

## Executive Summary

### Sports Operations Technical Committee

07 February 2018

1. A working party will be convened and managed by Winnie Murphy to revise the rules in the Members' Handbook using plain English, align and clarify rules where possible and cut down anomalies. The Working Party will NOT change rules or the basic competition structure but are encouraged to make suggestions for the Technical Committee's consideration when appropriate.

The qualifying rules for Championships have not yet run a full cycle so it is too early for detailed assessment of the effect of the last set of changes.

#### 2. Rule Changes from 01.12.18

- Jackets – clarification of colour rules and how the brightness is measured. Enforcement of rule concerning imitation of Team GBR colours and detailing.
- Cancelled events – charges in accordance with affiliation agreement will be considered once the event is within the public domain, the final decision will be with the relevant RDO.
- Short boots and jodhpurs permitted – national rules only.
- Riders who have points at Grand Prix will be excluded from all Bronze classes and all Silver classes up to Small Tour.
- FEI tests at BD national competitions – FEI have confirmed that we may continue to use old versions of their tests. The Judges' Committee will be asked to consider whether to change for national Small Tour and upwards tests.
- Speaker watches will not be permitted to replace commanders.
- Dispensations for sitting trot – to be taken to the Board.
- Combined Training – Club Membership needed as minimum to compete.

#### 3. Venues

**Four** venues were approved, one in the South West, one in Eastern Region and **two in Northern**. One was declined from Northern Region. It was agreed that further information was required on the others before a decision could be made about the applications in the Northern Region.

4. **Affiliation Agreement** – has been sent out to venues for consultation. Some concerns have been raised around the new data protection clauses.
5. **Organisers' Conference** – will take place on 20 March at Warwick Racecourse.
6. **Associated Championships** – continue to grow and develop. New CHAPS (Coloured Horse and Pony Society) Associated Championships to be introduced in 2018. The awareness of eligibility for Forces' Championships to be more widely publicised as the remit is very wide.

**Date of next meeting- 16 May 2018**