must not have qualified for the Open or Intermediate National Riding Club or Pony Club Championships during the last 3 years in this discipline.

5. DRESSAGE

- a) The Entry Fee for the final will be determined by the organising Area and set out in the schedule.
- b) The Test will be **PRELIM 12 (2005)** at the qualifier and **PRELIM 14 (2006)** at the Championships. Tests may be commanded and whips not exceeding 110 cm carried at both qualifier and Championships. Spurs are allowed.
- c) Rider/Horse combination may not have gained any points in affiliated dressage in the last 3 years.
- d) Horse must not have qualified for the Senior Open National Riding Club or Pony Club Championships during the last 3 years in this discipline.

6. RIDING TEST

- a) The Entry Fee for the final will be determined by the organising Area and set out in the schedule.
- b) The Test will be **RT11 (2010)** at the qualifier and **RT12 (2010)** at the Championships. Tests may be commanded and whips not exceeding 110 cm may be carried at both Qualifier and Championships. Spurs are allowed.
- c) No member of a team may have BHS Stage 3 or have gained BHSAI during the last 3 years.
- d) Rider must not have been placed individually in the first 3 of the Riding Clubs Riding Test Championships during the last 3 years.

NOTES

In all cases where a number of years are referred to, the date for the assessment is 1st January in that year.

Where "Horses" are referred to : read Horses / Ponies subject to eligibility – all sections – Rule 2 b)

Reference to "qualified" for the Riding Club or Pony Club Championships means just that. It does not preclude teams who have been invited to compete because a "qualified" team has withdrawn.