

THE INTRODUCTION OF SHOWJUMPING AS AN ACTIVITY FOR RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES



BRIEF AND BASIC TIMELINE

2009-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small Committee including British Showjumping, Para and an RDA representative was formed to look at Showjumping as a discipline for disabled riders • RDA Board formed a Showjumping Working party/committee
2011-2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDA held their first National Showjumping Competition • British Showjumping held Para Demonstrations at Scope
2013-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Showjumping held its first competitive Para Jumping competition • Para Jumping Development communicated to British Showjumping Officials Workforce • Several Para Jumping development days were delivered initiating a Para Coach List • RDA established Showjumping levels 1-2
2015-2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training opportunities in addition to competitions offered for registered British Showjumping Para riders • Para Jumping Competition held at the British Showjumping Championships. • RDA established Showjumping level 3
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para Jumping League established with several Para Jumping competition opportunities outlined • 8 show days at 6 venues including British Showjumping, RDA Championship Show and Scope. • RDA established Showjumping level 4
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 18 show days at 8 venues including British Showjumping and RDA Championship Show • Training Camp at Aintree • RDA established Showjumping level 5
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 24 show days at 13 venues including high profile shows such as Bramham International horse Trails, British Showjumping and RDA Championship Shows. • Showjumping specific Classification assessment cards established

COMPETITIVE SHOWJUMPING

In order to register with British Showjumping as a Para rider you must be Classified

Useful Information about the National Classification process.

In order to be classified, riders must be medically diagnosed as having a permanent impairment that can be measured objectively by a physiotherapist trained in the classification system. The classification system can only test physical conditions.

Following Rider Classification a Profile number is determined, this profile number determines which jumping 'Grade' a rider is assigned.

Showjumping Grades are as follows:

Grade I Most impaired Para Equestrian jumpers who would be very disadvantaged in mainstream events.	70cm
Grade II Impaired Para Equestrian jumpers who would be disadvantaged in mainstream events	80cm
Grade III Slightly impaired Para Equestrian jumpers who would be disadvantaged in mainstream events.	90cm
Grade IV Visually impaired riders who would be disadvantaged in mainstream events.	70cm

Purpose of classification – An attempt to ensure fair competition. Riders compete in the grade appropriate to their classification. Any rider may ride in a higher grade if they wish (with the exception that only Grade IV riders may compete in Grade IV classes).

A length of yellow ribbon with the British Showjumping and RDA Logo on may be worn in the tail of a Para riders horse when attending an affiliated show to identify themselves as a Para rider.

PARA JUMPING LEAGUE

This league falls under the British Showjumping Para Grading Structure which encompasses Grade I, II, III, IV with Grades representative of riders level of disability with all Grades having their own leagues.

Points are allocated to the British Showjumping Para Equestrian horse/rider combination league at Para competitions held from April 19th through August 30th 2022 on a rolling 12 months.

*Points.... 1st = 12, 2nd = 10, 3rd = 8, 4th = 6, 5th = 4, 6th = 3.
Double Clear Points = 3.*

League winners for all grades are also acknowledged during the League Presentation Ceremony at the British Showjumping Awards Ball in October.



NB: Double points will be awarded at the RDA Championships and the British Showjumping National Championships
ALL Para specific competitions are judged under Club rules but are open to both Club and National registered Para riders - a rider may only compete in their graded height *unless* they formally request in writing that they wish to jump up a grade **

***Should a rider request to jump up a grade they must continue to do so for all Para competitions outlined for the remainder of the year*

COMPETITIVE SHOWJUMPING- COMPENSATING AIDS

The following compensating aids are permitted for British Showjumping Para riders:

- Rubber band to stirrups
- Strap from stirrup to girth
- 1 or 2 whips
- Salute with head only
- Callers – may be mounted (make the rider aware of obstacles position in relation to themselves)
- Looped Reins

To allow an aid to be used in competition the rider must produce on entry with the secretary, their British Showjumping Compensating Aid Certificate detailing the aids that have been permitted for that rider. The secretary will ensure the officials at the competition are notified accordingly.

Any additional compensating aid advised by the Classifier must be approved by British Showjumping's National Sport Committee prior to competition.



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BRITISH SHOWJUMPING DISPENSATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that

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has been given approval by British Showjumping to ride in affiliated British Showjumping Competitions using:

- Rubber band to stirrups
- Strap from stirrup to girth
- 1 or 2 whips no longer than 120cm
- Callers – may be mounted.
- Looped Reins



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Start Date: XXXX
Expiry Date: XXXX

Should you need to extend/amend the list of compensating aids as detailed above please send a request in writing to:
sportteam@britishshowjumping.co.uk for approval from the National Sport Committee.

This Certificate is valid for three years.

COMPETITIVE SHOWJUMPING- CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Championships - British Showjumping National Championships & RDA National Championships
Graded Competition
- International Para Competitions – Pferd International, Munich.
- National Para Competitions including Keysoe, Badgworth and Bramham.
- Para Jumping Graded winners of League awarded at the British Showjumping Awards Ball
- Regional / National Para Training days
- **All the benefits of British Showjumping including competing and training within its National and Club Structure**

RDA Showjumping Levels

Level 1 - This is a course of poles on the ground set out in a figure of 8 and must adopt a light seat over the poles, approach the poles straight and use the cones to turn effectively in preparation for jumping.

Level 2 - This course is set at 30cm and is designed to improve the rider's effectiveness in riding correct showjumping lines. At Level, 2 any guidance cones have been removed to allow the rider to ride a correct jumping line, and at this level the rider must be in trot on the approach to each jump.

Level 3 - This course is set at 60cm throughout and is designed to improve the rider's effectiveness in riding correct Showjumping lines. At Level 3 the cones have been removed to allow the rider to ride a correct jumping line, and the rider must be in canter on the approach to each jump.

Level 4 - This course is a maximum height of 70cm and it to be ridden in canter where the rider would show competence at this level. It also includes a two-stride double, not to exceed 60cm, 3 spreads and planks. It would a first introduction to a full course but judged as an equitation course.

Level 5 - The course will include a range of elements as used in level 4 with new set height of no more than 80cm. Riders will ride this course under RDA and BS Club rules and would be a similar test of the riders to the BS Para Grade II.

PARA RIDER PATHWAY



