



SWWRC

SOUTH WALES AND WEST OF ENGLAND RIDING CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST 2025

HARTPURY COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Gloucester GL19 3BE

Including teams from Areas 9,12,15,18

Paramedics in attendance

Vet on call: Three Counties Equine

**Times will be available on Tuesday 19th August from 6pm
on the Riding Club Results app.**

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Area 15 Riding Clubs

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The Competition

There are 4 classes at the Championships, for teams from the participating Areas who have not qualified for the BRC National Championships at Lincoln. Teams may be Senior, Junior or Mixed, and will qualify via Area competitions, receiving notification and entry forms from the Official Steward.

Class 1 Prelim Dressage Arena 1&2

Section A and B: 2 team members, from 9am BD prelim1 (2024) (restricted eligibility)

Section C and D: 2 team members, from 1pm BD Prelim 3 (2024) (higher eligibility)

Class 2 Open Dressage Arena 3

Section A: 2 team members, from 9am BD Novice 1 (2024) (restricted eligibility)

Section B: 2 team members, from 1pm BD Novice 3 (2024) (higher eligibility, to include Elementary riders)

Eligibility for all Dressage classes as per BRC Handbook.

Class 3 Novice Show Jumping, Indoor Arena from 9am

There will be 2 team rounds, round 1: 80 cm, round 2: 85cm. In the event of ties for team placing, this will be decided on the times in the first half of Round 2, including for 1st place.

There will be a jump-off for all individual double clear rounds. (This will be run as a Two Phase format –riders double clear at the end of the first half of R2 will continue directly to the jump-off course, which will include 2 fences set above 85cm) NB Jump-off scores do not affect team results. (BRC Qualifier format option 3)

Class 4 Intermediate Show Jumping, Indoor Arena from approx. 1.30pm

There will be 2 team rounds, round 1: 90 cm, round 2: 95cm. Team and individual placings as per Class 3.

Rules

Except where specified in the SWWRC rules for championship classes, this competition runs under BRC rules.

All competitors must have correct tack and dress when mounted, including a Pink hat tag and competitor number.

All horses must come with passport and up-to-date and correct vaccination record.

Vaccination records will be requested electronically in advance of the competition.

NB in line with BRC rules, vaccination records must be complete and correct, and include a vaccination within 12 months of the competition, but not within the preceding 7 days.

NO HORSE MAY BE RIDDEN IN MORE THAN 3 CLASSES

Please ensure all competitors have read the full competition rules (attached) prior to arrival.

Entries

Entry forms for qualifying teams will be distributed following the Area qualifier. Entry fee per team £100. (No individual entries). **Closing date for entries Monday 11th August 2025.**

Stabling and Exercise

Stabling is available on Friday night for those travelling some distance at a cost of £38. All stables have rubber matting and usually a workable shavings bed. Day stabling will be at the same cost. Additional bedding and forage will not be available.

Stabling should be booked at time of entry, with payment to SWWRC using the stabling form. There will be access to exercise on Friday evening. Details will be posted at the secretary's office and must be strictly adhered to. Anyone found to be in breach of these instructions will be at risk of disqualification from the competition.

Accommodation and Refreshments

Unfortunately there are no student rooms available this year because of a rugby event at Hartpury College. Premier Inn, Longford is 15 mins away.

The cafeteria, coffee shop and bar on the student campus may be open on Friday evening, with hot food available until 7pm, but you may wish to make provision yourselves. Local pubs are driving distance away.

On Saturday the restaurant in the main Hartpury Arena will be open.

Declarations

Stabled horses will be required to have passports and vaccination records checked on arrival. On Saturday, declarations will be based in the main Reception (next to the Restaurant). Day competitors should bring passports but not horses when declaring. Competitors will be required to wear bridle/saddlecloth numbers for dressage. A number bib is preferred for visibility in the jumping arena. (please print your number).

There will be a representative from each competing Area at the competition. Any queries regarding horses or riders eligibility will be referred to the relevant area.

RoR and other Breed competitions

We will not be including a specific ROR challenge at the Championships, but the secretary will be happy to sign record cards for any rider participating in a breed or other competition.

Presentations

Presentations for 1st-10th Individuals in morning Dressage sections will be unmounted, close to the Secretary's Office at approximately 1.30pm. Competitors should present correctly dressed. 1st-10th Individuals in afternoon sections, and 1st-6th Dressage Teams will be in the Outdoor Arena from approximately 4.30pm. (1st to 3rd teams and individuals mounted). Show Jumping presentations will be in the Indoor arena at the end of each competition (approx. 1pm/5.30pm) 1st-10th individual, 1st- 6th teams. (1st-3rd teams and individuals mounted) Commemorative rosettes for unplaced riders can be collected from the Secretary's Office. NB: No rosettes for placed teams/individuals will be handed out prior to the presentation ceremonies.

Queries and Contacts

For queries regarding qualification, please contact the steward for your Area.

All other queries, please contact the Secretary,

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SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST 2025, HARTPURY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, GLOS GL193BE

RULES 2025

1. GENERAL RULES

- a) Where not specified, rules for the qualifiers and final to be as per the current British Riding Clubs Rule Book unless agreement is reached by the SWWRC Representatives Committee. It is up to the individual Clubs to bring these rules to the notice of competitors.
- b) All teams will qualify via the Area Summer Dressage and Show jumping qualifiers. Each area may choose to allow teams to enter for the SWWRC Championship only, without submitting prelim entries to BRC for the national Championships.
At all SWWRC qualifiers and championships 'protective headwear' (as defined in the current BRC Official Rules) must show a visible Pink 'hat tag'.
- c) All competitions at qualifiers and the final will be for teams of four with the best three scores to count. Teams may be Junior or Senior or Mixed. There is no separate Junior Competition at the championship. Each Area is free to select between Junior and Senior teams in a way which suits their entry numbers.
The championship will run with 4 disciplines: Prelim Dressage, Novice Dressage, Novice and Intermediate Show Jumping. **Horses are limited to three of the four competitions at the championship.**
- d) In the event of any horse or rider at the championship being found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified, and may not be replaced in the team.
- e) It is a condition of entry that each Club qualifying for the final agrees to provide **one helper per team**. Full contact details of each helper (name, address, e-mail and telephone numbers) must be given on the appropriate form. Helpers must be prepared to assist in any discipline as required. They will be notified as to the time when they will be required. Clubs not producing the necessary number of helpers may not be allowed to compete.
- f) Notifications of the full results of Qualifiers to be made by the Area Secretary or Competition Organiser **IMMEDIATELY** after the qualifier. Qualifying teams will be given a qualification and entry form, which must be sent or emailed to the Championship Secretary at the address on the schedule.
- g) In the event of the Championships being cancelled a percentage of the entry fees will be kept to cover administrative and cancellation costs
- h) The entry fees for the Championships will be determined by the organising committee and set out in the championship schedule.
- i) Protests or complaints to be made in writing to the organiser accompanied by a deposit of £20.00. Protests must be made no later than 30 minutes after the incident which gave rise to that protest, 30 minutes after the results have been published or, in the case of protests against qualification of horse or rider, 60 minutes after the start of the class. Committee to deal with the objection at the finals will consist of at least three Area Representatives or their nominated representatives plus the steward of the event concerned and their decision will be final. The deposit will be forfeited unless the protest is upheld or it was decided that there were good and reasonable grounds for lodging the protest.
- j) Teams are allowed a maximum of 2 substitutions of horses and/or riders at the championships. All substitutes must be eligible on the date of the Championships .
- k) Teams who have qualified for the BRC National Championships at Lincoln are not eligible for the SWWRC championships in the relevant discipline, but may include riders who have qualified individually. Substitute horse/rider combinations **may not have qualified** for the National Championships in that discipline. (It is recognised that some riders/teams attending the Regional Championship may be called up as reserves for Lincoln. In this instance they will not be deemed ineligible)
The number of Teams qualifying for the final from each Area will be :

Prelim Dressage: 5 Novice Dressage: 3 Novice and Intermediate Show Jumping: 4

If a Team qualifying for the championship is unable to take part, the next placed Team may go through. If the Area concerned is unable to provide the additional Team, the space will be offered to the Area with the greatest number of teams in the qualifier.

- l) **AWARDS AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS** Rosettes **1st-10th Individual** in both Showjumping classes and each dressage arena. Medals to **1st -3rd Individuals**.
Rosettes **1st to 6th Teams** in each competition. Sashes to winning teams.

2. ELIGIBILITY -

ALL DISCIPLINES as per the current BRITISH RIDING CLUBS RULE BOOK EXCEPT

- a) Competitors must be members of a BHS affiliated Riding Club within Areas 9, 12, 15, 18.
Official membership numbers must be included on all entry forms.

- b) Any qualifications obtained after the closing of prelim entries in each Area will not debar the competitor from taking part in the Championships. This date will apply whether or not the team has made BRC Prelim entries.

3) SHOW JUMPING

- a) The maximum height of the jumps for Novice SJ will be 0.80m in the first round and 0.85m in the second round, 0.90m/0.95 for Intermediate at both qualifier and Championships. The first two fences should not be set at maximum height. There should be one double at the qualifier. At the Championships the course may have two doubles.
- b) Each team will jump two rounds with the best three scores in each round to count for the team total. If a team member is eliminated in the first round they are **NOT** permitted to compete in the second round. If two or more team members are eliminated in the first round the team is eliminated and those who have been eliminated cannot jump in the second round. The remaining team members can go forward into the second round as individuals at the championships.
- c) In the event of equality after the two rounds in the team competition, all placings **including first place** will be determined by the aggregate times of the three scoring members of the tying teams in the first half of the second round. (ie there will not be a 3rd round jump-off for teams)
- d) Individual placings will be decided based on times in the jump-off (second half of the second round.) If fewer than 10 riders are double clear, then positions in the first half of R2 will be used for lower placings.

5) PRELIM DRESSAGE

The Tests will be BD Prelim 1(2024) (restricted eligibility) and BD Prelim 3(2024) (higher eligibility), with 2 riders in each test. Tests may not be commanded at the Championships. Dress and tack as per BRC rules. Mixed Junior/Senior teams will be permitted at the Championships.

6) NOVICE DRESSAGE

The Tests will be BD Novice 1(2024) (restricted eligibility) and BD Novice 3 (2024) (Higher eligibility) with 2 riders in each test. Riders who rode Elementary at the qualifier will ride N3 at the championship.