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BHS South Region Christmas Cracker Competition 2023



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Introduction

BRC are delighted to be offering The British Horse Society South Region members the opportunity to join the festive fun of the BRC Christmas Cracker. The competition will be run online and will consist of dressage classes for individuals. For details on classes and eligibility, please see further down the schedule.

Membership

This competition is open to BHS Gold, Silver and Friend memberships within the South Region. **Members of an affiliated BRC riding club can only enter the BRC Christmas Cracker section not this BHS one.**

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/>

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 on Monday 6 November or when the class is full, whichever occurs first.

Payment can only be made via the BRC Entry Website to receive an entry form from BRC HQ, this is to ensure the classes do not become oversubscribed. Link to the entries page is: <https://brc.bhs.org.uk/select> you will need to setup an account to enter.

Class entry price is £14 per individual.

Refund Policy

Withdrawals must be made before the closing date. If the space can be filled, a refund may be issued at the discretion of BRC. If the space cannot be filled, or the withdrawal is after the closing date, then no refund will be issued.

Video Submissions

Recorded tests must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 8 November.

Details on how to film and submit your test videos are included at the end of this schedule .

Dress & Tack code

Smart dress is required (competition dress is not required), Christmas outfits and tinsel/decoration are encouraged. This must not impede the horse's way of going or compromise the horse's welfare. Horses may wear boots/ bandages and any bit is permitted.

Riders must wear suitable long or short riding boots.

There are separate classes at Intro and Prelim level for bitless bridle competitors.

Results

Results will be posted on the scoring website once all judging has taken place.

<https://brcscores.bhs.org.uk/>

Rosettes

Rosettes will be awarded to the top 10 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.

Dressage tests

Intro – BRC Walk & Trot 1 (2020)

Prelim – BRC D4 (2022)

Novice – BRC D11 (2021)

All tests can be downloaded from the BRC website <https://www.bhs.org.uk/british-riding-clubs/competitions/brc-downloads/brc-tests/>

Eligibility

Test	Eligibility criteria
BRC Walk & Trot	0 BD points. Horses cannot have competed in novice or above in the current or previous competition year BD or BRC. Riders cannot have competed at BE Novice or Novice dressage or above in the current or previous calendar year BD or BRC. Riders may not have competed under FEI Rules in the relevant discipline in the last 5 calendar years
BRC D4	BD Unlimited Prelim Points, 0 points at Novice or above. Horses cannot have competed in elementary or above in the same competition year BD or BRC. Riders may not have competed under FEI Rules in the relevant discipline in the last 5 calendar years.
BRC D11	BD Unlimited Novice Points, up to 35 Elementary Points, 0 points at Medium or above. Riders may not have competed under FEI Rules in the relevant discipline in the last 5 calendar years.

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.

Email the YouTube link to brcentries@bhs.org.uk along with competitor and horse name, BHS membership number, class and test.