

Officials Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the Officials Newsletter, a publication designed to keep the Officials up to date with important notifications, Rule Changes and information to help you in your roles.

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.

Para Riders

As a result of British Showjumping developing a Para Rider pathway, Para Riders are now competing in National Classes alongside able bodied competitors competing under the same Rules & Regulations. During classification, Para Riders are sometimes allowed to compete with Compensating Aids.

Officials are asked to allow the competitors to compete with these aids, however Judges can request to see the Compensating Aids Certificate issued by BS, RDA or FEI to ensure eligibility.

Further info regarding Para Riders can be seen by [clicking here](#).

Louise Gallagher

Following a recent Disciplinary Panel Hearing between British Showjumping and Louise Gallagher, the Disciplinary Panel have suspended Louise Gallagher from all rights and privileges of membership for a period of 5 years.

As a suspended member, Louise Gallagher will not be permitted to act in any capacity with a British Showjumping registered member, horse or pony at a British Showjumping Affiliated Show during the suspension period.

A press release regarding this matter can be found [here](#).

Completion of Judging and Results Sheets

Due to the recent change in the way British Showjumping grade results, it is now really important Judging & Results Sheets are fully completed. Information we require as part of the grading process include: -

- Show Name, Venue Name, Date of Show, Officials Details (inc Names & Membership Numbers)
- Speed of competition, Table competition is run under, Start & Finish Time of each class
- Distance, Time Allowed and Time Limit (for each individual phase of competition)
- Times a competitor takes to complete each phase of a Single Phase & Two Phase competition

Without any part of the information above, we are unable to grade the results, resulting in the Shows Department having to contact the judges concerned for this information. This is very time consuming for all concerned and delays in the results being posted on the members records. It is very important Judging & Results Sheets are completed fully.

Over the next few weeks, British Showjumping will be updating the previously issued [Best Practice Guidance](#) on how to complete Judging & Results Sheets. This will be available for all Judges to download via the [Resources Section](#) of the Officials Mini-Website, however an email advising this has been uploaded will also be sent to all Officials.

Practice Arena

Course Designers are reminded that the obstacles in the Practice Arena are their responsibility and that they should comply with our rules and regulations.

Competitors have recently started to remove, add or adjust equipment to suit their needs whilst warming up a horse. This has included pointing the wings rearwards not allowing the pole to fall to the ground naturally if hit.

Can all Course Designers please ensure they regularly visit the Practice Arena to ensure obstacles are complying with our Rules?

Single & Two Phase Classes

Course Designers and Judges are reminded that in competitions run under Single and Two Phase rules, the height of the obstacles in the second section of the course must be set higher than the those jumped in the first section of the course.

This is as per Rule 286 and 287.

Course Designers are asked to build the course as per the Course Specification Table and the Rules for the Competition.

Judges are asked to ensure that they confirm the heights of the course when completing their course walk prior to the class start.

National Amateur Series - Single Phase Classes

Over the past few weeks, it has come to light that a few classes in the National Amateur Series have not run as per our Rules & Regulations.

As of the 1st of January 2014, the qualification criteria was amended for 1st Round classes that are run under the Single Phase ruling. This is shown in the 2014 Members Handbook under rules 318, 320 & 322. These amendments are show in [Blue Text](#).

To clarify this rule amendment, if a show schedules one of the National Amateur Series 1st Round classes under the Single Phase rule, all competitors must jump clear over the whole course to qualify for the 2nd Rounds. All other criteria remain the same.

Before Officiating one of these classes, Officials are asked to review the rules prior to show starting.

Links

[British Showjumping Website](#) [Myler Combination Bit Advice](#)

[Members Online](#) [Members Handbook](#)

[FEI Officials Website](#) [Rule Amendments](#)

[Officials Contact Details](#) [Boot Rule](#)

[Officials Training Diary](#) [Disciplinary Flow Charts](#)

Regional Official Mentors

British Showjumping would like to announce the recent appointment of Tracey Barraclough as the new Regional Official Mentors for Course Designers in the Northern Region.

Tracey is a Level 4 (Median) Course Designer and is keen to help recruit, retain and develop the Course Designer workforce, not only in the Northern region, but Nationally.

Tracey is an excellent addition to the Regional Official Mentor team and can be contacted on details [listed here](#).

Further info about the Regional Official Mentors can be found by [clicking here](#).

Rule Corner - Rule 101.9 - Spurs

At a recent British Eventing event, a set of Spurs known as 'Cheesegraters' were worn by a competitor. A picture of these Spurs can be seen by [clicking here](#).

These spurs were seen by a British Showjumping Course Designer and subsequently removed by the competitor.

The serrations on these Spurs are quite difficult to see when worn by a competitor as they are on the inside of the heel, however we can confirm that these are not permitted and should not be worn by a competitor at a British Showjumping Affiliated Show. If spotted, Officials are asked to report the competitor concerned to British Showjumping.

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