

2026 Members Handbook Amendments

The following current amendments/corrections have been made to the 2026 Members Handbook since its publication in December 2025:

The 2026 British Showjumping Members Handbook is available to view [here](#) or via the Membership Section of the British Showjumping [website](#). Rules that have been amended since the 2026 edition was produced in December 2025 can be found below, along with any corrections.

Rule amendments:

All amendments are effective immediately unless otherwise stated.

Date 29/04/2026:

Date of implementation 01/06/2026

- **Rule 212 - Practice Arenas**

The wording to point 6 has been updated and split into two parts, creating new 6.1 & the existing wording as point 6.2, as follows (changes are marked in red):

- 6
- 1 The competitor entered to compete at the show is the only person allowed to jump the horse on the showground for the duration of the show, including those running over multiple days. If two riders are to compete the same horse in one day, the rider due to compete later in the day may not jump the horse until after it has competed with the first rider. However, flatwork, lunging and work in hand by someone other than the athlete, is permitted.
 - 2 Other than for Senior Club Classes, under penalty of disqualification, only Junior members are eligible to ride a pony anywhere on the showground for the duration of the show and the competitor is the only person allowed to jump the pony anywhere on the showground. However, lunging or work in hand, etc. by someone other than the athlete, is permitted.

Date 31/03/2026:

The new Team Jumping Competition rules are as follows:

Team Jumping Competitions 2026

90cm Team Jumping Qualifier

- 1 Entry Qualifications: For registered horses to be ridden by Full, Associate or Junior members.
- 2 Riders who have ever competed as a team member of any Senior International Team, (4* or 5* Nations Cup in the last 10 years, World, European Championships and Olympic Games) are not eligible. Pony Riders, Children, Juniors and Young Riders who have ever competed in Nations Cup/ International Team Events and European Championships in the last 5 years are not eligible (excluding Veterans and Para teams).
- 3 A rider can only jump once in each team. Combinations can jump at two different consecutive heights. A horse can compete in two teams in different classes.
- 4 Rider or horse not to currently be in the Silver or Gold league.
- 5 Members are able to enter their own teams of 3 or 4 with riders from any area (to be self-funded).
- 6 The competition is run over two rounds; all team members jump in both rounds. The first round to be run as Table A (not against the clock), the second round to be run as Single Phase. Placings will be determined by the faults from the best three scores from the first round plus the best three scores from the second round. If there are teams that are equal on total faults after the second round, the three times from the best three scores from the second section of the single phase will be used to determine the final placings. No points to be graded.
- 7 Qualifies for the Team Jumping Championship at the British Showjumping National Championships. The first two teams from each qualifier to qualify for the Final.

Speed: 325m per minute indoor and outdoor.

Course Designer: Level 2 or above.

1m Team Jumping Qualifier

- 1 Entry Qualifications: For registered horses to be ridden by Full, Associate or Junior members.
- 2 Riders who have ever competed as a team member of any Senior International Team, (4* or 5* Nations Cup in the last 10 years, World, European Championships and Olympic Games) are not eligible. Pony Riders, Children, Juniors and Young Riders who have ever competed in Nations Cup/ International Team Events and European Championships in the last 5 years are not eligible (excluding Veterans and Para teams).
- 3 A rider can only jump once in each team. Combinations can jump at two different consecutive heights. A horse can compete in two teams in different classes.
- 4 Combinations not to currently be in the Horse Silver League. Rider or horse not to currently be in the Gold league.
- 5 Members are able to enter their own teams of 3 or 4 with riders from any area (to be self-funded).
- 6 The competition is run over two rounds; all team members jump in both rounds. The first round to be run as Table A (not against the clock), the second round to be run as Single Phase. Placings will be determined by the faults from the best three scores from the first round plus the best three scores from the second round. If there are teams that are equal on total faults after the second round, the three times from the best three scores from the second section of the single phase will be used to determine the final placings. No points to be graded.
- 7 Qualifies for the Team Jumping Championship at the British Showjumping National Championships. The first two teams from each qualifier to qualify for the Final.

Speed: 325m per minute indoor and outdoor.

Course Designer: Level 2 or above.

1.10m Team Jumping Qualifier

- 1 The Entry Qualifications: For registered horses to be ridden by Full, Associate or Junior members.
- 2 Riders who have ever competed as a team member of any Senior International Team, (4* or 5* Nations Cup in the last 10 years, World,

European Championships and Olympic Games) are not eligible. Pony Riders, Children, Juniors and Young Riders combinations who have ever competed in Nations Cup/ International Team Events and European Championships in the last 5 years are not eligible (excluding Veterans and Para teams).

- 3 A rider can only jump once in each team. Combinations can jump at two different consecutive heights. A horse can compete in two teams in different classes.
- 4 Rider or horse not to currently be in the Gold league.
- 5 Members are able to enter their own teams of 3 or 4 with riders from any area (to be self-funded).
- 6 The competition is run over two rounds; all team members jump in both rounds. The first round to be run as Table A (not against the clock), the second round to be run as Single Phase. Placings will be determined by the faults from the best three scores from the first round plus the best three scores from the second round. If there are teams that are equal on total faults after the second round, the three times from the best three scores from the second section of the single phase will be used to determine the final placings. No points to be graded.
- 7 Qualifies for the Team Jumping Championship at the British Showjumping National Championships. The first two teams from each qualifier to qualify for the Final.

Speed: 325m per minute indoor and outdoor

Course Designer: Level 2 or above.

Team Jumping Championship

- 1 The Open to horses and riders qualified for the Team Jumping Championship.
- 2 Run under Rule 281a (Nations Cup).
- 3 Substitutions for the Final – One horse or one rider, or one horse and rider combination substitution permitted per team (to be submitted in writing).

Course Specification

Class	First Round Max Height	First Round Max Spread	Combinations	Water	Water Tray
90cm Team Jumping Qualifier	90cm	1.00m	*(Max widths not to be used in Combinations) and/or water tray	No	Optional
1m Team Jumping Qualifier	1.00m	1.10m	*(Max widths not to be used in Combinations) and/or water tray	No	Optional
1.10m Team Jumping Qualifier	1.10m	1.30m TB 1.60m	*(Max widths not to be used in Combinations) and/or water tray	No	Optional

The following applies to all the above classes unless stated otherwise:

Triple bars – the width should not exceed the height plus one third

Double and Trebles – a minimum of Two Doubles or One Double and One Treble.

Date 16/03/2026

- **Rule 45 - Measurement**

- 9 The height of an animal as first registered will only be altered for registration purposes following a measurement or remeasurement under this rule; **or for 148cm category ponies who ~~ex~~ hold a valid FEI measuring certificate.**

Date 21/01/2026

- **Rule 513 - Winter 138cm Championship - Second Round**

The wording to point 2 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

2 A8

- **Rule 513a - Winter 138cm Championship - Final**

The wording to point 2 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

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- **Rule 515 - Winter 128cm Championship - Second Round**

The wording to point 2 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

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- **Rule 515a - Winter 128cm Championship - Final**

The wording to point 2 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

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Date 07/01/2026

- **Rule 506 - SEIB Winter Novice Championship Qualifier**

The wording to point 2 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

2 A8

Date 16/01/2026

- **Rule 102.15.2 & 3 - Hind boot rule for - Young horse, Age & Pony Classes**

2 All hind leg protections must have a maximum interior length of 16cm and a minimum exterior width of 5cm. (4cm for Pony classes.)

3 The inside protection must be smooth and the fixings must be made of non elastic Velcro type fasteners with no hooks or straps permitted and must have a minimum width of 5cm. (4cm for Pony classes.)

- **Rule 415 - Springboard 128cm/138cm Restricted Handicap**

Date of commencement - 01.02.2026

The wording to point 3 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

Height of fences: 128cm, 85cm, 138cm, 95cm.

- **Pony Class Course Specification (p216)**

Date of commencement - 01.02.2026

The wording in the table has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

Height correction

Rule	Class	First rd max. height	First rd max. spread	Combination
415	Springboard 128cm/138cm Restricted Handicap	128cm - 0.85cm 138cm - 0.95cm	128cm - 0.95m 138cm - 1.00m	1 x double must have a vertical as 2nd part. Must change distances for different height ponies. See Note F

- **Pony Class Course Specification (p216)**

Date of commencement - 01.07.2026

The wording in the table has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

Height correction

Rule	Class	First rd max. height	First rd max. spread	Combination
414	Stepping Stones 128cm/138cm Handicap - Qualifier	128cm - 0.75m 138cm - 0.85m	128cm - 0.85m 138cm - 0.95m	Mandatory- Only 1 x Double of verticals See Note F

- **Pony Class Course Specification (p215)**

Date of commencement - 01.02.2026

The wording in the table has been updated as follows (changes are marked in red):

Height correction

Rule	Class	First rd max. height	First rd max. spread	Combination
410	Pony British Novice - First Round	0.80cm	0.95m	Mandatory - Only 1 x Double of verticals
411	Pony British Novice - Second Round	0.85m	0.95m	* See Note C
411a	Pony British Novice - Final	0.85cm	1.00m	*

Corrections:

- **Rule 45 - Measurement**

The rule wording has been updated as follows:

- 8 For the purpose of registration and competition under British Showjumping Rules, measurements **are** to be in metric.
- 9 The height of an animal as first registered will only be altered for registration purposes following a measurement or remeasurement under **this** rule or holds a valid FEI measuring certificate.

- 9a All ponies competing in international competitions under FEI rules must hold an FEI international horse passport and an FEI measuring certificate. A pony measured out by **the** FEI will automatically be suspended by British Showjumping pending another valid measurement being provided. If a pony is measured out by FEI it is the owner's responsibility to notify British Showjumping within 24 hours.
- 9b **Subject to Rule 45.2b** , **we** accept an FEI Lifetime measuring certificate. If a pony has an interim FEI measuring certificate this will be accepted for the duration of the interim certificate.
- 10 The cost of any FEI re-measurement to be borne by the owners of the animals.

- **Rule 101.3 - Dress**

*The wording to point 3 has been updated as follows (changes are marked in **red**):*

Hats: Protective headgear, must be worn at all times when mounted by anyone, whether or not a Competitor, which complies to the below standards at any British Showjumping competition or activity. Harnesses must be properly adjusted and fastened at all times when mounted.

British - **EN1384 2023**, PAS 015 (2011), VG1 - Provided they are BSI Kitemarked **or Inspec IC marked**.

European - VG1 - Provided they are BSI Kitemarked **or Inspec IC marked**.

American - All SEI ASTM F1163 **2015 and 2023** and SNELL E2016 and **E2021**.

Australian and New Zealand - AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards **plus SAI mark**.

- **Rule 64 - Grading of Imported Horses and Ponies**

The wording in the second paragraph has been corrected as follows (changes are marked in *red*):

In the event that the name is difficult to pronounce the owner may opt to rename the horse at the time of registration at no additional cost. In the absence of any proof of identity horses imported from abroad will be graded with the following winnings, according to their ages for 2026: