

British Riding Club Area 6 show Jumping competition rules 2026

Competition numbers permitted

****Riders need to make up or print their own paper numbers for their XC bibs ****

Show Jumping: Back number or XC bib numbers

Horse trials, combined challenge or arena eventing: A bib number on front and back for rider.

Combined training: Bridle or saddle cloth number on both sides for the dressage.

Bib number front and back for show jumping phase.

Whips

One whip permitted and must be between 45cm – 75cm and must not be weighted or feature a hard points at the end.

The end of the whip must be padded. The “pad” must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface (which includes embroidery) and be made of shock absorbing material throughout its circumference. No substitute for a whip maybe carried.

Spurs for (show jumping) Spurs must be made out of smooth material (metal or plastic), including the band around the heel which must be blunt and be incapable of wounding the horse.

The overall length of the spur is not to exceed 4cm from the back of the boot to the end of the spur in its entirety.

BRC Flu Vaccination Rules for 2025.

It is the responsibility of the rider to check that their horse’s flu vaccinations dates are all in order.

All flu dates must be correct right back from the 1st initial injection through to the current boosters.

All horses must have been vaccinated within 12 months of the competition date.

Flu vaccinations boosters must done every year within 12 months.

For area 6 and championships - No flu vaccination must be done within 7 days prior to the date of the competition. If the date is incorrect the horse will be disqualified from competing.

More information read rules on eligibility for competing & Flu vaccination rules:

[Google: British Riding Club Handbook 2026.](#)

Please carry horse’s passport with you at all times for riding club area competitions

Horse’s passports are being checked at area 6 competitions so please allow extra time to take the passport to the secretary’s office before saddling up to compete.

BCR Championships: All horse’s passports will be checked at gate & at the secretary’s office.

Prior to 1st January 2024 BRC rule for horses starting their flu vaccinations from the beginning.

1st vaccination date.

2nd vaccination: 21– 92 days

3rd vaccination: 150 -215 days

Annual booster: Not more than 12 months apart.

New BRC ruling on dates for horses starting a new course flu vaccinations.

From: 1st January 2024 onwards. (The dates in between have shortened).

1st Vaccination

2nd vaccination: between 21 – 60 days

3rd vaccination: between 120 – 180 days.

Annual booster under 12 months.

Protective Headwear Rules.

BRCA have updated their rules on riding / competition hats for 2025.

All riding / competition hats worn at Area 6 qualifying competitions will need to be tagged with the **PINK tag**. If members have a new hat or haven't ridden in an area 6 competition qualifier before.

Hats must be checked & pink tagged on day of competition the at secretary's office before competing.

BRCA rule came on 1st January 2024: PAS 015: 1998 and SNELL E2001 will no longer be accepted.

Hats must meet one of the following standards.

British: PAS 015 2011 with BSI Kite mark or Inspec IC mark

VG1 01.040: 2014-12 with BSI Kite mark or Inspec IC mark

European:

BS EN 1384 (2023) will be accepted provided they are kite marked or inspec IC marked.

American: ASTM F1163: 2015 or 2023 onwards with SEI mark and SNELL E2016 or 2021 onwards.

Australian & NZ: AS/NZS 3838: 2006 onwards with SAI global mark.

BRCA body protectors rules for 2026.

Body protectors are only mandatory for any cross-country competitions but if riders want to wear one for show Jumping or dressage these are the rules.

BETA Level 3 displaying a Blue 2018 Label to be worn

From January 1st 2024 the BETA 2009 Purple Label will no longer be accepted.

The exception to this requirement is that the EXO Body cages will continue to be accepted, provided they have a BETA Level 3 Purple 2000 Label.

If a rider chooses to wear an airbag style body protector for XC it must be worn over a permitted BETA Level 3 body protector.

Hybrid Air-jackets / air jackets incorporated into blouson style jacket are permitted provided they are also to the BETA 2018 standard.

Exo Body Cages are permitted with a Level 3 2000 purple label – the secretary must be **notified so they can inform the paramedics they need an Allen key.**

Please read & check riding hat rules in BRCA Handbook **Page 34.**