

# Officials Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of the Officials Newsletter in 2014. This newsletter includes some important updates and Rule Changes for your information.

If you are aware of any of your colleagues who do not receive this newsletter, please encourage them to contact me on the details below.

May I thank you for your continued support and dedication to British Showjumping, it is greatly appreciated by all involved with the sport.

## Club Shows

To help encourage riders to join British Showjumping, non members are allowed to compete in British Showjumping Club Classes to help attract them to affiliated competitions.

Officials are kindly asked to remind non members as part of the prize giving ceremony, that they can join up to 7 days after a show and that they should contact Sue Horton-Barr in Club Membership on 02477 087819 for more details about joining British Showjumping.

## British Showjumping Stipendiary Stewards

Following a recent Application & Interview Process, British Showjumping have appointed Michael Bainbridge and Tom Tanner as British Showjumping Stipendiary Stewards.

Michael and Tom will now join John Taylor working around the country at shows acting as a point of contact for our Members.

Michael and Tom have now both started their role and are actively being deployed around the country at shows.

## Guidance for Officiating at Club Shows

To assist our Officials when Officiating at Club Shows, British Showjumping have recently created some guidance to help identify the Key Points, Rules and Regulations.

This guidance can be seen by [clicking here](#), or by visiting the [Resources Tab](#) in [Officials Section](#) of the British Showjumping Website.

When Officiating at Club Shows, Judges are asked to ensure that when completing the Combined Judging & Results Sheet, they complete these fully with the names of both the Horse/Pony and the Rider. This is because the points and league are based on a Horse/Rider combination.

Judges are also asked to mark next to the name of the Horse or Pony, if it is indeed a Horse or Pony. A simple 'H' or 'P' next to the name of the Horse/Pony will help British Showjumping when it comes to grading the results. This is really important as there are different leagues for competitors who compete on Horses or Ponies.

When submitting the results, a Start List for each class must also be submitted with the results sheets to help in the grading process.

If either of the above two points are not completed, the results cannot be graded, meaning the members are not awarded points they have gained.

Further assistance or advice on Officiating at Club Shows can be obtained by calling Rob Ellis or Sue Horton Barr on 02477 087819.

## Clear Rounds

Officials are asked to ensure the Clear Rounds do not over run and that following scheduled classes start on time as per the approved final schedule.

Clear Rounds are also now allowed to run in any category show.

Rule 75 (Schedules) has been amended in the online Members Handbook with an updated version available by [clicking here](#).

## Congratulations

British Showjumping would like to congratulate the following Officials on their recent (or pending) upgrades / appointments: -



- Steve Wilde - FEI Level 3 Judge - from 01/07/14
- Ian Clark - FEI Level 2 Judge - from 01/07/14
- Jane Twemlow - FEI Level 2 Judge - from 01/07/14
- Jason Abbs - FEI Level 2 Course Designer
- Paul Connor - FEI Level 2 Course Designer
- Matt Hoskins - FEI Level 2 Course Designer

## Insurance

British Showjumping Officials are reminded that they are insured and covered under British Showjumping Insurance when acting as an Official at any British Showjumping Affiliated Show. This insurance does not cover them when Officiating at any other event or show.

All British Showjumping Officials are also insured and covered whilst Officiating at British Eventing, Pony Club or Riding Club Events; however this is under the respective National Governing Bodies Insurance Cover, which can be obtained on request from Rob Ellis or the National Governing Body direct.

If any Official would like to Officiate at any event other than those covered by British Showjumping, British Eventing, Pony Club or Riding Club, then they are to ensure they are adequately insured either by the organising party, or through their own personal liability insurance.

## Links

[British Showjumping Website](#)      [Myler Combination Bit Advice](#)

[Members Online](#)      [Members Handbook](#)

[FEI Officials Website](#)      [Rule Amendments](#)

[Officials Contact Details](#)      [Boot Rule](#)

[Officials Training Diary](#)      [Disciplinary Flow Charts](#)

## Obituaries

British Showjumping are sad to announce that over the past few months, a number of our Officials have sadly passed away. Those Officials include:

- Mavis Wilson
- Eileen Baker
- Dennis Brooks-Johnson
- Peter Kemp
- Evan Price

All the staff at British Showjumping, on behalf of everyone involved in the sport, would like to pass on their condolences to the families of the Officials listed above during this difficult time.

## Rule Corner - Rule 101.9 - Spurs

To fall in line with direction from the FEI and the FEI Rules and Regulations, British Showjumping have recently changed the wording in the rules with regards to Spurs and the use of plastic.

With immediate effect, Plastic Spurs are allowed in British Showjumping Affiliated Senior & Junior Competitions. In Senior Competitions, Spurs with necks in excess of 3cms or spurs with excessively severe design are not permitted. In Junior Competitions, only blunt or spurs with roller balls on the end are permitted. The overall length is not to exceed 1.5cms.

The new wording on Spurs can be found on Page 99 of the updated [Members Handbook](#).

Officials are reminded that Equine Welfare should be a top priority and are asked reprimand any misuse of or dangerous use of Spurs.

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