

British Riding Clubs 2025 Rule Amendments and Rule Changes

Updated **29/11/2025** changes indicated in bold

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| Error/Update in Rulebook |
| Guidance/Directive |
| New competition |
| From member feedback |

Rule Amendments

| Date change made | Page | Rule Number | Section | Amendment | Effective From |
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| 29/10/2025 | 47 | D1.9.4 | Use of Voice | Discreet vocalisation to support natural riding aids—such as tongue clicking—is permitted. Use of voice must remain unobtrusive at all times and must not cause distraction or interference to other riders, horses, or officials. Excessive or disruptive vocalisation may be subject to penalty at the discretion of the judges or event organisers. | immediate |
| 29/10/2025 | 90 | Appendix 3 | Eligibility | For Dressage: Horse and rider combinations may compete in more than 1 team in the same competition. No horse or rider may compete twice in the same team. | 1 April 2026 |
| 29/10/2025 | 84 | Appendix 1 | Dressage tests | Horse Trials dressage tests: BRC HT 70 – 100: Any BRC/BD/PC Prelim level Test, BE 91 – 109. | 1 April 2026 |
| 29/10/2025 | 78 | CT3.3 | Teams | In calculating the team total, the best three scores will count. The team penalties for best three team members will be added and the team with the lowest total score shall be the winners. | 1 April 2026 |
| 29/10/2025 | 44 | D1.5 | AWARDS | Summer Sizzler & Christmas Cracker online dressage competitions will be counted as a qualifying opportunity for individuals only. Individuals in each section will be given an | Summer Sizzler 2026 |

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| | | | | invite to either the summer championships or winter dressage championships depending on what competition they enter. The qualifying places will only be offered to members with a valid competition pass. Competitors will be put in the relevant championship class based on the eligibility/section they won. There will be no pass down of qualifications if the first place declines the invite. Wildcards will go to competitors who competed at the qualifier in the first instance, then if space permits may be passed onto the online competitors. | |
| 29/10/2025 | 61 | 11.2.1 | SJ - Technical Eliminations | Riders who incur a technical elimination will be permitted to complete the round in which they have incurred the technical elimination (i.e. missing out a fence, starting before the bell). | immediate |
| 29/10/2025 | G2.3 | Championship Entries | Championship Entries | Late entries will be accepted only if there is space and time to do so. Clubs will be charged a late fee of £5 per individual and £10 per team for any entries accepted after the advertised closing date. | immediate |
| 29/10/2025 | 94 | Appendix 5 | Tack Rules – Dressage/SJ /Cross Country | Nosebands are not compulsory. All bridles should be used as per the manufacturers directions. For double bridles only cavesson noseband may be used. | immediate |
| 10/09/2025 | 88 | Appendix 2&3 | Eligibility | Eligibility for Show Jumping and Arena Eventing has changed, please see supporting document for full details | immediate |
| 01/09/2025 | 43 | D1 | Dressage | Winter Dressage Class Names have been changed: Senior/Junior Introductory Dressage -> Senior/Junior Grassroots Dressage Senior/Junior Novice Dressage -> Senior/Junior Intermediate Dressage Winter Intermediate Dressage -> Mixed Open Dressage | Immediate |
| 01/09/2025 | N/A | N/A | Entries | Pre-entries have been replaced with the Competition Pass, please see supporting documents for further details | 01/09/2025 |
| 09/07/2025 | 79 | CT 3.4 | Combined Training | CT3.4: Ties of Teams In the event of equality the dressage penalties for the team members (excluding any discarded scores, even if they have lower dressage penalties than another score) shall be added together and the team with the lowest | Immediate |

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| | | | | total shall take the higher place. If equality still remains the fastest aggregate time of all the three non-discarded team members in the show jumping phase shall be the deciding factor. | | | |
| 27/06/2025 | 83 | Appendix 1 | Dressage Tests | Dressage | | 1 st October 2025 | |
| | | | | Senior/Junior Grassroots Winter Dressage | BD Intro 1 (2024) | | |
| | | | | | BD Intro 2 (2024) | | |
| | | | | | BRC Prelim A (2025) | | |
| | | | | | BRC Prelim B (2025) | | |
| | | | | Senior/Junior Intermediate Winter Dressage | BD Intro 3 (2024) | | |
| | | | | | BD Prelim 1 (2024) | | |
| | | | | | BD Prelim 2 (2024) | | |
| | | | | | BD Novice 1 (2024) | | |
| | | | | Mixed Open Winter Dressage | BD Prelim 3 (2024) | | |
| | | | | | BD Novice 2 (2024) | | |
| | | | | | BD Novice 3 (2024) | | |
| | | | | | BD Elementary 1 (2024) | | |
| | | | | Mixed Intro Pairs | BRC Intro Pairs 1 (2022) | | |
| Pick a Test | BD Medium 2 (2024) or BD Advanced Medium 1 (2024) | | | | | | |
| 27/06/2025 | 92 | Appendix 5A | Gloves | Gloves are no longer compulsory in Dressage competition | | immediate | |
| 27/06/2025 | 83 | Appendix 1 | Dressage tests and entry fees | For the Winter Dressage and Championships the Pick a Test Medium test will be BD MEDIUM 2 | | 1 st October | |
| 27/06/2025 | 83 & 84 | Appendix 1 | Dressage - Tests | BRC Dressage Tests, having similar names to the BD tests caused some confusion for riders so we will be renaming the tests as follows: BRC Walk and Trot 1 will change to BRC Walk and Trot A BRC Walk and Trot 2 will change to BRC Walk and Trot B BRC Prelim 1 will change to BRC Prelim A BRC Prelim 2 will change to BRC Prelim B BRC Prelim 3 will change to BRC Prelim C | | 1 st October | |

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| | | | | BRC Prelim 4 will change to BRC Prelim D BRC Novice 10 will change to BRC Novice A BRC Novice 11 will change to BRC Novice B BRC Elementary 20 will change to BRC Elementary A BRC Medium 25 will change to BRC Medium A BRC Advanced Medium will change to BRC Advanced Medium A | | | | | | |
| 27/06/2025 | 43 | DR | Dressage - Classes | Introductory Winter Dressage will change to Grassroots Winter Dressage Novice Winter Dressage will change to Intermediate Winter Dressage Intermediate Winter Dressage will change to Open Winter Dressage | | | | | 1 st October | |
| 24/02/2025 | 84 | Appendix 1 | Dressage Tests and Entry Fees | Mixed Open Pairs test: BRC Pairs 5 (2014) | | | | | immediate | |
| 01/01/2025 | 87 | Appendix 2&3 | Eligibility – Novice Winter Dressage | Senior and Junior Winter Novice Dressage | Class | Level/Test | Horses | Rider Eligibility (not permitted) | Horse Eligibility | immediate |
| | | | | | BD Intro 3 (2024) | Up to 35 BD points at Prelim 0 BD points at Novice or above | (a)(c) BHS Stage 4 Coach or above. | | | |
| | | | | | BD Prelim 1 (2024) | Unlimited Prelim Points Up to 35 BD points at Novice 0 BD points at Elementary or above | (a)(c) BHS Stage 4 Coach or above. Not to have competed at Elementary BD/BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year | Not to have competed at Elementary BD/BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year | | |
| | | | | | BD Prelim 2 (2024) | Unlimited Prelim Points Up to 35 BD points at Novice 0 BD points at Elementary or above | (a)(c) BHS Stage 4 Coach or above. Not to have competed at Elementary BD/BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year | Not to have competed at Elementary BD/BRC or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year. | | |
| | | | | | BD Novice 1 (2024) | Unlimited Novice points Up to 35 BD points at Elementary 0 BD points at Medium or above | (a)(c) BHS Stage 4 Coach or above. Not to have competed at Medium BD/BRC or BE Intermediate or above in the current or previous calendar year | | | |

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| 01/01/2025 | 87 | Appendix 2&3 | Eligibility – Intermediate Winter Dressage | | Class | Level/Test | Horses | Rider Eligibility (not permitted) | Horse Eligibility | immediate |
| | | | | | Mixed Intermediate Dressage | BD Prelim 3 (2024) | Unlimited Prelim points Up to 35 BD points at Novice 0 points at Elementary or above | | | |
| | | | | | | BD Novice 2 (2024) | Unlimited Novice points Up to 35 BD points at any higher level | | | |
| | | | | | | BD Novice 3 (2024) | Unlimited Novice points Up to 35 BD points at any higher level | | | |
| | | | | | | BD Elementary 1 (2024) | Unlimited Elementary points Up to 35 BD points at any higher level | | | |
| 01/01/2025 | 87 | Appendix 2&3 | Eligibility – Pick a Test Winter Dressage | | Class | Level/Test | Horses | Rider Eligibility (not permitted) | Horse Eligibility | immediate |
| | | | | | Mixed Pick a Test Winter Dressage | BD Medium 1 (2024) | No Limit | | | |
| | | | | | | BD Advanced Medium 1 (2024) | No Limit | | | |