

# RULE CHANGES FOR 2023-2024 BEF SHOW SEASON



## GENERAL RULES – All Divisions

➤ **Clipping and/or shaving or in any other way removing the Horse's Sensory Hairs is prohibited.** Sensory hairs include whiskers on the muzzle and eyes as well as inner ear hairs other than individual sensory hairs that have been removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse. Areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule.

Violation mandates disqualification of the horse from competition.

NO PENALTY CAN BE GIVEN TO ANY HORSE IN ANY DIVISION IN BERMUDA FOR UNSHAVEN SENSORY HAIRS – even in non-BEF classes where turnout of the horse is considered.

➤ **Limitations on jumping rounds per horse per day.** Because horses and ponies will now be eligible at any height class, the BEF is implementing a maximum limit of eight (8) rounds of jumping per day per horse. Schooling rounds, judged or unjudged, count as a jumping round. If a schooling round is timed, each session in the arena counts as a round, up to three (3) minutes, whether the horse exits the arena between rounds/sessions or not. Warm-up fences in the warm-up arena do not count.

➤ **Concurrent Classes are allowed.** This rulebook specifically allows a show to run two or more classes at the same height concurrently and still be pinned separately. For example, the junior hunter and adult hunter at 0.85cm over the same track can run in a mixed order and the judge will pin the adults separately from the juniors. (This should obviously be discussed with and agreed to by your judge.)

➤ **BEF Year-end points will be earned from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place.** We used to accumulate BEF points to 10<sup>th</sup> place (even if the class is pinned to 6<sup>th</sup>, the judge must provide the placings through 10<sup>th</sup>). The BEF points will now accumulate as follows:

Place	BEF Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	1

➤ **BEF Divisions are now based on a range of heights.** Horse shows can offer any height(s) they choose for their prize list and the heights will determine which BEF division the class accumulates points for. The comparable “height” will also determine divisions for under saddle saddle and flat classes. For example, a show can offer a 0.75m (2'6”) class as well as a 0.85m (2'9”) class and both classes will count towards the division for 0.70-0.85m.

A rider or horse/rider may choose a different over fences height than their under saddle or flat class “height” but the points in each class will earn towards different divisions for year-end awards. For example, a rider may chose to equitate at 0.70m (2'4”) over fences but enter the 1.0m (3'3”) flat class (the lower division is intended for newer, less experienced riders but an experienced rider may simply be more comfortable at that height over fences and wish to compete in a tougher class on the flat).

For fairness of play, each equitation rider can only compete at one height (or mixed height) at each horse show.

➤ **For any class including a combination (one- or two-strides) with both horses and ponies entered, distances must be adjusted.** Whether the horses or ponies ride first must be announced as early as possible, at least at the time of posting the courses. No related distances of 3-strides may be used in any division allowing both horses and ponies.

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## HUNTER DIVISIONS

- Elimination after three (3) refusals.

Division	Horse/Pony	Junior/Adult	To Show	Height
HUP01	Pony	Junior	Walk and trot	X-Rails up to 0.60m (2'0")
HUP02	Pony	Junior	Walk, trot, and canter	Over 0.60m, up to and including 0.70m (2'4")
HUP03	Pony	Junior	Walk, trot, and canter	Over 0.70m (2'4")
HUH01	Horse	Junior	Walk and trot	X-Rails up to 0.60m (2'0")
HUH02	Horse	Junior	Walk, trot, and canter	Over 0.60m, up to and including 0.70m (2'4")
HUH03	Horse	Junior	Walk, trot, and canter	Over 0.70m, up to and including 0.85m (2'9")
HUH04	Horse	Junior	Walk, trot, and canter	Over 0.85m (2'9")
HUH05	Horse	Adult	Walk and trot	X-Rails up to 0.60m (2'0")
HUH06	Horse	Adult	Walk, trot, and canter	Over 0.60m, up to and including 0.70m (2'4")
HUH07	Horse	Adult	Walk, trot, and canter	Over 0.70m, up to and including 0.85m (2'9")
HUH08	Horse	Adult	Walk, trot, and canter	Over 0.85m (2'9")

## EQUITATION DIVISIONS – open to horses and ponies. Adults may not ride ponies.

- Elimination after three (3) refusals.

Division	Junior/Adult	To Show	Eq Tests	Height
EQJ01	Junior	Leadline	1	Poles (on ground)
EQJ02	Junior	Walk and trot	1, 8	X-Rails up to 0.60m (2'0")
EQJ03	Junior	Walk, trot, and canter	1, 3-6, 8, 10	Over 0.60m, up to and including 0.70m (2'4")
EQJ04	Junior	Walk, trot, and canter	1-8, 10, 11, 13, 14	Over 0.70m, up to and including 0.85m (2'9")
EQJ05	Junior	Walk, trot, and canter	1-18	Over 0.85m (2'9")
EQA01	Adult	Leadline	1	Poles (on ground)
EQA02	Adult	Walk and trot	1, 8	X-Rails up to 0.60m (2'0")
EQA03	Adult	Walk, trot, and canter	1, 3-6, 8, 10	Over 0.60m, up to and including 0.70m (2'4")
EQA04	Adult	Walk, trot, and canter	1-8, 10, 11, 13, 14	Over 0.70m, up to and including 0.85m (2'9")
EQA05	Adult	Walk, trot, and canter	1-18	Over 0.85m (2'9")

## JUMPER DIVISIONS – open to horses and ponies, juniors and adults. Adults may not ride ponies.

(Elimination remains at two (2) refusals.)

Division	Max Height	Max Width Oxer	Max Width Tpl Bar	Combinations	Speed
JP01	0.60m	Verticals & X-rails only, no oxers		No	300 m/m
JP02	0.70m	0.80m	0.85m	No	325 m/m
JP03	0.80m	0.90m	0.95m	No	325 m/m
JP04	0.90m	1.00m	1.10m	Yes	325 m/m <sup>^</sup>
JP05	1.00m	1.10m	1.25m	Yes	325 m/m <sup>^</sup>
JP06	1.10m	1.25m	1.35m	Yes	350 m/m
JP07	1.20m	1.35m	1.45m	Yes	350 m/m
JP08	1.30m	1.45m	1.55m	Yes	350 m/m
JP09	Over 1.30m	As appropriate	As appropriate	Yes	350 m

<sup>^</sup> The Course Designer may increase the speed to 350 m/m when in an arena larger than 45m x 65m (to be posted).