

Welcome to the latest edition of the Officials Update, a publication designed to keep you all up-to-date with important notifications, rule changes and information to help you in your roles.

If you are aware of any colleagues who do not receive this newsletter, please encourage them to contact me on the details below so that I can ensure they are included in future distribution lists.

May I thank you for your continued support and dedication to British Showjumping; it is greatly appreciated by all involved with the sport.

Should anyone have any queries with the information below or any other area please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Clarification—Sheepskin on pony nosebands

I've been asked if clarification on the below ruling in relation to sheepskin being used on nosebands can be circulated to the stewards. Having confirmed this with the NSC there was no intention for the below wording to prohibit the use of sheepskin nosebands on ponies, these are allowed providing what is underneath the sheepskin noseband adheres to the below rule i.e a plain leather cavesson noseband with a sheepskin noseband on a pony is allowed.

102.8 The following additional restrictions apply to pony competitors only:

*(a) Correctly fitted standing and running martingales only to be used (can be used together). Any type of running reins, Market Harborough reins, hackamores (see * below), bitless bridles and combination bits are not*

*permitted in the arena, practice area or anywhere in the immediate vicinity of the showground. *Hackamores to be permitted for 148cm Pony Gold League classes only. No other bit is permitted to be used with the hackamore.*

(b) Pelham's/bits with curbs with a shank exceeding 6cm, measured at maximum extension from the bottom of the mouth piece to the bottom of the bit shank, may not be ridden with one rein when using the ring below

the mouth piece and must be ridden with rounding's, split reins or two reins. Pelham's/bits with curbs with a shank not exceeding a maximum of 6cm may be ridden with one rein. The total length of the Pelham/bits with curbs may not exceed 15cm.

(c) Nosebands must be constructed of leather and should be fitted flat against the head of the pony. Only one noseband may be worn. Rope, elastic or chained nosebands are not permitted.

(d) Standing martingales must be attached to a flat leather surface cavesson noseband that is at least 2cm wide

National Sport Notes

Please find below a number of points from the latest National Sport Meeting:

- * Children in the warm up arena—children are only permitted in the warm up arena from the year in which they reach 12 years old
- * Effective from the 1st July 2019, practice wings must be taped or marked at 1m (orange), 1.20m (yellow) and 1.30m (green) . The responsibility for the taping or marking of practice wings will be down to the Show Organiser/Secretary and the Course Designer.



2019 Officials Conferences and Assessment Days

Officials National Conferences

14/10/19 / 04/11/19 / 24/11/2019

Venue: National Training Centre, Home Farm, Hothorpe

Officials Assessment days

15/10/19 / 05-06/11/19 / 22/11/2019

Venue: National Training Centre, Home Farm, Hothorpe

For details on assessment type for each day (ie. Course Designer, Judge and/or Over 75 reviews) please see the Officials Training & Conference diary found [here](#)

To book onto any of the Officials Conferences or Assessments, please contact Rebecca Heath on 02477 087819 or email Rebecca.Heath@britishshowjumping.co.uk

Please note the British Showjumping retention criteria requires Officials to attend a National conference every 2 years

Safeguarding

As part of our ongoing commitment to the development of our British Showjumping Officials and the changing nature of our sport, we have introduced a new requirement for all Officials to be trained and certified in the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons. There will be no financial cost to Officials as this will be covered by British Showjumping as part of this continued commitment. This training program has and will continue to be rolled out over the coming months as detailed below. The Equestrian Basic Safeguarding Awareness course will form part of all Officials retention criteria and will need to be refreshed every 3 years.

February 2019	Level 5 Course Designers
March 2019	Level 4 Course Designers
April 2019	Level 3 Course Designers
May 2019	Level 2 Course Designers
June 2019	Level 1 Course Designers
July 2019	Level 3 Judges
August 2019	Level 2 Judges
September 2019	Level 1 Judges

As such, **you will have received** an email from the Child Protection Company. Please do pay attention to this email when it lands and do not accidentally filter as spam.

This email introduces the Equestrian Basic Safeguarding Awareness course to you and the link required to access it. In the body of this email is your Username and Password to enable you to log in and complete the training. I would ask that you log on and complete this course by the date stated within the email please. **Should you be unable to find this email please let us know at the earliest opportunity in order for a copy to be sent to you.**

If you have any further queries with regard to accessing the course or regarding online training in general, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Alternatively should you have already completed an Equestrian based Safeguarding course within the past three years please send over to rebecca.heath@britishshowjumping.co.uk in order for this to be filed and noted on your record accordingly.

Thank you all in advance for your understanding and cooperation

Course Designer, Judges & Steward Appointments

I am pleased to report that assessments have continued all over the country and we would like to congratulate the following on their promotions.

Judges Upgrades

Tr-L1 Judge	Lauren Haynes	N Lincolnshire
L2-L3 Judge	Craig Blackie	Scotland

Course Designer Upgrades

TR-L1 Course Designer	Beth Boyes	Southampton
TR-L1 Course Designer	Kathy Willard	W Sussex
TR-L1 Course Designer	Scott Ponton	Kent
L2-L3 Course Designer	Richard Davies	South Wales
L3-L4 Course Designer	Colin Ellison	Cambridgeshire

Equipment decisions document

An equipment decisions document has been put together to give guidance on equipment that has been queried by Officials and Stewards and the decision and associated Rule number, if applicable.

If you have any equipment that you would like looking into and a decision making please send a picture, the manufactured name and description and any other information you can to Michael Bainbridge, michael.bainbridge@britishshowjumping.co.uk. The document can be found [here](#).

Level 1 Steward - Collecting Ring

We have relaunched the Collecting Ring Steward Status as a Level 1 Steward. The new role will be wider reaching and carry more responsibilities and powers than the old qualification, as such all candidates will need to attend the Official training sessions delivered by British Showjumping to achieve the status of Level 1 Steward.

Further to this the Collecting Ring Steward accreditation will be phased out over the coming months, therefore those who are currently listed as collecting ring Stewards that would like to remain listed as Level 1 Stewards will need to attend an upcoming training session.

For those who may be interested in the new Level 1 Steward role please note the upcoming Level 1 Steward Training day identified as follows:

Date: Saturday 23rd November

Venue: National Training Centre, Home Farm, Hothorpe, LE17 6QX

Time: 9.30am- 5pm (approx.)

For more information including an application form please contact [Rebecca,Heath@britishshowjumping.co.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Heath@britishshowjumping.co.uk)



Joint Owners - App

Joint owners are now shown on the App and if reading out owners please use the App rather than the Show Centre's own system as this will be out of date.

Academy Show Results

All results from Academy Team/Individual classes must be sent into British Showjumping. These results are not graded and Shows are not charged for Academy classes (supporting classes will still be charged for in the normal way) however the judging sheets and results for these classes do need to be sent in to be kept on file for these shows.

Official Pathways Update

The new pathways have been posted on the [website](#). The main changes are as follows:

Judges :

Level 3 Upgrade	Changes made to the frequency of return by those candidates that are not successful
Judges App	Changes made to the criteria for Advanced app users. Changed to 90 "live" classes. All current Advanced users will be checked against the new criteria.

Course Designers:

Level 1 & 2	All future assessment at this level will be conducted at the NTC
Level 3 & 4	New levels to be introduced "Candidate 3" & "Candidate 4" so to open up the opportunity for assessment at correct levels. As follows: Candidate 3 - For the duration of the period from acceptance of application to assessment date, Level 2 CD (Candidate 3) will be eligible to build 1.30 open with a maximum 1st prize of £100. Candidate 4 - For the duration of the period from acceptance of application to assessment date, Level 3 CD (Candidate 4) will be eligible to build 1.40 opens with a maximum 1st prize of £200.
Level 5 Upgrade	Changes made to the frequency of return by those candidates that are not successful.

Ticket to ride - Online purchase

The new Ticket to ride procedure will shortly be announced on the British Showjumping Website. From the 1st October, a ticket to ride for the combination for the day can be purchased online and will run in tandem with the paper tickets (one ticket purchased per class) already in circulation.

As of 1st January paper tickets will no longer be accepted.

Visual Aids - Boot Rule & Whips, Spurs and Chains Ruling

A visual guide to the Equine Boot Rule can be found [here](#)

A Visual guide to the Whips, Spurs and Chains ruling can be found [here](#)

2019 Members Handbook & Updates

If you have any Rules you feel you would like looked into, rephrased or clarified please let us know. The Handbook and Rule Amends documents are hosted online and the links can be found below.

The latest Handbook can be found [here](#). Please make sure you have access to the most up to date version at all times.

Rule Amendments can also be found [here](#).

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