

EFRA Rules

1. Competition shall be run generally under the rules for British Riding Club competitions as laid down in the Rule Book for the current year. The competitions are unofficial in that the result does not affect the grading of the horse unless otherwise stated.
2. Orders: Riders and owners of competing horses and their servants must, under penalty of elimination obey any order or direction given to them by any responsible official and they must, in particular, be careful not to do anything liable to upset or hinder the undisturbed progress of the competition.
3. Disclaimer of Liability: Save for death or personal injury caused by negligence of the organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor the BHS nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident loss damage injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever.
4. Reservation of Right: The Organisers reserve the right to: (a) cancel any class or event (b) divide any class (c) alter a time (d) refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason.
Starting Times: Competitors must phone for times on the date and time stated. Times also available on the EFRA website. (www.ettrickforest.co.uk)
6. Riding in Arenas etc. Competitors may not, under penalty of elimination, ride on, over or near any part of the cross country course, dressage or show jumping arenas except when actually competing.
7. Saddlery & Equipment; Riding-in with Market Harborough running reins, bearing reins, side reins or any other artificial aid is forbidden. Lungeing in side reins is permitted. Spurs must be blunt and if curved must be downwards. Only spurs of metal may be worn.
8. Cruelty: Any act or series of actions which in the opinion of the Chief Steward, can be clearly and without doubt be defined as cruelty, shall be penalised by elimination. Such acts will include excessive use of the whip, spurs and bit.
9. Unfitness of Horses: If at anytime during competition a horse is lame, sick or exhausted it must be eliminated on the authority of the organiser or steward.
10. Doping. It is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, to administer any stimulant or sedative to a horse, or cause one to be administered in any way with the object of influencing its performance before or during a competition.
11. Destruction of Horses: If a horse is so severely injured that on humanitarian grounds it ought to be destroyed, the following procedure will apply: if the owner or his authorised agent is present, his agreement will first be obtained by the official Veterinary Surgeon: if the owner or his agent are not available the Chief Steward, acting on the advice of the Veterinary Surgeon may order the destruction of the horse.
12. Objections: Complaints must be accompanied by a deposit of £10 and must be made within 30 mins. After the happening which gave rise to the objection. Resolution will be by the Judge and/or the organising committee and their decision will be final.
13. Making an entry for any class constitutes implicit acceptance of these rules.
14. Riding Club Member refers to members of a Club affiliated to BRC and of a minimum age of 17 years. **To compete in a members only competition subscriptions must be paid 10 days before close of entries**
15. Disciplinary rules: laid down in the Riding Clubs Rule Book shall be upheld
16. If the running of a competition is in doubt then it is up to the entrants to contact the organisers regarding arrangements.
17. Horses tied to the outside of lorries/trailers MUST NOT be left unattended
18. Dogs must be kept on a leash during all competitions.
19. Under BRC rules applying to this event, all riders when mounted, whether competing or not, must wear a hard hat complying with one of the following specifications and with the strap properly adjusted and fastened. Only the following specifications are acceptable at any BRC competition
 - i) PAS015 (1998 or 2011) **and must have** official BSI Kite mark or Inspec IC mark
 - ii) VG1 01.040 (2014-12) **and must have** official BSI Kite mark or Inspec IC mark
 - iii) ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) **and must have** official SEI Mark
 - iv) SNELL E2001 **and must have** official SNELL label and number
 - v) AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) **and must have** official SAI global mark

It is the riders responsibility to ensure they are wearing hats to the correct standard. Any rider found to be using a hat to a lower specification will be disqualified. Riders should be aware that riding in a hat which is not up to the standard specified above may invalidate any insurance
20. Body protectors must be BETA Level 3 (purple label) which has a 2009 label. Exo Body Cages are only compliant with BETA 2000 purple label, but they will continue to be allowed but the competitor must inform the event secretary
21. HC Entries will be accepted but horses can only then compete in higher class on that day.
22. **There must be at least 2 competitors in a class for prizes and points to be awarded**
23. There will be opening and closing dates for most training days, please send entries within these dates.
24. Riders should pass left hand to left hand when in warm up arena with a maximum of six horses at a time when possible
25. Full refund for withdrawals before the closing date, but no refunds will be available after the closing date