

Officials Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the August edition of the Officials Newsletter, a monthly communication designed to help keep our Officials up to date with British Showjumping news.

If you are aware of any of your colleagues who do not receive this newsletter, please encourage them to contact me on the details below.

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

FEI Level 1 & 2 Stewards Course

British Showjumping are currently organising an FEI Level 1 & 2 Stewards Course, to be run in conjunction with the Horse of the Year Show in Birmingham in October 2013.

The FEI Level 1 Course is open to our current Stewards, with the FEI Level 2 open to current FEI Level 1 Stewards who meet the eligibility criteria.

Further info regarding these courses can be found by [clicking here](#) for the Level 1 Course, or by [clicking here](#) for the Level 2 Course.

Upcoming FEI Courses

Over the next few months, the following FEI courses have been organised around Europe which our Officials maybe interested in attending.

FEI Level 2 Judges Course - Stomsholm, SWE - 6th to 9th September 2013 - [click here for further info](#)

FEI Level 2 Course Designers Course - Aachen, GER - 25th to 30th October 2013 - [click here for further info](#)

Further info can be obtained by clicking on the links above.

Changing Schedules

Over the past few months, British Showjumping have been noticing a number of shows and classes that have not run as per the Final Schedule, with a number of changes made on the day by the Show Organisers and the Officiating Team.

The Final Schedule is the approved schedule by British Showjumping, and is the contract between the Show Organiser, British Showjumping, the Competitors and the insurance companies. This schedule is the one that shows have agreed to run and competitors are expecting to compete in. This schedule should not be amended in anyway, including changing tables, without British Showjumping permission, and Judges are asked to ensure the shows are run to schedule as much as possible.

Under our current rules, Judges do have permission to change the table for classes run under Rule 310, or 312 only, however this can only happen in exceptional circumstances (i.e. weather, fading light etc) or if there are 40 competitors or more in that particular class. If a Judge feels a change of table is warranted whilst at a show, the table may change from A7 to either Single or Two Phase, and a full written report must be submitted to British Showjumping confirming why the table was changed.

If whilst at a show, a Judge feels the need to change a table for another other class on the Final Schedule, permission must be obtained from British Showjumping prior to the class running. Permission will normally be granted after consulting with the Judge concerned, and can be obtained from either the Regional Development Officer, Justine Naylor, Iain Graham or Rob Ellis. All of the above are contactable out of office hours, with their contact details available by [clicking here](#).

Thank you all for continued support in this matter.

Hot Weather - Jumping without wearing a Jacket

Due to the recent hot weather, a number of competitors are asking to compete without wearing jackets. This is allowed under our rules, however it is at the Judges discretion on the day.

If a Judge grants permission for a competitor to jump without a jacket on, the Judges are reminded that the competitors must still comply with our dress code under Rule 101.3. This requires competitors to compete in a long or short sleeved white shirt, no braces, with secure ties.

Further information can be found on page 98 of the Handbook.

Club Shows

To help encourage riders to join British Showjumping, non members are allowed to compete in British Showjumping Club Shows to help attract them to affiliated competitions.

If a non member competes and is placed or is awarded points, they may still register up to 7 days after the show has finished to regain any points won.

Officials are kindly asked to remind non members of this and to help encourage riders to contact Sue Horton-Barr in Club Membership on 02477 087819 for more details about joining British Showjumping.

Timing Equipment

Due to the very hot weather we have been experiencing recently, some sets of timing equipment have recently been reported to us as being faulty, particularly the displays on the timing boxes.

Having sent a few sets back for repair, and having discussed this with the manufacturer, it would appear that the timing displays are either fading or turning blue. This is because the boxes are being left in direct sunlight resulting in the boxes and displays heating up to an unworkable temperature. This is causing the material in the displays to break and leak into the timing box housing.

As a result of these faults, the advice from the manufacturers is to keep the boxes shaded and out of direct sunlight as much as possible, and to turn the boxes off when they are not in use. This will help prevent any unnecessary damage to the timing boxes.

Links

[British Showjumping Website](#) [British Showjumping Handbook](#)

[Members Online](#) [Rule Amendments](#)

[Boot Rule](#)

[FEI Officials Website](#)

[Myler Combination Bit Advice](#)

Upcoming Events

6 to 9 Sept - FEI Level 2 Judges Course, SWE - [click here for info](#)

9 to 11 Oct 13 - FEI Level 1 Stewards Course - [click here for info](#)

12 to 14 Oct 13 - FEI Level 2 Stewards Course - [click here for info](#)

25 to 30 Oct 13 - FEI Level 2 Course Designers Course - [info](#)

Nov 13 - Level 3 (2*) Judges Assessment Days - TBC

Nov 13 - Judges Exams - TBC

Nov 13 - Course Designers Exams - TBC

Hat Cameras

Over the last few months, a few competitors have been in touch with regards to wearing Hat Cameras to record their jumping from a Riders point of view. This has also resulted in Judges ringing us to confirm if they are allowed to wear these whilst competing.

Riders are allowed to wear Hat Cameras whilst competing, however prior to doing so, they must have submitted a request in writing to British Showjumping explaining which shows and classes they plan on wearing the camera for, along with notifying British Showjumping of what they plan to do with the footage once completed. Once British Showjumping are satisfied with this, written consent will be given to the rider concerned, which they should present to the Judges prior to the class starting.

Whilst there are many different types and manufacturers of Hat Cameras on sale, Judges are reminded that, if a rider is granted permission to wear a Hat Camera, it must not be placed in a dangerous position or affect the Health & Safety of either Rider or Horse.

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