

# RULES FOR THE **BRITISH HORSE FEEDS'** BRC ENDURANCE TEAM EVENT 2019



## 1. Introduction

This document provides initial guidance and a set of rules for the British Horse Feeds' BRC Endurance Team Event.

## 2. Summary of the Event

- a) Riding Club Teams will be able to compete at any Endurance GB (EGB) ride and Scottish Endurance Riding Club (SERC) with a suitable class of between 30 and 42km in distance.
- b) Teams must consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of six combinations.
- c) A score for teams who are successful at one or more of these classes (called Qualifiers) will be entered in a League Table for their Region.
- d) The League Tables will be closed at midnight on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- e) The top team in each of the ten Regional League Tables will go forward to compete in the Final. In addition, the top ten from all the remaining teams will go forward to the Final. Some wild card places may also be awarded by the national organisers.
- f) The final is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the British Horse Feeds' Red Dragon Festival of Endurance, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3SY.

## 3. Appointment of a Team Manager and Declaration of a Riding Club

Each Riding Club intending to put forward a team or teams must appoint a Team Manager, who need not be a rider but must act as the single point of contact with the national organisers of the Team Event. The Team Manager's responsibilities are outlined below in Section 14.

Each Riding Club intending to compete in the current year must notify the organisers of the Team Event of their intention to do so by email, stating the name of the Riding Club together with the name and contact details of the Team Manager. The contact details of the organisers can be found below in Section 15.

## 4. Pools and Teams

### 4.1 Pool of Combinations

The Team Manager can pull together a pool of combinations to compete in the Team Event. A pool of team members can be made up of combinations from one or more Affiliated Riding Clubs. A team or teams can then be selected from the pool as required. New combinations can be added to the pool at any time during the season.

## 4.2 Teams

Any number of teams can be made up of combinations from the pool. A team may enter as many Qualifiers as they wish on or before the closing date of the League Tables (see Section 9.4 below).

A team can be made up of a minimum of three combinations and a maximum of six from the pool.

Each team must have a unique name. This means that if a Team Manager has sufficient combinations in their pool to run three teams (for example) then there will be three team names in use and therefore only three team names appearing in the Regional League Tables (see below). Additional teams and therefore team names can be added if the size of the pool increases.

The Team Manager must advise the organisers of each team name to be used before that team competes for the first time.

A combination can be entered in a different team at each Qualifier. However, the Team Manager is asked to keep the combinations in each team the same as much as possible.

## 5 Rider Eligibility

Combinations that attend and compete in a Qualifier must do so as part of a team of at least three and a maximum of six.

### 5.1 Associate Membership of Endurance GB

In order to compete in a team, a rider must register as an Associate Member of Endurance GB **(but please see Section 5.2 below for EGB's "Try Before You Buy" scheme).**

Associate Membership is available for £40 a year for Senior Riders, £30 a year for Young Riders (between the ages of 14 and 21 in the current year) and £25 for Junior Riders (between the ages of 8 and 13 in the current year). Associate Membership enables Riding Club Members to enter Qualifiers at a special concessionary members' rate when riding as part of a Riding Club Team. Associate Members can also enter EGB's Pleasure Rides anywhere in the country at members' rates, and they will be eligible to compete for Endurance GB local group trophies and distance awards. An Endurance GB handbook and bi-monthly Endurance GB Magazine will also be sent to each Associate Member.

Guidance on registering as an Associate Membership can be downloaded by clicking on:

[Register with Endurance GB](#)

**Important Note:** When registering as an Associate Member, the rider must make sure that they complete the "Club Details" section of the online form by entering their Club Name and their current Club Membership Number.

## 5.2 Try Before You Buy Scheme (TBYB)

Riding Club Members who have never competed in a Qualifier before can enter two Qualifiers on a “Try Before You Buy” basis before incurring the expense of registering as an Associate Member. As part of the promotional offer to Riding Club Teams, they will be able to enter these two Qualifiers at member rates. However, they will only be able to enter two rides on this basis and will then be asked to join EGB as an Associate Member before competing in a team again.

New competitors wishing to take advantage of the two “Try Before You Buy” Qualifiers will need to first register as a Club Member of Endurance GB as laid out below.

## 5.3 Club Members & Pleasure Rides

Riding Club Members who wish to take part in a Pleasure Ride may do so by registering with Endurance GB as a Club Member free of charge.

Guidance on registering as a Club Member can be downloaded by clicking on:

[Register with Endurance GB](#)

They will then be able to enter two Pleasure Rides at members rates on a “Try Before You Buy” basis to ride with a team to gain experience of endurance. They can then enter two Qualifiers, again on a “Try Before You Buy” basis (see Section 5.2 above) before joining as an Associate Member (if wish to continue to compete with the team).

**Important Note:** When registering as a Club Member, the rider must make sure that they complete the “Club Details” section of the online form by entering their Club Name and their current Club Membership Number.

## 6. Horses

All horses must be at least 5 years of age, but there is no maximum age.

### 6.1 Horse Registration

All horses must be registered with Endurance GB (free of charge) in advance of their first ride by their owner against their EGB Associate Membership or Supporter record.

Guidance on horse registration can be downloaded by clicking on:

[Register with Endurance GB](#)

### 6.2 Mastercards

A Mastercard provides a record of the results of all the competitive rides in which a horse has competed. All horses competing as part of a Riding Club Team must have a Mastercard. Riding Club Mastercards can be requested by the Team Manager from the national organisers. From the 2018 season onwards, Riding Club Mastercards will bear the name of the horse only and not that of the rider.

Horses competing in Pleasure Rides do not have to have a Mastercard.

As a matter of course all new Mastercards will be sent to the Team Manager but can be sent to the individual riders on request.

Mastercards must be taken to and presented at the Ride Office for each Qualifier entered. A member of a team will not be allowed to start any Qualifier without presenting their Mastercard. A Riding Club Mastercard relates specifically to a horse and must be retained for the life of the horse, passing it on if the horse is sold. Continuation Mastercards are available on request.

## 7. Ride Entries

### 7.1 Ride Entries

All Endurance GB rides must be entered online. Rides can be entered easily by logging into the riders' EGB Associate Membership or Club Member account.

Guidance on entering rides can be downloaded by clicking on:

[Entering Endurance GB Rides](#)

**Important Note:** If a Riding Club has more than one team declared with the organisers, then entrants to a Qualifier should ensure that they enter the Team Name (not their Club Name) in the "Comments" box on the online entry form please. This will be of great assistance to the organisers.

### 7.2 SERC Entries

Combinations may compete in SERC Qualifiers of equivalent distance but please refer to the specific SERC rules for on the SERC website. Note that the Endurance GB rules will apply at the Final.

### 7.3 Safeguarding of Junior/Young Riders

Junior Riders may compete in Endurance GB rides if they are accompanied by a nominated mounted adult (18 years old or over on the day of the event). One adult may accompany no more than two junior riders, who must be named in the appropriate box on the online entry form.

Any rider aged under 18 must bring a signed parental consent form to the ride which can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

### 7.4 Downgrading to Pleasure Rides

BRC Club Members may only compete in a Qualifier at the concessionary members' rate if they are riding as part of a team. **If for any reason some members of a team withdraw and do not attend the ride so that only one or two combinations attend, then those combinations may still compete but must downgrade to a Pleasure Ride. Refunds will not apply.**

### 7.5 Withdrawals

Full refunds will be made for entries made before the closing date of the ride. Refunds after the closing date will only be made on presentation of a doctors or vets' certificate to the organiser or entries secretary of the ride (and not to the organisers of the Team Event please).

## 8. Influenza Vaccination Certificates

Note that some Qualifiers and some of the external stabling at the Final (if used) may require up-to-date Influenza Vaccination Certificates to be presented for each horse, so check the details of the ride to be entered before making an entry.

## 9. Qualifiers & Regional League Tables

### 9.1 Qualifiers at EGB Rides

Qualifiers at EGB rides and the Final will be held over a standard Graded Endurance Ride of between 30 and 42km, depending on the length of the course available at the relevant ride. The minimum and maximum speeds will be 8kph (approximately 5 mph) and 15kph (approximately 9.4 mph) respectively. A team member will be eliminated if they do not complete the course within these speeds, or if at the final veterinary inspection, the final pulse exceeds 64 bpm (beats per minute) or if the horse does not pass the final veterinary inspection for any other reason (as regulated by the standard EGB rules). The final veterinary inspection is made no later than 30 minutes after completing the course.

Full EGB members should also read Section 13 below which gives additional guidance for Open and Advanced Riders and the speeds at which they are able to compete.

### 9.2 Scoring

The BRC Endurance Team Formula will be used to calculate a score for each combination in a team as follows:

$$\text{Score} = ([\text{Actual Speed}] - 5) \times 100 / ([\text{Final Pulse}] - 20)$$

where the Actual Speed will be capped at 12kph (so a speed of 12kph will be used in the Formula even if a horse achieves a speed of over 12kph).

At least three of the combinations in the nominated "scoring" team must complete the event in order for a score to be put forward to the League Table. Only the best three scores from each team are counted if all combinations in the nominated team complete successfully.

All successful combinations will receive the standard EGB awards for successful completion.

The same scoring mechanism will be used for the Final.

### 9.3 Results from Each Qualifier

The Team Manager should send the results of each Qualifier to the organisers as soon as possible after the Qualifier is completed. The results of each combination should be sent by email using a standard Results Form, a proforma for which will be supplied by the organisers.

## 9.4 Regional League Tables

A team may enter as many Qualifiers as they wish anywhere in the country, not just within the Riding Club's Region. Please see the [British Horse Feeds' BRC Endurance Team Event website](#) for more details of these rides.

League Tables for each Region will be maintained on the website and will show the current table positions for each team within that Region. A team's total BRC Endurance Team Formula score will be entered into the relevant League Table on the first successful completion of a Qualifier. If a team then enters and completes another Qualifier successfully then any higher score achieved will replace that already shown in the League Table. The team scores at each Qualifier are not accumulative.

A list of the League Tables can be found on the [British Horse Feeds' BRC Endurance Team Event website](#). The League Tables will be closed at midnight on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

## 10. Qualification for the Final

If a team qualifies for the Final, then two combinations from the pool of combinations who passed the final vetting at any one of the Qualifiers must compete in the team in the Final.

Teams will be awarded automatic places in the Final.

The Team Manager will be informed of a team's qualification for the Final immediately after the closing date of the League Tables. They will be asked to confirm their entry to the Final **in writing (by email) within three working days**, otherwise their team's place in the Final may be offered to another team. If invited, more than one team can compete in the Final.

## 11. Entry Fees

The Entry Fees for each Qualifier and the Final are as follows:

### 11.1 EGB Qualifiers

£36 per combination (at membership rates), with a 20% discount for Junior Rider and a 10% discount for Young Riders. As part of the promotional offer to BRC teams, Associate Members compete in these classes at membership rates, as do Club Members using their two Try Before You Buy rides.

Please refer to the SERC website for the relevant entry fees for Qualifiers held under SERC rules.

### 11.2 Pleasure Rides

For Associate Members: Up to 16km, £18; Between 17 and 35km, £23

For Club Members: Add £8 to the above for Temporary Day Membership (insurance on the day).

## 12. Awards

### 12.1 Awards at Qualifiers

Grading rosettes will be awarded to all combinations successfully completing a Qualifier organised by EGB and SERC.

## 12.2 Awards at the Final

The following awards will be presented at the Final:

- a. Overall winning team, with cash prizes of £200 to the winning team, £100 to the second placed team and £50 to the third placed team.
- b. Top novice team ①, with a cash prize of £100.
- c. Highest placed Junior / Young Rider
- d. Best presented team
- e. Horse with the highest score

① A novice team will consist of riders who have never been full members of EGB and horses that have never been fully registered with EGB and so have not been issued a green or yellow Mastercard.

## 13. Additional Guidance for EGB Members Only

EGB members may compete in the Endurance Team Event as **Open and Advanced Level** combinations, subject to the team restrictions set out in Section 4.2 above.

In order to pass the ride under EGB rules, Open and Advanced Combinations must complete the course at a minimum speed of 10kph. However, completing the course at a minimum of 8kph will still contribute points to their team.

Open and Advanced combinations can complete the course at up to 18kph under EGB rules and will receive the standard EGB rosettes and national trophy points in the usual way. However, combinations finishing with a speed over 15kph will be eliminated from the BRC Endurance Team Event.

## 14. Responsibilities of the Team Manager

Here is a summary of the main responsibilities of the Team Manager:

- a) Register their Riding Club and Team Names with the organisers
- b) Ensure that the organisers have all their necessary contact details
- c) Ensure that all riders and horses register their details with EGB
- d) Administer receipt of all Mastercards
- e) Ensure that all team members enter their Qualifiers in good time
- f) Convey the results of the Qualifiers to the organisers
- g) Act as the communications channel with the organisers in case of any problems

The above list is not exhaustive.

## 15. National Organiser's Contact Details

For more information or assistance, contact the national organisers: Jane and John Hudson

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