

BRC Competition Pass FAQs

General

Why are BRC changing pre-entry fees?

We have received feedback on how the cost of pre-entries was becoming burdensome and was prohibitive on clubs and members who would love to enter more classes but were struggling with the costs.

Why are BRC replacing pre-entries with a competition pass and not removing the fees completely?

Pre-entries generate income for BRC which has previously covered the costs of scoring materials and rosettes for qualifiers, official steward training, hat tags, various other training and championships. This income needs to be recouped so we have been working on alternative ways to retrieve these funds in a more palatable way for clubs and members.

Who was consulted about this change?

We consulted with a variety of stakeholders over several years including riders, team managers, area reps, clubs and area organisers.

When will the pass be available for purchase?

The pass will be ready for purchase via Sport 80 by early September ready for the start of winter qualifiers taking place from October for the 2026 Championships.

Purchasing

How much is the competition pass?

The competition passes will be £30 plus transaction fee (for riders with 1-2 horses) and £45 plus transaction fee (for riders with 3 or more horses) for a rolling 12 months. Horses do not need to be registered.

My club paid for my pre-entries, are they still going to pay for the competition pass?

Both clubs and members will be able to purchase the competing membership through Sport 80. Clubs have never been required to cover the costs of pre-entries so will be their decision as to whether they do this or not.

I compete for two different clubs, do I need to purchase the competition pass twice?

Members with a competing pass may compete with any club, they will not need to purchase a second pass if competing for two different clubs. Clubs may consider a policy for riders who compete for different clubs if the club pays for the competition pass.

What happens if I forget to purchase the competition pass?

Members must have a valid club membership and valid competition pass at time of competing; the onus is on the rider to ensure they have up-to-date memberships. BRC will carry out 100% checks for a minimum of six months, then will reduce slowly down to spot checks. Failure to have valid memberships could result in elimination.

What happens if I purchase a competition pass and I decide not to compete?

Refunds will be granted for the competition passes if requested for up to seven days after the purchase date, provided the member has not attended a qualifier or championship. This is at the discretion of BRC. The transaction fee is non-refundable.

Can I upgrade or downgrade my competition pass throughout the year?

Riders will be able to upgrade their competition pass to 3 or more horses at any point in the year, but riders will not be able to downgrade their pass until renewal. Where riders who have a 2-horse pass, sell a horse and purchase a new one, they will not need to upgrade their pass as only able to compete 2 horses at a time. Where a rider owns 3 horses and competes those horses across the year, even if they only ever have 2 horses at a qualifier at a time will need the 3 or more-horse pass. Exceptions will be granted for one off use of another horse where lameness has occurred, and when a horse is borrowed for one competition.

Competing

Does the competition pass cover me if I compete in a team and/or individually?

The competition pass covers riders whether they are part of a team, a pair or an individual.

I compete in different disciplines with BRC, do I need a different pass for each one?

The competition pass covers all BRC disciplines across BRC Qualifiers and Championships including Quadrille and allows the holder to enter as many classes as they wish at their area qualifiers. A competition pass is not required for Blenheim Challenge, Hickstead Teams of 3 and e-Riders.

I compete for different clubs, how will this work?

You only need one competition pass to compete, however, clubs have been advised that should they purchase the pass on your behalf, and you compete for another club that they should have a policy that suits the club. You would need to check with your club, but it might be that you split the competition pass fee 50/50. G5.1 on competing for different clubs still applies.

When will the closing date be for qualifiers?

Qualifier closing dates will be at the discretion of the area along with refund policies, late entries and abandonment/change of date refund policies etc.

What will happen with numbers to qualify for championships?

Numbers to qualify will revert to number of starters at the qualifier. Wildcards will still be offered at the discretion of BRC.

When will eligibility be taken from?

Eligibility will be taken from the competition date for both horses and riders.