

Team News January 2014

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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 – Part 1 **Inter Club Team & Individual Competitions for Seniors & Juniors**

BVRC is one of twenty designated to British Riding Clubs Area 17. Geographically the area covers the central south of England, stretching from Petersfield in the East to Blandford and Purbeck in the West & includes the Isle of Wight. Each year inter club competitions are organised in Dressage (Winter & Summer), indoor (Novice) & outdoor Show Jumping, Combined Training, FOTH Challenge (SJ plus XC) and Horse Trials. The winning teams, and often individuals, from these competitions and from all other Areas around Great Britain go forward to BRC National Riding Club Championships later in the year. 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. The majority of competitions listed below have junior Sections, although there may be some variation in jumping heights or dressage tests. 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 Winter Championships for the Novice Indoor Show Jumping and the Winter Dressage will take place at Hartpury on 29-30 March 2014, and we've already qualified for the dressage! The Championships for the Festival of the Horse remains at Aston le Walls for 2014 and will be held over 31 May-1 June.

The Horse Trials Championships will be held at Swallcliffe, Banbury 1-3 August. The 80HT Championship is a One Day Event, the Championship is a long format 2 day event and the 100HT and 100+HT Championships are both long format 3 day events, so all (less the 80HT) include roads & tracks plus a steeplechase (weather permitting!).

The National Championships for Dressage & Show Jumping classes will be at the Lincolnshire Showground over the weekend 6-7 September.

The Winter Dressage Qualifiers were held in November and plans for other competitions have not yet been finalised. However, the competitions that have are:

Sunday 23rd February at Crofton Manor EC (PO14 3EW) organised by NFPE RC

Novice Indoor Team Show Jumping

A two round competition with the first round at 80cm (2'6") & the second round at 85cms (2'9")

This also includes the Topscore qualifier (to be run by IOW RC), previously to compete at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. However, RWHS can no longer host this competition so the Championship will be held with the FOTH at Aston le Walls. **Entries for this are an individual responsibility.**

Sunday 2nd March at Larkhill, organised by Elsted RC (Area 11)

90cm Team, Individuals & Pairs

Show Jumping 85cms & Cross Country 90cms

100cm Team & Individuals

Show Jumping 95cm & Cross Country 1m

Monday 26th May at Sparsholt Equine Centre organised by Hants Rural RC

Juniors: Prelim D2M and Novice/Elementary D2M

Seniors: Novice D2M and Elementary D2M

Pairs (Novice standard) Senior/Junior/mixture

Teams comprise four members, with the best three scores to count.

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.

There are some restrictions in the eligibility of horses and riders for the various competitions. If you wish to be considered for a place in any of the competitions, please fill in and return the attached team forms to Susie Pool, together with two photocopies of the horse's Flu vac certificate / Passport (one copy for each competition for which you would like to be considered + one extra for Susie). **Please make sure you copy every section (picture, description, dates of initial jabs and all annuals) of the certificate.**

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

ONCE YOU HAVE RETURNED YOUR FORM PLEASE LET SUSIE KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. The team competitions cost the club a lot of money, which we do not want to waste.

The team selection policy is as follows:

On the basis of the response to the team forms, a decision is made about how many teams to enter. Details of how many teams and individuals we want to enter are sent, **with an entry fee**, to British Riding Clubs (3-4 weeks before the competition).

Entries detailing who is in which team is sent to the Area Competition Organiser (**with another entry fee**) about 10-14 days before the competition is held.

Team members are asked to make a contribution towards entry fees to area qualifying competitions. In the last few years, team costs have been running at around £2500-£3000, the price of being successful & attending BRC National Championships! Although in these terms a contribution to area competitions is a drop in the ocean, it will provide 30-50% of the area expenditure. We are requesting £12 for each team / individual place for Dressage, Riding Tests and Style Jumping, £20 for each team / individual place for Show Jumping & £30 for each team / individual place for Horse Trials.

The money is to be enclosed with the application form. A refund will only be made in the event of injury / illness to horse or rider which prevents them from participating in the competition.

The Club pays all entry fees and stabling costs for Championships.

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.

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

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 promulgated after Preliminary entries have been made (3 weeks before the competition).

If you think you would like to have a go but are not sure then ring Susie (01980 671523) for a chat.

PLEASE READ THE FLU VAC RULES SHOWN BELOW AND MAKE SURE YOUR HORSE'S CERTIFICATE COMPLIES WITH THE RULES IN EVERY RESPECT.

BRC equine influenza rules are based on the British Horseracing Authority Rules (BHA formerly The Jockey Club Rules).

Susie will check all certificates submitted to her but please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure your horse has a valid certificate that fully complies with the BHA Rules in all respects.

The certificate will have to be presented at all BRC Official Competitions.

Equine Influenza - Valid Certificates – Vaccination procedures

*Each horse must have a valid vaccination certificate, which undeniably relates to that horse, completed, **signed and stamped** on each relevant line by a veterinary surgeon, who is not the owner of the animal.*

It must state that the horse has received the appropriate course of injections against Equine Influenza as follows:

Primary Vaccination: Two injections, the 2nd between 21 days and 92 days after the 1st.

First Booster: An injection between 150 days and 215 days after 2nd primary injection.

Annual Booster An injection not more than 1 year after the preceding injection.

Only the first two injections need to have been given for the horse to compete.

*None of the vaccinations may be given within the **preceding 7 days**, including the day of the competition or entry into competition stables.*

Annual Boosters may be given on the same date each year, but this is not recommended.

Horses foaled before 1st January 1980 need not have had the first booster injection (no less 150 days and no more than 215 days) after the second injection of the primary vaccination – but must have had an annual booster (given within 12 months) thereafter.

Note: Where Passports are used as the flu' vaccination record, the horse description must be verified by a vet or authorised member of a breed society.

If the passport does not contain the full vaccination history then, to comply with rule above, the flu vaccination certificate must also accompany the pony/horse to all BRC Qualifiers and Championships.

Checking of certificates at BRC competitions is very stringent and the BRC Rulebook says the following:

Full vaccination histories and drawings will be checked at all Area Qualifiers and at all Championships before the pony or horse is allowed to compete, and anyone with an invalid certificate will not be permitted to compete. Any pony/horse that is in a team competition that is disqualified at an Area Qualifier cannot be replaced, the team will have to continue as a team of three, or if already a team of three, will have to compete as individuals only, if there is an individual competition.

Any pony/horse disqualified at an Area Qualifier under this rule will be reported to the BRC Office. If that team qualifies for a Championship then the disqualified pony/horse cannot be replaced with a reserve for that Championship and the team must remain a team of three.

It is worth remembering

There is now a legal requirement for a valid passport to accompany the horse when traveling to any competition.