

BEF FIVE (5) MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

1. SENIOR MEMBER: Individual persons 19 years or over

a) one vote at General Meetings of the B.E.F. (b) rider/driver registration.

2. FAMILY MEMBER: All members of a family residing at the same address, including dependents up to 19 years

a) two votes at General Meetings of the B.E.F (must be 19 years or over)

b) rider/driver registration.

3. JUNIOR COMPETITOR Junior competitors under 19 years of age.

a) no vote at any level of meeting (b) rider/driver (c) participation in B.E.F. designated classes and shows.

4. AFFILIATE CLUBS: Properly constituted organizations with equestrian interests. a) One vote at AGM by authorized representative.

5. INTRODUCTORY COMPETITOR (Introduced in September 2020) ***see FULL description below.**

a) Adults & Juniors (b) No vote at any level of meetings (c) rider/driver registration number (d) Not permitted to participate in B.E.F. designated classes.

*The purpose of the Introductory Membership category is to encourage the development & participation of equestrian sport, for entry level riders of any age, who would not ordinarily participate in BEF point classes, but who are interested in competing. To encourage progression, enrolment in this non-voting competition membership category is limited to two seasons.

It is not intended that the Introductory Membership replace any other membership category or be **used by persons with previous experience.** Although Introductory members are restricted to Introductory classes at competitions, and are not permitted to enter BEF point classes, they may upgrade their membership category at any time by paying the appropriate annual membership fee in full. Once confirmed in the upgraded category, they may compete in BEF point classes.

Whilst all members of the BEF are required to wear approved equestrian safety helmets and footwear, Introductory members are not required to wear formal show attire when competing. Conservative polo shirts & appropriate narrow width trousers/pants are permitted. The BEF encourages show organizers to include Introductory classes in their shows for this group of riders.

The BEF Rules, Code of Conduct, Appeals Policy and Discipline Policy bind all BEF membership categories, including Introductory. Membership forms may be downloaded from the BEF website www.bef.bm. under the dropdown menu entitled Membership.