

CC: COMBINED CHALLENGE

Combined Challenge is a test of the ability and timing of a horse and rider to negotiate a show jumping course followed by an arena cross-country course. BRC run Combined Challenge competitions as follows:

- **70 Junior Combined Challenge**, for teams and individuals
- **70 Senior Combined Challenge**, for teams and individuals
- **80 Junior Combined Challenge**, for teams and individuals
- **80 Senior Combined Challenge**, for teams and individuals
- **90 Combined Challenge**, a mixed class (seniors and/or juniors) for teams and individuals
- **100 Combined Challenge**, a mixed class (seniors and/or juniors) for teams and individuals

Teams may only be mixed seniors and juniors in the 90cm and 100cm, and numbers to qualify can be found in Appendix 8.

CC1.1: COMPETITION RULES

CC1.1.1: Show Jumping

The show jumping part of the combined challenge competition will be run under the show jumping rules set out in section SJ1 unless superseded in this section.

CC1.1.2: Cross-Country

The cross-country part of the combined challenge competition will be run under the horse trials rules set out in section HT unless superseded in this section.

CC1.2: ELIGIBILITY

CC1.2.1: ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES

See G6.1

Class/ Level	Rider Eligibility	Horse Eligibility
70	(c)	Horses may not have completed a BE90 / BRC HT, CC or AE 90 or above in the previous 12 months. Horses may not have completed a BE 3* or above in the previous 3 years.
80	(c)	Horses may not have completed a BE100 / BRC HT, CC or AE 100 or above in the previous 12 months. Horses may not have completed a BE 3* or above in the previous 3 years.
90	(c)	Horses may not have completed a BE Novice or above in the previous 12 months.
100	(c)	

- **(c) Riders not to have completed under FEI Rules in the relevant discipline in the last 5 calendar years. For Eventing restrictions at 70cm – 90cm applies to 3* and above only and for 100cm applies to 4* and above only.**
- **Horses may only compete at two consecutive heights**
- **Horses may only compete twice in CC. Horses may compete in teams at each height or as an individual.**
- **No horse may compete twice in the same team or in more than one team in the same class.**
- **No horse may compete in the same class twice**

- **Where a senior and junior are sharing a horse, the horse may only still compete twice total in a competition and must be at the same height or consecutive heights. For example a senior could compete in the Senior 80 CC as part of a team or individually, and the junior could compete in the Junior 80 CC as part of a team or individually.**
- **A horse may be shared by two seniors or two juniors but may not ride the same height as they would be in the same class.**

CC1.3: SADDLERY, TACK AND DRESS

Full details are in CR Appendices 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D.

CC1.4: THE COURSE

Consists of minimum 6 show jumping obstacles followed by a minimum of 6 cross-country jumping efforts.

CC1.4.1: Heights

Full details are in CR Appendix 6 and will follow Arena Eventing dimensions at the relevant height.

CC1.4.2: Plan

A plan of the entire course shall be displayed. It must include:

- The course to be followed and its length
- Both SJ and cross-country fences
- The numbering of the fences
- Any compulsory turning points
- Fences with alternatives
- Optimum time for XC section and time allowed for SJ section

CC1.4.3: Inspection of the Course

See SJ1.5 and HT1.5.4

CC1.4.4: Marking the Course

See HT1.5.5

CC1.4.5: Modifications to the Course

See HT1.5.6

CC1.4.7: Fences

Show Jumping:

The show jumping course will consist of a minimum of 6 show jumps, including at least one double, and include a proportion with fillers (brushes, walls etc) be built to BS standards, have safety cups, to FEI standard on the back and centre of spread fences including practice fences. Black flag alternatives may be used, offset doubles may be used.

Cross-country:

The Cross-Country course:

- Will consist of a minimum of 6 jumping efforts
- Will be strongly built with a good ground line and should look imposing
- Will have all fences flagged and numbered
- Will be fixed in accordance with BE guidelines and should be correct for the relevant levels
- Will have any fence at which a horse, in falling, is liable to be trapped or to injure itself, secured by cord in such a way that parts of the fence can be quickly dismantled and rebuilt exactly as before.

CC1.4.8: Measurement of Fences

See CR Appendix 6

CC1.4.9: Dimensions of Fences:

See CR Appendix 6

CC1.5: METHOD OF STARTING

Competitors must start from within a simple enclosure which must be erected at the start, measuring approximately 5m square, with an open front marked with a red and white flag. Alternatively, a similar sized enclosure may be used with an open front and a gap of approximately 2m in one or both sides from which horses will enter, provided that the sides of the side opening are padded or otherwise constructed to ensure that neither horse or rider entering through the side can be injured.

The judges will sound the bell and competitors will then have 60 seconds to commence onto the course from the start box and through the timing equipment.

Cantering through a side entrance into start box may be considered inappropriate or dangerous riding and, as such, may be eliminated at the discretion of the Official Steward.

CC1.6: SCORING**CC 1.6.1: Penalties**

	Show Jump	Cross-Country
First disobedience	4 penalties	10 penalties
Second disobedience on whole course	4 penalties	20 penalties**
Second disobedience at same fence	8 penalties	20 penalties
Third disobedience	Elimination	Elimination
Knock down of obstacle	4 penalties	5 penalties (where top pole is used)
Fall of horse	Elimination	Elimination
Fall of rider	Elimination	Elimination
Every commenced period of 1 second of the time allowed (SJ)	0.4 penalties	N/A
Every commenced period of 1 second in excess of 5 seconds under the optimum time (XC)	N/A	0.4 penalties
Every commenced period of 1 second in excess of 5 seconds over the optimum time (XC)	N/A	0.4 penalties
Exceeding time limit	Elimination	Elimination
Error of course	Elimination	Elimination
Retaking obstacle already jumped	Elimination	Elimination

****The Show Jumping and Cross-Country phases are timed and scored separately, therefore "second disobedience on whole course" relates to per phase.**

CC1.6.2: Time

Show Jumping Phase: The Time allowed will be based on a speed of 340mpm. (except for the 70cm where the speed is 300mpm) Every commenced period of 1 second in excess of time allowed will be penalised by 0.4 time penalties.

Cross-country Phase:

For competitions running in a small arena the Optimum Time will be based on a speed of 340mpm (Challenge 70), 350mpm (Challenge 80), 360mpm (Challenge 90), 375mpm (Challenge

100). For competitions running in a big arena the optimum time will be based on a speed of 375mpm for all heights. Competitions running using the old format (i.e. using a cross country course) the optimum time will be based on HT speeds (Challenge 80, 90, 100) and 400mpm for Challenge 70. Organisers in accordance with the Official Steward will decide on which speeds to use, which must be in the schedule or communicated to all competitors.

Timing display boards must not be used.

CC1.6.3: Definition of Faults

See SJ1.11 and HT1.8.3

CC1.6.4: Dislodged Fences

Where a fence is dislodged as per SJ1.11.9 and SJ1.11.10 for the SJ section and also the cross-country section where knock down fences are used, a 6 second time penalty will be given as well as the refusal penalty.

CC1.6.4: Double, Treble or Multiple Fences

See HT1.8.4

CC1.6.5: Elimination & Retiring

Mandatory retirement in excess of 24 jumping penalties in the SJ phase or 45 jumping penalties in the XC phase. For other rules See SJ1.11.2 and HT1.8.5

CC1.7: COMPETITOR IN DIFFICULTY

See HT1.9

CC1.8: OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

See SJ1.10.15 and HT1.10

CC1.9: OVERTAKING

See HT1.11

CC1.10: TIME KEEPING

The entire competition will be timed. The show jumping and cross-country phases will be separately timed. Manual time is counted in whole seconds, fractions being taken to the next second (i.e. 30.4 seconds is recorded as 31 seconds). Automatic time is counted to fractions of a second.

CC1.11: SCORING

CC1.11.1: Total Score

The total score is obtained by adding together show jumping and cross-country penalties.

CC1.11.2: Individuals

The individual with the lowest total score will win.

CC1.11.3: Teams

The team total is obtained by adding together the three lowest individual penalty scores per team.

For the purposes of the final team classification only, a team member who fails for any reason to complete the competition will be awarded 500 penalty points. Withdrawals will remain as W/D.

CC1.11.4 Ties

If there is equality the total marks for all the riders in the tying teams will be considered in the following order:

- Fastest show jumping times

- nearest to cross-country optimum time (if still equal preference will be given to the nearest OVER the time allowed).

In the event of a tie for any place in an individual competition, the riders will be placed by considering their marks in the following order:

- fastest show jumping times
- nearest to cross-country optimum time (if still equal preference will be given to the nearest OVER the time allowed).

CC1.12: AWARDS

See Appendix 8.