

203 Retiring

1 A competitor who has started his/her round may retire without completing the course for any of the following reasons:

Safety.

Fitness of horse or rider.

Failure of saddlery or equipment.

Severity of the obstacles.

Deterioration of the going.

When he has no chance of winning a prize.

If in the opinion of the Judge, a horse or rider is unfit to compete, the Judge may prevent the competitor from starting or may curtail their round.

2 A competitor who decides to retire must signal his/her intention to the Judge by raising his/her hand or whip. **It is the rider's responsibility to ensure the Judges have seen the signal to retire, retiring without clearly signalling to the judges will incur elimination.**

3 Standards

Only in exceptional circumstances and with the prior authorisation of the Chief Executive or the National Director of Sport may the Judge introduce a standard at a time after the number of competitors who have completed the course exceeds the number of prizes (including additional prizes awarded in accordance with Rule 76.5).

In competitions judged under Table A, the standard will be set in the form of a number of faults which must not be less than the score of the competitor who would receive the lowest prize if no further competitors were to complete the course after the introduction of the standard. Provided this criterion is maintained, the standard may be reduced progressively during the course of the competition.

In competitions judged under Table C, the standard will be set as a time one second in excess of the total time of the competitor who would receive the lowest prize if no further competitors were to complete the course after the introduction of the standard.

In a qualifying competition in which the number to qualify or to receive qualifying points exceeds the number of prizes, care must be taken not to prejudice the qualification by the premature introduction of a standard.

Standards should not normally be introduced in pony competitions nor in competitions confined to horses that have not won £100 or to those which have not won any lesser amount. A standard of less than eight faults must not be introduced in such competitions under Table A.

Once a standard has been introduced the Judge will retire any competitor as soon as his score or time exceeds the standard

Where a standard is introduced and at each point that the standard is changed/reduced, it must be clearly announced to the competitors to ensure they fully understand and accept the terms before continuing with the competition.

Where a standard is introduced and at each point that the standard is changed/reduced, the remaining competitors will be entitled to withdraw from the competition and will be entitled to a full refund of the entry fee.

34 Regulations for the Registration and Control of Officials

5. Any Official who has their name removed from the Officials List will not be allowed to officiate at any British Showjumping Affiliated Competitions. **Officials that have been removed from the Officials list under rule 34.10, suspended by the board or disciplinary panel will, in addition, not be appointed at any British Showjumping affiliated competition as quasi-official, including but not limited to, Assistant to the Course Designer, Arena party, support roles within the judges box, Commentators, First Aider, Show Secretary and Steward for the duration of their suspension.**

154 Jump-Off Course

The course for a jump-off must comprise at least six obstacles (five indoors), except in Table A6 competitions (see Rule 192A). The obstacles retain the same numbers as for the first round, but only the obstacles designated for the jump off on the course plan are to be jumped and they are to be jumped in the order so designated, which need not be the same order as in the preceding round.

If one or more combinations were included in the first round, at least one combination must be included in the jump-off. The distances between obstacles forming part of a combination must not be altered, but an obstacle forming part of a combination may be removed.

The shape, type and colour of the obstacles in a jump-off must not be altered and no new obstacles may be introduced, except as provided for in Rules 154.5 and 192A.7.

Obstacles not included in the course should be blanked off, but failure to blank off an obstacle will not preclude the elimination of a competitor for jumping an obstacle not forming part of the course (Rule 256.2).

A maximum of two additional single obstacles may be added to the course of a jump-off. (Rule 154.1 applies). This obstacle must not be unusual in character and must conform to the height and spread restrictions applicable to other obstacles included in the jump-off. They must be separately numbered and erected before the start of the competition and should be blanked off during the first round (Rule 154.4 applies). Both obstacles must be on the course during the course inspection or will be built from obstacles of the previous round or rounds; if obstacles from the previous round(s) are built differently or with new obstacle material for the jump-off, they will not count as extra obstacles for the jump-off, providing the change of material has been approved by the Judges and notified to Athletes in the course plan. The two additional obstacles may consist of two spread or two vertical obstacles or one spread and one vertical. If an obstacle included in the previous round(s) is jumped from the opposite direction in the jump-off, the obstacle is considered as one of the two additional obstacles allowed. A vertical in the first or second round may be converted to a spread obstacle or vice-versa in the jump-off, in which case it will be considered one of the two additional obstacles. Alternatively a combination consisting of two verticals in the previous round(s) may be jumped in the opposite direction in the jump-off, in which case the combination constitutes the two additional obstacles allowed in the jump-off. Competitors will not be permitted to walk the course a second time before the jump-off.

261 Outside Assistance

At any time after the signal to start has been given any outside assistance to a competitor by voice, signs, electronic, training device or remote assistance, except as listed below, whether solicited or not, whether from outside or inside the arena, which in the opinion of the Judge might improve the competitor's performance, incurs elimination at the Judge's discretion.

The following acts of assistance are not penalised at any time:

Medical or veterinary assistance.

Assistance given in the prevention of danger to competitors or public.

Picking up and handing back to a mounted competitor his/her spectacles.

262 Interference

Where multiple riders have been allowed in the arena during competition. Any rider that in the opinion of the judges, whether intentionally or unintentionally are considered to have interfered, impeded or aided the competitive rider, he/she will be eliminated at the judge's discretion.

Officials Deployment

34.6.5

- 1 British Showjumping reserves the right to appoint a **Chair Of judges**, Lead Official, Judge's Panel and or Course Designer to any show at their discretion and it will be considered a condition of affiliation to agree to the acceptance of the British Showjumping appointed Officials.

The duties of the of the British Showjumping Appointed Officials are to assist and advise the show **Organiser/Organising committee** on all aspects of Showjumping, to ensure that all aspects of the event are run in accordance with the rules of the Association, to act as adjudicator on formal objections, in accordance to rule 198.5 and to submit a Show report to British Showjumping in a timely fashion. British Showjumping appointed Officials will have overall authority at the appointed affiliated event.

- 2 Expenses for British Showjumping appointed Officials - The show organiser shall meet the travelling, accommodation and meals Expenses of all Officials as follows:
 - 1 Reimbursement of Travel Costs - Mileage @0.40ppm
 - 2 Meals - Two proper meals a day (in addition to breakfast) must be provided to all Officials during the period of the Event, (Plus 1 day (build day), for Course Designers and Builders).
 - 3 Accommodation - should include breakfast, to be arranged by British Showjumping in line with the association's expenses policy. Officials shall not be required to share a room with another Official(s).
- 3 Remuneration for British Showjumping appointed Officials - In addition to expenses there will be daily remuneration for all Officials, to be met by the show organiser- as follows:
 1. I. Appointed as Level 3 Judge (Chair/Lead Official) min £100 per diem
 - II Appointed as Level 2 judge (Lead/Panel member) min £70 per diem
 - III per day, per Official must be offered to all British Showjumping appointed Officials during the period of the Event.
 - 2 I Appointed as level 5 Course Designer min £200 per Diem
 - II Appointment as Assistant Course Builder min £70 per Diem
 - III per day, per Official must be offered to all British Showjumping appointed Officials during the period of the Event, plus one day (build day).
- 4 All expenses and fees to in relation to an appointment under 34.6.5 are to be invoiced by the officials to British Showjumping directly. British Showjumping will reimburse and remunerate the appointed officials and then invoice the show organiser accordingly.

TABLE 191

Table	First Round	First Jump-off	Second Jump-off
A1	Not against the clock. Those placed first equal divide the prize money		
A2	Not against the clock. Those placed equal qualify for the jump-off	Not against the clock. Those placed first equal divide the prize money	
A3	Not against the clock. Those placed equal qualify for the jump-off	Not against the clock. Those placed equal qualify for the second jump-off	Not against the clock. Those placed first equal divide the prize money
A4	Against the clock. Competitors placed on faults and time		
A5	Not against the clock, the course is divided into two sections (one round). Faults cumulative over the whole course. Those placed first equal divide the prize money.		
A6	Not against the clock. Those jumping clear in the first round go immediately to the jump-off section of the course	Not against the clock. Those placed equal divide the prize money in accordance with Rule 192A 5 and 6	
A7	Those placed first equal qualify for the jump-off. Other competitors placed according to their penalties and time	Against the clock. Competitors placed on faults and time	
A8	Those placed first equal qualify for the first jump-off. Other competitors placed according to their penalties	Those placed first equal qualify for the second jump-off. Other competitors placed according to their penalties and time	Against the clock. Competitors placed on faults and time
A9	The best five scores, or if necessary, all clear rounds qualify for the second round. In the event of equality, faults and time will decide, i.e. the fastest four faulters will qualify. All scores in the first round will be carried forward to the second round. Other competitors placed according to their penalties and time.	Against the clock. Competitors will start in reverse order of merit or the slowest four faulters will go first, the fastest clear last.	
A10	Those placed first equal qualify for the jump-off. Other competitors placed according to their penalties and time	Against the clock. Competitors placed on faults and time	
A11	Not against the clock. Top "No" (Number stipulated in the schedule) to go forward to the second round. All scores in the first round will be carried forward to the second round. Other competitors placed according to their penalties and time.	Not against the clock. Those placed equal qualify for the second jump-off. . Other competitors placed according to their penalties and time	Against the clock. Competitors placed on faults and time
286 Two Phase	Those jumping clear, continue directly onto the 2 nd phase, without interruption. Other competitors placed according to their penalties and time	Against the clock. Competitors placed on faults and time	
287 Single Phase	The course is divided into two sections (one round). First section - Time Allowed, second section - Against the clock, Faults cumulative over the whole course. Those placed first equal on faults will be split by the time in the second section		

Table A5

In competitions judged under Table A5 the course is divided into two sections (one round). Both sections are judged under Table A, not against the clock, but with a time allowed.

The competitor will jump the whole course unless they are eliminated.

Number of fences: Five to seven fences in each section (minimum 10 fences maximum 13 fences overall).

Minimum of 12 numbered fences are mandatory for qualifying competitions.

The second section must only comprise of new obstacles not previously used in the first section. The height of the second section should be set higher than those set for the first section.

34.6 Competition Eligibility

All affiliated competitions must be officiated at by Officials listed with British Showjumping.

Judges

At affiliated club shows, at least one registered Judge of any level must adjudicate.

Unless special permission has been obtained from British Showjumping, in every competition held at an affiliated National Show, at least two registered Judges must adjudicate. One of these two Judges may be a Level 1 Judge, however the other Judge must be a Level 2 or above Judge. (Also See 34.6.4)

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The show Organiser/Organising committee shall nominate one Level 2 or above Judge to act as Lead Official for each arena for the duration of the show day.

The show Organiser/Organising committee must allow sufficient time and resources for the lead official to carry out the relevant duties and checks.

The Lead Official shall not have any direct personal, professional or financial relationship, in or with the organisation of the show, including, but not limited to, relationships of family members that could influence or be perceived to influence objectivity when representing or conducting business or other dealings for, or on behalf of, British Showjumping.

The duties of the Lead Official are to assist and advise the show Organiser/Organising committee on all aspects of Showjumping, to ensure that all aspects of the event are run in accordance with the rules of the Association, to act as adjudicator on formal objections, in accordance to rule 198.5 (in the absence of an appointed Chairman of Judges).

At multi-ring shows, the show organising committee shall also nominate one Level 2 or above Judge to act as Chairman of the Judges for the duration of the show. The duties of the Chairman of the Judges are to assist and advise the show organising committee on all aspects of Showjumping and to act as adjudicator on formal objections, in accordance to rule 198.5 and to submit a chair of judges Show report to British Showjumping in a timely fashion. The Chairman of judges can also be appointed and act as a lead official for one arena at the multi-ring

The Chairman of the Judges shall not have any direct personal, professional or financial relationship, in or with the organisation of the show, including, but not limited to, relationships of family members that could

influence or be perceived to influence objectivity when representing or conducting business or other dealings for, or on behalf of, British Showjumping.

The show Organiser/Organising committee must allow sufficient time and resources for the Chairman of the Judges to carry out the relevant duties and checks.

The following competitions **require at least one level 3 judge, in addition to the min requirement as stated in 34.6.2.2**

- Classes of £1,000 or over first prize.
- Second Round Classes which qualify for HOYS or RIHS.
- Direct Qualifier Classes which qualify for HOYS or RIHS.
- National Finals