

## 2022 Rule Amendment Synopsis

This document outlines the major rule changes in the 2022 Members' Handbook to help members identify new and edited rules ahead of the new season. Any altered or new rules are marked in bold in the handbook.

### Welfare

#### Surgical procedures

- A horse is not eligible to compete when a limb or part of a limb, is hyposensitive or hypersensitive (both of which shall constitute 'abnormal' limb sensitivity). Hypersensitive limbs have an excessive or abnormal reaction to palpitation. Hyposensitive limbs include any alternation in sensitivity induced by a neurectomy or chemical desensitisation.

#### Sensory hairs

- Trimming of the horse's sensory hairs around the mouth, nose, eyes, and ears is not permitted as this may reduce the horses' sensory ability. Please refer to rule 126 – penalties for contravening rules.

#### Equine register

- BD requires members to register their horses or pony with the online Central Equine Database and strongly recommends members activate their digital passport via the Equine Register as a condition of registration to support bio-security and tracing. The Equine Register manages the Central Equine Database and National Chip Checker on behalf of DEFRA, and provides this service free of charge at [www.equineregister.co.uk](http://www.equineregister.co.uk).

### Human and equine anti-doping

- British Equestrian Equine Doping, Controlled Medication and UK Anti-Doping Rules apply to all members and participants in affiliated competition for a minimum period of 12 months from the commencement of membership or 12 months from the date the individual participated on day pass or day ticket, in accordance with the rules of British Dressage (whether or not the member is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK).

Please familiarise yourself with this policy as there have been some amendments

- <https://www.britishequestrian.org.uk/competitors/human-anti-doping>
- <https://www.britishequestrian.org.uk/equine/equine-anti-doping>

## Membership and horse registration

### Membership

There have been some changes to membership packages and their benefits:

2021 name	2022 name	Benefits
Full	Full – competing	Full eligibility to compete, full insurance benefits including personal accident - £10k and third-party liability - £30m million for any horses owned by the member, BD magazine.
Premier Club	Full - non-competing	Full insurance benefits including personal accident - £10k and third-party liability - £30 million for any horses owned by the member, BD magazine.
Club	Club	For 2023, insurance at BD organised events and competition only. Insurance provision remains in place for 2022 only.
Trial	Trial	Three month package with insurance at BD organised events and competition only.
Winter	Winter	Full member benefits for duration October-March.
Associate	BD Community	Newsletters, sponsor mailings.

- There will no longer be eligibility to compete with Full – Non-competing membership this package is specifically for our owners, officials and supporters.
- Trial membership is now available for a three month period.
- Contact info for our new insurance partner KBIS claims line: 0121 411 0535, general enquiries number: 0345 230 2323 or [www.kbis.co.uk](http://www.kbis.co.uk).

### Horse registration

- A horse must be registered with the name entered on the passport unless, the name on the horse's passport is offensive, has a purely commercial purpose or is otherwise deemed unsuitable, when the horse will be registered with an acceptable name similar to that on the passport.

### Tack, equipment and riding the test

- Shirts of a solid colour may be worn.
- Please note slightly revised hat standards:
  - British - All PAS 015 (1998 and subsequent updates)
  - European - VG1, EN1384 -2017 (only in conjunction with another accepted standard from this list)
  - American - SNELL E2001 and E2016
  - Australian & New Zealand - AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards

It is strongly recommended that members wear hats bearing the BSI kite mark (for the PAS 015 and VG1 standard hats), the SAI mark (in the case of AS/NZS 3838 hats) in addition to the published safety standard.

- Mandatory spurs from Advanced level and above for national competitions / championships are no longer required. For FEI competitions (including domestic CDI/CPEDI), please refer to FEI rules.
- Fly veils may be worn, however, they must be discreet and must not be attached to the noseband.
- Padding of the cheek pieces is not permitted. Nosebands may only be used in their manufactured state save for additional padding on the straps that pass under the chin. Additional padding anywhere on the front of the noseband is not permitted.
- Bits with one rotating part of the mouthpiece are permitted, multiple rotations are not.
- Plastic or glued on shoes are permitted providing no more than 50% of the hoof is covered. The bulb of the heel area should not be covered.
- Where a rider has failed to drop the whip as they have entered the arena space, they may continue to ride their test and judges will continue to mark. However, the elimination will still stand and marked accordingly on the results.
- Extreme weather - competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions if the welfare or safety of the horse may be compromised. Provision must be made for cooling horses quickly after competing in hot or humid conditions.

During adverse weather conditions or other extreme situations e.g. strong winds dis-placing the arena boards, the judge at C may ring the bell for the interruption of the test. The rider should continue the test as soon as possible or return to complete the test when conditions permit. It is up to the rider whether to restart the test from the beginning or to commence from the point the adverse weather or extreme conditions occurred. In either case, the marks already given to the point at which the test was stopped will not be changed however, the rider should not be penalised for force majeure events.

- The halt should be immobile for a minimum of three seconds.
- Where prize money is paid via BACS, clear instructions on the BD schedule /venue website must be shown. Payment should be completed within 14 days from the last day of the competition.

- For all FEI classes at national competitions and championships (including domestic CDIs), only FEI tests are to be used. These are available to download from the [FEI website](#).

## **Eligibility and Rules**

- Riders are not to be changed/substituted following published times at Regional Championships, High Profile or Premier League competitions, excluding Young Horse classes.
- At Premier Leagues only, in the event of over subscription, Group 1 and 2 riders receive priority. If required, balloting will only apply to riders in Group 3 and below. In the event of the class still being oversubscribed Group 1 and 2 riders will be placed into a blind ballot.
- A combination may not compete at the same level (including music) in both an Area Festival and a Regional in the same season. The Area Festival level must be higher than the Regional if competing in both.

### **Area Festival qualification**

*Prelim – Advanced Medium* – three scores at 60% or above in the relevant section/level.

*Prix St George - Inter I* – two scores at 60% or above in the relevant section/level.

For multiple area festival qualification, a combination requires a further set of three scores (prelim – advanced medium) or two scores (Prix St George and Inter I).

### **Winter Prix St Georges and Inter I Freestyle Championships**

For the Winter PSG and Inter I Music Freestyle Championships, combinations are no longer required to be placed in the top 15 of the Prix St Georges and Inter I straight classes at the Winter Championships. Any eligible combinations competing at the level may enter direct to Winter PSG and Intermediate I Freestyle Championships.

Priority will be given to combinations who have competed at the National Championships in the preceding calendar year at each specific level. If either class is over-subscribed, entries will be balloted taking into account the criteria above.

### **U21 National Championship League**

A national league for U21 combinations has been established to qualify for the U21 championship class at the British Dressage National Championships. For full qualification criteria, please refer to rule 197 of the members' handbook 2022.

## **Unsanctioned events**

Unaffiliated competitions and unsanctioned events do not fall within the jurisdiction of British Dressage and are not subject to BD rules and regulations. BD does not accept any liability for any such activity, and we are unable to warrant that they will meet the required standards of integrity to protect all participants, whether in terms of compliance with health and safety regulations, public liability insurance requirements, safeguarding or equine welfare.

## **Quest eligibility**

Changes to the tables for both My Quest and Team Quest under the list of 'have you ever' questions asked:

*Intro* - Competed at the Area Festival Championships at Prelim or above including Music?

*Prelim* - Been placed in the in top three of the Prelim Area Festival Championships or competed at the Area Festival Championships at Novice or above including Music?

*Novice* - Been placed in the top three of the Novice Area Festival Championships or competed at the Area Festival Championships at Elementary or above including Music?