

### **BRC Dressage dress code rules and helpful tips**

For area 6 competitions riders can have a test caller if needed.

Riders can carry a schooling whip.

Compulsory to wear gloves.

Riders can wear spurs which are blunt or with smooth rowels. NB Spurs are not allowed for the intro test dressage classes at qualifiers or championships)

You must have two numbers – one on each side. On the bridle or saddle cloth.

Please make sure you have correct tack and bits. If in doubt check the BRC Handbook 2024. For bits go to: [www.britishdressage.co.uk](http://www.britishdressage.co.uk) rule book.

It is compulsory for all horses are microchipped.

**Timmings for test classes:** Please be aware that the morning classes can start as early as 8.30am and afternoon classes can go on until 4.00pm. \* Unfortunately sometimes one of the novice tests could be a morning test, so be prepared for at early start from home.

\*Intro test are usually in the morning.

\*Times may vary and if riding two test classes do allow for waiting times between.

\*\* If you are travelling with another club member, or have specific requests about times please notify Jane Bancroft as she can make note on the entry form.

### **Protective Headwear Rules.**

Correct riding attire must be worn at all times. When mounted at any BRC event whether competing or not 'Protective Headwear must be worn & fastened under the chin is mandatory.

All hats must have **the pink hat tag** visible with either BRC, PC or BE logos. Failure to do so will incur elimination.

All protective headwear can be checked at the secretary's office at Area 6 competitions and tagged before competing if you have not got the **PINK** tag.

### **Different makes of riding headgear allowed:**

**British** PAS015: 2011 provided they are BSI kitemarked or Inspec IC marked

**European** EN1384:2023 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Insec IC marked

**American** ASTM F1163: 2004a or 04a onwards provided they are SEI marked and SNELL E2016

**Australian and New Zealand** AS/NZS 3838: 2006 onwards provided they are SAI global marked.

### **Flu Vaccination Rules 2024**

All horses must have been vaccinated within 12 months of the competition date. Most recent flu booster must not be within 7 days of the event on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

### **Flu vaccinations started before January 2024.**

1<sup>st</sup> vaccination to 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccination: between 21 days – 92 days.

From the date of 2<sup>nd</sup> injection the 3<sup>rd</sup> date is between 150 & 215 days.

### **New rules for 2024 –**

### **Horses starting new courses of flu vaccinations since January 2024.**

1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> injection between 21 – 60 days.

2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> injection between 120 – 180 days.

Boosters must be no more than 1 year part.

More info read rules on eligibility for competing & Flu vaccination rules in the [BRC Handbook 2024 page 22 www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk) .

Horses may compete providing that they have had the first two primary injections with **2nd vaccination is not in any of the 7 preceding days the competition.**

In the event of failure to comply with any of the requirements of the Flu vaccination rules, the horse or pony will be disqualified and not permitted to take part in any competition to which these rules apply.

\*\* Passports must travel with horses and there may be spot checks on the day.

Any questions please get in touch with Jane Bancroft by text

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**Please check your passports carefully and make sure that your horse / pony vaccinations are kept up to date throughout the year.**

### **Body Protectors**

A body protector is obligatory in all competitions with cross –country fences and is strongly recommended in show jumping competitions.

**A BETA Level 3 displaying a Blue 2018 Label** must be worn in competitions where a body protector is obligatory. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 **Beta Level 3 ( Purple label ) body protector which has a 2009 label will no longer be accepted.**

Body protectors should be fitted and worn as per manufacturer's instructions. The up to date BETA list of body protectors can be obtained from [www.beta-uk.org](http://www.beta-uk.org) . If a rider chooses to wear an airbag style body protector it must be worn over a permitted BETA Level 3 ( Blue label) body protector and if activated, must be deflated or removed before continuing.

Hybrid Air-jackets and blouson style air jackets are permitted. Recommended that body protectors are replaced once they are more than 5 years old.

Riders wearing Exo Body Cage protectors must inform the secretary at all events