

BRC Championship Qualifiers 2018

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incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club
(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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Area 17 Qualifiers for the BRC National Championships **Inter Club Team & Individual Competitions for Seniors & Juniors**

BVRC is one of twenty-three designated to British Riding Clubs Area 17. The Winter competitions have been completed, and we now move on to the Summer qualifiers: Dressage and Riding Tests (on grass), Dressage to Music (on a surface), outdoor Show Jumping and Style Jumping (on a surface), and Horse Trials. The winning teams, and highest placed individuals, from these competitions and from all other Areas around Great Britain go forward to BRC National Riding Club Championships later in the summer.

The area competitions are great events giving us the opportunity to meet, compete against, and have fun with other clubs in the area and participate in a team environment.

Due the reclassification of juniors several years ago, anyone under 18 years old on 1st January of the current year is eligible to represent BVRC as a Junior at BRC Area Competitions. Due to the minimum age for BVRC we tend not to be able to find enough for a Junior team so they generally only compete as individuals. More detailed information can be found on the BRC website <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs.aspx> or by giving Susie Pool a ring (01980 671523).

The Horse Trials Championships are held at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, Banbury 3-5 August. Junior classes run at the same height as Seniors - the 80cm is a One Day Event, the 90cm a long format 2-Day Event and the 100 and 100+ a long format 3-Day Event. The long format includes roads & tracks plus a steeplechase (weather permitting!). In the 100+ class only, teams may be a mix of seniors and juniors.

The National Championships for Dressage and Show/Style Jumping classes will be at the Lincolnshire Showground over the weekend 1-2 September.

The Dressage to Music Championships will be held in the Autumn at Bury Farm Equestrian Club, Slapton, Bucks LU7 9BT running from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 September. The Elementary, Medium and Advanced Medium tests will run on Friday 28 September.

Taking part

We encourage everyone who would like to take part to have a go. If you think you would like to but are not sure then ring Susie (01980 671523) or Lynn (01962 843327) for a chat or catch them at a BVRC show.

If you would like to take part in any of the area competitions, set out below, and be considered for a place in the teams please fill in and return the attached team forms to Susie Pool, Chef d'Equipe or Lynn Mead, Deputy Chef d'Equipe. There is a separate application form for each different competition.

Please see the "How to apply" section of this newsletter for more information.

The Summer Area Qualifier competitions

To be eligible to enter teams we will be required to provide helpers for each one so if you have a friend or family member who could help officiate, please complete the helpers form – all help is very much appreciated.

Horse Trials

Sunday 17 June 2018

at Moreton EC, DT2 8RF

To be run alongside Moreton EC Unaffiliated ODE

For each Team class, teams are of four riders with best 3 scores to count. All team members are automatically entered as individuals.

Classes	Max BE points	Height / Test
Senior and Junior 80	0	Show Jumping 80cm, 2 fences at 85cm; Cross Country 80cm Dressage test BRC Horse Trials 80Q&C (2013)
Senior and Junior 90	1	Show Jumping 90cm, 2 fences at 95cm; Cross Country 90cm Dressage test BRC Horse Trials 90 Q (2013)
Senior and Junior 100	20	Show Jumping 1.00m, 2 fences at 1.05m; Cross Country 1.00m Dressage test BRC Horse Trials 100 Q (2013)
Senior/Junior 100+ (can be mixed)	No limit	Show Jumping 1.10m, 2 fences at 1.15m; Cross Country 1.00m Dressage test BRC Horse Trials 100+ Q (2013)

The dressage tests can be found on the BRC Website:

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-downloads/brc-tests>

Application deadline: Friday 18 May 2018

Contribution to entry fees: £55

Application Forms sent to: Susie Pool, Pegasus House, Everleigh Road, Haxton, Salisbury, Wilts
SP4 9PT. Tel: 01980 671523 / 07787 573808.

Dressage to Music (DTM)

Saturday 23 June 2018

at Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre, nr Fareham PO14 3EW

Organised by Chilworth RC

Level of test	Senior / Junior	Test
Prelim DTM	Junior only	BD Prelim Freestyle to Music (2016)
Novice DTM	Senior / Junior	BD Novice Freestyle to Music (2016)
Elementary DTM	Senior / Junior	BD Elementary Freestyle to Music (2016)
Pick a Test DTM: Medium/ Advanced Medium	Senior / Junior	BD Medium Freestyle to Music (2016) or BD Advanced Medium Freestyle to Music (2016)
Novice Pairs DTM	Senior and/or Junior can be a mixed pair	BRC Novice Pairs Dressage to Music (2018) Horses and riders will be expected to ride together, side by side, for at least 80% of the test
Pairs DTM (Elementary)	Senior and/or Junior can be a mixed pair	BRC Pairs Dressage to Music (2018) Horses and riders will be expected to ride together, side by side, for at least 80% of the test

Horses will be permitted to compete in two individual classes at the Championships. If they qualify the same horse for three individual championship classes, they will be required to declare which two they will contest at the Championships to the Official Steward at the area qualifier on the day.

The Senior Novice Dressage to Music will have two sections:

1. Novice 0 Points: Horses/ponies with unlimited Prelim points but no BD Novice or above points. Horses cannot have competed in Elementary or above in the same competition year BD or BRC. Riders not in BD Gps 1-6.

2. Novice Points: Horses/ponies with up to 35 Elementary points but no Medium or above points

Junior Prelim: Unlimited prelim points and no points at novice or above. Rider to be in BD group 7 or 8 in the last 3 calendar years. No horse may have competed in elementary or above in the same competition year BD or BRC. No horse to have been placed first to third in a Dressage to Music Championship at Novice level or above.

Copies of the BRC Pairs Dressage to Music Test can be found in Appendix 16 of the BRC Handbook 2017.

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook>

BD tests can be obtained from www.britishdressage.co.uk on-line shop.

Application deadline: Friday 25 May 2018

Contribution to entry fees: £15 per class

Application forms sent to: Lynn Mead, 10 Altheston Road, Winchester, Hants, SO23 7GA.
Tel: 01962 843327/07989 985452

Show and Style Jumping

Sunday 1 July 2018

at Moreton EC, DT2 8RF

Organised by Shillingstone & District RC

For each Team class, teams are of four riders with best 3 scores to count. All team members are automatically entered as individuals.

Classes	BE permitted points	BS permitted points	Height and format
Junior and Senior 70	0 and 0 FP	0 and 0 BS Club 90cm+	A two round competition with the first round at 70cm* Team and Individual
Junior and Senior 80	1	0 (BS club not counted)	A two round competition with the first round at 80cm* Team and individual
Junior and Senior 90	20	500	A two round competition with the first round at 90cm* Team and individual
Mixed Junior and Senior 100	60	999	A two round competition with the first round at 100cm* Team (any combination of junior/senior riders) and individual
Mixed Junior and Senior 110	No limit	No limit	A two round competition with the first round at 1.10m* Team (any combination of junior/senior riders) and individual
Junior & Senior Style Jumping	75cm: 0 85cm: 10	75cm: 0 85cm: 225	Two riders complete one round at 75cms; and two riders complete one round at 85cms. Individuals may choose which height they wish to compete in.

*Note that the second round show jumping course may be raised by 5 cm per round at the judge/course builder's discretion. In the event of a 3rd round jump-off against the clock over a shortened course, the jumps may be raised another 5cm.

Application deadline: Friday 1 June 2018

Contribution to entry fees: Show Jumping £20 per class
Style Jumping £15 per class

Application Forms sent to: Susie Pool, Pegasus House, Everleigh Road, Haxton, Salisbury, Wilts
SP4 9PT. Tel: 01980 671523 / 07787 573808.

Show jumping

Riders jump two rounds. All rounds are timed, with the second round being timed and this time is used to determine minor placings when faults cannot do this. If there is equality for first place after the second round then there will be a jump off against the clock. The best three scores in each round will count for the total score.

Style jumping

Riders jump one round and are judged on the style of their riding. Riders must salute the judge when entering the arena, and then canter on both reins until the signal to start is given; during this time, they will be judged for style on the flat. When jumping, the rider is judged on how they ride the whole course, particular attention being given to how they ride the turns and present the horse at a fence. The rider needs to show balanced approaches to the fences and be able to maintain a good forward canter in rhythm. The position of the rider at take-off, in the air, on landing and in the following strides is assessed along with the correct judgement of pace. It is assumed that the rider is aware of the correct leading leg and is able to change it if needed (a flying change correctly and quietly done is also acceptable as is a simple change through trot).

The Style Scoring system can be found in Rule SJ2.9 of the 2018 BRC Handbook. There are marks out of 10 for each fence (with deductions for faults) plus general marks, similar to marks for movements in a dressage test plus collective marks.

Dressage and Riding Tests

Sunday 15 July 2018

at Hurn EC, BH23 6AD

Organised by East Dorset & New Forest RCs

For each Team class, teams are of four riders with best 3 scores to count. All team members are automatically entered as individuals.

Classes	Permitted BD points	Format and tests
Senior Prelim Team	Unlimited Prelim; 0 Novice or above	Each team member rides Prelim 13 (2006).
Junior Dressage Team	Unlimited Prelim; 0 Novice or above	Each team member rides a different test: Prelim 7 (2002); Prelim 13 (2006); Prelim 14 (2006); Novice 27 (2007).
Senior Open Team	Novice: Unlimited Novice points; Up to 35 Elementary; 0 medium or above Elementary: Unlimited Elementary; up to 35 Medium; 0 Advance Medium or above	Each team member rides a different test: Novice 27 (2007); Novice 30 (2006); Novice 23 (2012); and Elementary 45 (2010).
Junior Individual Elementary	Unlimited Elementary; up to 35 Medium; 0 Advance Medium or above	Elementary 40 (2010)
Pick a Test: Senior/Junior Individual Medium and/or Advanced Medium	Medium: Unlimited Medium; 35 total at Advanced Medium or above Advanced Medium: Unlimited Adv Med; 35 total at Adv or above	Medium 69 (2005) Advanced Medium 91 (20)
Senior or Junior Pairs	Unlimited Novice points; Up to 35 Elementary; 0 Medium or above	BRC Pairs 5 (2014)
Junior Riding Test	Unlimited Prelim points; up to 35 Novice points; 0 points Elementary or above Riders not: FBHS, BHSII, BRC Eq4, BD Gp 1-6	BRC Prelim RT (2014)
Senior Riding Test	Prelim RT: Unlimited Prelim points; up to 35 Novice points; 0 points Elementary or above. Riders not: FBHS, BHSII, BRC Eq4, BD Gp 1-6 Novice RT: Unlimited Novice points; Up to 35 Elementary; 0 Medium or above	Two members ride Prelim RT (2014) and two ride BRC Novice RT (2016)

Copies of the BRC Pairs and Riding Tests can be found on the BRC website:

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-downloads/brc-tests>

Riding Tests

The Riding Test competitions are open to both Junior and Senior riders, and are ridden in a 20m x 40m arena. Judges will allocate from 0 to 10 marks for each of the following: influence of the rider; Effectiveness of the rider; Rider's position; Harmony and Accuracy.

Application deadline: Friday 15 June 2018

Contribution to entry fees: £15 per class

Application forms sent to: Susie Pool, Pegasus House, Everleigh Road, Haxton, Salisbury, Wilts
SP4 9PT. Tel: 01980 671523 / 07787 573808.

How to apply

Team members are asked to make a contribution towards entry fees to area competitions and the amounts are shown above, and included on the application forms. The Club pays all entry fees and stabling costs for Championships if you qualify.

Even if you stated on your membership application that you were interested in teams, please fill in and return the team application forms.

Anyone applying for team/individual places should assume that their application has been successful, unless you hear to the contrary. Further details will be circulated after Preliminary entries have been made (3 weeks before the competition).

Please enclose for each competition you wish to enter:

- **Completed application form**
 - **Your cheque for your contribution to the entry fee**
- PLUS**
- **Two photocopies of the horse's full Flu vac record plus the Passport front page with passport number and name, description and diagram** (one copy for each competition for which you would like to be considered plus one extra for Susie).

The application forms give details of the latest date for them to be returned.

In addition to being emailed with this newsletter the area qualifier application forms can be downloaded from the BVRC webpages at www.bvrc.org.uk.

Once you have returned your form PLEASE let Susie know IMMEDIATELY if you are no longer able to take part so we can try to fill your place as soon as possible.

A refund will only be made in the event of injury / illness to horse or rider which prevents them from participating in the competition.

Eligibility of horses and riders

There are some restrictions in the eligibility of horses and riders for the various competitions, and these are shown at Appendices 2 and 3 of the BRC Handbook 2018, which can be found at the following link:

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook>

BVRC Team selection policy

Selection for team places is based on performance at club competitions or other known events.

It is normally the case that, subject to eligibility, anyone keen to take part will be offered the opportunity to ride for the club, either in a team or as an individual.

We want to encourage anyone interested to have a go, but in the event of teams or individuals qualifying for National Championships, we need to know in advance if you are prepared to go to the Championships. There may be many reasons why you can't or don't want to attend the Championships. It will not stop us asking you to represent the Club, but it may just affect who goes in which team.

On the basis of the response to the team forms a decision is made about how many teams to enter.

Please remember that the horse must have **valid up to date Flu Vaccination Certificate / Passport**, which must comply in every respect to the rules shown below.