

# Cumbria Riding Club

Affiliated to British Riding Clubs

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## Hunter Trail Competition and Dress Rules

Please ensure you have made yourself fully aware of the rules for Hunter Trail Competitions before entering. These rules will be displayed in the caravan at the appropriate events and can be found on the 'Rules' section of our website.

### Hat/Protective Headwear Rules:

- Everyone who is mounted at any Cumbria Riding Club event must wear a hard hat to at least the minimum standard, with the harness properly adjusted and fastened. Failure to do so will incur elimination. 'Protective Headwear' constitutes a hat which meets one of the following standards:

British	PAS 015: 1998 or 2011 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC marked
	VG1 01.040: 2014-12 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC marked
European	VG1 01.040: 2014-12 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC marked
American	ASTEM F1163: 2004a or 04a onwards provided they are SEI marked
	SNELL E2001 or SNELL E2016
Australian & New Zealand	AS/NZS 3838: 2006 onwards provided they are SAI global marked.

- **IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY PHASE:** Only a "Jockey Skull" of an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface, having no peak or peak type extensions may be worn for any XC phase. Noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front, not greater than 5mm, smooth and rounded in nature are permitted. It must also comply with the 'Protective Headwear' criteria and be tagged as set out above. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used.
- Please Note: Due to a change by the European Commission regarding EN1384 and BSEN1384 no longer being an accepted standard, all hats which only meet the standard EN1384 or BSEN1384, and do not comply with another standard from the above list, WILL NOT be accepted and therefore will not be permitted for any BRC competition. Hats which bear EN1384 or BSEN1384 along with another standard from the above list will be tagged . For example, BSEN1384 & PAS015 (1998 or 2011) along with the Kitemark, would be acceptable, but not BSEN1384 with the Kitemark on its own.

### Body Protector Rules:

- A body protector is obligatory in all cross-country competitions and is strongly recommended in show jumping competitions. A BETA Level 3 (purple label) which has a 2000 or 2009 label must be worn in competitions where a body

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protector is obligatory . Body protectors should be fitted and worn as per the manufacturer's instructions. The up to date BETA list of body protectors can be obtained from [www.beta-uk.org](http://www.beta-uk.org).

- If a rider chooses to wear an airbag style body protector it must be worn over a permitted BETA Level 3 (purple label) body protector and if activated, must be deflated or removed before continuing for cross country. Hybrid Air-jackets and air jackets incorporated into a blouson style jacket are permitted . It is recommended that body protectors are replaced once they are more than 5 years old .
- Riders wearing Exo Body Cage protectors must inform the secretary at all events .
- For Cross County Events, back protectors must be worn at the top layer of clothing.

**Important Information: From the 1st January 2018 BRC will no longer permit the use of BETA Level 3 body protectors with the 2000 label. Competitors will have until the 1st January 2018 to replace any 2000 label items with a BETA Level 3 body protector made to the 2009 standard or any later revision to the standard.**

## Tack Rules

The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles
- More than one noseband may be worn at a time
- Only one martingale (Irish or running), running must have rein stops
- Tongue guards that are properly made and detached from the reins and bits
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles – senior competitors only
- Micklem bridles with permitted bits
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps
- Anti-fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent disks
- Numnahs and saddle cloths
- A stallion disc must be displayed on each side of a stallion's bridle at all times
- Note nets that are discreet and cover the nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible
- Fly Fringes

The following are not permitted:

- Side saddles and Racing saddles
- Saddle covers and seat savers, except an unobtrusive saddle coloured gel pad seat saver, unless the rider has dispensation form BRC office

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- Market Harborough
- Side, draw, check or running reins
- Standing Martingales
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horse's mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces or any other attachment that may affect the horses vision
- Tongue strap
- Substitutes for conventional shoes, except in warm up.

## Equipment:

- Watches are NOT to be worn in One Day Events or Hunter Trails
- NO electronic devices or headcams may be worn
- Medial armbands MUST be worn on the arm
- Whips are permitted but MUST be between 45cm and 75cm
- Spurs are permitted

## Other Rules:

- Please follow the instructions of stewards at all times.
- The optimum time and accurate distances will be available for walking the course.
- Only one class per horse will be permitted.
- Ponies or Horses may only compete in official competitions from 1 January in the year in which they become 4 years old. Except for FOTH Challenge and Horse Trails when the minimum age is 5 years old.
- Competitors on the Cross Country Course will be eliminated after three refusals at one fence. They may continue to the next fence and must not cause an obstruction on the course.
- Competitors must give way to faster riders.
- The entry fees for our events include a levy for the increasing cost of safety and safety equipment.