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BHS Approved Centre & Livery Yard Christmas Cracker Schedule 2023



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Introduction

BRC are delighted to host the BHS Approved Centre & Livery Yard Christmas Cracker again this year. The competition will be run online and will consist of dressage classes for teams, individuals & under 10's. For details on classes and eligibility, please see further down the schedule. This is open to BHS Approved Centres & Livery Yards Only.

Rules and Regulations

This competition will run under British Riding Club dressage rules unless specifically stated in this schedule differently. It is important that all competitors are aware of the rules relating to this competition – please see the current BRC Handbook and also the BRC Rule Amendments and Changes document which can be found via the link below: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook/> and on the competition page of the website: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/british-riding-clubs/competitions/brc-championships/brc-equilibrium-christmas-cracker/>

Entries

Entries are limited and will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis, opening at midday on Monday 2 October and will close at 3pm on Friday 20 October **or when the class is full, whichever occurs first.**

Approved Centres & Livery Yards should have a 'manager' who will be the point of contact and be responsible for making the entries. To make an entry the manager will need to create an account on the BRC entry system <https://brc.bhs.org.uk/select> and then make the entries accordingly. **Please put details of the Centre/Livery Yard in the free text box or in the address.**

Teams should be made up of 4 horse and rider combinations. Any horse or rider can only compete as part of a team once. Team scores will be calculated using the percentage from each test added together. All four scores to count.

Anyone entered as a team is automatically counted as an individual for that test. Horses will be limited to competing in a maximum of 4 tests. Horses can only be used once in any class/ test.

Once your payment is received, the team manager will receive a form to complete with rider and horse details. Your entry is only secured once we have received the forms back via email.

Changes

Changes to horse and/or rider are accepted but the original test entered may not be changed. Changes are accepted up to the video submission closing date at 5pm on 8 November.

Video Submissions

Recorded tests must be received by 5pm Wednesday 8 November. Full instructions of how to submit the test videos are included further on in this schedule.

Payment

Payment for entries can **ONLY** be made via the online entry booking system

<https://brc.bhs.org.uk/select>

Entry prices are as follows:

Individuals £14 & Teams £56

Refund Policy

Withdrawals must be received before close of entries. A refund will only be issued if the space can be filled. If the space cannot be filled, or the withdrawal is after the closing date, then no refund will be issued.

Dress code and tack

Competition dress does not have to be worn. Christmas outfits are encouraged, and for the horse tinsel/decoration may be worn. **This must not impede the horse's way of going or compromise the horse's welfare.**

Riders must wear suitable long or short riding boots.

Any bit may be used (bitless bridles are not permitted). Horses may wear boots/ bandages. Whips of any length are permitted.

Rosettes

Rosettes will be awarded to the top individuals in each section.

There will also be a rosette for the best fancy dress or decoration, please ensure any decorations used do not impede the horse's way of going.

Any prizes will be awarded in kind.

Dressage tests

Intro – BRC Walk & Trot 1 (2020) (team and individual) – this may be led or assisted.

Under 10'S - BRC Walk & Trot 1 (2020) – this may be led or assisted.

Prelim – BRC D1 (2020) (team and individual)

Tests will either be judged by a BHS Accredited Professional Coach or a BD Judge depending on availability. All tests may be called but no training may be given.

All tests can be downloaded from the BRC Christmas Cracker Championship website page <https://www.bhs.org.uk/british-riding-clubs/competitions/brc-championships/brc-equilibrium-christmas-cracker/>

Eligibility

Riders must be regular riders at the BHS Approved Centre and the horses must be used in the riding school. Approved Livery Yard competitors horses must reside at the livery yard they are competing for.

(Members of an affiliated BRC club can only enter the BRC Club section of the Christmas Cracker and **not the** Approved Centre or Livery Yard sections).

How To Film Your Test

The person videoing must be standing behind C, holding your phone landscape (if the video is in portrait you will lose 2 marks) and where possible zooming in at the A end of the school. If you are unable to have a person videoing for you, please ensure that you can see the whole arena, and the horse and rider are clearly visible throughout the entire test. The judge must be able to see all the movements clearly to mark the test, the judge will not be able to score you if they cannot see the movements. Please ask the person videoing to keep you in the centre of the screen at all times.

You will need a 20mx40m arena, either in a menage or on grass. Markers should be placed at each of the letters around the outside of the arena. This can be by using letter markers or homemade markers such as a cones.

Please have sound recording on your video - callers are permitted but there must be no training. Do not cut or edit your video. Videos must start before entering the arena and last for a few seconds after the final halt.

The person videoing the test, or the competitor, must state the competitor's and horse name and test at the start of the video. If no-one is videoing, then ensure that the test is saved using the above details.

Taking the Video

Make sure that you are not videoing directly into the sun.

Set the camera to a high-quality setting. Many video formats use compression technologies to reduce the file size, but this often impacts on the quality of the video and can be blurry and jerky. The better the quality of the video, the better the judge will be able to view the test. Please ensure that you have checked your video light settings and that they are suitable for the weather conditions. If the video is too dark the judge may not be able to mark your test accurately.

Watch the video back and ensure that all movements can be seen clearly.

Uploading Your Video

Upload your video onto YouTube and ensure the video is not set to private as we will not be able to view it and send to the judge or via media player. ***Please note this means all videos will be able to be viewed by the public*.**

Ensure that any junior competitors have parental consent for the videos to be uploaded to YouTube. Videos of juniors will also be accepted by windows media player.

Ensure your video is labelled with the rider and horse name, along with the test and class. Make sure that the full test uploads and doesn't cut off part way through.

Send the you tube link to brcentries@bhs.org.uk along with competitor name, number, centre name and test so we can easily locate it and send to the correct judge.

Good luck!