



British Showjumping

Club Member Handbook

Your guide to competition

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Club Membership

Welcome

British Showjumping's Club membership means so much more than first meets the eye – the opportunities are many and there are enormous benefits for everyone.

Now you have made the jump, you will find this handbook an essential guide to competing in affiliated showjumping competitions. In addition to assisting you through all stages of competition, it will also give you further information to what British Showjumping has to offer.

Club membership has been designed to give you the opportunity to compete at show centres of a high standard, offering professionally built courses ranging from 70cm-1.00m.

As you get prepared for your first competition and your future as a British Showjumping member please be assured that you do it with our full support. If you have any questions or concerns, the Membership Team at Head Office will be able to assist you as will your designated Development Officer.

Don't forget to opt in to Electronic Communications (ElecCom) via our website so that we can keep in touch!



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Club Competitions and Championships

Points

As a club member you will be competing for points. The number of placing's will be dependent on the number of starters; 1 in every 5 starters will determine how many placing's will be given.

The point System will take the following format;

1st Place	12
2nd Place	10
3rd Place	8
4th Place	6
5th Place	4
6th place	3
Double Clear	3

If you jump a double clear you will gain a further 3 points on top of your placing. Those in Double Clear Competitions can win 6 points for successfully jumping two clear rounds in the specific competition.

Points are reflected on a regional league table, and it is these that will lead to national championships!

Competition Structure

There are two types of Club Member competitions in which you can compete. These are:

Two Round Competition

You will have 2 minutes in order to jump the course and the top 6 scores or all clear rounds will go forward for the second stage (Jump Off). This jump off is against the clock and the course of jumps will be identified on the day at the show. The winner will be identified by least faults in the fastest time. This can be run as single and two phase competition. For more details, see page 9.

Double Clear Competition

This class will be based on two rounds with a 2 minute maximum time limit and your objective is to achieve your double clear points. Those who achieve their double clear will be joint first and will be awarded 6 points.

Heights of classes: 70 cm, 80cm, 90cm, 1.00m (Ponies and Horses)

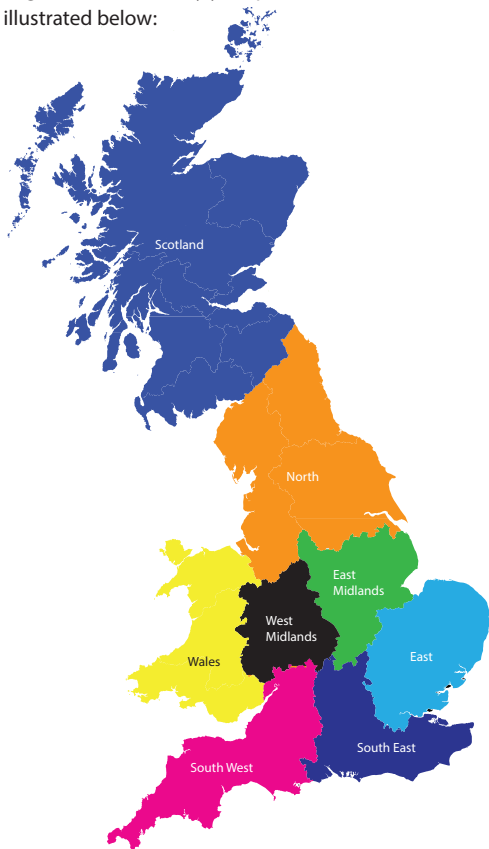


There are 8 regions across the UK, and you don't have to stick to just one. You can collect league points in all regions to qualify for the national championships. Points will be awarded and go towards your regional league.

League Tables

The league tables illustrate where the horse/pony and rider combination rank within each region. This will give you a focus point of where you need to be in order to qualify for the National Championships and they are available for viewing on the British Showjumping website under 'Leagues'.

Regions are defined by your postcode and are illustrated below:



National Final

The Club League Final will be held at the British Showjumping National Championships and you will find all relevant information on our website as it becomes available.

The top 20 riders from the league tables in each of the four height categories will qualify for the National Championships. The qualifying period will be from 1st July to 30th June, and you are welcome to qualify for more than one height category.

Para riders can also gain points at club membership shows which will qualify for Para Showjumping ranking list. For further details please visit www.britishshowjumping.co.uk

“Don't forget you can compete at Club Shows in any region to accrue points”

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Preparing for your first competition

Before the competition

Before each event we advise that you check with the show centre to ensure the show is still running. If any cancellations are made you will most likely find a notice on the centres website alternatively call the show secretary.

Organising your route (and an alternative route) is a good way to ensure you have plenty of time to familiarise yourself with the venue, enter for your classes and warm up sufficiently before you are due to go in the arena. There is nothing worse than turning up late and rushing to get ready, as neither you or your horse will be as focused as you can be.

Be prepared, clean your tack and boots, and ensure all your clothes are to hand and ready to go.

Refer to page 8 for more information about dress code.

What will I need?

Equipment Checklist	✓
Passport	
Handbook	
Grooming Kit	
Travelling rugs, boots and tail guard	
Water Container and water	
Buckets	
Sponges	
Hay/Haylage and Hay nets	
First aid kit – Horses and Human	
Food and Drink	

What can I expect during the day?

On arrival at the show you will need to report to the Show Secretary's office to enter for the classes you wish to. Remember to take your membership cards and horses passport with you. On completion of entries you will be given a number specifically for you and your horse.

Some shows may require you to add your number

to the board in the practice arena when you are ready to go. It is always advisable to ask the Show Secretary on entry if you need to do this or not. The practice arena will be available for you to warm up with other competitors during the day. Refer to page 11 for warm up etiquette.

Ensuring you are available to walk the course will also help you to be prepared and and give you best chance of jumping clear. When walking the course we advise that you walk the line you plan to ride and take note of the fence numbers so you don't miss one out. It's always worthwhile watching a few rounds before you're due to go in if you can, just to remind yourself of the course.

Remember you have two minutes in order to get round the course, so take your time and enjoy yourself whilst still remembering to breathe. Don't worry if you knock a pole down - we all do! Just remember, there is always a next time.

After the Competition

It is always worth checking your online record after the competition, to ensure your points have been awarded. This may take a few days though however if they are not included on your record within 21days of competition then it is worth giving us a call in the office to query this.

Following a show you may want to allow you and your horse a rest day before starting again. During this time it is worth reflecting on your performance and whether you could work towards improving next time you compete. If you are unsure of any particular area or feel you need help, it may well be worth booking a session with one of our British Showjumping coaches as they can help you prepare for your next outing. A list of these are available on our website under 'Training' should you wish to look for a coach local to yourself.

Preparing for your first competition - continued

What Can We Wear?

When competing at a British Showjumping event it is important that you and your horse/pony are suitably dressed and equipped to adhere to our rules. Below gives a dress code overview of what you

and your horse/pony are allowed to wear. Please see our British Showjumping National Rule book which can be downloaded from our website, for more information.

Rider (See rule 101 for more information)

Hat - with chinstrap properly adjusted and fastened.

Jackets - traditional style tailored jackets in dark colours, traditional tailored hacking jackets, new style jackets as approved by British Showjumping.

Shirts - Shirts may have long / short sleeves and must have a white collar; long-sleeved shirts must have white cuffs. Ladies may wear shirts with high white collars without a stock. Coloured ties or stocks may be worn with hacking jackets. Shirts must be properly done up at all times.

Breeches/Jodhpurs - white, pale yellow or fawn in colour.

Boots - all footwear must be black or brown including traditional riding boots, leather jodhpur boots with plain black or brown leather "gaiters." Pony riders may also wear leather jodhpur boots which can be worn with plain black or brown half chaps.

Gloves - optional

Body protectors - optional but if an inflatable body protector is worn a BETA approved body protector must be worn underneath.

Hairnets - in the interest of safety are advisable for long hair, long hair should always be tied back.

Spurs - not in excess of 3cms long, spurs capable of wounding a horse are forbidden. Spurs worn by Junior members are not allowed to exceed 2.5cms from back of the riders boot.

Whips - between 45cm and 75cm in length.

Jewellery - worn anywhere on the body can increase the risk of injury, riders are strongly recommended to remove all jewellery

Horse/Pony (See rule 102 for more information)

	Horses	Ponies	Comments
Saddle	✓	✓	
Irons and Leathers	✓	✓	Must hang freely
Running and Irish Martingale	✓	✓	
Standing Martingale	✓	✓	Only attached to cavesson part of the noseband
Standing and Running Martingale together	✓	✓	
Flash Noseband	✓	✓	
Drop Noseband	✓	✓	
Grackle/ Mexican Noseband	✓	✓	
Sheepskin Noseband	✓	✓	
Running Reins	x	x	
Market Harbour Rein	✓	x	Only with a plain snaffle
Hackamores	✓	x	
Bitless Bridle	✓	x	
Combination bits	✓	x	
Draw Reins	x	x	
Blinkers	x	x	
Sheepskin Cheekpieces	✓	✓	Not exceeding 3cm in diameter
Breast plate	✓	✓	
Tongue Guards	✓	✓	Must be properly constructed and detached from rein and bit
Any other form of martingale or gadget	x	x	
Boots	✓	✓	

Rules

Gaining Points

There are two types of classes in which you can gain points towards the National Championships.

The first is your standard showjumping class whereby places are decided by those with the least faults and quickest time over the timed part of the course. These classes can be run under three formats;

One round with Jump Off – Competitors complete their first round not against the clock. After all competitors have completed their first round those who have the least faults qualify to go into a “Jump-Off” round which is a shortened course against the clock. Lower placings will be drawn on faults.

Single Phase – The course is split into two sections with 5 – 7 fences in each section, the second section is timed and faults are accumulated over both sections. Unless eliminated competitors complete both sections.

Two Phase – This competition also comprises of two phases, the first phase is a course of 7 to 9 obstacles, the second phase takes place over 4 to 6 obstacles. Competitors who receive faults in the first phase of the course do not continue to the second phase and are halted by the bell after they have jumped the last obstacle of the first phase. Those who do not receive faults in the first phase continue to the second phase course which is timed.

In first round or first phase at Club competitions, time faults will not be allocated instead there will be a time limit of 2 minutes and competitors who exceed this will incur elimination.

In these classes points will be allocated as follows:

1st – 12 points, 2nd – 10 points, 3rd – 8 points, 4th – 6 points, 5th – 4 points, 6th – 3 points.
3 points will be allocated to all those who achieve double clear and anyone who has been placed will

receive an additional 3 points.

These classes will run at 70cm, 80cm, 90cm and 1.00m.

The second type of class is a Double Clear Class. In these classes the time limit is applied however there is no section against the clock the second round/ phase will be a shortened course. The aim of this class is to achieve a double clear, those who do will be joint 1st and will all receive 6 points.

These classes will also be run at 70cm, 80cm, 90cm and 1.00m.

It is at the discretion of the show as to which competitions they choose to run.

Heights in “Jump-Off”/ Second phases can be a maximum of 5cm higher than the first round.

Horse and pony can only compete once in each class.

Faults

Knock down – 4 faults

First refusal – 4 faults

Second refusal (anywhere on the course) – 4 faults

Third refusal (anywhere on the course) – Elimination

Fall (anywhere on the course) - Elimination



At British Showjumping we are committed to ensuring the welfare of the horse is paramount as well as taking all possible steps to make certain that when competing in Showjumping it is a level playing field for all.

Therefore when becoming a British Showjumping member you are agreeing to be bound the British Equestrian Federations Anti-Doping Rules (BEFAR).

Under these rules the rider of the horse will be held accountable for any BEFAR regulation violation, this is true even if he or she is using a borrowed horse. Where the rider is aged under 18 a parent/ guardian will be held responsible.

What should you know?

You need to be familiar with the Equine Prohibited Substance List which details exactly what is banned under these rules.

The Equine Prohibited Substance List is split into two sections, Banned Substances and Controlled Medication Substances. Substances found on either list are not allowed but incur different penalties.

What should you do?

Know exactly what your horse is being given. Keep a medication log book for your horse and make sure it is clean at the time of competition. Speak to your vet and find out how long medication is likely to stay in your horses system. If you're concerned that controlled medication is still in the horses system you can apply for a National Equine Therapeutic Use Exemption (NETUE) which is a special exemption granted by a technical committee, where a Controlled Medication Substance is found in a horse's sample and on examination it is clear that the substance was legitimately administered.

REMEMBER: ANY HORSE can be tested at ANY COMPETITION and if you are found to be in breach of these regulations you could be SUSPENDED from ALL BEF MEMBER BODIES for up to TWO YEARS and a fine of up to £3000!

For more information on this including BEFAR Rules in full, the Equine Prohibited Substance List, NEUTE explanation and application, please go to the BEF website (www.bef.co.uk) under the section "INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS" or contact British Showjumping directly.

Vaccinations and Micro-chipping

Members also need to be aware that as of 1st April 2012 all horses registered to British Showjumping will need to have up to date Flu Vaccinations and be micro-chipped, spot checks will be carried out.



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Code of Conduct

At British Showjumping we ask all those who attend our events to behave in an appropriate manner to ensure the safety and enjoyment for all. The following guidelines are in place for this reason.

In the Practice Arena

(See rule 122 for more information)

- When warming up/cooling down your horse be aware of the other competitors around you and ensure you pass "left hand to left hand" in the arena when going in opposite directions.
- In the practice arena wings of fences are identified with red or white markings. This is to make sure you jump the fence in the correct direction with the white wing on the left and red wing on the right. An easy way to remember this is "Red for Right".
- Show Centres often have a practice arena policy in place to prevent overcrowding. Please abide to these policies which are normally displayed around the arena – they are there for a reason!
- Where possible, if you are on foot, please avoid being within the practice arena.
- Do not over-jump or commandeer the practice fence – everyone needs a chance to warm up!
- A minimum of one spread and one upright are provided in each practice arena and only the jumps that have been provided can be used.
- All practice fences need to be able to be knocked down.
- A ground line pole is allowed.
- Sloping poles with one end on the floor are allowed.
- Ensure the practice fences are the correct height! Practice fences are allowed to be 10cm higher than the height of the fences in the competition in progress in the first round.

On the Show Site

- Ensure the welfare of your horse is paramount at all times.
- Arrive in plenty of time to make your entries. It is a difficult enough task for show centres to keep the show to time and get through everyone, those who turn up late for their class delay the day for everyone, by ensuring you arrive and make your entries with plenty of time the show can be run more efficiently.
- Have your membership card with you when making entries.
- Know when you are due to compete and make sure you are ready.
- Make sure you are appropriately presented for walking the course and prize giving's.
- Keep your horse to designated areas and away from pedestrian only zones.
- Don't leave litter or muck behind. It is important that we look after our show centres.
- Thank officials, course designers, sponsors and show secretaries. A thank you is always a great morale boost and without these people the shows could not take place!



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Here at British Showjumping, we care and encourage training for everyone at all levels. As a Club member you can join in with all our training schemes, these are:

- Area Training
- Pony Proficiency Award
- UK Coaching Certificate (UKCC)
- British Showjumping Coaches
- Junior and Senior Academies
- NAF British Showjumping Five Star Award

Area Training

This is arranged within the area's through your Area Representative and/or Development Officer, and there are always training days going on in which you can take part

The training won't always be on horseback as we also encourage working on nutrition, core balance, fitness and physiotherapy for both horse and rider.

For details of any training dates visit our website.

Pony Proficiency Award

The Pony Proficiency Award is for juniors on ponies and is designed to improve the all-round knowledge of Pony members.

As with any sport, the earlier you instil good basic principles the better foundations you have to build on. It's much harder to correct bad habits than stop them from the outset.

The Pony Proficiency Award consists of riding, handling and interview sections, which assess basic riding and horsemanship.

Any British Showjumping Coach can assess this, and you will be awarded a certificate and badge on successful completion.

UKCC

Within British Showjumping we also encourage the development of coaches. UKCC courses are held across the country at Level 2 and Level 3.

The UKCC is the future of coaching, this has been brought into many sports to improve the quality of coaching across the UK to provide and build safe and effective coaching systems for participants in all sports.

Level 2 coaches have the ability to assist throughout our training schemes whilst level 3 coaches are Showjumping Specific who lead all our training sessions.

We encourage all age groups with knowledge of coaching in the industry to come forward to develop their skills which they can use within Showjumping.

If you feel you would like to pursue a career in coaching please visit our website for more details.

British Showjumping Coaches

The UKCC has helped grow our list of Coaches. Since the accreditation scheme was run in 2004 we now have a growing list which is still increasing, a full list of coaches can be found on our website.

All of our coaches are fully qualified, CRB checked and up to date with first aid, child protection and insurance. We find out all this information so you don't have to worry. All you have to do is telephone them and arrange a time to suit.

Junior and Senior Academies

Junior Academy

It's often said that from little seeds big acorns grow and it takes only a quick look at the number of Junior Academies sprouting up all over the country to see what a success story this exciting initiative is.

The Academy aims to provide progressive coaching rather than one off training sessions, using experienced British Showjumping Coaches. The aim is to significantly improve the riding skills and horse knowledge of the pony membership in order to make them more competitive in the sport of Showjumping.

We have junior academies based all over the UK that run training sessions on a regular basis. You can attend any academy even if you are not in that specific area, as long as you are happy to travel. There are no limits to the sessions which you can attend and most training sessions you will have to book onto to ensure you have a space on the day.

Throughout the Junior Academies you also get the chance to compete against other teams in an inter academy competition which is run on an annual basis. For more details on this speak with the lead coach of your academy, details of these are located on www.britishshowjumping.co.uk

As a Junior Member you also get the chance to become a NAF Shining Star. Nominations are made by the Academy lead coach, giving you the chance to receive NAF products and appear on British Showjumping website and in the bi-monthly magazine.

Senior Academy

The Senior Academy is an extension to the current Junior Academy programme; The Senior Academy allows a more structured approach to the area training programme, you can join a senior academy from the age of 21.

The Senior Academies will introduce and encourage the completion of the NAF Five Star Performance Award which helps to develop specific performance skills through training.

All sessions are structured and catered where possible for each individuals needs, they are designed to help training and knowledge on and off the horse using specialist lecture demonstrations and working on core balance and fitness.

The senior academies are run by a British Showjumping coach, and not only are they educational and fun it also provides a good social group allowing you to get to know others on the show circuit.



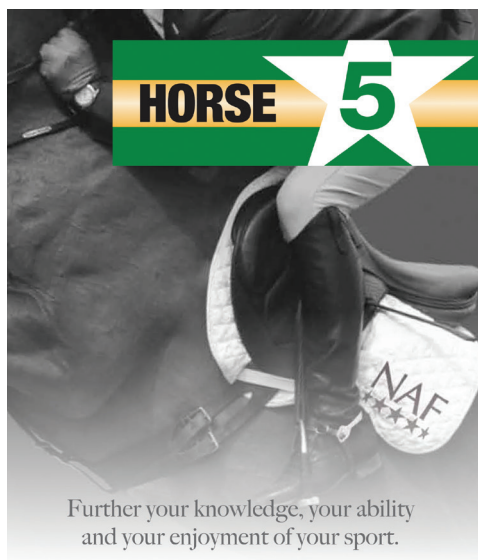
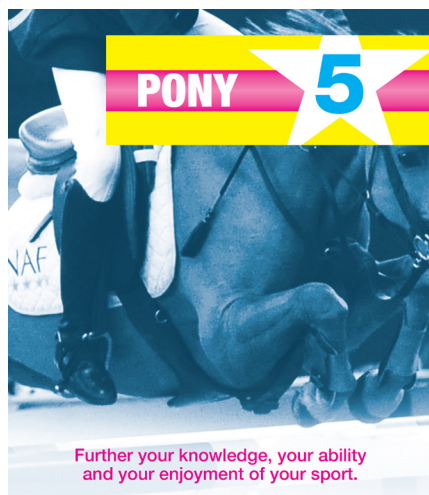
NAF British Showjumping Five Star Performance Awards

The NAF British Showjumping Five Star Performance Awards Programme delivers comprehensive training and a positive structure. With a series of progressive standards, the 5* Award Programme provides clear goals and competencies for all levels and abilities to strive for.

There is no time limit to work through an award but to achieve the relevant star level; you need to have all the criteria signed off by a British Showjumping coach.

They will need to see you demonstrate the criteria, question your understanding and you should have completed answers to the questions for the star level which you are taking.

Signing up for the 5* way of training is straight forward and simple. The first step is to seek friendly advice from a British Showjumping coach who will help you assess the level most appropriate to your current ability, then contact British Showjumping Sport Team for your booklet.



The awards are progressive so it's important not to miss out on the foundations.

In addition to the training exercises there are sections for stable management, exercising, shoeing, rules, competitions and a space to list your contacts for vets, farriers and insurance.

Take your log book to each training session and your coach can sign-off the relevant criteria you achieve, monitor your progress and discuss the key areas for long-term all-round development. Your log book will act as a record of your own personal journey and turn into a wonderful reference of the growing skills and confidence of you and your horse.

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Insurance

The following policies are arranged by South Essex Insurance Brokers Ltd. on behalf of British Showjumping with effect from 1 July 2014.

In respect of some classes of insurance, we may operate block insurance arrangements in order to provide competitive terms. On occasions it will be necessary for us to transfer such blocks from one insurer to another where this is beneficial for our members.

Public and Products Liability

Below is a summary of the significant features, benefits and limitations of the cover provided by Brit Syndicate 2987 at Lloyds Ltd. Public and Products Liability policy. For full details of the cover including complete terms, conditions and exclusions please refer to the Master Policy document, Policy No. VG544H14A000, issued to British Showjumping.

Type of insurance and cover

Cover is provided in respect of third party liability for Members of British Showjumping to pay compensation including legal costs for:

- Accidental death or personal injury to any person excluding employees.
- Accidental loss or damage to third party material property.

Arising out of the Member's use and/or ownership and/or control of a Horse(s) or Horse drawn vehicle(s) and direct participation by the Insured in other Horse related activities including Show Jumping and/or taking part in shows.

The duration of this non-investment insurance contract is the date of initial membership to British Showjumping and annually on the 1 July thereafter.

Significant features and benefits

- Cover applies worldwide (excluding products exported to U.S.A./Canada).
- Indemnity limit £5 million (refer to following for full limits).

- Indemnity for any person given permission by the Member to use the Insured's Horse or Horse drawn vehicle.
- The policy extends to include Public Liability cover for a groom whilst working for the Member.

Significant and unusual exclusions or limitations

- The first £1,000 of any claim for third party property damage.
- Excludes any claim arising in connection with racing (other than gymkhana novelty races), point to point or steeplechasing.
- Bodily Injury to any member of the Insured's family or household or to any employee.
- Loss of or damage to property belonging to or in the care, custody or control of the Member or any member of the Insured's family or household or a person in their service.
- Bodily injury or loss of or damage to property arising out of or incidental to any profession, occupation or business of the Insured, except in respect of grooms working for the Insured.
- Use of a Horse or Horse drawn vehicle for hire or reward.

Significant conditions

- The Member shall exercise reasonable care and shall take all reasonable steps to prevent accidents and to comply with all statutory or other obligations and regulations imposed by any authority and shall maintain the premises and all ways, furnishings, works, machinery, plant and vehicles in sound condition. In the event of the discovery of any defect or danger the Insured shall forthwith cause such defect or danger to be made good or remedied and in the meantime shall cause such additional precautions to be taken as the circumstances may require.
- If any claim covered by the Master Policy is also covered in whole or in part by any other insurance, the liability of the Company shall apply as excess of, and not as contributory with, such other insurance.

Significant definitions

• 'Member' shall include:

- Any Member of British Showjumping as described in the Rules of British Showjumping:
- Normally domiciled in the United Kingdom, Isle of Man or Channel Islands.
- Normally domiciled elsewhere in the World while temporarily visiting the United Kingdom, Isle of Man or Channel Islands from the time of arrival in the United Kingdom, Isle of Man or Channel Islands until time of departure therefrom only normally domiciled outside the United Kingdom, Isle of Man or Channel Islands whilst acting as part of an official British Showjumping Team only.
- If required by Law, the parent or guardian of the said Member.
- Horse shall mean any horse, pony, donkey, mule, ass or jennet.

Claims notification (Liability Claims Only)

In the event of a claim or possible claim under the Master Policy, the assured must immediately contact the helpline number on 0845 6008370.

The insured must not admit liability, offer or agree to settle any claim without the Underwriter's written permission.

Law applicable to the contract

U.K. law allows both you and us to choose the law applicable to the contract. The contract will be subject to the relevant law of the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands relating to your address as shown in the schedule.

If there is any dispute as to which law applies it shall be English law. The parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

Cancellation rights

This policy does not entitle you to a cooling-off period.

Excess Public and Products Liability

Insurer – AIG Europe Ltd.

Policy No. B1006H004071R03

Cover – To indemnify the Insured to the same terms and conditions and exceptions as are contained in the primary policy issued by Brit Syndicate 2987 at Lloyds Ltd, policy (No. VG544H14A000) as detailed above on the identical subject matter and risk, but always subject to the Limit of Indemnity and any amending conditions.

Limit of Indemnity – GBP 25,000,000 in excess of GBP 5,000,000 any one occurrence unlimited in the period of insurance for Public Liability and in the aggregate in the period of insurance for Products Liability.

Conditions – To follow the terms, conditions and exceptions of the primary policy issued by Brit Syndicate 2987 at Lloyds Ltd, policy number VG544H14A000.

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Who's who?

Development Officers

There are six Development Officers spread throughout Scotland, England and Wales. You are likely to see the Development Officers at various competitions, events and training and they will be happy to help with any queries or problems you may have. The contact details for your Development Officer are below, so please do not hesitate to get in touch with them. Within each region there are a team of volunteer representatives that work pro-actively along side the Development Officers to organise various events and training. All areas within the regions can be found in the regional section of our website, along with the details of all area committee's.

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At a competition

No competition could take place without the assistance of numerous professional and voluntary individuals. Their contribution and dedication to the sport is invaluable so please treat them with the respect they deserve.

At each show there will be officials who's core focus is to ensure that the show runs as smoothly as possible, offering you a fair and safe environment in which to compete.

There are:

British Showjumping Judge – responsible for the conduct of the competition, ensuring British Showjumping rules are upheld and completed results sheets are returned to head office.

Course Designer – responsible for designing the course, supervising the building of the obstacles and measuring the course.

Show Secretary – takes entries for the competition.

Stipendiary Stewards – attend shows in order to observe and regulate the conduct of members.

'Your
Development
Officers are only
a call away and
are there to help
you!'

Frequently asked questions

• Do I need to take any documentation to shows?

YES, you need to take all your relevant membership cards to ALL British Showjumping competitions, without these you will not be able to compete!

You also need to ensure that you take the passport/s of all horses you are competing with you to the show.

• How do I find out my horses competition record?

You can log into to the “membership online” section of the website which you will find under the membership section. Here you will be able to see your horse's competition record.

• How do I find out where I am on the regional ranking list?

Regional league tables can be found on the Leagues page of the website.

• Can Club Members horses be dope tested?

Yes any horse competing at a British Showjumping competition is eligible to be dope tested. For more information about the Anti-Doping (BEFAR) rules contact British Showjumping directly or see the British Equestrian Federation website (www.bef.co.uk)

• How can I get more details of British Showjumping Rules?

You can download a copy of the members handbook containing all British Showjumping rules for free from the website.

• Can my horse and I upgrade to be a national member?

YES, you and/or your horse can upgrade to be a national member. You will need to pay the upgrade fee and send in a copy of the documentation for your horse, for more information call our membership team on 02476 698800 (Option 1), who will be happy to help.

• How do I know if I have reached the National Championships?

You will receive a letter notifying you of your qualification to the National Championships.

• Can another rider register the horse I have registered as a Club Member?

Yes a Club horse can be registered with more than one Club Rider.



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Frequently asked questions – continued

• My horse and I are Club Members can I compete in National Competitions?

Your Club Membership entitles you and your horse to compete in two national competitions per year, however if you wish to compete in more than this you will need to either purchase a "Ticket to Ride" for £6 which allow you to jump in these competitions but you cannot be placed or alternatively you can upgrade to be a National member.

• How can I find out what Club shows are taking place in my region?

By looking at the regional pages on the website and clicking on Club Shows, this gives you a list of all Club Shows which are taking place in your region in the next 14 days. Alternatively you can look at the shows calendar on the website and select Club Shows as the category.

• If I buy a new horse with monetary prize winnings can I register it as a Club Member?

Yes eligibility for Club Membership is based upon the horse and rider combination, so providing the combination fulfil this criteria the horse can be registered as a Club member.

• A National member wants to compete my Club horse in National competitions can they do this and will that affect me competing that horse in Club shows?

Yes providing the National member and Club horse fulfil the specific requirement for the National class they are competing in. As Club membership is based on the horse and rider combination this will not affect you're eligibility to compete in Club competitions.

• I have registered through the office, and I can not seem to log into my online account, how do I do this?

You will firstly need to register your email address with us and it will automatically generate a password for you, this can be changed by you to something you remember.

If this does not work then please contact the Membership Department to set this up direct.



Should I upgrade to National Membership?

National Membership

The jump from Club to National membership may seem like a big one and maybe something you thought you could never achieve?

With that in mind, below is a guide to National membership which illustrates the stage you may like to be before deciding whether it's for you or not.

Let's start with registering.....

Registration Checklist

Here is a checklist to highlight the main differences you will see when you register as a National member for the first time.

Question....	Yes or No?	How do I do it?
Do I need to complete a new membership form?	Yes	Download and complete a National membership form then send to British Showjumping by Fax, email or post.
Do I need to register my horse again?	Yes	Download and complete a National Horse Registration Form and send in as above.
Can I do it all online, like I did with my Club application?	No	This is because there are a few extra documents you will need to post into the British Showjumping office, but don't worry; they are documents you should already have!
Will I need to send in original documents even if I sent photocopies with my Club Application?	No	But your horse will need to be microchipped. We will need to see a copy of the documents

There are also some other VITAL points you need to know as you think about applying for your National Membership...

Vital Information Before You Compete

YOUR HORSE'S PASSPORT:

Because we use your passport to verify many details about your horse, including its identification and markings, you need to ensure that the page where the sketch of your horse has been completed has a clear surgery stamp and vets signature on that page, many people mistake this for signature of the breeder! Without a surgery stamp it's unlikely to have been a vet that signed it.



Imported Horses

Firstly, don't panic if your horse was bred overseas! Unless your horse has actually competed in Showjumping classes abroad it is unlikely that he will be loaded up with prize money on his record before you've even entered the ring! Read the process we will go through below, to give you an idea what will happen if your horse has ever been overseas.....

HORSES FROM IRELAND:

Is your horse from Ireland?

If so you will need to be aware of the way in which points are converted into points when joining British Showjumping.

	Below 1.20m	Above 1.20m
Horses	Multiply by 3	Multiply by 9
Ponies	Multiply by 3.5	Multiply by 3.5

This will be shown in points which will then be added onto your winnings.

HORSES FROM ABROAD:

Was your horse imported from abroad or has he ever spent time overseas?

If so you need to be aware that National horses are awarded with foreign winnings, depending on their age when they entered the UK. Below is a guide to explain how it works.....

Age of horse when placed in the uk	Points graded onto record	
	Horse	Pony
4yrs old	125	nil
5yr old	225	100
6yr old	375	250
7yr old	700	400
8yr old+	2000	700

STEP 1 – Upon registration we identify the horse's current age and Country of Origin, according to its passport.

STEP 2 – We then check to see if there are any vaccinations or import papers that place your horse in the UK at an earlier age.

STEP 3 – We will then grade your horse with winnings according to the earliest age that we have identified the horse as being a UK resident!

Q - "Why automatically put winnings on BEFORE we find out if its ever won anything, why not just wait until we know for sure?....."

A - The reason we grade it according to age before confirming if your horse has ever jumped abroad is to prevent experienced horses competing in novice classes as the horse may eventually NOT be eligible for those classes.

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National Class Structure and FAQ's

Ok, so your registrations are complete and your membership cards have arrived, how do you know what classes to enter?

National Classes

The National class structure is a bit different to the Club classes you may have already competed in. You now have a lot more options and some amazing opportunities to qualify and jump at some top shows, such as Horse of the Year Show.

Prize Money & Points

As with Club Membership, we will still keep a list of all the results you achieve. Except now you can win and keep a track on both the prize money and points you have also won! The prize money stays with the horse for its lifetime and the points you gain determines the classes in which you are eligible to compete in, on that horse.

Q - "I've seen a horses British Showjumping record and it had 2 lots of points, of different amounts – what do they both mean and why not just have one amount?"

A - We have 2 sets of points recorded for every National horse....confusing it may seem, but it's for a good reason! You will see an ACTUAL amount and a Points amount for every Nationally registered horse, and here's why...

Actual Winnings – This is a record of what money you actually take home, so however much is awarded to you at the show on that horse is what will be added to this total.

Points – This record reflects the amount of points that British Showjumping will grade for each placing in each class, regardless of how much is added to your ACTUAL prize money. You can find graded amounts for every class and every placing in the Handbook that you will receive. It is designed to prevent horses jumping themselves out of classes before they are ready. Here is an example to show you how it works...



Should I Upgrade?

"Horse A has £0 and his rider wants to compete in British Novice @ 90cms until he is confident to jump higher. They enter their first British Novice and get a 2nd place with a double clear! The class is well sponsored so they receive £40 for coming 2nd. However, the limit of points allowed for competing in a British Novice is only 125, which means if they compete at this show very often and keep doing well they may only have a few more chances to compete in this class before they have won 125 points"

****NOTE TO REMEMBER****

It is always your points that determines which classes you're horse is eligible for, NOT actual.

Thanks to points British Showjumping will grade a 2nd place in any British Novice, anywhere in the country with just 8 points + 5 additional points if it jumps double clear - this means Horse A has a lot more chances to compete in this class, no matter how much they win on the day.

*Ponies are graded with slightly different amounts – more details in the Member Handbook.



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National Championships

Double Clears

The aim of certain National Classes is to gain your four double clears within a year to qualify for the finals in each level, at both senior and pony competitions.

Senior Competitions

Class	Height	Entry Qualifications	Start Date	End Date	Championships
British Novice	90cm	Points not to exceed 125	1st May	30th April	National Championships
Discovery	1.00m	Points not to exceed 225	1st May	30th April	National Championships
Amateur Series	85cm-1.20m	Not to be on top 450 of ranking list (1st August – 31st July)	31st August	1st September	Various locations throughout the UK

Pony Competitions

Class	Height	Entry Qualifications	Start Date	End Date	Championships
British Novice	80cm	Points not to exceed 150	1st May	30th April	National Championship
Discovery	90cm	Points not to exceed 300	1st May	30th April	National Championship
Stepping Stones	128cm = 75cm 138cm = 85cm	Riders not to have been placed in Winter or HOYS first round qualifier.	1st January	31st July	National Championship

For more information about what classes have what points limits, or to find out what will be added to your points amount, after receiving a placing check the website or the Rules and Yearbook for more details. Don't forget you can always call or email us at British Showjumping to help you answer any questions – no matter how simple you think they may sound!



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Key Information

You

Name: _____

Address: _____

Membership Number: _____

Emergency Contact (name and number): _____

Your Horse

Horse/ Pony Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Microchip Number: _____

Passport number: _____

Vet contact details: _____

Farrier contact details: _____

Vaccinations due date: _____

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Competition Record

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