

SWDRC RULES

1. At all Saffron Walden & District Riding Club (SWDRC) events all competitors must wear a crash hat when mounted with chin straps fastened to comply with BSEN 1384 or PAS 015 (which are recommended by the British Riding Clubs). **FAILURE TO COMPLY INCURS IMMEDIATE ELIMINATION.**
2. It is the onus of the competitor to only compete in classes for which they are eligible. The organizers and helpers of any event are not responsible for policing the eligibility of competitors for each event. All class restrictions at SWDRC events are self-governing (ie. by entering a class at a SWDRC event the competitor agrees to the specific class restrictions). If it is found at any time during the event that the competitor is not eligible the competitor may be allowed to continue, however they will not be placed. If it is found after the event that this rule has not been adhered to points will not be awarded toward any members trophies.
3. Receipt of entry means that the entrant agrees to abide by the rules of the Saffron Walden and District Riding Club.
4. Any instance of behaviour from any person on an event site that is deemed by the organizers or helpers of an event as threatening or unacceptable will be issued with a full refund of outstanding entry fees, asked to leave the site immediately and may be prohibited from attending any further SWDRC events.
5. No persons other than the organisers and helpers may approach a SWDRC appointed Judge during a competition, unless requested to do so by the Judge.
6. Any objection must be made in writing to the organiser within 15 minutes of an incident, together with a £10 deposit, which will be refunded only if the objection is upheld.
7. The committee of the Saffron Walden & District Riding Club, its Judges and appointed officials accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to property belonging to competitors, grooms or spectators.
8. Only members whose details have been received through an official Riding Club at BRC headquarters are covered by BRC insurance at events. BRC insurance covers the named person only, owners of horses/ponies who are not BRC members are not covered by BRC insurance.
9. The committee reserves the right to refuse entry, alter or cancel any class without giving a reason.
10. The Judges decision is final.
11. Horses and ponies competing must be 4 years and over.
12. Reckless riding may incur elimination.
13. No rider may carry a whip exceeding 75cm in length, except for dressage events.
14. Dogs to be kept on a lead at all times and under control.
15. In case of bad weather conditions please call the secretary.
16. For all series trophies (dressage, show jumping and x-country, only the placings in the first two classes entered will be taken into account for points. Should it become evident that a competitor is competing beneath their abilities, the committee may ask them to compete in a higher standard class.

SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE RULES

DRESSAGE:

17. Dressage Rule: "Downgraded Horses" - For every full year that a horse with affiliated dressage points remains unregistered, 12 points may be deducted when calculating eligibility for competitions.
18. British Dressage rules apply to all dressage events unless otherwise stated in the rules.

SHOW JUMPING:

19. BRC rules apply to all show jumping events unless otherwise stated in the rules.

X-COUNTRY:

20. All competitors must wear an approved body protector (level 7 red label is not recommended under the BETA standard).
21. No receiving, recording, transmitting or monitoring device may be used by a competitor during any phase of any competition failure to comply with this rule will incur elimination.
22. Provisional results will be posted as soon after the end of each class as is possible and final results 10 minutes thereafter. Any objections to the provisional results should be made within the 10 minutes together with a £10 deposit, which will be refunded only if the objection is upheld.

CANCELLATION POLICIES

SWDRC Clinic Cancellation/Withdrawal Policy

Any participant cancelling/withdrawing before the closing date of entries will be entitled to a full refund of any fees paid. Unfortunately we are unable to refund any fees paid for cancellations/withdrawals after close of entries under any circumstances, other than a replacement being found, and any unpaid fees must still be paid. SWDRC reserve the right to prohibit anyone with any outstanding fees owed to the club from attending any further Clinics or participating in Team events.

SWDRC Team Withdrawal Policy

Any member pulling out of team selection prior to receiving confirmation of a team place will not have to pay any team contributions. Once a member has received confirmation of a team place from a team manager, the club will not be able to refund any team contributions paid under any circumstances, other than a replacement being found, and any unpaid fees must still be paid. SWDRC reserve the right to prohibit anyone with any outstanding fees owed to the club from participating in Team events or attending any Clinics. N.B. Please note that all team contributions should be sent to the team manager by the date stated for each event in order to guarantee a team place. Failure to do so may result in the team place being offered to another member.

SWDRC Event Withdrawal Policy

Any participant withdrawing from an event before close of entries will be entitled to a full refund of any entry fees. After close of entries any participant withdrawing from an event will only be entitled to a refund of any entry fees paid upon receipt of a medical/veterinary certificate. Withdrawals on the day for medical/veterinary reasons may be entitled to a refund of entry fees paid at the discretion of the organiser.

SWDRC Event Cancellation Policy

In the event of an SWDRC event being cancelled all competitors will be entitled to a refund of entry fees. Cheques will not be returned but will be destroyed.

SWDRC POINTS SERIES 2011

A members points system operates throughout the year. A junior and senior trophy is awarded at the AGM to the horse/pony and rider combination with the most accumulative points over the Cross Country, Show Jumping and Dressage series. An Overall Points trophy is awarded to the junior and senior member with most points across all the disciplines below plus attendance at clinics and distance rides may be taken into consideration.

For all series trophies (dressage, show jumping and x-country, only the placings in the first two classes entered will be taken into account for points. Should it become evident that a competitor is competing beneath their abilities; the committee may ask them to compete in a higher standard class.

Cross Country Series

Pairs (for each member of the pair), Novice, Intermediate and Open classes:

1st - 6pts, 2nd - 5pts, 3rd - 4pts, 4th - 3pts, 5th - 2pts, 6th - 1pt

Show Jumping Series

Points allocated in line with rosettes awarded:

1st - 6pts, 2nd - 5pts, 3rd - 4pts, 4th - 3pts, 5th - 2pts, 6th - 1pt

Dressage Series

60.0%-61.9% - 1pt, 62.0%-62.9% - 2 pts, 63.0%-63.9% - 3pts, 64.0%-64.9% - 4 pts, 65.0%-65.9% - 5pts, 66.0%-66.9% - 6pts, 67.0%-67.9% - 7pts, 68.0%-68.9% - 8pts, 69.0%-69.9% - 9pts, 70%+ - 10 pts

Annual Show

Points allocated in line with rosettes awarded (in any three showing classes):

1st - 6pts, 2nd - 5pts, 3rd - 4pts, 4th - 3pts, 5th - 2pts, 6th - 1pt