

## THE BRITISH HORSE DRIVING TRIALS ASSOCIATION

### Guidelines for Organisers of Regional Events

#### **EVENT QUALIFICATION**

Events to be included in the programme each year will be selected from applications received and allocated by Council, normally on the basis of achieving the best geographical spread of events.

Each event will require BHDТА approval of its Venue, the President of Jury, Technical Delegate, Course Designer and Judges.

Classes may include the full range of National Classes, as well as National Novice Qualifying classes and Club Classes. Organisers should also refer to the Guidelines for National Novice Qualifying Events.

All National Championship Qualifying Classes must be run in accordance with current National Rules, although other classes at the Event may run under local rules, if required.

#### **COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS**

##### **Start Fees**

Start Fees are payable to BHDТА by all Competitors in National Championship Qualifying Classes. Event Organisers please contact the BHDТА Office for details.

Club Classes at these events are not required to pay a Start Fee.

##### **Officials**

The **PoJ**, **TD**, **CD** and **Safety Officer** must be in attendance for the duration of the Event and in the interest of safety these posts must be independent and not shared by the same person.

A minimum of one National PoJ or TD is required at each event and the minimum standards acceptable are shown in the following.

**PoJ** A minimum of a list 2 Judge is acceptable provided the TD is fully qualified to National standard.

**TD** A Technical Delegate from the National Probationary list is acceptable, provided that the PoJ is fully qualified to National standard.

**CD** A Course Designer from the National Probationary list is acceptable.

**Judges** A minimum of 2 BHDТА listed Judges on each Dressage arena is required. In exceptional circumstances an experienced National Competitor or Club Judge may be allowed to judge the Cones, but prior permission must be obtained from BHDТА.

## **COMPETITOR QUALIFICATION**

To be eligible to drive in a Qualifying Class at a Regional event, a competitor must be a member of BHDТА in the appropriate category and pay the Start Fee. When there is an a combined class of National and Club competitors, the number in the class for qualifying purposes will only be those competitors who are BHDТА members and who have paid the Start Fee..

**Event Organisers are required to submit the list of entries for Regional and National Novice (Level 2) qualifiers to the BHDТА Office AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS prior to the date of the competition, so that the Office can verify the eligibility of all competitors.**

### **Marathon**

(i) The Course must be three sections, minimum 14km. in total. There must be a minimum of 7 testing Obstacles with a large proportion of gated to F.

(ii) A Judge, as described in the Dressage Section, must attend at the start of Section A. If another Judge is available, the Halt should also be attended.

(iii) The Marathon route and Obstacles must be marked as per BHDТА Rules and a plan of the course provided to competitors.

### **Obstacle Cone Driving**

As per BHDТА rules

### **Qualification for the National Championships.**

5 or more in a class, the highest two, disregarding those in the class already qualified, from the first eight places.

3 or 4 in a class, the highest place, disregarding those already qualified.

1 or 2 in a class, the higher place, disregarding those already qualified, provided the driver's dressage score is 65 or less.

In order to qualify a competitor must complete all phases without elimination or retirement, and finish with a total penalty score of less than double that of the winner of the class.

(Note: For the avoidance of doubt – If a competitor fails to qualify because they did not achieve a dressage score of 65 or less when there are only 2 competitors in the class, this qualification will not pass on to the next competitor. The number in a Class will be considered to be the number of BHDТА members who paid the Start Fee)

### **Points League**

6 points for a win down to 1 point for sixth place.