



Bicester and Oxford Riding Club

# Introduction to Riding Club Teams

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The Riding Club year is split into 2 seasons for qualifying events:

### **SUMMER SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Horse Trials Championships

National Championships

DTM

Quadrille

### **WINTER SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Novice Winter Championships

Intermediate Winter Championships

Combined Training Championships

Arena Eventing Championships

In order to reach these Championships, our club must qualify members in teams or as individuals at the following

#### **Area Qualifiers:**

Arena Challenge / Combined Training Champs (between Oct - April on grass)

Arena Eventing (Winter on a surface)

Novice Winter Dressage

Novice Winter Showjumping

Intermediate Winter Dressage

Intermediate Winter Showjumping

Combined Training

Horse Trials

National Dressage summer qualifier including Riding test

National Showjumping summer qualifier including Style

Pairs Dressage

Dressage to Music

### **BORC Teams policy:**

***We will select members for teams based on availability, desire to participate, ability and team spirit!***

- The Teams Manager will discuss any selection options, where appropriate, with Riding Club coaches and will take recent competition records into account
- Where numbers warrant, we may choose to hold a selection day
- We would encourage all members to have participated in training clinics set up by the club or represented their club as a volunteer before putting themselves forward for any team selection – in the essence of Riding Club team work!
- Each Team will have a Team Captain appointed for the day, their responsibilities are shown on the following page.
- We would encourage participation in any training events set up specifically for that qualifier once selected
- We require volunteers to be able to compete in Area Qualifiers so again, would encourage all team members to put one day aside each year to help out at a different team competition

### **Members responsibilities:**

For each qualifier, the individual members are responsible for the following:

- Ensuring they are eligible to compete at the requested level
- Ensuring Vaccinations are upto date as per the BRC policy set out in the handbook
- Prompt payment of appropriate entry fee once requested
- Payment back to the club of any Pre- entry fee if you cannot take part, once selected, for any reason other than horse injury (subject to a vets certificate)
- Open communication channels and quick replies to Teams Manager and Team Captain regarding your particular competition

### **Why Join a Team?**

Teams should be about making friends, combining skills and experiences, sharing emotions, and succeeding together!

### **What makes a good team player**

**Reliability**- doing what they say they will, ability to achieve

**Goes above and beyond** - takes on extra responsibility or workload, uses initiative

**Great communication** - the ability to communicate clearly and honestly, respecting the views of other team members and supporting team mates

**Easy to get along with** - generally a lovely person!

## ***Come and join in with your BORC team events! You won't know unless you try!!!!***

### **BORC Team Captains Role**

The role of the Team Captain is to ensure that all team members are supported during the days events.

- To make sure that team members are aware of where they are supposed to be and when (Teams Manager will supply any information regarding times sent centrally by the hosting club)
- To ensure vaccination certs are handed in or hats checked if required
- To support the team in anyway they can
- To help team members to understand the format of the event and what is expected of them (Teams Manager will supply outline of the format and rules along with schedule if relevant)
- To be the point of contact for the club for that competition on the day
- To help and support any club individuals who are competing where possible
- To thank our club volunteers for that day
- To ensure that everyone has fun!
- To decide whether a group picnic is required and arrange who is bringing what!!
- To report results back to the Teams Manager

Thankyou for volunteering for your club!

### **Entry fees:**

Our club will ask for members to register their interest in taking part in a team event via the website.

We have to pay Pre entries to BRC 21 days before the competition takes place. BORG will pay the pre - entry fees for 1 team and 1 individual per class so we need to know by this point who is available for selection. The club also reserves the right to support more than 1 team or 1 individual per class if the entrants are considered competitive and funds are available.

The reasons behind only initially supporting 1 team and 1 individual via pre-entry is that the club needs ensure a healthy bank balance to continue to support all members with clinics and socials as well as team members with qualifiers, for every entry we make we have to supply a volunteer which is not easy to come by, we want our club teams to be competitive at area level and so will encourage those competing at the appropriate level rather than support every entry at every level.

Once team and individual selection has been made, the members will then need to pay their own entry fee, again via a link on the BORG website which will be set up and communicated by the Teams Manager

Individual entry fees costs vary depending on the competition but for example, range from £10-£35 per person per entry.

If teams or individuals do qualify for Championships, the Club will pay entry fees but any stabling or accommodation required will need to be paid for by the competitors themselves.

### **Process for taking part:**

- Register your interest in taking part in Area Qualifiers / Team competitions on the appropriate event on the RC website
- When emailed by the Teams Manager, confirm your availability for the selected event and your preferences as to which class you would prefer to compete in
- Once the representing Team and Individuals have been selected as per the selection policy above, members will be informed and will have 2 days to withdraw at that point
- If not selected in the represented team(s) or as the represented individual(s), ie the one(s) where the club is able to pay the Pre- entry fee, then you will be informed whether there is an opportunity to enter either as an individual or as part of another team but where all members will be liable to paying Pre- entry fees as well as the individual entry fee – costs will be communicated at this time
- Again, there is option to withdraw at this point within 2 days of notification
- Once finalized, and Pre- entry fees have been paid, you are deemed to be committed to that team
- Once committed, if you pull out, you will need to pay the club back the pre - entry fee (unless a vet certificate can be produced) if you have been selected

### **Eligibility:**

It is important to know whether you and your horse are eligible for the particular event that you wish to take part in. Your teams manager will need information regarding any affiliated points you may have at BE, BD, BS for example.

There is a useful table in the BRC handbook which describes all the eligibility tables for each competition.

### **Vaccination:**

Vaccinations **MUST** be upto date. Your teams manager will require a copy of your passport and then information regarding your latest vaccination date from that point forward.

The horse or pony must have received a primary injection followed by:

- a second primary injection which is given not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days after the first
- a first booster injection which is given not less than 150 days and not more than 215 days after the second primary injection
- further annual booster injections at intervals of not more than a year apart.

In order to compete a horse must be vaccinated in accordance with the above rules and **MUST** also have had a vaccination within 6 calendar months and 21 days (but not in any of the 6 preceding days) of the competition and/or entry to competition stables.

## **QUALIFIERS AT A GLANCE:**

### **Dressage:**

BRC run a range of dressage competitions for both junior and senior riders.

#### **SENIORS:**

- **Senior Intro Winter Dressage**, for senior individuals competing at walk and trot.
- **Senior Novice Winter Dressage**, for teams of 4 riders, with 3 scores to count and for individuals (all team members are automatically in the individual competition). Two team riders will ride different Prelim tests and the other two will ride different Novice tests.
- **Senior Intermediate Winter Dressage**, for teams of 4 riders, with 3 scores to count, and for individuals (all team members are automatically in the individual competition). One rider will ride a Prelim test, two riders will ride a Novice and one rider will ride an Elementary test.
- **Pick a Test (Winter and Summer) Dressage**, for individuals, open to seniors and juniors competing at either Medium or Advanced Medium. Competitors may compete in both Medium and Advanced Medium sections. This class will be judged as one at the qualifier but may be split at the Championships if entries are sufficient.
- **Senior Open Dressage**, for teams of 4 riders, with 3 scores to count, and for individuals (all team members are automatically in the individual competition). All riders will ride a different test; there are 3 different Novice tests and 1 Elementary test.
- **Senior Prelim Dressage**, for teams of 4 riders, with 3 scores to count and individuals. All team riders will ride different Prelim tests, with one test having less restrictive eligibility, see CR App 1-3 for details.
- **Senior Intro Dressage**, for senior individuals competing at walk and trot.
- **Senior Pairs Dressage**, for a pair of riders to ride a test together.

### **Dressage to Music:**

- **Senior Novice Dressage to Music**, for senior individuals, will be split into two sections. See CR Appendix 2 and 3 for more details on the sections.
- **Senior Prelim Dressage to Music**, for senior individuals.
- **Junior Prelim Dressage to Music**, for junior individuals.
- **Junior Novice Dressage to Music**, for junior individuals.
- **Novice Pairs Dressage to Music**, for a pair of riders made up of any combination of senior and junior members competing at Novice level.
- **Open Pairs Dressage to Music**, for a pair of riders made up of any combination of senior and junior members using an Elementary level test.
- **Elementary Dressage to Music**, mixed class for senior and junior individuals.
- **Pick a Test Dressage to Music**, mixed class for senior and junior individuals competing at Medium and/or Advanced Medium, this class will be judged as one at the qualifier but may be split at the Championship if entries are sufficient.

### **Showjumping:**

- **70 cm Winter and Summer Show Jumping** for senior and junior teams of four riders and individuals.
- **80 cm Winter and Summer Show Jumping** for senior and junior teams of four riders only, and individuals.
- **Open 80 cm Winter and Summer**, this is a mixed class for senior and junior individuals.
- **90 cm Winter and Summer Show Jumping** for senior teams and junior teams of four riders and individuals.
- **100 cm Winter and Summer Show Jumping**, this is a mixed class open to senior and junior teams and individuals, teams may be any combination of senior and/or junior.
- **110 cm Winter and Summer Show Jumping**, this is a mixed class open to senior and junior teams and individuals, teams may be any combination of senior and/or junior.

### **SJ: FORMAT**

Riders jump two rounds. Riders will jump the first round and then a second round. The second round will be in two parts, the first part of the course will be the second round, followed by the second part of the course which will be classed as the jump-off. All competitors will go straight onto the jump-off without stopping. All team and individual members will go forward to the second part of the second round (jump-off) unless eliminated.

The first-round score and the second-round score will be combined to gain the total score. The jump-off section will only be used where there are ties for equality.

The second round will be scored as two parts, so for example a rider who goes clear in the first part, then accrues four faults in the second part (jump-off) will be placed above a rider who accrued four faults in the first part, regardless of times or faults recorded in the second part of the round.

### **Style Jumping:**

Style Jumping is for both senior and junior riders. It is open to teams of four riders and to individuals. Each team consists of two riders jumping a 75cm course and two riders jumping an 85cm course. Individuals may choose the height at which they jump. Riders jump one round and are judged on the style of their riding. Riders must salute the judge when entering the arena, then canter a figure of eight until the signal to start is given; during this time, they will be judged for style on the flat.

When jumping, the rider is judged on how they ride the whole course, particular attention being given to how they ride the turns and present the horse at a fence. The rider needs to show balanced approaches to the fences and be able to maintain a good forward canter in a rhythm. The position of the rider at take-off, in the air, on landing and in the following strides is assessed along with the correct judgement of pace. It is assumed that the rider is aware of the correct leading leg and is able to change it if needed (a flying change correctly and quietly done is acceptable as is a simple change through trot).



## **HORSE TRIALS:**

BRC runs Horse Trials competitions for Junior and Senior competitors:

**Open HT 100 cm+** is a mixed class open to senior and junior teams and individuals, teams may be any combination of senior and/or junior. The best three scores to count. At Championships this will be a three day event.

**HT 100 cm** is a mixed class open to senior and junior teams and individuals, teams may be any combination of senior and/or junior, the best three scores to count and individuals. At Championships this will be a three day event.

**Senior HT 90 cm** for teams of four riders, the best three scores to count and individuals. At Championships this is a two day event.

**Senior HT 80 cm** for teams of four riders, the best three scores to count and individuals. At the Championships this will be a one day event.

**Junior HT 90 cm** for teams of four riders, the best three scores to count and individuals. At Championships this will be a two day event.

**Junior HT 80 cm** for teams of four riders, the best three scores to count and individuals. At Championships this will be a one day event.

**Open HT 80 cm** for senior and junior individuals. At the Championships this will be a two day event.

## **Arena Challenge / Combined champs:**

The Arena Challenge is a test of the ability and timing of a horse and rider to negotiate a show jumping course followed by a cross-country course on grass. Each section to be judged separately

- 70 cm Arena Challenge, a mixed class (seniors and juniors) for teams and individuals
- 80 cm Junior Arena Challenge, for teams and individuals
- 80 cm Senior Arena Challenge, for teams and individuals
- 90 cm Junior Arena Challenge, for teams and individuals
- 90 cm Senior Arena Challenge, for teams and individuals
- 100 cm Arena Challenge, a mixed class (seniors and juniors) for teams and individuals

## **Combined Training:**

**Seniors** for teams of four with the best three scores to count and individuals. Two team members compete in the Prelim/75 cm section and two in the Novice/85 cm section. There are also 2 extra individual only sections comprising of Novice/75 cm and Prelim/85 cm.

**Juniors** for teams of four with the best three scores to count and individuals. Two team members to compete in the Prelim/75 cm section and two in the Novice/85 cm section. There are also 2 extra individual only sections comprising of Novice/75 cm and Prelim/85 cm.

### **Arena Eventing:**

Consists of a course of show jumps immediately followed by cross-country fences, and will finish with the last fence as a show jump, the joker fence, which will be set at a discretionary 10cm higher than the rest of the course. There will be a maximum of 20 jumping efforts, 9 show jumping, 10 XC fences and the joker SJ fence. The Joker fence is a compulsory fence and must be jumped, failure to jump before passing through the finish will be classed as an error of course and penalised as per AE1.6.1. The course to be built by BE or a BS course builder provided they have been given a copy of the BE document on securing portable fences.

- AE 100 cm, is a mixed class open to senior and junior teams and individuals, teams may be any combination of senior and/or junior. The best three scores to count.
- Senior AE 90 cm, for teams of four riders, the best three scores to count and individuals.
- Senior AE 80 cm, for teams of four riders, the best three scores to count and individuals.
- Junior AE 90 cm, for teams of four riders, the best three scores to count and individuals.
- Junior AE 90 cm, for teams of four riders, the best three scores to count and individuals.
- AE 70 cm, is a mixed class open to senior and junior teams and individuals, teams may be any combination of senior and/or junior. The best three scores to count.