

## Rule changes applicable from 1 July 2024

The launch of the new tests from the start of the winter qualification season in 2024 has necessitated a review of the current rules, to determine how these will be applied to the BD competition structure. The rule changes applicable from 1 July 2024 are detailed below.

The new tests will come into effect from the start of the new winter qualification season. The first championships that will see the new tests in use will therefore be the Winter Regionals and Winter Area Festivals in January and February 2025, followed by the Winter Championships in April 2025.

Please note that these rule changes should also be read in conjunction with the existing rules that relate to each specific championship.

### Championships held from 1 July to 31 December 2024

The championships listed below will continue to use the current tests, which will still apply for qualification during the first half of the year, from 1 January to 30 June 2024:

- Summer Area Festivals and Championships including Music
- Summer Regional and National Championships
- Senior and Youth Home Nations
- Sheepgate U25 Individual Championships
- Quest Semi-Finals and Quest Championships
- Associated Championships

To allow for a transition period from the current system to the new test structure, Pick Your Own (PYO) classes from Introductory to Advanced Medium will be included in the competition schedules from 1 July to 30 November 2024. See below for full details.

### PYO tests to be used from 1 July to 30 November 2024

Only tests listed below will be permitted for use in scheduled PYO classes:

| Test Name & Number     | Arena Size | Championship   |
|------------------------|------------|--|
| Introductory A (2008)  | 20 x 40    | Quest  |
| Introductory B (2009)  | 20 x 40    | Quest / Associated Championships   |
| Introductory C (2016)  | 20 x 40    | Quest / Associated Championships   |
| Preliminary 13 (2006)  | 20 x 40    | Quest  |
| Preliminary 14 (2006)  | 20 x 40    | Quest  |
| Preliminary 18 (2002)  | 20 x 40    | Quest  |
| Preliminary 19 (2008)  | 20 x 60    | Area Festival/Associated Championships/SHN/YHN/ Sheepgate Individual Championships |
| Preliminary 17a (2017) | 20 x 60    | Regionals/Associated Championships/SHN/YHN/Sheepgate Individual Championships      |

## PYO tests continued

| Test Name & Number        | Arena Size | Championship  |
|---------------------------|------------|---|
| Novice 27 (2007)          | 20 x 40    | Quest   |
| Novice 28 (2008)          | 20 x 40    | Quest   |
| Novice 30 (2006)          | 20 x 40    | Quest   |
| Novice 23 (2012)          | 20 x 60    | Area Festival/Associated Championships/SHN/<br>YHN/Sheepgate Individual Championships |
| Novice 37a (2017)         | 20 x 60    | Regionals/Associated Championships/SHN/<br>YHN/Sheepgate Individual Championships     |
| Elementary 53 (2007)      | 20 x 60    | Area Festival/Associated Championships/SHN/<br>YHN/Sheepgate Individual Championships |
| Elementary 59 (2010)      | 20 x 60    | Regionals/Associated Championships/SHN/<br>YHN/ Sheepgate Individual Championships    |
| Medium 73 (2007)          | 20 x 60    | Area Festival/Associated Championships/<br>SHN/YHN                                    |
| Medium 75 (2002)          | 20 x 60    | Regionals/Associated Championships/SHN/<br>YHN/Sheepgate Individual Championships     |
| Advanced Medium 91 (2016) | 20 x 60    | Area Festival/Associated Championships/<br>SHN/YHN                                    |
| Advanced Medium 98 (2002) | 20 x 60    | Regionals/Associated Championships/SHN/<br>YHN/Sheepgate Individual Championships     |

## Winter Regional Championships

- New qualification rules will come into effect from 1 July 2024 for the winter season.
- All tests will be qualifiers, which means there is a change to the qualification rules for the Winter Regionals held in February 2025 and Winter Championships in April 2025.
- Test number 6 at Prelim – Advanced Medium will be scheduled as the Regional Championship test in 2025.

Overleaf is a table of the points and percentages required at each level.

| Level & Section             | Total points needed | Minimum % needed |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Prelim Silver               | 20                  | 66%              |
| Prelim Gold                 | 20                  | 66%              |
| Novice Silver               | 19                  | 67%              |
| Novice Gold                 | 20                  | 68%              |
| Elementary Silver           | 15                  | 65%              |
| Elementary Gold             | 18                  | 67%              |
| Medium Silver               | 12                  | 64%              |
| Medium Gold                 | 16                  | 65%              |
| Advanced Medium Silver      | 10                  | 64%              |
| Advanced Medium Gold        | 14                  | 65%              |
| PSG & Intermediate I Silver | 6                   | 64%              |
| PSG & Intermediate I Gold   | 6                   | 64%              |

Special rules for all offshore islands remain the same:

- Test for all levels, half the points must be achieved at the required percentage.
- Where the total points required is an odd number, the number of points needed under these special rules will be rounded up e.g. Novice Silver will require 10 points and Elementary Silver will require 8 points at the required percentage.

### Winter Freestyle to Music Championships

- Winter Freestyle to Music Championships qualification remains the same, with two scores at the required percentage or above, while Island rules require one score at the required percentage or above.
- Elementary FSM (2024) test (movements 3, 4, 8 and 9 have been updated) will be available to use from 1 July 2024 and subsequent Regional Championship in 2025.

### Winter Area Festivals

- All scores will be from qualifying tests from 1 July 2024. Area Festival qualification remains the same, with three scores at 63% or above at Preliminary – Advanced Medium and two scores at 60% or above PSG / Intermediate I.
- Island rules remain the same; two scores at Preliminary – Advanced Medium and one score at PSG / Intermediate I.
- Test number 5 at Preliminary – Advanced Medium will be scheduled as the Area Festival test in 2025.

### New Tests: Introductory to Elementary

The full list of tests at each level from 1 July 2024 will be as follows:

| Test Name & Number      | Arena Size | Actual Test Time  |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Introductory 1 (2024)   | 20 x 40    | 4 mins            |
| Introductory 2 (2024)   | 20 x 40    | 3 mins            |
| Introductory 3 (2024)   | 20 x 40    | 3 mins 45 secs    |
| Introductory 4 (2024)   | 20 x 40    | 3 mins            |
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| Preliminary 1 (2024)    | 20 x 40    | 4 mins 15 secs    |
| Preliminary 2 (2024)    | 20 x 40    | 4 mins 15 secs    |
| Preliminary 3 (2024)    | 20 x 40    | 4 mins 15 secs    |
| Preliminary 4 (2024)    | 20 x 60    | 5 mins            |
| Preliminary 5 (2024)    | 20 x 60    | 5 mins            |
| Preliminary 6 (2024)    | 20 x 60    | 5 mins            |
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| Novice 1 (2024)         | 20 x 40    | 4 mins 30 secs    |
| Novice 2 (2024)         | 20 x 40    | 5 mins            |
| Novice 3 (2024)         | 20 x 40    | 5 mins            |
| Novice 4 (2024)         | 20 x 60    | 4 mins 30 secs    |
| Novice 5 (2024)         | 20 x 60    | 5 mins            |
| Novice 6 (2024)         | 20 x 60    | 5 mins 30 secs    |
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| Elementary 1 (2024)     | 20 x 40    | 5 mins            |
| Elementary 2 (2024)     | 20 x 40    | 5 mins 30 secs    |
| Elementary 3 (2024)     | 20 x 40    | 5 mins 30 secs    |
| Elementary 4 (2024)     | 20 x 60    | 5 mins 30 secs    |
| Elementary 5 (2024)     | 20 x 60    | 5 mins 40 secs    |
| Elementary 6 (2024)     | 20 x 60    | 5 mins 40 secs    |
| Elementary FSM (2024) * | 20 x 60    | min. 4.30 / max 5 |

\* Elementary FSM (2024): Movements 3, 4, 8 and 9 have been updated.



### New Tests: Medium to Advanced

| Test Name & Number       | Arena Size | Actual Test Time |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Medium 1 (2024)          | 20 x 40    | 5 mins 30 secs   |
| Medium 2 (2024)          | 20 x 40    | 5 mins           |
| Medium 3 (2024)          | 20 x 60    | 5 mins           |
| Medium 4 (2024)          | 20 x 60    | 6 mins           |
| Medium 5 (2024)          | 20 x 60    | 6 mins           |
| Medium 6 (2024)          | 20 x 60    | 6 mins           |
| Advanced Medium 1 (2024) | 20 x 40    | 5 mins           |
| Advanced Medium 3 (2024) | 20 x 60    | 5 mins 40 secs   |
| Advanced Medium 4 (2024) | 20 x 60    | 5 mins 15 secs   |
| Advanced Medium 5 (2024) | 20 x 60    | 5 mins 30 secs   |
| Advanced Medium 6 (2024) | 20 x 60    | 5 mins 30 secs   |
| Advanced 1 (2024)        | 20 x 60    | 6 mins           |
| Advanced 2 (2024)        | 20 x 60    | 4 mins 45 secs   |

### Maximum Number of Tests Per Day

In line with our Code of Conduct for Horse Welfare, please note that there is a maximum number of tests that a horse may perform in a single day. This includes HC and the PYO tests listed above. Members are reminded of the following rules when entering a competition:

- If a horse competes at Introductory, Preliminary or Novice, it may only compete in four tests at that level or below per day.
- If a horse competes at Elementary, Medium or Advanced Medium, it may only compete in three tests at that level or below per day.
- If a horse competes at **Advanced**, PSG or Intermediate I it may only compete in two tests at that level or below per day.
- If a horse competes at Intermediate II, A/B or Grand Prix, it may not compete in any other tests on the same day.

## Small, Middle and Big Tour Qualification

In order to be eligible to ride at Small, Middle or Big Tour for the first time, all riders must achieve the following to progress through the tour levels. Please also note that:

- a. Scores cannot be gained using class tickets or HC
- b. Foreign riders allocated Group 4 by default must also qualify for the relevant tour level unless a previous record of the level they wish to compete at is supplied to BD.

### Small Tour (PSG / Intermediate I)

Two scores of 62% or above at Advanced 1, 2 or YR level tests in the 12 months prior to competing at PSG or Intermediate I for the first time.

### Middle Tour (Intermediate II / A / B)

Two scores of 62% or above at PSG or Intermediate I level tests in the 12 months prior to competing Intermediate II, A/B for the first time.

### Big Tour (Grand Prix)

Two scores of 62% or above at Intermediate II, A/B level tests in the 12 months prior to competing at Grand Prix for the first time.

### Requalification to Small, Middle and Big Tour

If a combination drops below 54% twice in a six-month period, they will need to requalify at the relevant level: i.e. if scoring 54% or below at Grand Prix twice, the combination will have to requalify at Intermediate II, A/B and achieve two scores of 62% or above.

## Judge Dispensation – Class Status

Due to all tests now being marked as qualifiers, results gained in a competition where judge dispensation has been granted will maintain their qualifying status.

