

## 2024 Members Handbook Amendments

The following current amendments/corrections have been made to the 2024 Members Handbook since its publication in November 2023:

The 2024 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 2024 edition was produced in November 2023 can be found below, along with any corrections.

### Rule amendments:

*All amendments are effective immediately unless otherwise stated.*

#### Date 27-02-2024

- **34.6.7 Announcer/BS Commentator**

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

- 1 *Where commentators are appointed to speak at an event to enhance the experience of the competitors, spectators and viewers, they must be a **current** British Showjumping Commentator **and must be listed in the schedule**. **Appointed BS Commentators** may not form part of the judging team required within rules 34.6.2.2 & 34.6.2.4*

#### Date 07-02-2024

- **Rule 77.3.7 Eligibility**

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

- 7 *A horse or pony may not compete 'Hors Concours' or on a 'Ticket to Ride' in Second Round competitions, Regional or Semi Finals or Direct Qualifiers or HOYS, RIHS, Blue Chip **Finals** and BSNC.*

Date 30-01-2024

- **Rule 41 Eligibility to Register a Horse or Pony**

*The new point 8 has been included as follows (changes are marked in red):*

- 8 *Stallions must be fully registered in compliance with rule 41 & 42 to jump in Clear rounds at affiliated events*

Date 23-01-2024

- **Rule 88.4 Equine Suspension**

*The new rule has been included as follows (changes are marked in red):*

**88.4 Equine Suspension**

- 1 *The Chief Executive may, following receipt of a notice of concern and/or at any point prior to the determination of a complaint, suspend the registration of a horse or pony from any part or parts of the rights or benefits of registration if they reasonably believe that:*

*It is necessary on the grounds of equine welfare.*

1. *A "Fit to Compete" (FTC) Certificate from a registered Veterinarian is required to ascertain the health and wellbeing of a horse or pony and its suitability to compete.*
  2. *It is necessary for the protection of other members, including the owner or rider.*
  3. *In the sole discretion of the Chief Executive, the reputation of British Showjumping could be harmed if the horse/pony continued to compete or attend affiliated events.*
- 2 *Suspension under this Rule, while a serious matter, is not a disciplinary sanction and should not therefore be viewed as a sign of guilt. The investigation and determination of any complaint shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable, following notification of the suspension having been given to the member concerned.*
  - 3 *Disclosure of suspension under Rule 88.4 will be made only by the Chief Executive as he/she deems appropriate. A record will be maintained of*

*those informed of the suspension.*

- 4 A suspension under this rule must be for a defined period. Time scales and or actions required will be detailed to the registered owner of the horse or pony.*
- 5 If a horse/pony is suspended under this rule for a period that extends beyond their annual registration renewal date, their registration shall lapse. Any application which is made for renewal of registration will only be effective, if granted, from the end of the period of suspension. Notwithstanding any such lapse of membership or suspension; any disciplinary action may be taken against, and any disciplinary or appeals process may be commenced or continued in respect of, the horse/pony in question.*
- 6 A horse/pony that is suspended from British Showjumping under this rule is, unless otherwise stipulated by the Chief Executive, suspended from all rights and privileges of registration, and must not attend, jump, or compete at any British Showjumping affiliated show or activity.*
- 7 Any matters in connection with the suspended horse or pony will be dealt with through the registered owner. It is the sole responsibility of the registered owner to ensure that arrangements involving the suspended horse/pony are fully compliant with the above rule. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.*

### **Corrections:**

- **Royal Highland Show Grade B and C Championship Qualifier**  
*The wording has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):*  
  
To be eligible for qualification, combinations must jump clear in the first round.
- **Royal Highland Show Young Masters Championship Qualifier**  
*The wording has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):*  
  
Qualifying riders will be taken from designated 1.30m Open Championship (Table A10 classes or Scottish Branch Championship classes 1.30 –Table A10 classes).

- **Royal Highland Show Classic Championship Qualifier**

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

First **four** horse/rider combinations will qualify, disregarding those already qualified for the final at the RHS 2024. Qualifiers must jump clear in the first round. Entries will be limited in the final to a maximum of two horses per rider and to those riders not competing in any open class of 1.40m and above.

- **Royal Highland Show Novice Championship Qualifier**

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

For registered horses in Grade C not to have won a total of 700 points, to be ridden by Adult, Associate or Junior Members. First four horses will qualify, disregarding those already qualified for the final at the RHS 2024. To be eligible for qualification, **combinations must jump clear** in the first round. Entries in the final will be limited to a maximum of three horses per rider.

- **Royal Highland Show JD/JC Championship Qualifier**

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

Open to registered ponies exceeding **138cms and not exceeding 148cm** in Grades JD/JC to be ridden by Junior Members. Course to include one double and one treble combination at a height of 1.05m. First three pony/rider combinations will qualify, disregarding those already qualified for the final at the RHS 2024. Qualifiers must jump clear in the first round. Entries will be limited in the final to a maximum of two ponies per rider.

- **Rule 512 Winter/Summer 138cm First Round Competition**

*The wording to point 2 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):*

2      *Table: A7, Single or Two Phase.*

- **Rule 514 Winter/Summer 128cm First Round Competition**

*The wording to point 2 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):*

2      *Table: A7, Single or Two Phase.*

Date 11-07-2024

- **Rule 97.2 Prohibited Supportive Therapies at British Showjumping Shows and Training activities.**

*The new rule has been included as follows (changes are marked in red):*

**Rule 97.2 Prohibited Supportive Therapies at British Showjumping Shows and Training activities.**

1. The use of Class IV lasers is prohibited.
2. The use of electroacupuncture and moxibustion is prohibited.
3. Cryotherapy and shock wave therapy (i.e. extra-corporal shockwave, ESWT) are prohibited and in the 5 days prior to the Events.
4. Kinesiology taping is only permitted in the stables area. Its use outside the stables area is prohibited.