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**Competitors and Team Managers** (*Chefs d'équipe*)  
at all Area and Championship Competitions.

**Rule book/ current standards etc. can be seen /downloaded from**  
<http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-rulebook>

COMPETITORS

-  Do be polite to all officials and other competitors.
-  Do check that your hat/body protector meet current regulations (*which have changed this year*). Failure to comply will mean you won't be eligible to compete.
-  Do check the rules/ tack/equipment restrictions for each discipline you're taking part in. Rules can change annually so don't assume they are the same as last year.
-  Do check that your flu certificate is valid. Failure to comply may mean you won't be eligible to compete.
-  Do be aware that, due to the scoring system, team places cannot be calculated until the final competitor has completed. Scorers work very hard to have this calculated a.s.a.p. but there will inevitably be a delay. Please be patient. We all want to get home for that G&T after a long day 😊.
-  Do take any worries or complaints to your Team Manager (even if you're competing as an individual). If they feel your complaint is valid it is THEIR responsibility to take it to the Secretary or Official Steward. There is a valid reason for this so please adhere to it.
-  Please remember that 99% of all officials and helpers are volunteers. They have given up their time so you can have fun competing. They are often at the event from early morning and may be there until long after the last competitor has left. They are there to assist in the smooth running of the event. No-one is there to waste time or intentionally cause delays. They will always put the safety and enjoyment of the competitors first.
-  Abusive behaviour is NOT ACCEPTABLE under ANY circumstance and is likely to result in disciplinary action and /or losing volunteers. Remember, volunteers often give their time to more than one event and/or club locally and nationally, they are to be valued and treated with respect. Without volunteers your events can't run.

## TEAM MANAGERS

-  As Team Manager you need to have had some competition experience, either competing or organising. You should ATTEND the event, check flu certificates beforehand and equipment on the day. Ultimately, you are responsible for the behaviour of your competitors (team members, individuals and followers).
-  The Team Manager is the ONLY person who can make an official complaint or enquiry. If there is a complaint from a competitor then ONLY YOU should take the complaint to the Official Steward.
-  Do check Flu certificates/ hat and body protector/tack regulations. There are handy charts in the rule book that make this job much easier.
-  Do make sure that you have a copy of the current rules and check them for each discipline in advance. Mistakes/ misunderstandings cannot always be rectified on the day and could result in a rider being unable to compete.
-  Do make sure that any paperwork (declaration form etc.) is correctly and fully completed. Failure to comply may result in a qualifying team/individual not receiving an invitation to BRC championships. It is your responsibility, not that of the organiser/Area official/BRC official to 'fill in the gaps'.
-  Do arrive early for the competition. Competitors will be looking for you and there may be a Team Managers meeting with the organiser or an official before the start of the competition that you need to attend. In addition early presentation of declarations etc. to the secretary can relieve the pressure of a hectic morning for both you and the organisers and will be appreciated!
-  Do pick up the competitors numbers and arrange a base on the field where competitors can pick them up. It will make your life easier and adds to the team spirit on the day.
-  Do check competitors times and relevant arenas for each discipline. Competitors are often very stressed on the day and may not be 'thinking straight'.
-  Try to remember that you are there to assist and give encouragement to any of your team members who may require it. Less experienced competitors may need more support.

*We hope this helps, it is quite tiring being a 'Cheffy' but great fun and very satisfying.*