

S1: Showing classes at the festival of the horse

The following showing classes are held at the FOTH Championships: ***In The Pink Veteran Horse and Pony***, Novice Working Hunter, Open Working Hunter, Working Hunter Pony, Working Cob, Working Hunter Mountain and Moorland, Novice Ridden Hunter, Open Ridden Hunter, Ridden Show Hunter Pony, Ridden Mountain Moorland, Riding Horse, Riding Club Horse, Ridden Coloured, Ridden Cob and the Retrained Racehorse.

S1.1: ELIGIBILITY

Riders must be BRC members. Horses entering the showing classes at the FOTH must not have competed in Open Showing Classes at HOYS or RIHS at any time during the two full years prior to the FOTH. Excluding S1.16.

S1.2: ENTRIES

Entry forms for all classes are available on the BRC website. Entries should be made direct to the BRC competitions department via club secretaries. Payment must accompany the entry. A ballot may be made from each Area's entries. Only one entry will be accepted from any horse and rider combination per class.

S1.3: AWARDS

See Appendix 10.

S1.4: DRESS, SADDLERY & TACK

S1.4.1 Dress

See Appendix 4

All grooms must be appropriately dressed when in the Show Ring.

S1.4.2 Tack

See Appendix 5

Running martingales and any noseband may be worn but the judge will assess their effectiveness. Ponies/horses may wear plain colour boots in the jumping phase of working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes only. No change of tack will be allowed except when the rider is riding side saddle and the judge requires a change in order that they can ride.

S1.5: SOUNDNESS

If in the opinion of the judge the horse or pony is unsound the competitor shall be given the opportunity of withdrawing the horse or pony or asking for a Veterinary Surgeon to examine the horse or pony. If no Veterinary Surgeon is available the judge's decision will be final.

S1.6: JUDGING

- Once a judge has commenced judging a class, no horse/pony or rider may leave the ring without the judge's permission
- No change of rider is permitted
- Riders who appear late, missing the walk round, will be excluded from the class, riders will not be allowed to enter the ring after the horses have commenced trot
- If a judge considers a horse/pony ill mannered, unsound or unsuitable, they may ask the rider to retire and leave the ring
- Judges are expected to ride as many horses/ponies as time allows (where applicable)
- A fall of horse, pony or rider in any class will result in elimination and the rider MUST leave the ring on foot
- In the event of a judge falling from a horse it is at the judge's discretion as to whether

they are fit to continue to judge. If the judge is capable of continuing but not riding then all entrants in the class must give an individual show (including any pony/horse already ridden by the judge)

- In all classes the rider must complete all phases, including the In-Hand section, unless the rider has dispensation from the BRC competitions department
- Dispensation letters will only be granted to riders with a doctor's letter
- Judges will take into account the severity of the bit, running martingales and nosebands
- The judge's decision is final

S1.7: WORKING HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

S1.7.1: Working Hunter Pony

Open to ponies 15hh and under that are capable of carrying a rider safely when out hunting or in similar circumstances. Ponies must not have won more than £400 in BS winnings. The natural balance of a working hunter is most important. Well-earned minor blemishes will not be marked down. Seniors may enter on ponies/horses between 14hh and 15hh. Maximum height of fences will be 85cm. Judges will be chosen from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

S1.7.2: Working Hunter Mountain and Moorland

To be judged in the same way as Working Hunter Pony. Judges will be selected from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

S1.7.2.1: Novice Working Hunter Horse

Open to horses over 15hh that are capable of carrying a rider safely whilst out hunting. Horses must not have won more than £200 in total in any Working Hunter Class, no more than £200 in BS winnings or more than 25 BE points. The natural balance of a working hunter is of most importance. Maximum height of fences is 90cm, the course will be inviting and built to encourage the novice horse. Judges will be selected from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

S1.7.2.2 Open Working Hunter Horse

As S1.7.2.1. Must not have won over £400 in total in any Working Hunter Class, no more than £400 in BS winnings or more than 45 BE points. Maximum height of fences is 1m. Judges will be selected from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

S1.7.3: Working Cob

Open to cobs exceeding 14hh but not exceeding 15.1hh that are capable of carrying a substantial weight for a full day's hunting or a similar circumstance. It is a type rather than a breed. The cob should be short legged. It should have bone and substance with quality. They should be well mannered and ideal for nervous or elderly riders, have all the attributes of a good hunter; low movement and a comfortable ride. ***Maximum height of fences 85cm.*** Judges will be chosen from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

S1.7.4: The Course

At least eight but no more than twelve fences with changes of direction must be set in a ring large enough to permit jumping fluently at a fair hunting pace. Fences should be rustic or as natural as possible, not easily dislodged, of solid appearance well fitted and with shrubs as or on the wings. The course must be available for the judge to inspect well in advance of the class time.

A combination should normally be included either as a straight double or an enclosed box with a change of direction. When building the double it is strongly recommended that either both elements are uprights or a spread to an upright. Straight double distances, measured from the back of the first element to the front of the second element, should be as per BS guidelines.

Suitable fences include the following:

Uprights: rustic rails, rustic rails over a water trough, gate (white or rustic), stile, rustic planks, rail over a tiger trap, bullfinch (with spare filling)

Spreads: single oxer (brush with rail behind), double oxer (parallel rails with brush in centre), wall with rail behind, rustic triple rails, open ditch (imitation ditch filled with material of a different colour to the ground, guarded by a sleeper).

The size of the fences should conform to the following:

	Heights		Spreads	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
Pony	75cm	85cm	85cm	90cm
Cob	75cm	85cm	85cm	90cm
Novice Horse	75cm	90cm	80cm	110cm
Open Horse	85cm	1m	90cm	120cm

Courses must be built within the foregoing standards according to the conditions of the ring. Not all fences should be a maximum height. All poles must be on round cups with planks and gates on flat cups. Safety cups, to FEI standard, must be used on the back and centre of spread fences.

S1.7.5: Judging

To be judged 60% for jumping (40% for jumping accuracy and 20% for style and presence over the jumps); 20% for ride/show and 20% for conformation. Once finalised the marks must not be altered.

The jumping phases should be judged first, followed by the Ride/Show and Conformation phases.

On completion of the jumping phase, all ponies/horses with clear rounds should return to the ring – along with any others the judge has requested.

Judges should be satisfied that that the course and fences are in keeping with BRC rules.

In WHP the gallop will be carried out individually, preferably at the end of the individual show, providing that there is sufficient room.

Faults will be awarded as follows:

Fence knocked down.....	10 faults
1 st refusal.....	15 faults
2 nd refusal.....	20 faults
3 rd refusal.....	Elimination
Fall of pony/horse or rider.....	Elimination
Jumping an incorrect fence.....	Elimination
Continued disobedience.....	Elimination

A refusal occurs when a pony/horse positively stops or ceases to go forward at any time during its jumping round, or turns its quarters to the fence, or has a complete turn around.

If a pony/horse displays continued disobedience, it shall be eliminated and removed from the ring and will not be permitted to enter the ring for the next phase. Total jumping faults are deducted from 40 to give total jumping points (this may leave a negative score). Points for Style and Presence whilst jumping are awarded from 0 to 20. A fluent, smooth round at a fair pace earns high points. Poor jumping style, lack of control etc should receive low points. 40 points are awarded for Ride/Show and conformation.

It is the judge's responsibility to ensure that the scorecard is totalled correctly. In cases of doubt these rule should be interpreted in the spirit of the competition.

In the case of a tie the Total Jumping Marks from Phase 1 will take precedence, followed by the Style and Presence Mark, and the Ride/Show Mark then lastly the Conformation Mark. If there is still a tie then the judge's decision is final.

S1.8: RIDDEN NOVICE HUNTER

A Hunter should be capable of carrying its designated weight regularly for a full day's hunting or a similar circumstance. It should have substance, quality and a calm, bold temperament. It should have the conformation to produce high performance with sustained soundness. It should be alert with four athletic natural paces when ridden. Open to horses 15hh or over. Horses must not have won a £25 first prize or a total of £100 in ridden hunter classes at home or abroad, except prize money won in 4-year old classes. Judges will be chosen from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

S1.9: RIDDEN OPEN HUNTER

As S1.8, however, there are no restrictions on winnings.

S1.10: RIDDEN COB

Open to cobs exceeding 14hh but not exceeding 15.1hh that are capable of carrying a substantial weight for a full day's hunting. It is a type rather than a breed. The cob should be short legged. It should have bone and substance with quality. They should be well mannered and ideal for nervous or elderly riders, have all the attributes of a good hunter; low movement and a comfortable ride. Cobs should be judged the same as Hunters, but they should be well schooled and particular attention should be paid to manners. Judges will be chosen from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

S1.11: RIDDEN COLOURED (NATIVE & NON NATIVE)

Must be true to type. Will be judged on conformation, manner and way of going. Native horses must be shown in a natural state. Judges will be selected from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

S1.12: RIDDEN MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND

Classes will be split into small and large breeds if entry numbers warrant. For Example: Small breeds – Shetland, Exmoor, Dartmoor, Welsh sec A and Welsh sec B. Large breeds- Connemara, Fell, Dales, Highland, New Forest, Welsh sec C and Welsh sec D. Mountain and Moorland ponies should be shown in a natural state. They may be trimmed as per the breeds guidelines. Manes and tails must not be plaited or braided. Judges will be selected from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.*** Ponies must be eligible to be registered with the appropriate breed society.

S1.13: SHOW HUNTER PONY

Open to ponies 15hh and under. To be judged in the same way as ridden hunters. Ponies should have correct conformation and paces. Judges will be selected from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.*** Judges will not ride.

S1.14: RETRAINED RACEHORSE

Horses will be judged on general condition as a Thoroughbred athlete and adaptability to their new career along with turnout and manners. Any racing injuries such as scars, knocks or bumps will be ignored. Please be aware however the judge may be required to ride your horse. BRC will require the full registered racing name of each horse entered to check eligibility with Weatherby's. Judges will be selected from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

S1.15: RIDING HORSE

Must be true to type. Riding horses should have correct conformation, presence and substance. Must display correct paces and a true way of going. Open to horses exceeding 14.2hh. Judges will be chosen from the British Show Horse Association panel ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

S1.16: RIDING CLUB HORSE & PONY

Must be true to type. A Riding Club horse is a true all rounder. Should be capable of all RC activities. Will be required to jump a small jump (height altered for ponies). Should possess a calm temperament. Judges will be selected from ***the relevant panel listed in S1.18.***

Horses or ponies competing in the above ***class*** must never have qualified for Royal International Horse Show, Horse of the Year Show or Olympia.

S1.17: SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to the 1st and 2nd placed ponies/horses in each of the fourteen classes, to be separated by their respective types. There will also be an overall Championship. The Champions and Reserve Champions will receive a sash and rosette.

S1.18: SHOWING PANELS

Showing judges will be chosen from the relevant panels listed below:

***British Show Horse Association
Coloured Horse and Pony Society
British Show Pony Society
Ponies Association UK
National Pony Society
Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain
Veteran Horse Society
British Skewbald and Piebald Association
South West Ponies Association***

S2: In The Pink

The *In the Pink* Championships *will take place at the Festival of the Horse Championships. Classes will be amalgamated, however if sufficient entries warrant, then the classes will be split into two sections: In the Pink Pony and In the Pink Horse.*

S2.1: IN THE PINK PONY OF THE YEAR

To find the all-round BRC Veteran Pony

S2.1.1 Eligibility

Open to ponies 15hh and under owned and ridden by affiliated BRC members. Ponies must be 20 years or over on 1 January of the current year. (All ages date from 1 January e.g. a foal becomes a yearling on 1 January following the date of its birth).

S2.1.2 Pony's History

A detailed history of the pony, not exceeding 100 words, must accompany the entry form. This must be suitable for use by the commentator and will be taken into account when judging.

S2.1.3 Judging

All ponies will be vetted prior to judging. Competitors will be required to perform an individual show for up to two minutes. The judge will not ride the ponies. No jumping is involved in this competition. It will be judged in accordance with Rules S1.5 and S1.6. The judges will be chosen from the Veteran Horse Society.

S2.2: IN THE PINK HORSE OF THE YEAR

To find the all-round BRC Veteran Horse

S2.2.1 Eligibility

Open to horses over 15hh owned and ridden by affiliated BRC members. Horses must be 20 years or over on 1 January of the current year. (All ages date from 1 January e.g. a foal becomes a yearling on 1 January following the date of its birth)

S2.2.2 Horse's History

A detailed history of the horse, not exceeding 100 words, must accompany the entry form. This must be suitable for use by the commentator and will be taken into account when judging.

S2.1.3 Judging

All horses will be vetted prior to judging. Competitors will be required to perform an individual show for up to two minutes. The judge will not ride the horses. No jumping is involved in this competition. It will be judged in accordance with Rules S1.4, S1.5 and S1.6. The judges will be chosen from the Veteran Horse Society.

S2.3 ENTRIES

Entry forms for both classes are available on the website. Entries should be made direct to the BRC Office via club secretaries. Payment must accompany the entry. A ballot may be made from each Area's entries.

S2.4 IN THE PINK CHAMPIONSHIPS

This will be open to the winning pony and horse. A special rosette will be awarded to the most senior entry, which according to the judge is in the best condition.