

THE INTRODUCTION OF SHOWJUMPING AS AN ACTIVITY FOR RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES



BRIEF AND BASIC TIMELINE

2009-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small Committee including British Showjumping, Para and an RDA representative was formed to look at Showjumping as a discipline for disabled riders • RDA Board formed a Showjumping Working party/committee
2011-2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDA held their first National Showjumping Competition • British Showjumping held Para Demonstrations at Scope
2013-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Showjumping held its first competitive Para Jumping competition • Para Jumping Development communicated to British Showjumping Officials Workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Para Jumping development days were delivered initiating a Para Coach List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDA established Showjumping levels 1-2
2015-2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training opportunities in addition to competitions offered for registered British Showjumping Para riders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para Jumping Competition held at the British Showjumping Championships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDA established Showjumping level 3
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para Jumping League established with several Para Jumping competition opportunities outlined • RDA established Showjumping level 4

COMPETITIVE SHOWJUMPING

In order to register with British Showjumping as a Para rider you must be Classified

Useful Information about the National Classification process.

In order to be classified, riders must be medically diagnosed as having a permanent impairment that can be measured objectively by a physiotherapist trained in the classification system. The classification system can only test physical conditions.

Following Rider Classification a Profile number is determined, this profile number determines which jumping 'Grade' a rider is assigned.

Showjumping Grades are as follows:

Grade I Most impaired Para Equestrian jumpers who would be very disadvantaged in mainstream events.	70cm
Grade II Impaired Para Equestrian jumpers who would be disadvantaged in mainstream events	80cm
Grade III Slightly impaired Para Equestrian jumpers who would be disadvantaged in mainstream events.	90cm
Grade IV Visually impaired riders who would be disadvantaged in mainstream events.	70cm

Purpose of classification – An attempt to ensure fair competition. Riders compete in the grade appropriate to their classification. Any rider may ride in a higher grade if they wish.

COMPETITIVE SHOWJUMPING- COMPENSATING AIDS

The following compensating aids are permitted for British Showjumping Para riders:

- Rubber band to stirrups
- Strap from stirrup to girth
- 1 or 2 whips no longer than 120cm
- Salute with head only
- Callers – may be mounted (make the rider aware of obstacles position in relation to themselves)
- Looped Reins

To allow an aid to be used in competition the rider must produce on entry with the secretary, their British Showjumping Compensating Aid Certificate detailing the aids that have been permitted for that rider. The secretary will ensure the officials at the competition are notified accordingly.

Any additional compensating aid advised by the Classifier must be approved by British Show jumping's National Sport Committee prior to competition.

COMPETITIVE SHOWJUMPING- CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Championships - British Showjumping National Championships & RDA National Championships
Graded Competition
- International Para Competitions - Manheim, Cavan
- National Para Competitions including Aintree, Bolesworth, Northern Racing College, Keysoe, Bishop Burton College, Bicton, Anvil Park
- Para Jumping Graded winners of League awarded at the British Showjumping Awards Ball
- Regional / National Para Training days
- **All the benefits of British Showjumping including competing and training within its National and Club Structure**

GROUP LEVEL SHOWJUMPING [RDA]

Leading at Stage 1 (Leader has control of the horse)

This method of leading is used when the rider has minimum control of the horse and is often used with a rider that requires two side walkers and a leader

Leading at Stage 2 (Control of the horse is shared between leader and rider)

At this stage of leading the rider is now at a level where they should be working to control the horse in walk or trot and practicing working independently.

Leading at Stage 3 (Rider has control of the horse)

The leader at this stage is positioned beside the rider's leg and allows the rider to control the horse. The Leader's role is to ensure the rider is applying the correct aids with input from the instructor, before the rider comes off the lead rein.

PARA RIDER PATHWAY



