

## **ANNEX 18 Evolution Classes**

This annex sets out the Rules for the Evolution Classes. It is intended that these classes will be run at National and Regional events and at approved club events, at a time to suit the event, but preferably (in the case of National events) on Saturday or Sunday, with National Championship qualification for these classes.

### **1. Eligibility**

- 1.1 There will be two Evolution Classes– one each for Horses and for Ponies. Event Organisers may run a separate class for small ponies (under 10.2 hh) if entries justify this. Pairs may compete in the Evolution Class in which case event Organisers may run a separate class for pairs if the entries justify this.
- 1.2 The Evolution Classes will be open to any Young, Full or Associate BC member and to members of any BC affiliated club.
- 1.3 Athletes who have competed at a National or Regional event (other than in an Evolution class) in the current or previous 2 seasons, will be entitled to compete in the Evolution Classes, but will not be eligible for National Championship qualification in those classes and will not be awarded points for the Points Leagues.

### **2. The Competitions**

- 2.1 There will be a minimum of 2 Judges, one of whom must be on National list 1 or 2.
- 2.2 Rule 928.2 (Dress for Marathon) will apply throughout. Rule 940.2 (bandages or boots in dressage) will not apply.
- 2.3 Marathon vehicles (according to rule 937.4) to be used in all three phases.
- 2.4 There will be a safety inspection on the move in the collecting area.
- 2.5 For small ponies the groom need not be on the carriage (but must be in close attendance) if the Event is held in a secure arena. In all other cases grooms to stand throughout, but article 957 (Penalties in Driven Dressage) and Article 981 (Penalties in Cones) will (apart from the penalties relating to dress) apply during Dressage and Cones respectively.
- 2.6 Dressage and Cones will take place either in an 80 x 40 or a 100 x 40 arena, with Dressage around the Cones.
- 2.7 The Dressage test will be published on the British Carriagedriving website.
- 2.8 On completion of Dressage, the Athlete will salute the Judge at C, the bell will be rung and the Athlete will then continue straight on to the Cones phase (in the same arena).
- 2.9 The Cones phase will comprise 8 - 10 Cones Obstacles set at 145 cm.
- 2.10 The Time Allowed will be calculated based on a speed of 220 m/minute.
- 2.11 In addition to Dressage and Cones there will be a maximum of 2 Marathon Obstacles outside the arena.
- 2.12 On completion of the cones the Athlete will leave the arena and present to the Obstacle Judge.
- 2.13 The 2 Marathon Obstacles will be positioned adjacent to the arena when possible. The maximum number of gates allowed in both Marathon Obstacles will be 9.
- 2.14 The Marathon type Obstacles will be driven twice each and will be

individually timed and the relevant parts of Articles 968 and 969 (Classification and Penalties in Marathon) will apply.

### **3. Miscellaneous**

- 3.1 There will be a competitor briefing at a time to be fixed by the Event Organiser.
- 3.2 When requested the Event Organiser will (if possible) pair each Evolution athlete with a National or Regional driver as a buddy, and organise a course walk at a time to suit Athletes and buddies.
- 3.3 Classes may be amalgamated and HC and Multiples accepted at the discretion of the Organiser.
- 3.4 The Event Organiser will be entitled to charge a reduced entry fee for Athletes who agree to act as Stewards, Helpers and Officials for the National or Regional Event.
- 3.5 No start fees will be payable.