

CC: COMBINED CHALLENGE

Combined Challenge is a test of the ability and timing of a horse and rider to negotiate a show jumping course followed by an arena cross-country course. BRC run Combined Challenge competitions as follows:

- **70 Junior Combined Challenge, for teams and individuals**
- **70 Senior Combined Challenge, for teams and individuals**
- **80 Junior Combined Challenge**, for teams and individuals
- **80 Senior Combined Challenge**, for teams and individuals
- **90 Combined Challenge**, a mixed class (seniors and/or juniors) for teams and individuals
- **100 Combined Challenge**, a mixed class (seniors and/or juniors) for teams and individuals

The classes are for teams and individuals. Teams may only be mixed seniors and juniors in the 90cm and 100cm, and numbers to qualify can be found in Appendix 10A of the Handbook.

CC1.1: COMPETITION RULES

CC1.1.1: Show Jumping

The show jumping part of the Combined Challenge competition will be run under the Show Jumping rules set out in section SJ1 unless superseded in this section.

CC1.1.2: Cross-Country

The cross-country part of the Combined Challenge competition will be run under the Horse Trials rules set out in section HT unless superseded in this section.

CC1.2: ELIGIBILITY

CC1.2.1: ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES

As per Arena Eventing, see CR Appendix 2 & 3

CC1.2.2 ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

See CR Appendix 2 & 3.

CC1.3: SADDLERY, TACK AND DRESS

Full details are in CR Appendices 4, 5, and 6 and 7.

CC1.4: THE COURSE

Consists of minimum 6 show jumping obstacles followed by a minimum of 6 cross-country jumping efforts.

CC1.4.1: Heights

Full details are in CR Appendix 8 and will follow Arena Eventing dimensions at the relevant height.

CC1.4.2: Plan

A plan of the entire course shall be displayed. It must include:

- The course to be followed and its length
- Both SJ and cross-country fences
- The numbering of the fences
- Any compulsory turning points
- Fences with alternatives
- Optimum time for XC section and time allowed for SJ section

CC1.4.3: Inspection of the Course

See SJ1.5 and HT1.5.4

CC1.4.4: Marking the Course

See HT1.5.5

CC1.4.5: Modifications to the Course

See HT1.5.6

CC1.4.7: Fences

Show Jumping:

The show jumping course will:

consist of a minimum of 6 show jumps, including at least one double, and include a proportion with fillers (brushes, walls etc) be built to BS standards, have safety cups, to FEI standard on the back and centre of spread fences including practice fences. Black flag alternatives may be used, offset doubles may be used.

Cross-country:

The Cross-Country course:

- will consist of a minimum of 6 jumping efforts
- will be strongly built with a good ground line and should look imposing
- will have all fences flagged and numbered
- will be fixed in accordance with BE guidelines and should be correct for the relevant levels
- will have any fence at which a pony/horse, in falling, is liable to be trapped or to injure itself, secured by cord in such a way that parts of the fence can be quickly dismantled and rebuilt exactly as before.

CC1.4.8: Measurement of Fences

See CR Appendix 8E

CC1.4.9: Dimensions of Fences:

See CR Appendix 8E

CC1.5: METHOD OF STARTING

Competitors must start from within a simple enclosure which must be erected at the start, measuring approximately 5m square, with an open front marked with a red and white flag. Alternatively, a similar sized enclosure may be used with an open front and a gap of approximately 2m in one or both sides from which horses will enter, provided that the sides of the side opening are padded or otherwise constructed to ensure that neither horse or rider entering through the side can be injured.

The judges will sound the bell and competitors will then have 60 seconds to commence onto the course from the start box and through the timing equipment.

Cantering through a side entrance into start box may be considered inappropriate or dangerous riding and, as such, may be eliminated at the discretion of the Official Steward.

CC1.6: SCORING

CC 1.6.1: Penalties

| | Show Jump | Cross-Country |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| First disobedience | 10 penalties | 10 penalties |
| Second disobedience on whole course | 20 penalties | 20 penalties |
| Second disobedience at same fence | 20 penalties | 20 penalties |
| Third disobedience | Elimination | Elimination |
| Knock down of obstacle | 5 penalties | 5 penalties (where top pole is used) |
| Fall of horse | Elimination | Elimination |
| Fall of rider | Elimination | Elimination |
| Every commenced period of 1 second of the time allowed (SJ) | 0.4 penalties | N/A |
| Every commenced period of 1 second in excess of 5 seconds under the optimum time (XC) | N/A | 0.4 penalties |
| Every commenced period of 1 second in excess of 5 seconds over the optimum time (XC) | N/A | 0.4 penalties |
| Exceeding time limit | Elimination | Elimination |
| Error of course | Elimination | Elimination |
| Retaking obstacle already jumped | Elimination | Elimination |

CC1.6.2: Time

Show Jumping Phase:

The Time allowed will be based on a speed of 340mpm. Every commenced period of 1 second in excess of time allowed will be penalised by 0.4 time penalties.

Cross-country Phase:

For competitions running in a small arena the Optimum Time will be based on a speed of 340mpm (Challenge 70), 350mpm (Challenge 80), 360mpm (Challenge 90), 375mpm (Challenge 100). For competitions running in a big arena the Optimum Time will be based on a speed of 375mpm for all heights. Competitions running using the old format (i.e. using a cross country course) the Optimum Time will be based on HT speeds (Challenge 80, 90, 100) and 400mpm for Challenge 70. Organisers in accordance with the Official Steward will decide on which speeds to use, which must be in the schedule or communicated to all competitors.

Timing display boards must not be used.

CC1.6.3: Definition of Faults

See SJ1.11 and HT1.8.3

CC1.6.4: Dislodged Fences

Where a fence is dislodged as per SJ1.11.9 and SJ1.11.10 for the SJ section and also the cross-country section where knock down fences are used, a 6 second time penalty will be given as well as the refusal penalty.

CC1.6.4: Double, Treble or Multiple Fences

See HT1.8.4

CC1.6.5: Elimination & Retiring

Mandatory retirement in excess of 45 jumping penalties. For other rules See SJ1.11.2 and HT1.8.5

CC1.7: COMPETITOR IN DIFFICULTY

See HT1.9

CC1.8: OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

See SJ1.10.15 and HT1.10

CC1.9: OVERTAKING

See HT1.11

CC1.10: TIME KEEPING

The entire competition will be timed. The show jumping and cross country phases will be separately timed. Manual time is counted in whole seconds, fractions being taken to the next second (i.e. 30.4 seconds is recorded as 31 seconds). Automatic time is counted to fractions of a second.

CC1.11: SCORING**CC1.11.1: Total Score**

The total score is obtained by adding together show jumping and cross-country penalties.

CC1.11.2: Individuals

The individual with the lowest total score will win.

CC1.11.3: Teams

The team total is obtained by adding together the three lowest individual penalty scores per team.

CC1.11.4 Ties

In the event of a tie for any team place in a competition, the score of the fourth rider will be taken into consideration. If there is still equality the total marks for all the riders in the tying teams will be considered in the following order:

- fastest show jumping times
- nearest to cross-country optimum time (if still equal preference will be given to the nearest OVER the time allowed).

In the event of a tie for any place in an individual competition, the riders will be placed by considering their marks in the following order:

- fastest show jumping times
- nearest to cross-country optimum time (if still equal preference will be given to the nearest OVER the time allowed).

CC1.12: AWARDS

See Appendix 10.

CT: COMBINED TRAINING

BRC run Combined Training competitions as follows:

Seniors for teams of four with the best three scores to count and individuals. Two team members compete in the Prelim/**70** section and two in the Novice/**80** section. There are also 2 extra individual only sections comprising of Novice/**70** and Prelim/**80**.

Juniors for teams of four with the best three scores to count and individuals. Two team members to compete in the Prelim/**70** section, one in the Prelim/**80**cm section and one in the Novice/**80**cm section.

CT1: ELIGIBILITY

See CR Appendix 2 & 3

A horse may enter the combined training as part of a team and also enter once as an individual or twice as an individual only and providing the dressage test is different. The SJ height may be either **70**cm or **80**cm, therefore a horse can jump the same height twice.

CT2: ORDER OF TESTS

Combined training consists of two phases, dressage and show jumping and they must be taken in that order. The same horse and rider must complete both phases and elimination from one phase will result in elimination from the competition.

CT2.1: DRESSAGE PHASE

CT2.1.1: Dressage Rules

The dressage phase of the combined training competition will be run under the dressage rules set out in section D.

CT2.1.2: Saddlery, Tack and Dress

Full details are at CR Appendices 4, 5, 6 and 7. Refer to horse trials tack and dress.

CT2.1.3: Commanders

Dressage tests at area qualifier may be commanded, but not at the championships. Commanders should be courteous when multiple arenas are running and position themselves to avoid disturbing other riders. Commanders should only read out the printed text or extracts for each movement and must not use any other words or emphasis to prompt the rider.

CT2.1.4: Scoring

The good marks from 0 to 10 awarded to a competitor for each numbered movement of the Dressage Test are added together with the collective marks. Then any error of course is deducted. Half marks may be awarded.

The percentage of the maximum possible good marks obtainable is then calculated. This percentage is obtained by dividing the total good marks of the judge (minus any error of course or test) by the maximum possible good marks obtainable, then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to two decimal places. In order to convert average percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100, with the resulting figure being rounded to one decimal point. The result is the score in penalty points for the test.

CT2.2: SHOW JUMPING PHASE

CT2.2.1: Show Jumping Rules

The Show Jumping phase of the Combined Training competition will be run under the Show Jumping rules set out in section SJ1 unless superseded in this section.

CT2.2.2: Saddlery, Tack and Dress

Full details are at CR Appendices 4, 5, 6 and 7. Refer to Horse Trials tack and dress for the relevant phase.

CT2.2.3: The Course

The course will consist of a designated number of obstacles (see CR Appendix 8) that are to BS/ SJAI standard or above. A proportion of the fences should be built with fillers (Planks, walls etc.). Safety cups,