

BRC Championship Qualifiers 2014

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Area 17 Qualifiers for the BRC National Championships – Part 3 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 (and Guernsey & Jersey!). Our club sits on the northern edge of the area. The Winter competitions have been completed and we now look forward to the Summer ones: Dressage (on grass), outdoor Show Jumping, 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. Due to 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 moved to a new venue in 2013 and will again be held at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, Banbury 1-3 August. For 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 Juniors have a 90cm One Day Event and a 100cm long format 2-Day Event. The long format includes 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 second half of the BRC Area 17 qualifying competitions are as follows although a decision about the Show Jumping has yet to be made:

Sunday 15th June Horse Trials at Larkhill, organised by us, BVRC(!)

Senior 80	Show Jumping 75cms & Cross Country 80cms
Senior & Junior 90	Show Jumping 85cms & Cross Country 90cms
Senior & Junior 100	Show Jumping 1.00m & Cross Country 1.00m
Senior 100+	Show Jumping 1.10m & Cross Country 1.00m

Saturday 12th July Dressage at Pinkmead Farm EC, nr Botley SO30 2HA organised by Chilworth RC

Senior Prelim Team	each team member rides Prelim 12(2005)
Junior Team	each team member rides a different test - Prelims 7(2002), 12(2005) & 14(2006) & Novice 30(2006)
Senior Open Team	each team member rides a different test - Novice 24(2010), 30(2006) & 34(2009) & Elementary 44(2002)
Senior Individual Medium	Medium 63(2002)
Senior & Junior Pairs	BRC Pairs 5 (2014)
Junior Riding Test	BRC Prelim RT (2014)
Senior Riding Test	two members ride Prelim RT (2014) & two ride BRC Novice RT (2014)

Date TBC Show & Style Jumping at location TBC organised by TBC (possibly in a different Area)

Junior & Senior Novice	A two round competition with the first round at 80cm & the second round at 85cms
Junior & Senior Intermediate	A two round competition with the first round at 95cm & the second round at 1m
Senior Open	A two round competition with the first round at 1.10m & the second round at 1.15m
Junior & Senior Style Jumping 75section	One round of 8-12 jumps at 75cm
Junior & Senior Style Jumping 85section	One round of 8-12 jumps at 85cm

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 or catch her at a BVRC show.

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.

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.