

Secretaries' Update

Autumn Update

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BRC info

Keeping you up-to-date

www.britishridingclubs.org.uk

Keep a check on our website which details all the current BRC National Championships scheduled for 2011 and the latest offers available to all BRC Members.

New Schedules now available online, with online entries also being taken.

BRC have now moved to the new BHS Head Office, Address: Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ

BRC and BHS Equine Welfare Conference

Moulton College, Saturday 29 October 2011, 10am - 4pm

This year's conference will be held at Moulton College, Northamptonshire and will feature a range of talks and demonstrations relating to equine injuries. The conference will include presentations and practical sessions on:

- Dope Testing
- Treating Injuries
- Therapy Demonstrations
- Fire and Rescue
- Dissection

Tickets on sale NOW at just £5 each.

BRC Welfare Advisers and BHS Welfare Representatives will have their £5 refunded upon attendance.

Please contact: l.wake@bhs.org.uk or call: 02476 840598. Tickets can also be purchased online through the BHS Bookshop at: www.britishhorse.com.



Out Now - Summer Rider Magazine

The Summer Edition is available now, packed full of features

- Festival of the Horse Review
- Have a Go - Beach Riding
- Equine Massage
- Behind the Scenes with Carl Hester
- How to Win at Novice Level



Royal Windsor

The BRC Dressage and Show Jumping championships which are held at RWHS will be run as a two round competition for 2012.

The first round will be the area qualifier and the second round will be the Championships at RWHS. Area qualifier entries should be made to the area organiser.

All competitors must be a BRC member to compete in the area qualifier. Rules for RWHS can be found on the BRC website:



www.britishridingclubs.org.uk

Two New BRC Area Road Shows

Myerscough College, Lancashire PR3 0RY, Saturday 19 November 2011

Hartpury College, Gloucestershire GL19 3BE, Sunday 20 November 2011

These Days are open to all BRC Club Officials, starting at 9.30am and finishing at 4.30pm. They will focus on key areas of running a Club, covering the following topics:

- Running and Promoting your Club
- Health & Safety
- Competitions
- Organising an Area Qualifier
- Training



Bookings are now being taken for the Roadshows and a booking form has been sent to every club. This can be completed and emailed to: s.phillips@bhs.org.uk to reserve your place. A £10 Deposit is required at the time of booking. This will be refunded providing the Roadshow is attended.

BRC Club Affiliation Fees for 2012

The 2012 BRC Club Affiliation Fees are as follows:

- Clubs with 80 members or less £135 plus £10 per member
- Clubs with 81 members or more £155 plus £10 per member

These fees need to be sent to BRC Head Office by 31 Jan 2012 & 31 May 2012.

New Club Committee Members

Please could you let BRC Head Office know any new Club Committee Member changes as soon as possible. Email: r.pettifor@bhs.org.uk or Tel: 02476 840817

BHS Bookshop

Don't forget to check out the BHS Bookshop at www.britishhorse.com. We have books and products for all your needs from leisure reads to training manuals, horse care to competition and gifts galore for adults and children.

Don't forget to send off for your Shoppers Loyalty card by sending in a stamped addressed envelope to Loyalty Card, BHS Bookshop, The British Horse Society, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ.

Close of Prelim Entries

Please remember that Prelim Entries close 21 days before the date of the Area Qualifier or 30 June, whichever is earlier. If you make a preliminary entry to BRC and withdraw the entry before the 21 day deadline you will be issued with a credit note which can be used against future entries. There are no exceptions to this rule and late entries will not be accepted whatever the reason.

Creating a Club PayPal Account

1. Log onto PayPal
2. Tabs at top of page, click onto MERCHANT SERVICES
3. You will be offered 4 options, click on Option 1 - SET UP PAYMENT SOLUTION
4. You will then see 3 columns, click on START ACCEPTING PAYMENTS
5. Then click onto SELL SUBSCRIPTIONS
6. Click onto CREATE OWN PAYPAL BUTTON and follow the on-line instructions
7. When you get to GENERATE CODE you will be able to paste a button to your own web site

During this process you will need to provide the following information:

- Contact e-mail address
- Contact name
- Bank Details - account name - account number - sort code

BHS offer to BRC Members

Please note that the current BHS offer of 30 percent discount to BRC members joining the BHS **only** applies when joining the BHS for the first time, making BHS Gold Membership just £41.30.

2012 BRC Membership Cards

From 1 January 2012 BRC membership cards will be sent direct to each member by BRC, there will be no need for Clubs to distribute membership cards. All clubs will be sent a document detailing how the new process will work and what information is required from you and when you should be sending it. Membership lists will still be submitted using an Excel spreadsheet, however there will be some changes to the dates when these are required by. Full details of the new system will be published during November. However please can I remind you that you must continue to send any new lists and updates to Rhianne Pettifor. Email r.pettifor@bhs.org.uk

First Aid Cover Charges

It has become apparent that a number of clubs are charging an additional fee on top of the competition entry fee to contribute to first aid cover. This is only permissible if there is a First Aid contractor present eg St Johns or a paramedic company. It is not acceptable to charge an additional fee when there is only a club first aider present eg a person who holds a first aid certificate.



Area Competition Dates

As a matter of urgency please can you send your Area Qualifier competition dates to Lucy Wake l.wake@bhs.org.uk if you have not already done so. These will be added to the list of dates on the BRC website and should also include contact details for the Area Organiser.

Disciplinary Action

Following the National Championships at Lincolnshire Showground on 17 & 18 September 2011 where a number of horses were randomly sampled for prohibited substances the horse known as The Last Word owned by Helen Ratcliffe-Smith was found to have phenylbutazone and oxypenybutazone present in the sample. Following a meeting of the BRC Disciplinary Committee Helen Ratcliffe-Smith of Findon Riding Club was found to be in breach of rules G17 to G17.4 pertaining to the abuse of prohibited substances and has been suspended from membership of all BRC affiliated clubs and BRC competitions for a period of two years. The horse and rider have been suspended for a period of one year and eliminated from classes entered at the National Championships.

Prohibitive Substances

Please remember that BRC follows the FEI rules regarding the use of prohibited substances. No horse may compete in a BRC competition whilst being treated with a forbidden substance. A full list of forbidden substances can be found on the FEI website www.horsesport.org. Your vet will also be able to advise you regarding what is safe to use in competitions and what the withdrawal periods are. BRC now operates a random drug testing programme at the BRC Championships.

Eligibility Rules

Unfortunately there have been a number of recent incidents where horses and ponies have been found to be ineligible for a competition and this has resulted in them being eliminated. Please remember that it is ultimately the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that the horse which they are riding is eligible. The BRC Rulebook 2011 clearly states the eligibility limits for all classes. The Rulebook can be downloaded from www.britishridingclubs.org.uk. We will be checking all entered competitors.

BRC Rulebook Notice

It is coming to that time of year again when we begin to collate any obvious rule changes that we have experienced during the competition season as well as thinking about suggested changes that have come from our valued members. If you haven't already thought about it, you might like to take a look at the back of your rule book, where you will find a return form, thinking about any rules that you have an issue with.



If you then have a feasible suggestion to make a change to this rule, then fill in the form and send it to Lyndsay Wager, British Riding Clubs, The British Horse Society, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth CV8 2XZ. We will endeavour to write back to you confirming the Committee's decision and any amendments to the rule book will be published on the BRC website soon after the meeting. The new 2012 BRC Rule book will be on sale ready for Christmas and will be effective on January 1 2012.

Championship Dates 2012

Winter Championships – Hartpury 7 & 8 April

Festival of the Horse – Aston Le Walls 2 & 3 June

National Horse Trials – Aston Le Walls 3, 4 & 5 August

TREC Championships – Fife 10, 11 & 12 August

National Championships – Lincoln 15 & 16 September

Dressage to Music and Quadrille Selection – Aintree 6 & 7 October

Quadrille – Olympia 22 December



Hat tagging

If you have been to a BRC Championship or the BHS TREC Championships this year you will realise that we are now operating a system of hat tagging. This is to ensure that members who are competing at BRC Championships are wearing a hat that conforms to the standard stated in the BRC Rulebook 2011. It is proposed that hat tagging will be introduced at Area Qualifiers in 2012. Whilst the vast majority of members are supportive of these safety checks and are happy to comply with the rules, there have been incidents where members have questioned the need to wear a hat which meets the required standards. Please remember that these rules are there for your safety. You will not be allowed to compete in a hat which does not meet the required standard, such hats will not be tagged. It is also not acceptable for members to become abusive when being asked to change their hat and any incivility to an official, volunteer or staff member will not be tolerated.



Remember there are some great Rider magazine prizes on offer

'It's Your Letters' Page

Have you got something to say? If you have something you would like to share with BRC Members, send in your letters and we will publish as many as possible. The author of each issue's Star Letter will receive a fabulous pair of Ariat Boots and Gaiters. Please send your letters to: It's Your Letters, British Riding Clubs, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warks CV8 2XZ.



BRC on the web

Please visit our You Tube site

[www.youtube.com / brccompetitions](http://www.youtube.com/brccompetitions) which we will keep updated throughout the year with interesting BRC videos.

CIC** European Championship 2011

BRC SEIB Hunter Trials 2011b

BRC NAF National Championships 2011b

BRC Quadrille Selection 2011

BRC D2M Aintree 2011

Have a go at Polo



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Whatever your age, wherever you live, there is something for you at your local affiliated British Riding Club. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining one of the many British Riding Clubs please forward to them or contact our office.



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