

2007 BHS TREC RULES

Rules as per the current BHS TREC Rulebook (Third edition - 2005) and general rules detailed below. Some events may additionally have rules specific to their event and circumstances.

BHS TREC Rulebook is available price £5.00 inc P&P from the Competitions Office, The British Horse Society, Stoneleigh Deer Park, Kenilworth CV8 2XZ. Cheques payable to 'British Horse Society'.

1. BHS TREC Competitions are open to all horses and ponies providing that they are a minimum of four years old in 2007 (ie a horse born in 2003 may compete in TREC in 2007).
2. Competitors must be BHS Gold Members, or members of an Affiliated British Riding Club, otherwise they must submit documentary evidence with their entry that they hold suitable third party liability insurance.
3. Riders under the age of sixteen on day of competition may only compete in Pairs classes and must be accompanied by a rider of 16 years or older. Pairs ride together for POR and separately for CG and PTV.
4. For Level 1 and Level 2 competitions any riders who have represented Great Britain at TREC in the last five years will be ineligible to compete as individuals. They may compete as part of a pair but will be penalised 25 points per phase for both the POR and the PTV.
5. No rider will be permitted to start any phase of the competition unless wearing a hard hat, which meets a standard currently recommended by the BHS (PAS 015, EN1384 or ASTM F 1163, and bearing the kite mark or SEI).
6. Riders may choose to wear a body protector during any phase of the competition. If worn, Beta 3 standard is strongly recommended.
7. Riders must wear suitable riding footwear.
8. Standing Martingales and other fixed reins are forbidden.
9. Whips must not exceed 75cms. Spurs if worn must be rounded, not exceeding 3.5cms in length and pointed downwards.
10. Mobile phones may be carried for use in emergency.
11. Riders in BHS TREC competitions must wear fluorescent clothing during the POR phase. The minimum requirement is clearly visible fluorescent strips (or garment) on the rider's torso. It is strongly recommended that this is also reflective, and is supplemented by a fluorescent/reflective hatband.
12. Riders will be required to carry personal ID during the POR. This should be visible, and should consist of (minimum) rider name; competitor number; emergency telephone number for event.
13. ID will also be required to be carried on the horse during the POR. This should be visible, and should consist of (minimum) competitor number, and emergency telephone number for event.

14. All competitors are required to display a medical armband or similar during all phases of the event. This should contain basic information to help any First Aid staff to assist you and should be easily visible. Information should include: Name; Address; Next of Kin with contact details; Registration number of vehicle; Any relevant medical information; Allergies; Any current medication.

Medical armbands can be purchased from the BHS Bookshop priced £5.99

Tel: 08701 201 900.

15. The decisions of the BHS Technical Delegate, and the Judges are final and must be complied with at all times. Competitors may be eliminated from the competition for any of the following reasons:

- Loss of record card during the POR
- Uncorrected error of course on PTV
- Excessive use of the whip
- Dangerous riding
- Abusive language

COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT

Tack and equipment will be checked. The following must be carried on the POR phase:

Hard hat to current BHS standard*

Fluorescent/hi-viz clothing

ID tag on rider and on horse

Compass

Map marking pen

Torch or suitable light

Headcollar and rope (or combination bridle)

Waterproofs (ie jacket)

Basic First aid kit for horse and rider

Whistle

Medical Armband (or similar)*

Emergency farrier's tools and equi-boot (*only compulsory at level 3 and above*)

RECOMMENDED:

Map case, Drink/snack for rider, Coins for emergency phone call, Digital watch (or stopwatch), mobile phone (switched off).

NB Pairs competitors may have all the compulsory items between them unless advised otherwise. However, they must EACH have hard hat, waterproofs, headcollar/rope, whistle, competitor ID, horse ID, medical armband and fluorescent clothing and are encouraged to carry the full list if possible.

*Hard hat and medical armband required for ALL phases of the event.

BHS TREC Rules – clarification.

From time to time, questions occur regarding the detailed interpretation of the BHS TREC rules, so as the need arises we will be publicising clarification regarding any rules where queries have been raised.

Rules notice number 3150523/24

Horses being led through an obstacle should be led either by the use of a lead rope or by the use of the reins taken over the horse's head. Failure to do this will affect the "Style" mark awarded. (See rule G11.3 regarding use of martingales on PTV, page 10 of 2005 Rulebook).

At obstacles only involving the positioning of horses (the Mount and the Immobility), riders are free to choose whether they lead with the reins taken over the horse's head, or left around the neck.

The BHS TREC Advisory Group have agreed to adopt for domestic events in 2007 the following rule changes/interpretation laid down by the Sports Commission for the Federation Internationale de Tourisme Equestre for international events.

Rules notice number 071206N8:4

POR - Penalties

Rule N8: 4

A change of gait IS authorised whilst approaching a checkpoint on the orienteering course (POR). Stopping is not permitted.

Rules notice number 071206C3:1

Control of paces

Rule C3:1

Judges are not to judge the quality of the canter, but simply observe a change in gait (dropping down to trot).

The canter, even when it is of poor quality, remains a canter, including when the horse does a flying change.

NB The same comment is true for these specific PTV obstacles; bending, corridor and low branches. The style score on these three obstacles is determined by the horse's gait.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The event manager/organiser has taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the officials and stewards on the day.

Trained First Aiders will be present at the event and should be summoned through an official in the event of an accident. The event manager/organiser will have contact telephone numbers for emergency veterinary and farriery service.

Please take care to safeguard valuable tack and possessions. Young children must be supervised at all times. Neither the event manager/organiser nor the land/course owners can accept responsibility for loss or injury to persons or animals howsoever caused.