

## Rule changes for 2019

Rule changes and new rules are marked in bold in the new Members' Handbook issued 25 October 2018 which is effective from 1 December 2018.



### Membership and horse registration

- Any points or qualifications gained since lapsing will not be recorded even if membership or horse registration is subsequently renewed or upgraded.
- Horse refers also to a pony or other member of the genus Equus unless the context requires otherwise. A horse shall be born from a mare.
- British Dressage shall use the ownership details registered with them for entries, programme listings and reporting purposes only. Owners who wish to be included must have appropriate and current membership and be on the horse's record. It is the responsibility of the owner/ride to ensure this information is up to date
- Height certificates may be required for ponies taking part in the British Young Pony Championships if there is a dispute.
- To protect the health of the other competing horses and the biosecurity of the venue, a valid passport must accompany the horse to all competitions and be produced on request. Failure to comply is a disciplinary offence and will debar the horse from competing at the event for which it has been entered. A horse will not be permitted to compete unless it has a current vaccination against equine influenza which complies with the conditions laid out in the rules.
- Club Members and Club Horses will only be able to compete in Prelim Bronze classes. To compete in Prelim Gold classes, full membership and horse registration or associate membership and associate horse registration with a class ticket is required.

### Para

- Where a BD competition is holding a PYO FEI class, a para rider may request to ride an FEI Para-Equestrian test in the class. Results from these tests do not count in any way towards qualification.
- Specific Para PYO classes will be held and results from these classes will count towards the non-qualifying portion of your points. Para PYO classes require judges at List 3 and above as relevant. The same test cannot be ridden twice in one day/class.
- Horses may not compete in more than two Para classes on each competition day.

### Eligibility, results and rider grading

- Any rider who has competed at a Senior CDI/CDN at Middle or Big Tour (Int II/A/B & GP) is only eligible to ride in the Gold section with any horse at all levels, with immediate effect.
- Any rider that has competed at a Senior CDI /CDN at Small Tour (PSG/Int I) or gained points at Grand Prix (excluding PYO & Music) at Premier League or Championships, will ride in the Gold section with any horse up to and including Advanced Medium, with immediate effect.
- Bronze points limit to be increased from 15 at the level above to 25 points at the level above.
- Quest is to remain at 15 points to allow for progression from Quest to Bronze and not force riders into Silver sections.

## Imported horses

- Horses to be awarded 25 points at each level as follows:

Age at import	Points
4 year old	0 points
5 year old	25 points at each level up to and including Novice
6 year old	25 points at each level up to and including Elementary
7 year old	25 points at each level up to and including Elementary
8 year old	25 points at each level up to and including Advanced Medium
9 year old	25 points at each level up to and including PSG

## Event horses

- Points awarded level increased from 15 to 25 see below:

Eventing level	Levels eligible for
BE Advanced (3 or 4*)	25 points Prelim to Elementary and 1 points at Medium
BE Intermediate (2*)	25 points Prelim to Novice and 1 points at Elementary
BE Novice (1*)	0 points added

## Event riders

- Points awarded level increased from 15 to 25.
- Any rider who has competed at BE Advanced (3\* or 4\*) horse trials in the current or preceding ten years may not be below a Group 4 rider. A member will be allocated 25 points at Prelim to Medium and one point at Advanced Medium.
- A rider who has competed at BE intermediate (or 2\*) horse trials in the current or preceding ten years may not be below Group 5. A member will be allocated 25 points at Prelim to Elementary and one point at Medium.

## Riders competing in domestic u21 FEI classes

- Riders under the minimum age stated in FEI rules for Under 21 classes (Ponies, Juniors, Young Riders or Children on Horses) may enter these classes at Premier Leagues and national competitions unless stated otherwise in the schedule. These tests will not be considered for selection and are only open to riders under the maximum age.

## Qualification

### Bronze Championships

- The Bronze Championship runs from Prelim to Advanced Medium with qualification running from **1 December to 16 June**.

### Summer Music Championships

- Competing at the Summer Music Championships does not affect horse/rider/ combination eligibility.

## Offshore rule amend

- For horses residing on offshore islands where there are no BD competition venues half of the qualifying points must be achieved at the required percentage and at least half these points must be gained in qualifiers. Where the total points required is an odd number, the number of points needed under these special rules will be rounded up e.g. Preliminary Silver will require 10 points all from qualifiers and Novice Silver will require 10 points, five from qualifiers.

## Young Horse Championships

- The top **three** horses in each age group at each semi-final, scoring 7.0 or above, will qualify for the Young Horse Championships, held at the National Dressage Championships. Any remaining spaces will be allocated by issuing wild card.

## Entries and Competition

- Conventional boots designed for riding are to be worn by all competitors and grooms whilst mounted.
- Whips are permitted whilst warming up for all Championship classes however must be dropped before the bell rings and the rider enters the space around the competition arena, failure to do so will result in elimination
- Prizegivings may be mounted or unmounted at the discretion of the organiser and correct competition dress should be worn.
- Only the BD sponsors rug should be worn in a mounted prize giving. In the event of a venue sponsor providing a rug, this may only be worn if there is no BD class sponsor.
- Only rugs designed for riding can be worn whilst warming up.
- Horses using the warm up at a BD competition for experience must be BD registered and ridden by a BD member. Permission must be obtained from the organiser in advance, who may charge an entry fee. **Addendum not printed in the handbook:** Horses wearing number and in competing in another class and therefore identifiable to the organiser are permitted without requiring membership.

## Maximum numbers of tests per day

- In line with our Horse Welfare policy, there is a maximum number of tests that a horse may perform in a day. Exceeding the number will result in elimination from the competition.

Level	Maximum number of tests per day
Up to an including Novice	4 tests per day
Elementary to Advanced Medium (inc Ponies, Juniors & CoH)	3 tests per day
PSG and Inter I (inc YR)	2 tests per day
Inter II/A/B and Grand Prix	1 test per day

- **Tack Checking**

Prior to warm up for competition, competitors may have a physical noseband check. This will be performed by a BD approved steward. If nosebands are considered too tight the steward will ensure they are loosened. This check is performed by inserting one finger into the side of the noseband in front of the cheek piece.

If the finger(s) cannot be inserted or it is very tight, this will be deemed to be unsatisfactory. A full tack and horse welfare inspection will be conducted on conclusion of the test. If nosebands are found to be too tight or equipment which is not permitted has been used, the combination will be eliminated.

- Stallions are to be identified by the rider wearing a yellow cross band or stallion disc on the bridle at all times. **Non-compliance will result in a two mark deduction.**

### Regional Team Competitions

- For BD Youth teams, riders are eligible from the beginning of the calendar year of their eighth birthday to the end of the calendar year of their 25th birthday.
- Combinations who have represented Great Britain at European Championships in dressage are not eligible to take part. However, past and present European Championship riders may compete at A Squad / A Squad Young Horse on a different horse/pony. All Squad riders, with the exception of A squad, who were Champions in their squad the previous year, must move up a squad if riding the same horse/pony. They may remain at the same level if on a different horse/pony.

D Squad – to the end of the calendar year of their 11th birthday

C Squad – to the end of the calendar year of their 14th birthday

C+, B, B+ and A / A Young Horse Squads - to the end of the calendar year of their 25th birthday.

### Dressage tests

Changes:

- new Elementary 55 which includes shoulder in
- new Advanced 101
- Novice Freestyle - medium canter strides now a compulsory
- Elementary Freestyle - shoulder in now permitted
- New and revised BD Youth Rider Skills Tests for all Squads (A – D)