



## **NATIONAL SHOW JUMPING RULES**

**Effective JANUARY 2024**

### **GENERAL**

All competitors must sign a waiver form before entering the warm up arena prior to the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> competition for the calendar year, and must be a BEA member in good standing in order to take part in BEA competitions. Daily membership is available for those who are not full members at the time of the competition, but day members are not eligible for championship points at National Shows.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Respect the rules of the competition
2. Respect all Fellow Competitors
3. Respect all Officials
4. Respect the rulings/decisions of the Officials.
5. Maintain dignity at all times

### **SHOW PROTOCOL**

Entry Fees and Day Membership fees must be paid three (3) business days before a show, and any entries and/or fees received after that will be considered a late entry. There will be no refund of entry fees within one business day of the show. For example, if a show is held on the Sunday, fees must be paid by the 12pm (noon) on the Wednesday before and those fees are non-refundable from 12pm (noon) the Friday before the show. If the entry is withdrawn by 11.55am on the Friday, then the entry fee will be refunded. Online payments of fees will be accepted and a screenshot as proof of payment should be sent to the OC/Entry Taker by the deadline.

Warm Up Ring protocol is to be adhered to at all times

The start time stated on a show invitation refers to the time the 1<sup>st</sup> rider of the competition enters the competition arena. The course will be open for walking 15minutes prior to the start time or when the judge deems the course “open for walking”. A start list may be emailed to members prior to the competition date. Competitors who are late for their class will be penalised at the judge’s and Organising Committee’s discretion.

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### **Entries**

A horse/Rider combination may enter 2 consecutive height classes at a BEA Show. This means a 10cm difference in competition height is allowed by a Horse/Rider Combo. However, Championship points will be awarded on the first height class entered on a Show Day and where applicable.

A horse/pony may enter a competition at a maximum of 6 ROUNDS in show classes 0.80m and BELOW. In rounds ABOVE 0.80m and BELOW 1.00m, the horse/pony may only enter a maximum of 4 ROUNDS during the competition. At any height 1.00m or above, a maximum of TWO ROUNDS is allowed during the competition.

### **OPEN TRAINING COMPETITORS:**

The Open Training (OT) Classification is a new one, whereby a Horse/Rider Combo can enter any height class at BEA Jumping Shows. Placements/Ribbons will be awarded to the Rider as applicable but no championship points if it is not their legitimate height; however, this will not prevent the legitimate height competitor, (who placed just below the OT Rider,) from retaining his/her rightful placement, ribbon or championship points. For example, if Sue is a 1.00m rider but rode in the .80m class and finished 1<sup>st</sup> as an Open Training competitor, she will receive her first place ribbon but no championship points. However, Bill who was just behind her in the placings (and is a legitimate 0.80m competitor,) will still receive his first place ribbon and his first place points for that class. The OC will be responsible for correctly placing competitors in the OT category and determining their legitimacy for other class entries during the competition. Lower Heights cannot be ridden OT to train for higher height classes.

### **HORS CONCOURS**

A competitor who enters an event Hors Concours (HC) will pay the same entry fee, be judged in the normal manner and in accordance with the show jumping rules but will not be counted in the final standings and therefore will not be eligible for prizes or championship points. An HC entry is for training purposes for a horse/pony that has had a bad round and it must be the final entry for the HORSE/PONY at the competition; however, the Rider entering HC on a horse/pony, can enter other classes on a different horse/pony later in the same competition.

### **JUMPING AFTER AN ELIMINATION**

If a Rider is eliminated in a round, they can choose to take ONE Jump after the elimination bell without asking the Judge. This jump cannot be a combination and must be jumped in the correct direction as flagged. If

elimination is by a fall, this last jump is not permitted; however, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HOST FACILITY, riders may be able to stay on after the close of the BEA Show for training purposes, and this may be without the ambulance or judge on site. Please seek permission from the Show Facility prior to re-entering the arena after the Show closes.

### **LATE ENTRIES**

Entries received after the close of entries/payment date on competition invitations must pay late fees and go first in the class in order of entry date/time.

### **CLASSES**

Classes will be judged in accordance with the principles of the Rules of the FEI. The type of class will be stated on the official invitation, e.g. Table A - Against the clock or Table A - Not Against the Clock, (with / without jump off) etc. FEI Jumping Rules can be found on <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/jumping/rules> and should be checked on a regular basis as they may be updated during the year.

### **CHILDREN/JUNIORS**

Definition of a child/junior rider: A junior rider may compete as a junior up until the END of the calendar year in which he/she turns 15. The year a Rider turns 16, they compete as an ADULT.

Unless otherwise stated, adults and children will be judged separately in all classes up to and including 0.85m and separate ribbons presented. Classes 0.90m and above will be judged as OPEN classes with no separation of Adults and Juniors. Open Classes are different from OPEN TRAINING ENTRIES, which signify an entry for training purposes as outlined above.

### **HORSES & PONIES**

All horses and ponies competing during the year must be registered with the BEA and hold a valid and complete BEA passport and be microchipped. In line with the FEI Ruling from the 1st January 2007, the definition of a pony is that they are considered as a small horse whose height at withers, when measured on a smooth and level surface does not exceed 148cm without shoes or 149cm with shoes at competition fitness.

### **DRESS CODE**

Dress code as per FEI Rules will apply (Art. 256 1.5 of FEI Rules), unless stated otherwise in the competition invitation. "Neat and Tidy":- Competitors must be neatly attired in non patterned, light coloured jodhpurs, polo shirt with sleeves and boots (no t-shirts). Approved and properly fitted hard hats must be worn at all times when mounted.

### **SADDLERY**

As per Art.257 1.3 (2014) in the FEI Show Jumping Rules, only unrestricted running martingales are allowed. Correctly fitted standing martingales will be permitted for adults & children up to and including, but not exceeding 0.80m.

### **WARM UP ARENA**

A maximum of four riders/horses will be permitted in the Warm Up Arena at any given time.

### **FALL OF HORSE**

If a horse falls at a Show Jumping Competition, it must be cleared by a VET in order to continue competing at that event. If the horse is not cleared by a VET, it cannot continue to compete on the day. The BEA will ensure

a VET is present at major competitions such as the CEA, FEI and National Championships, but is not obligated to have a VET present at other competitions.

### **FALL OF RIDER**

If a rider falls at a Show Jumping Competition, he/she must be cleared by a Medic in order to continue competing at that event. All BEA Jumping Shows will have a Medic present.



### **NATIONAL END OF YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

**The overall annual NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Trophies** awarded at the Prize Giving in January/February of the following year, will go to the riders with the highest POINTS over the course of the major BEA Shows throughout the year—the CEA Mini, the CEA RJC, the three FEI JWCs, and the INDEPENDENCE Championship Competition etc. This will be based on the Point System below. Riders are thus encouraged to ride in as many Shows as possible throughout the year, as the total tally of points will determine the winners.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SYSTEM:**

Place: 1<sup>st</sup>    2<sup>nd</sup>    3<sup>rd</sup>    4<sup>th</sup>

Points: 7pnts   5pnts   3pnts   1pnt

1) Championship points FOR 0.80M AND OVER will be awarded to HORSE AND RIDER COMBINATIONS only. Championship points FOR 0.75M AND UNDER will be awarded to RIDERS on their results on their first horse/pony in each Eligible Championship class.

2) Riders riding more than one horse in a class must declare their championship points horse upon submission of their entry so that this horse is entered first in the round. If they do not declare a horse/pony, the OC will award the points based on their first horse/pony ridden in a class. They are still eligible for placements and ribbons on all their mounts.

3) Day Members are not eligible for Championship points. Championships are for full BEA Members only. If a rider becomes a member during the year, they can start to accumulate points from the date of their full Membership approval by the BEA Executive. Similarly, the CEA RJC, the CEA Mini Challenge, and FEI JWC are for Full BEA Members. The Independence Championship Show plus additional classes at the FEI or CEA shows are open to day-membership.

4) Late Entries will be accepted for Championship points, but the rider will compete as the 1<sup>st</sup> rider in the class.

5) Adults and children will be judged separately in all classes up to and including 0.85m. For Classes 0.90m and above, there will be one set of Ribbons and one Championship Trophy.

6) All Show Invitations in which Championship Points will be awarded will clearly indicate the type of class e.g. Optimum Time, Table A against the clock (with / without jump off). Rules for Each Class will be included for clarity.

7) “OPEN TRAINING” ENTRIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TOWARDS CHAMPIONSHIP Points.

8) Under Special Circumstances, such as Age or Ability of the Horse or Rider, as determined by the OC, a Horse/Rider Combo can compete in Competitions and for Championships Points at one height category lower than the height category that they competed at successfully in the past, even if they have not received 16 flts in that height category. A letter outlining the request should be sent to the Show Jumping Chair before or at the time the entry is submitted for consideration by the OC. If the Combo wishes to compete lower than one height below their past height, they will compete in OPEN TRAINING until further consideration by the OC permits otherwise.



## **CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES**

**Championship Points** will be awarded in the following classes:

LL#1 0.50m (Junior and Adult Championships) –

LL#2 0.60m (Junior and Adult Championships)

LL#3 0.70m (Junior and Adult Championships)

LL#4 0.80m (Junior and Adult Championships) includes 0.75m classes and is for horse/rider combos

SL#1 0.90 (One Championship) includes 0.85m classes and is for horse/rider combos

SL#2 1.00 (One Championship) includes 0.95m classes and is for horse/rider combos

SL#3 1.10m (One Championship) includes 1.05m classes and is for horse/rider combos

SL#4 1.20m (One Championship) includes 1.15m classes and is for horse/rider combos

SL#5 1.30m (One Championship) includes 1.25m classes and is for horse/rider combos

## **LEAGUE POINT SYSTEM:**

Place: 1<sup>st</sup>    2<sup>nd</sup>    3<sup>rd</sup>    4<sup>th</sup>

Points: 7pnts    5pnts    3pnts    1pnt

**Eligible Shows for National Championship Points will be outlined on Show Invitations and where possible on annual calendar.**



## **BEA SHOW JUMPING AWARDS AND CROSS DISCIPLINE AWARDS**

### **BEA Show Jumping Awards:**

#### **Outstanding Contribution to Show Jumping:**

This is to be awarded to a BEA Member or Members who is actively involved in promoting and helping with show jumping at shows in a major capacity on a regular basis.

#### **Most Improved Junior Jumper:**

*(Will be Guided by below point system but the final decision will be made by the Ground Jury from the Shows.)*

This award has traditionally also gone to the Most Improved Junior to encourage development of young riders in the BEA. Like above award since it is a developmental award, it is based on rider and not horse/rider combo. A rider can have moved up on another horse. Encouragement of young riders is probably the most important element of our awards so it is not just about who is jumping the highest height, but the MIJ must show a definite progress from one lower level to another higher level even if it is from x rails-0.60m to 0.70-0.80m. A definite improvement in a rider's abilities as a jumper as determined by the JC is also key. It is definitely different from "Most Outstanding Junior" as it is basically a developmental award to encourage growth among young riders. Hopefully the candidate for most improved may go to one day becoming the MOJ.

#### **Most Outstanding Junior Jumper and Most Outstanding Adult Jumper:**

*(Will be Guided by below point system but the final decision will be made by the Ground Jury from the Shows.)*

Jumping	Champion	Reserve Champion
LL 0.50	1	0.5
LL 0.60	2	1

LL 0.70	3	1.5
LL 0.80	4	2
SL 0.90	5	2.5
SL 1.0	6	3
SL 1.10	7	3.5
SL 1.20	8	4
SL 1.30	9	4.5

**Best Retained SJ Thoroughbred:**

An off-track TB from the Barbados track that has shown demonstrable improvement or performance during the year.

**BEA Cross Discipline Awards:**

**Outstanding Contribution to the BEA:**

This encompasses votes from all three disciplines and should be awarded to a BEA Member or Members (person, family, or group) that contributes significantly during the year to the overall promotion and success of the BEA.

**Sportsmanship:**

This encompasses votes from all three disciplines of the BEA and although not exclusive to children (those under 16 yrs old as of the year of the award), it is primarily aimed at children to encourage good sportsmanship from a young age. Each Discipline Chair should put forward their committee’s candidate for the award and the vote among the Chairs should be taken. The criteria each committee will look for is an act of sportsmanship by an active BEA competitor at BEA shows primarily but also in training at their home showground. It could encompass helpfulness, kindness, sharing, a good word to another rider etc.

**Excellence in Dressage and Show Jumping:**

Like Sportsmanship, this award is not exclusive to children, but is aimed primarily at children, who will hopefully take up the new discipline of Eventing/Cross Country. The aim is to encourage riders, especially youngsters to get involved in both Dressage and Show Jumping to allow development of both disciplines and allow young riders to experience both. Riders for this award must be actively competing in relevant Dressage and Show Jumping Competitions during the year and especially in National and International Championship Shows like the FEI, CEA and the Leagues. As this is a developmental award, it is based on rider and not horse/rider combo so rider can win in jumping on one horse and in dressage on another. Guided by point system, but the Division Chairs & Ground Juries will be involved in final decision.

Dressage	Jumping	Champion	Reserve
Intro A/CEA/FEI	LL.50/CEA .50	1	0.5
Intro B/CEA/FEI	LL.60/CEA .60	2	1
Intro C/CEA/FEI	LL.70/CEA .70	3	1.5



Training/CEA/FEI	LL.80/CEA .75	4	2
First Level/Youth/CEA/FEI	SL.90/CEA.85	5	2.5
Second Level/Senior1/CEA/FEI	SL1.00/CEA .95	6	3
Third Level/Senior2/CEA/FEI	SL1.10/FEI C	7	3.5
Fourth Level/CEA	SL1.20/FEI B	8	4
PSG/CEA/FEI	SL1.30/FEI A	9	4.5