**BRC Rule Updates and upcoming changes**

 **Hat Guidelines**

From 1st January 2023, we will no longer be accepting the following 2 hat standards.

              1.           PAS  O15 1998

              2.           SNELL 2001

The new pink hat tags will be sent round to Official Stewards as soon as possible.

The PAS 015 2011 and SNELL 2016 will continue to be accepted.

 **Body Protector Guidelines**

It is envisaged that we will continue to accept the BETA Level 3 Purple Label 2009 standard until 1 Jan 2025.

 **Competitor Dress –** jodphurs/breeches in white, cream, beige, ***navy or black***

 **Class Changes:**

* Due to lack of entries the Team of 4 at Lincoln will not take place in 2023
* Senior and Junior Pairs at the National Championships at Lincoln will be amalgamated into a Mixed Pairs class from 2023
* Dressage to Music Open Pairs and Novice Pairs will be amalgamated into one class with open eligibility using the Novice Pairs test from 2023
* The 110 SJ will remain as is for Intermediate Winter Competition for 2023 but from 1 October will drop down to 105 SJ for 2024 Championships. The 110 SJ at Lincoln will become 105 SJ in 2023. If this class does not gain in entries it is at risk of being lost
* In October 2023 for the 2024 Winter Championships all qualifiers will start from 1 October rather than 1 September due to the change in Championship schedule
* Show jumping speed in 70cm class to be lowered from 325mpm to 300mpm from 1 January 2023

**BRC NAF Five Star National Horse Trials Championships 2023**

 BRC are delighted to announce that from 2023 we will be running a mixed 70cm Horse Trial class. This will take the place of the 100+ class, which unfortunately is no longer viable or competitive with continuous low numbers over a number of years. The mixed 100 class will become open eligibility.

 The new 70 class will run at the NAF Five Star Horse Trials Championships to be held at Swalcliffe Park, Banbury on 4 – 6 August. This means there will be a shuffle of the current schedule with some classes gaining the opportunity to take part in long format incorporating roads & tracks and the steeplechase.

 Mixed 70 and Junior 80 – 1 day short format (Friday)

Senior 80 and Junior 90 – 2 day long format (Saturday and Sunday)

Senior 90 and 100 – 3 day long format (Friday – Sunday)

The championship schedule will be uploaded to the Horse Trials website page in the new year.