

2025 Members Handbook Amendments

The following current amendments/corrections have been made to the 2025 Members Handbook since its publication in December 2024:

The 2025 British Showjumping Members Handbook is available to view [here](#) or via the Membership Section of the British Showjumping [website](#). Rules that have been amended since the 2025 edition was produced in December 2024 can be found below, along with any corrections.

Rule amendments:

All amendments are effective immediately unless otherwise stated.

Date 21-10-2025

- **Rule 42 - Registration for British Showjumping Competitions**

*The wording to point 4 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in **red**):*

Ponies that have been measured out at 128cm, 138cm or 148cm **in accordance with Rule 45 or** by the FEI can only be registered and compete in National classes, including specific Home Pony competitions, appropriate for their new recorded height. Additionally, ponies whose Height Certificate has been invalidated cannot be registered under the temporary registration category.

- **Rule 45 - Measurement**

The rule wording has been updated as follows:

- 1a** Ponies may be presented for British Showjumping National Pony Measuring either with or without shoes. If presenting with front shoes then they must be a minimum of 5mm at both heels, either side of the toe clip or mid-point of the front of the shoe. Ponies must be

- presented for measuring in a fit to compete condition with hooves trimmed or well shod.
- 1b British Showjumping National Pony Measuring measures will have two vets present, each of whom will measure the pony with the lowest agreed height being the height recorded.
- 1c The cost of measuring under British Showjumping National Pony Measuring is £125
- 1d British Showjumping will allow one re-measurement. Any re-measurement request must be received within 28 days of the initial measurement and the pony must be presented for re-measurement within 6 months of the initial measurement date. If a re-measurement cannot take place at another scheduled measuring session a date for re-measurement will be agreed at the British Showjumping National Training Centre and will incur a cost of £1,000 per pony.
- 1e All ponies must be free of any substances included on the FEI Prohibited Substances List and samples may be taken during measuring sessions under either the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules, or the BEF Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules. Any pony shall be considered as being "In-Competition" from the time of its arrival at the Pony Measurement Station until its departure from the Pony Measurement Station following completion of the Pony Measurement process (including all related paperwork) and BEFAR testing (where applicable).
- 1f Any horse/pony which has a positive BEFAR test will have the measurement obtained on that date removed. This measure will still count as having taken place.
- 2a British Showjumping will accept a valid Joint Measurement Board height certificate (annual and life height) that was booked prior to 17.00hrs on 5th January 2024.
- 2b FEI height certificates will be accepted for ponies registered in the 148cm category. Ponies in the 128 or 138cm category who have obtained an FEI height certificate must present and obtain a British Showjumping height certificate by 31st May 2026 (there will be no

charge levied for this measurement).

- 2c If a Pony measures in and is 8 years old or older it will receive a Lifetime Measuring Certificate. If a Pony measures in and is under 8 years old it will receive an Interim Measuring Certificate, which is valid for 15 months.
- 2d British Showjumping 148cm measures are aligned with the FEI measures, and an animal which exceeds 148.9cm without shoes or 149.9cm with shoes cannot be accepted for registration as a pony.
- 2e The maximum heights accepted for 128/138 ponies measuring:
 - 1 without shoes will be 128cm or 138cm; and
 - 2 with shoes will be 128.9cm or 138.9cm.
- 3 An animal that does not exceed 148.9cm without shoes or 149.9cm with shoes may be registered or re-registered in either the pony or the horse category as appropriate to its total winnings. It must then compete in Junior or Adult competitions as appropriate throughout the rest of the calendar year for which it has been so registered. An animal can only change category once in each calendar year.
- 4 Ponies below 142cm are not permitted to compete in senior competitions (except club). Ponies of 142cm and above will only be permitted to compete in Senior competitions if registered as a horse and ridden by an Associate or Senior Member. Riders that are eligible for Junior competitions are not permitted to jump ponies in senior classes.
- 5 An animal that changes from a pony grade to a horse grade or vice versa under rule 45.3 thereby forfeits all qualifications for further competitions obtained prior to the change other than its total winnings. A pony that re-registers as a pony after being registered as a horse must provide a current valid British Showjumping height certificate or a valid FEI measuring certificate.
- 6 When a pony's points first exceed 300 the owner will be notified allowing 12 months to gain a valid measurement in accordance with this Rule 45. From 1 October 2025, all, ponies competing at the

below Championships must have a valid eight measurement in accordance with this Rule 45 or a valid FEI measuring certificate before entering: These include British Showjumping National Championships, the Royal International Horse Show, Horse of the Year Show, Blue Chip, Scope, Home Pony specific competitions, Royal Highland, Pony of the Year specific classes, The London International Horse Show and Bolesworth. (For the above Championships British Showjumping may stipulate specific classes that Rule 45.7 applies to. These classes will be identified on the British Showjumping schedule).

- 7 British Showjumping reserves the right to request ponies that don't hold a valid British Showjumping or FEI measuring certificate to attend a British Showjumping measuring session. Failure to attend will result in suspension of the pony.
- 8 For the purpose of registration and competition under British Showjumping Rules, measurements are to be in metric.
- 9 The height of an animal as first registered will only be altered for registration purposes following a measurement or remeasurement under this rule or holds a valid FEI measuring certificate.
- 9a All ponies competing in international competitions under FEI rules must hold an FEI international horse passport and an FEI measuring certificate. A pony measured out by the FEI will automatically be suspended by British Showjumping pending another valid measurement being provided. If a pony is measured out by FEI it is the owner's responsibility to notify British Showjumping within 24 hours.
- 9b Subject to Rule 45.2b , we accept an FEI Lifetime measuring certificate. If a pony has an interim FEI measuring certificate this will be accepted for the duration of the interim certificate.
- 10 The cost of any FEI re-measurement to be borne by the owners of the animals.

- **Rule 64 - Grading of Imported Horses and Ponies**

The rule wording has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

- 1 Horses imported from abroad will be graded according to their actual winnings (currency or points) or as decided by British Showjumping taking into account the number of starts and the height levels at which the horse has competed abroad, provided such horses are registered with British Showjumping under the same name as they were registered abroad and the appropriate papers are produced at the time of registration to confirm their identity (see Rule 41.2). If a horse/pony competes abroad in any competition other than an FEI competition, the points will be graded as an imported horse/pony. If a horse competes abroad and subsequently measures in as a pony **in accordance with Rule 45**, any results recorded as a horse will be graded to the relevant pony grade based on the heights and successes recorded. It is the member's responsibility to notify British Showjumping of any overseas records for their horse/pony.

- **Rule 198 - Objections**

Point 12 - Height Objections, has been removed in its entirety & also point 14.

~~12- Height Objections~~

~~*When an objection is made against the height of an animal that has a valid British Showjumping National Pony Measuring measurement certificate issued by the Joint Measurement Board Ltd in accordance with Rule 45, no objection on the grounds of the height of the animal alone is permissible. The Rules of the scheme require the following procedure to be carried out by the objector.*~~

~~*When an objection is made under Rule 42.1(i), against an animal the objector must inform The Joint Measurement Board Limited, P.O. Box 322, Horley, Surrey, RH6 0WS of the objection by first class letter within 21 days of the Class. Details of the animal's name, the class and show involved and the name and address of its owner*~~

~~must be included together with the fee (JMB Rule 26.4 refers). The identity of the objector will not be disclosed. No longer applicable.~~

~~When an objection is made against the height of an animal which does not have a measurement certificate issued by the Joint Measurement Board Ltd in accordance with Rule 45, the procedure laid down by the Show Organising Committee for objections is to be followed. No longer applicable.~~

- 13 Representations to the Judge may only be made by Members of British Showjumping. A Member who wishes to make a representation must not interrupt or distract the attention of the Judge and must wait until the Judge signifies that he/she is ready to hear the representation.

~~14 The cost of any FEI re-measurement to be borne by the owners of the animals.~~

Date 09-07-2025

- **Rule 101.3 - Dress**

The wording to point 3 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

Hats: Protective headgear, must be worn at all times when mounted by anyone, whether or not a Competitor, which complies to the below standards at any British Showjumping competition or activity. Harnesses must be properly adjusted and fastened at all times when mounted.

British - EN1384 2023, PAS 015 (2011), VG1 - Provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC marked.

European - VG1 - Provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC marked.

American - All SEI ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023 and SNELL E2016 and E2021.

Australian and New Zealand - AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards plus SAI mark.

- **Rule 42.5 - Registration for British Showjumping Competitions**

The wording to point 5 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

Equine Influenza Vaccination Schedule:

With effect from 1 January 2024 as a minimum, unless covered by one of the exceptions below, all horses and ponies attending a British Showjumping activity must be vaccinated as follows:

Initial primary course of two vaccinations (V1 and V2) must be given

The second vaccination (V2) must be administered within 21-60 days of the first initial vaccination (V1)

Horses may attend a **BS competition/ activity** 7 full days after receiving the second vaccination of the primary course (V2)

A first booster vaccination (V3) must be administered within **6 months and 21** days of the administration of the second vaccination of the primary course.

Thereafter booster vaccinations must be administered at a maximum of 12 month intervals.

Date 17-06-2025

- **Rule 102.3 - Saddlery and Equipment**

The wording to point 3 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

The only martingales permitted are standing and/or running martingales, **Irish or bib martingales, which can include elastic inserts. Standing martingales must be attached to a flat leather surface cavesson noseband that is at least 2cm wide. If more than one martingale is being used, the martingales must be independent of each other and not be joined in any way. Only permitted martingales may be used anywhere on the show site.**

Date 29-05-2025

- **Rule 102.16.9 - Saddlery and Equipment**

The wording to point 16.9 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

Fetlock rings may be used in addition or independently for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams. ~~Pastern bands may not be used.~~

Date 11-04-2025

- **Rule 290.16 - Qualifiers**

The wording to point 16 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

Clear Round jumping classes will not be permitted **in the arena on the day that it is being used to host** any Second Round or Direct Qualifier for HOYS, RIHS & BSNC (Seniors only).

Date 21-01-2025

Date of commencement - 01/04/2025

- **Rule 67**

Winter Bronze League

The wording to point 1 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

The Bronze Leagues are regional league tables consisting of points awarded to National Members competing in all National classes with first rounds heights between *85cm-1.15m* (five results** at 1.15m or one result** at 1.20m and above will move the combination into the Silver League). Result based points are awarded on a horse/rider combination basis. Points will be allocated dependent on the rider's registered address and will move with the rider upon an address change. The top 15 horse/rider combinations on each of the Regional Bronze Leagues from 1st April-

30th June will be invited to contest a Semi Final with the chance to qualify for a Bronze League Championship Final at Horse of the Year show.

~~*Only 85cm National Amateur First Rounds award points at 85cm in the Bronze League.~~

**A result is defined as a double clear or a placing with prize money.

Summer Bronze League

The wording to point 1 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

The Bronze Leagues are regional league tables consisting of points awarded to National Members competing in all National classes with first rounds heights between *85cm-1.15m* (five results** at 1.15m or one result** at 1.20m and above will move the combination into the Silver League). Result based points are awarded on a horse/rider combination basis. Points will be allocated dependent on the rider's registered address and will move with the rider upon an address change. The top 15 horse/rider combinations on each of the Regional Bronze Leagues from 1st April-30th June will be invited to contest a Semi Final with the chance to qualify for a Bronze League Championship Final at Horse of the Year show.

~~*Only 85cm National Amateur First Rounds award points at 85cm in the Bronze League.~~

**A result is defined as a double clear or a placing with prize money.

Date 21-01-2025

- **Rule 516.1 - Winter 128cm/138cm Handicap Special – Qualifier**

The wording to point 1 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

Entry qualifications: For registered ponies not exceeding 138cm ridden by Junior Members (ages in accordance with Rules 77.12 and 77.13). Junior riders are not eligible to compete in this qualifier before the calendar year in which their 8th birthday is reached. **Pony/rider combinations that have competed at, or have 'ever' qualified for RIHS or HOYS on any height pony are no longer eligible to qualify for the final** (pony/rider combinations that qualify can still compete in the final should they subsequently qualify for RIHS or HOYS.)

Date 01-01-2025

- **Rule 33.17 - Caller Dispensation (Club & Just fort Schools)**

The new point 17 has been included as follows:

It has been agreed to allow members to have a caller at Club and Just for Schools competitions/ classes if the athlete dispensation panel have granted dispensation that this member has sufficient medical needs to permit the use of a caller in competition. The caller will stand with the course designer in the arena, and they would only be able to give directions to the rider, no other guidance or instructions will be allowed.

Corrections:

- **Rule 102 15.8 - Saddlery & Equipment**

Point 15.8 has been removed as a duplicate of point 15.5

Hind boots for classes under this rule that have an extra flap for protection should be allowed providing the flap is soft and clearly intended for protection only.

- **Page 9 - Regional Organisation**

Include Scottish Area numbers and reorder numerically as follows:

Scotland

- Highlands and Islands (1)
- Lanarkshire and Glasgow (2)
- South East Scotland (4)
- South West Scotland (6)
- Central Scotland (7)
- Fife and Angus (8)
- Argyll and Bute (9)
- North East Scotland (10)