

TRAILBLAZERS COMBINED TRAINING RULES.

(Revised 1 September 2023)

FINAL

1. Competitions

1.1 Combined training competitions consist of competitors competing in two disciplines, dressage and show jumping.

1.2 Competitions available at the following levels:-

For Ponies 148cm and under:

Preliminary Dressage with 60cm Show Jumping

Novice Dressage with 70cm Show Jumping

For Horses over 148cm:

Preliminary Dressage with 60cm Show Jumping

Novice Dressage with 70cm Show Jumping Elementary

Dressage with 80cm Show Jumping

2. Dressage

2.1 The dressage section of the competition will be run under Trailblazers Dressage Rules unless they are over-ridden by the Trailblazers Combined Training Rules.

BD Points for Combined Training Competitions

2.2 A horse / pony that is currently registered with British Dressage, or a horse / pony that was registered with British Dressage at any point from the 1 September preceding Trailblazers Championship Finals must not have more than the following British Dressage points, except as in 2.4 below, to enable the horse / pony to compete at a Trailblazers Championship Finals:

Maximum horse points per level for the Trailblazers Championships

Intro **50** points at Preliminary and none at any levels above

Preliminary **100** points at Preliminary or above

Novice **100** points at Novice or above

Elementary **75** points at Elementary or above

Points at the level(s) below that at which a horse competes are not taken into account.

2.3 Competitors with a Combined Training Direct Qualification, whose horse has upgraded with BD dressage points may contact the Trailblazers Central Office to transfer their Direct Qualification to the next level if such a level is available, otherwise, the qualification is lost. A Junior rider whose horse has upgraded from Novice may transfer their qualification to the Senior Elementary class.

2.4 A horse / pony which exceeds the points on / or after 1 June preceding the Trailblazers Championship Finals may retain their qualification and compete at the level the qualified the Trailblazers Championship Finals.

2.5 If it is proved that a horse / pony is competing at the Championship Finals under a different name as registered with British Dressage then it shall be eliminated.

3. Show Jumping

3.1 The show jumping section of the competition will be run under Trailblazers Show Jumping Rules unless they are over-ridden by the Trailblazers Combined Training Rules.

3.2 The show jumping section will be run over one round (T1).

4. Overall Winner

4.1 The overall winner will be decided by deducting any show jumping penalties from the Competitor's dressage score. In the event of equal marks the time in the show jumping section will decide the higher placing.

5. Eligibility

5.1 Any age of rider will be allowed to ride any height of horse or pony as long as the partnership is compatible; however, should the Judge for the competition deem the partnership incompatible, the Judge has the right to exclude the Competitor from competing in the competition. The Judge's decision is final. In such an instance, the Show Organiser would not be liable for any refund of any fees to the excluded Competitor.

5.2 A rider may compete on more than one horse / pony in any competition.

5.3 The same combination of horse / pony and rider must compete in both sections (dressage and show jumping) of the competition.

6. Competitor Dress Code

6.1 For the dressage section the Trailblazers Dressage Rules will apply.

6.2 For the show jumping section the Trailblazers Show Jumping Rules will apply.

7. Tack and Equipment

7.1 For the dressage section the Trailblazers Dressage Rules will apply.

7.2 For the show jumping section the Trailblazers Show Jumping Rules will apply.

8. Qualification for the Championship Finals

Qualifying Period

8.1 The qualifying period for each Championship Final is from 1 September the previous year till 2 July in the year of the Championship Final.

8.2 Each venue's show organiser has the option to run as many Trailblazers qualifying competitions during each qualifying period.

Qualifying at Combined Training Competitions

8.3 The 5 highest placed combinations, regardless of the number of starters in the qualifier, will qualify to compete at the Championship Finals.

8.4 Competitors that qualify may purchase a Direct Qualification Card from the venue at which they have qualified. The competitors must then complete the Direct Qualification Card and send it the Trailblazers Central Office to register their qualification.

8.5 Competitors must qualify and purchase a Direct Qualification Card for each combined training level in which they wish to compete at the Championship Finals.

Qualifying at Separate Dressage and Show Jumping Competitions

8.6 A horse or pony / rider combination may qualify at separate dressage and show jumping **competitions run at Trailblazers venues**. To do so, riders must download a Combined Training Special Qualification Form from the Trailblazers website.

8.7 The combination may qualify the dressage by competing at the relevant level and achieving a score of 58% or above. The rider must have the dressage section of the form signed off by the show secretary.

8.8 The same combination may also qualify the show jumping by competing at the relevant level and being placed in the top 8 in the competition. The rider must have the show jumping section of the form signed off by the show secretary.

8.9 When both sections are complete, the Combined Training Special Qualification Form must be returned to Trailblazers Central Office to purchase a Direct Qualification Card and register their qualification. Alternatively, a card may be purchased from the venue after completion of the second part of the qualification and returned, together with the form.

8.10 Competitors must qualify and purchase a Qualification Card for each combined training level in which they wish to compete at the Championship Finals.

Championship Final Schedule

8.11 Once a competitor has qualified by either of the two processes above, purchased their Direct Qualification Card and registered the Card for the level that they have qualified, a link for a digital Championship Final schedule will be sent to the competitor by the Trailblazers Central Office in June in the Year of the Championship Final.

Reference to the Trailblazers General Rules

8.7 Also see Points 2 & 5 in “General Rules Covering all Disciplines”.