



**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**

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**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**2025**

**SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS**

## **I. DENOMINATION OF THE EVENT**

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**Venue:** Badminton - Mars Badminton Horse Trials **NF:** GBR  
**Date:** 07/05/2025 to 11/05/2025

**Event Categories:**

CCI5\*-L

## **II. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

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- FEI Statutes, 24th edition, effective 21st November 2023
- FEI General Regulations, 24th edition, 1st January 2020, updates effective 1st January 2025
- FEI Veterinary Regulations, 15th edition, effective 1st January 2023, updates effective 1st January 2025
- FEI Eventing Rules and its Annexes, 26th edition, effective 1st January 2023, updates effective 1st January 2025
- Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (EADCMR), 4th Edition, effective 1st January 2025
- FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes (ADRHA), adopted on 23 November 2020, effective 1st January 2021, updates effective 1st January 2024
- All subsequent published revisions/updates, the provisions of which will take precedence.

THE ANNEXE(S) IS/ARE PART OF THIS APPROVED AND SIGNED SCHEDULE AND MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL OFFICIALS AND NFs AND IS AVAILABLE TO OTHERS UPON REQUEST

Approved by the FEI, Lausanne, on 10 February 2025 (V1)



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FEI Director Eventing

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### **III. THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE**

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The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and Athletes must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

The Long version of this Code can be obtained from the Fédération Equestre Internationale, HM King Hussein I Building, Chemin de la Joliette 8, 1006 Lausanne, Switzerland. Telephone: +41 21 310 47 47. The Code is available in English. The Code is also available on the FEI's website: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/regulations/general-rules>.

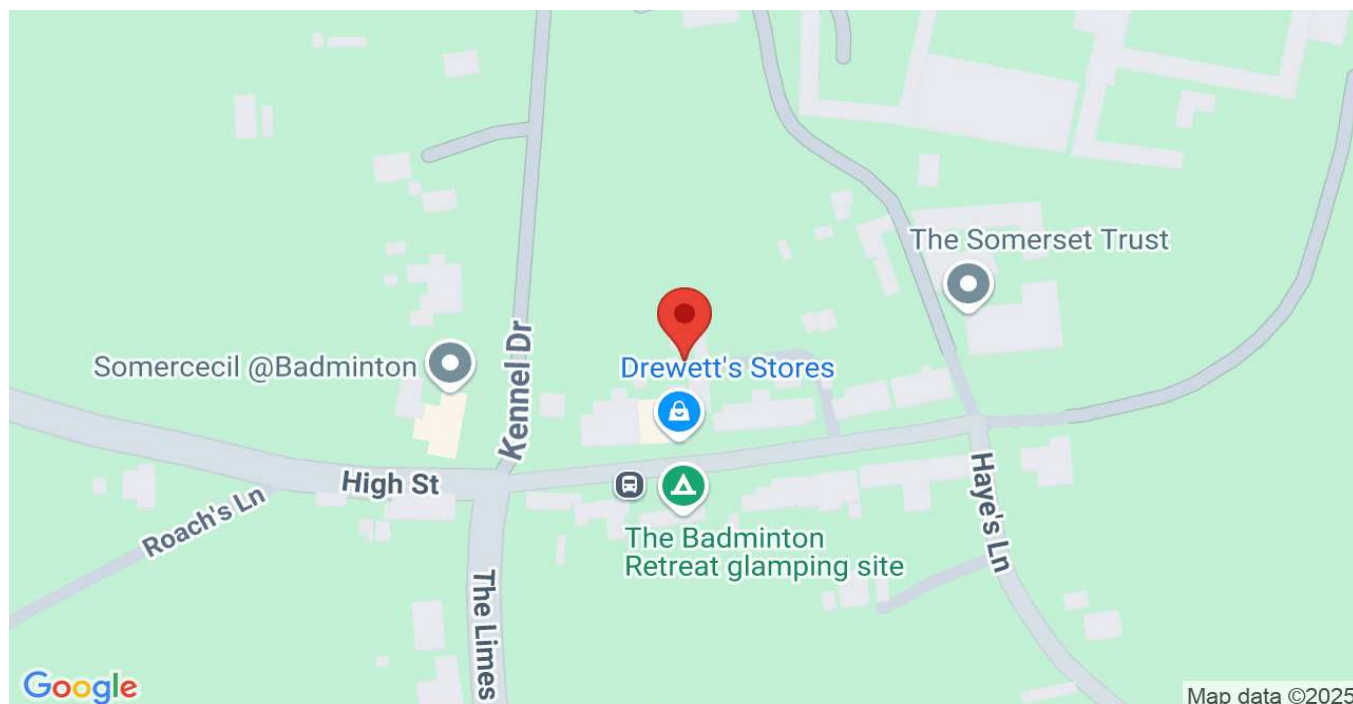
## IV. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. ORGANISER

**Name:** Jane Tuckwell - Badminton Horse Trials  
**Address:** Badminton Horse Trials Office  
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GL9 1DF S. Glos Great Britain  
**Phone:** + 44 1454 218272  
**Fax:**  
**Email:** info@badminton-horse.co.uk  
**Website:** www.badminton-horse.co.uk

### Showground contact details

**Venue name:** Badminton  
**Address:** Horse Trials Office  
High Street  
Badminton  
GL9 1DF S. Glos Great Britain  
**Phone:**  
**GPS Coordinates:** Lat: 51.54304, Long: -2.28467



### Accessibility details (directions by road, nearest airport / train station):

Badminton is situated 100 miles (160km) west of London and some 15 miles (25km) from Bristol and Bath. See website [www.badminton-horse.co.uk](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk) for details of nearest airport and train stations. Full directions for travelling by road are sent with passes and the event will be AA signed.

**2. ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

**Show Secretary**            Alex HARBOTTLE

**President of the Event**    . THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT

**Press Officer**             Becky ELVIN

**3. EVENT DIRECTOR(S)**

Jane TUCKWELL

**4. STABLE MANAGER(S)**

Margaret HOPKINS

## V. OFFICIALS

Please note that the schedule has been approved under the provision that all appointed Officials have successfully passed the online FEI Competency Evaluation Test.

At least one Permitted Treating Vet must be appointed for every 200 horses at the venue (Veterinary regulations, art. 1007).

Assignment	Name / FEI ID	NF	Function	Events
<b>1. Ground Jury</b>				
<b>CCI5*-L</b>				
Ground Jury President	<b>Xavier LE SAUCE</b> 10102470	FRA	Judge (4)	
Ground Jury Member	<b>Nick BURTON</b> 10051533	GBR	Judge (4)	
Ground Jury Member	<b>Robert STEVENSON</b> 10064695	USA	Judge (4)	
Jumping Judge	<b>Christopher William JOPLING</b> 10167918	GBR	Judge (3)	
Jumping Judge	<b>All jury members</b>			
<b>2. Technical Delegate</b>				
Technical Delegate	<b>Andrew TEMKIN</b> 10008801	USA	Technical delegate (4)	All Events
Assistant Technical Delegate	<b>Mathias OTTO-ERLEY</b> 10052716	GER	Technical delegate (4)	All Events
<b>3. Course Designer</b>				
Cross Country Course Designer	<b>Eric WINTER</b> 10004096	GBR	Course designer (4)	All Events
Jumping Course Designer	<b>Philip Kelvin BYWATER</b> 10051484	GBR	Course designer (4)	All Events
Course Builder	<b>Willis Brothers</b> 30000095	GBR	Corporation	All Events
<b>4. Chief Steward</b>				
Chief Steward	<b>Nicola SALMON</b> 10051884	GBR	Steward (4)	All Events
Assistant Chief Steward	<b>Sarah BULLEN</b> 10040252	GBR	Steward (3)	All Events
Assistant Chief Steward	<b>Helen BOWLER</b> 10175249	GBR	Steward (3)	All Events
Assistant Chief Steward	<b>Elin STENBERG</b> 10256795	GBR	Steward (3)	All Events
<b>5. Stewards</b>				
Steward	<b>Annabel SCRIMGEOUR</b> 10050164	GBR	Steward (2)	All Events
<b>6. FEI Veterinary Delegate</b>				



Assignment	Name / FEI ID	NF	Function	Events
Veterinary Delegate	<b>Frédéric BARRELET</b> 10051188	SUI	Official Veterinarian (4)	All Events
Additional Veterinary Delegate	<b>Liam KEARNS</b> 10086597	GBR	Official Veterinarian (3)	All Events
Additional Veterinary Delegate	<b>Paul G. FARRINGTON</b> 10053766	GBR	Official Veterinarian (3)	All Events
<b>7. Veterinary Service Manager &amp; Treating Veterinarian</b>				
Veterinary Service Manager (VSM)	<b>Tim RANDLE</b> 10050671	GBR	Official Veterinarian (3)	All Events
Treating Veterinarian	<b>Ollie CROWE</b> 10086604	GBR	FEI Permitted Treating Veterinarian	All Events
Treating Veterinarian	<b>Richard HEPBURN</b> 10086608	GBR	FEI Permitted Treating Veterinarian	All Events
<b>8. Chief Medical Officer &amp; Medical Services</b>				
Chief Medical Officer	<b>Marc EPPS</b> 10303482 <i>Phone: 07811 392088</i>			All Events
Medical Services	<b>SWAST</b> 30000159		Corporation	All Events
<b>9. Farrier</b>				
Farrier	<b>Nick DEACON</b> 10241713 <i>Phone: 07967 218364</i>	GBR		All Events
Farrier	<b>Clive EVANS</b> 10303546 <i>Phone: 07973 279373</i>			All Events
Farrier	<b>Michael BELL</b> 10051221 <i>Phone: 07970896980</i>	GBR		All Events

## VI. INVITATIONS

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### 1. GENERAL

<b>Invited NFs</b>	Unlimited
<b>Number of athletes from the host nation</b>	Unlimited
<b>Number of athletes per NF</b>	Unlimited Entries will be accepted irrespective of nationality. 85 horses will be accepted, to include any horses specifically nominated for acceptance by the Senior Selection Committee of British Eventing and those with the most points attained by Close of Entries, <b>since 1st January 2023</b> , according to the FEI Point System, as set below. All other qualified entries will then be placed on a Waiting List and accepted in order as and when there are withdrawals, up to but not after 1400hrs on Sunday, 4th May 2025.
<b>Maximum number of horses per athlete</b>	3 Athletes may enter any number of qualified horses but only a maximum of 3 (see "ballot" below) may be brought to the Event and presented at the First Horse Inspection. "Double Entries" are permitted.
<b>Ballot procedure in case of excessive entries</b>	3 horse entries - the third horse will only be accepted if they can be accommodated within the 85 entries. Those athletes on a waiting list will take priority and be accepted prior to any "3 horse athlete". Third horses will then be accepted in order of FEI points achieved.

#### Point System

**Achieved since 1st January, 2023** - according to the FEI Point System. Please refer to the FEI Eventing ranking rules for the calculation of FEI points - <https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Ranking%20Rules%202025.pdf>

Athletes are invited by the Organiser through their National Federation.  
One (1) groom per athlete.

### 2. ENTRY RIGHTS TO SHOWGROUNDS / ACCREDITED PERSONS

Entry right to the stable area according to FEI Veterinary Regulations Articles 1008-1009

#### NUMBER OF ACCREDITED PERSONS

<b>Athlete</b>	4 Each athlete of a horse that starts will be issued with 3 car passes, 4 badges and 4 identity wristlets. Athletes are responsible for passing on one car pass, etc. to their trainer if they wish.
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**ARMBANDS:** On arrival at Badminton each athlete will be issued with 3 armbands, to be worn while walking the cross country course. Anyone without an armband must walk *outside the string*.

**NB:** An athlete that is also the Joint Owner of a horse will not be issued with "Owner" passes. A sole "Owner/Rider" will receive 1 additional car pass and 2 badges and 2 identity wristlets.

<b>Partner</b>	0 See above re partners
<b>Groom</b>	1 One groom's badge and identity wristlet per horse will be issued
<b>Horse owner</b>	2 per horse acc. to FEI Passport A car pass, badges and identity wristlets will be issued to the owners of horses that start, as recorded in a horse's F.E.I. Passport, up to a maximum of 3 car passes, 6 badges and 6 identity wristlets per horse.

**Family, etc.**

Application for additional badges, etc. must be made at the time of entry and each application will be decided by the Organisers.

**Team Officials:**

One Chef d'Equipe and Veterinarian per NF will be accredited with full access to the stables. They/their NF will be responsible for their own accommodation and they may purchase meal vouchers for the Stables Canteen if they wish.

*Accommodation for foreign Team Officials/visitors:* Hotel and Bed & Breakfast lists are available on the Badminton website - [www.badminton-horse.co.uk/accommodation/](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk/accommodation/)

**Visitors & Officials:**

All Officials and Officers of National Federations must apply for admission tickets **no later than Thursday 10th April, 2025**. Thereafter, while welcome, they will be required to purchase tickets from the Box Office in advance only via [www.badminton-horse.co.uk](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk). NB: There will be no ticket sales available on the gate.

## VII. ENTRIES

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### IMPORTANT

- Entries must be made through the FEI Entry System for all categories of this Event (<https://entry.fei.org>);
- Additional documentation can be found at:  
<https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/it-services/fei-entry-system>
- All Athletes and Horses participating in any International Competition must be registered with the FEI;
- Athletes and/or Horses present at the Event without having been entered through the FEI's Online Entry System will automatically be disqualified unless compelling circumstances warrant otherwise.

#### British Athletes

Entries must be made via the internet [www.badminton-horse.co.uk](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk)

*(your entries will then automatically be made in the FEI Entry System)*

#### Foreign Athletes

Entries from Athletes not competing for GBR (i.e. Foreign Athletes) must enter via their NF.

**IMPORTANT** – Your **NF** must use the FEI Entry System to make your entries for this event (<https://entry.fei.org>).

As an Athlete, once your NF has made your entry please enter **yourself** and pay entry fee via the internet on [www.badminton-horse.co.uk](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk)

## 1. ENTRY DATES AND ENTRY FEES

Entries have to be in accordance with Art. 509 of the FEI Eventing Rules, 26th edition, effective 1st January 2023, updates effective 1st January 2025.

#### Deadlines for entries

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<b>Closing date for definite entries:</b>	<b>CCI5*-L 20/03/2025</b> 1200 GMT Thursday, 20th March, 2025
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<b>Last date for substitutions:</b>	<b>CCI5*-L 20/03/2025</b> No substitutions of horses will be permitted after the Closing Date of entries. Substitutions of athletes will only be permitted if the draw for the start order permits and in any case no athlete may ride more than 3 horses
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#### DECLARATIONS:

It will be assumed that any horse presented and passed at the First Horse Inspection on 7th May, 2025 is declared to start, unless notification to the contrary is received by the Organisers immediately after that horse is inspected.

#### Fees for horses

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##### Entry fee per horse

CCI5*-L	550.03 GBP incl. VAT (20.00%)
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##### EADCMP Fee

Lower Level Events (CIMs) CHF 18 per horse per event (For definition of CIMs see Appendix E of the FEI General Regulations)

Higher Level Events CHF 25 per horse per event (All other events not defined as CIMs)

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CCI5*-L	25.00 GBP (25 CHF not included in entry fee)
	Entry fee per horse      On Entry : £458.36 + £91.67 VAT = £550.03 <i>plus</i> EADCMP - £25.00 = <b>Total fee per horse - £575.03</b>

Double Entry fee	“Double Entries” (i.e. athlete will ride only 1 of 2 entries) are permitted at an additional cost of £77.50 plus £15.50 VAT = Total Payable £93.00 per horse.
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**Stabling fee per horse amount**

Not Applicable

**Total fee per horse**

CCI5*-L	575.03 GBP incl. VAT CCI5*-L - £575.03
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**2. DETAILS ENTRY PROCEDURE FEE / PAYMENT**

At time of entry - via [www.badminton-horse.co.uk](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk)

**3. OTHER FEES**

All other fees must be listed hereunder with the details of the amounts to be charged and approved by the FEI. Only fees approved by the FEI and listed in the approved Schedule can be charged by the OC.

<b>Electricity for boxes (upon request)</b>	No charge
<b>Manure disposal</b>	No charge
<b>Hay</b>	No charge
<b>Straw</b>	50.00 GBP per box incl. VAT (20.00%)
<b>Shavings</b>	Shavings will be provided free of charge. Straw available at £50 per stable. No other bedding available.
<b>Sanitary facilities</b>	Provided by the OC
<b>Lorry / Caravan area</b>	
<b>Parking price</b>	One site for Lived-in horsebox will be provided per competitor.
<b>Power supply</b>	One electrical hook-up per lived-in horsebox will be supplied at no charge. Athletes must bring their own extension leads. ( <i>Connector required: 16amp CForm (male)</i> ). Badminton Horse Trials takes no responsibility if the hook-up does not work due to faulty equipment in the vehicle.
<b>Water supply</b>	Provided by OC

**Medical, Veterinary and Farriery Assistance:** Emergency and routine assistance will be provided free, on the site of and for the duration of the Event only, but athletes will be charged for other veterinary consultation, for new sets of shoes and for all drugs and consumables used.

All aforementioned amounts include VAT, if applicable

VAT number of the Organiser: GB 681 7228 19

All aforementioned amounts include VAT, if applicable

VAT number of the Organiser: 681722819

#### 4. NO-SHOWS AND LATE WITHDRAWALS

In the case of withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows the athlete or the respective NF will be held liable to reimburse the OC for the actual financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel expenses) as a result of the late withdrawal or no-show.

##### Amount charged

##### Refund procedure

Refund procedure if rider/horse cannot compete	<p>- if withdraw before Close of Entries – full refund</p> <p>- if withdraw before 1400 hrs Tuesday 22nd April (<i>date and time of Draw</i>) – refund £305.26 + £61.05 VAT = £366.31 <i>plus</i> EADCMP - £25.00 = <b>Total Refundable - £391.31</b></p> <p>- if withdraw before 1200 hrs Sunday 4th May – refund £152.63 + £30.53 VAT = £183.16 <i>plus</i> EADCMP - £25.00 = <b>Total Refundable - £208.16</b></p> <p>- if withdrawn after 1200 hrs Sunday 4th May – refund EADCMP = <b>Total Refundable £25.00.</b></p> <p>- if not accepted or withdrawn from the Waiting List – full refund.</p>
Refunds on <i>Double Entries</i>	<p>- if withdraw before Close of Entries – full refund</p> <p>- if withdraw before 1200 hr Tuesday 22nd April (<i>date and time of Draw</i>) – refund £57.82 + £11.56 VAT = <b>Total Refundable - £69.35</b></p> <p>- if not accepted or withdrawn from the Waiting List – full refund.</p>

Please note that **Electronic Travel Authorisations (ETAs)** have been introduced by the British Government for visitors to the UK who do not currently need a visa for short stays, or who do not already have a UK immigration status prior to travelling. The cost of an ETA is £10 and everyone will need one including babies and children.

Visitors can find out if they need an ETA to travel and can apply for one on the website GOV.UK. Please see the link for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>

#### 5. QUALIFICATIONS

Entries have to be in accordance with Art. 520 and 521 of the FEI Eventing Rules, 26th edition, effective 1st January 2023, updates effective 1st January 2025.

The eligibility to compete will be determined by a combination of the following:

- The level of the Athlete category (National, D, C, B, A) (Art.519)
- The achievement of a number of Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to the eligibility matrix of requirements (Art. 520)

**Extra qualifications**

**The OC has imposed additional criteria over and above the FEI Minimum Requirements, as follows:**

2025 FEI Eventing rules, art. 520

The Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination according to the following table:

CCI5*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI4*-L (as a combination) + 3 CCI4*-S (as a combination) + 1 CCI4*-L/S (or Advanced for GBR Athletes) (as a combination or separately)
CCI5*-L	B Athletes	1 CCI4*-L (as a combination) + 3 CCI4*-S (as a combination)
CCI5*-L	A FEI Athletes with Horses having not obtained yet a MER at a CCI5*-L	1 CCI4*-L (as a combination) + 1 CCI4*-L/S (as a combination or separately) + 1 CCI4*-L/S (or advanced for GBR athletes) (as a combination or separately)
CCI5*-L	A FEI Athletes with Horses having already obtained a MER at a CCI5*-L competition	2 CCI4*-S (as a combination) or 1 CCI4*-L (as a combination) + 1 CCI4*-L/S (as a combination or separately) + 1 CCI4*-L/S (or advanced for GBR athletes) (as a combination or separately)

**NOTE:** NFs have the option to apply to use CNs (National Competitions) for qualification purposes only to replace events cancelled due to weather conditions and/or exceptional circumstances.

Targeted CNs are those for which the FEI has received and approved a request from the relevant NF for this specific purpose. MERs obtained at the specific targeted national Events will only count for upgrade in the same year and not for Athletes categorisation.

The application must be sent a minimum of 10 days before the Event. An FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate must function at the Event taking responsibility for the technical standards/level of the Competition and must report to the FEI (TD report) including full results.

**For Badminton:**

**In addition to the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (as above) all horses & riders must have finished, at any time and not necessarily as a combination, either a CCI4\*-L in the top 25% of starters or a Special Category (to include WEG and OG) or CCI5\*-L in the top 50% of starters (NB: starters = those starting the dressage).**

NB: For Badminton (CCI5\*-L) – All CCI4\*-L horse/athlete qualifications **must be achieved by Thursday 20th March 2025** (i.e. Closing Date of Entries). However, if a horse/athlete still has to achieve one qualifying result at a CCI4\*-S, this may be fulfilled **up to and including Tuesday 22nd April, 2025**

**VIII. TIMETABLE**

<b>CCI5*-L</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Opening of stables</b>	Tuesday	06/05/2025	09:30
<b>Vet examination on arrival</b>	Tuesday	06/05/2025	09:30 - 20:00
<b>Briefing of Competitors</b> Village Hall	Wednesday	07/05/2025	11:00
<b>Official course inspection</b>	Wednesday	07/05/2025	11:30
<b>1st horse inspection</b> North Front, Badminton House	Wednesday	07/05/2025	16:30
<b>Declaration of starters</b>	Wednesday	07/05/2025	17:30
<b>Dressage Test - 1st Day</b> Main Arena	Thursday	08/05/2025	09:00
<b>Dressage Test - 2nd Day</b> Main Arena	Friday	09/05/2025	09:00
<b>Briefing of Athletes (if required)</b> Village Hall	Friday	09/05/2025	18:00
<b>Cross-Country Test</b>	Saturday	10/05/2025	11:30
<b>2nd horse inspection</b> North Front, Badminton House	Sunday	11/05/2025	08:30
<b>Jumping Test</b> First Part	Sunday	11/05/2025	11:30
<b>Parade of Athletes</b>	Sunday	11/05/2025	14:05
<b>Jumping Test (Top 20 Athletes)</b>	Sunday	11/05/2025	14:30
<b>Prize-giving</b>	Sunday	11/05/2025	15:45



## IX. COMPETITIONS

These competitions will be in accordance with the FEI Eventing Rules and its Annexes, 26th edition, effective 1st January 2023, updates effective 1st January 2024.

### CCI5\*-L

#### TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

**DRESSAGE TEST** CCI5\* C  
CCI5\*-L

**CROSS-COUNTRY TEST** Length: 6575 - 6800 m  
CCI5\*-L Speed: 570 m/min  
Number of efforts: 43 - 45

**JUMPING** Distance: 600 m  
CCI5\*-L Speed: 375 m/min  
Max. number of efforts: 16  
Number of obstacles: 11 - 13

#### PRIZE CLASSIFICATION

**Total amount of prize money per section:** 403,200.00 GBP  
see list below

see Table below based on 80 starters

*U.K. Tax:* Prizemoney won by athletes resident outside the U.K. will be subject to deduction of UK Tax in accordance with HMRC regulations.

#### Other details on prize money distribution

1st Prize	£117,600	11th Prize	£10,080
2nd Prize	£63,840	12th Prize	£8,960
3rd Prize	£49,280	13th Prize	£7,840
4th Prize	£36,400	14th Prize	£6,720
5th Prize	£24,640	15th Prize (57+ starters)	£5,600
6th Prize	£20,720	16th Prize (61+ starters)	£4,480
7th Prize	£17,920	17th Prize (65+ starters)	£3,920
8th Prize	£15,680	18th Prize (69+ starters)	£3,360
9th Prize	£12,320	19th Prize (73+ starters)	£2,968
10th Prize	£11,200	20th Prize (77+ starters)	£2,408

**Further prizes of £1,400** in the ratio of one for every four starters 81 and over.

**The Challenge Trophy** is awarded to the Owner.

**Mars Equestrian** will present a **Yeti Cool Box** to the winning rider.

**Mars Equestrian** and **Spillers** will present a prize of **£1,000** to the Groom of the winning horse.

**Replicas of the trophy** will be awarded to the athletes of the first three horses and to the Winning Owner.

**The Butler Challenge Bowl**, with replica, will be awarded to the most successful British Athlete.

**A Saddle** will be presented by the **Worshipful Company of Saddlers** to the rider with the best score who is under 25 on the 1st January 2026, and who has not previously won a Company saddle in the calendar year.

**A Challenge Trophy** in the form of a Silver Jubilee Plate, presented by the late **Miss Flavia Phillips**, will be awarded to the most successful athlete, the horse to be owned by the athlete &/or their direct family.

**The Laurence Rook Trophy** will be presented to the highest placed British athlete who has not previously completed this Event.

**The Glentool Trophy**, presented by Mrs. Lorna Clarke, will be awarded to the horse and athlete whose final position shows the greatest improvement on their dressage placing.

**The Frank Weldon Memorial Challenge Trophy** will be awarded to the athlete of the youngest British owned and ridden horse placed in the top twelve.

**The Cotswold Life Trophy** will be awarded to the best British athlete who is not entitled to wear the adult Union Jack Badge and whose permanent address is in the county of Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire or Somerset.

**The William Miflin Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed rider with no cross-country penalties and closest to the optimum time.

**A Rosette and Plaque** will be presented by the **Worshipful Company of Farriers** to the owner of the Best Shod Horse, and a **Plaque** to its Farrier. Judging will take place during the Final Horse Inspection on Sunday, 11th May, 2025.

**A Special Prize** and **Rosette** will be awarded by **Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain** to the owner of the most successful horse sired by a S.H.B (GB) Graded Stallion or Premium Stallion provided it finishes in the first twelve places.

**The Mark Holliday Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the Groom of the winning horse.

**The David Beaufort Memorial Salver** will be awarded to a person who has contributed to the running of the Horse Trials over many years.

**Treehouse Sporting Colours** will present a prize to the Groom who puts in the most effort towards the care of their horse over the week.

**Hiho Silver** will present prizes in the form of jewellery to Best Dressed male and female rider at the First Horse Inspection on Wednesday, 7th May.

**The British Horse Foundation** will present a prize of **£1,000** to the Breeder of the highest placed British bred horse providing it finishes in the first twenty places.

**A Special Prize** in the form of a **Voucher** to the value of **£500** will be awarded to the highest placed British owned mare, such voucher to be used in due course as full or part payment of a Stud Fee for the mare concerned.

**An Embryo Transfer** or **OPU Session** will be offered to the highest placed British bred or domiciled mare, courtesy of **Tomlinson Equine**.

**Plaques** will be awarded to all owners whose horses complete the competition and also to any athlete completing the competition who is not the owner of the horse.

**A Plaque** will be awarded to the breeder of the winning horse, and a prize of **£250** to the breeders of the top placed six horses provided they are resident in the United Kingdom.

**PRIZE MONEY SUMMARY**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CCI5*-L	403,200.00 GBP
<b>Total</b>	<b>403,200.00 GBP</b>

**IMPORTANT**

**The total amount of prize money shown for each Competition in the schedule must be distributed. (FEI General Regulations articles 127 and 128)**

The value of the **1st prize must not exceed 1/3 of the total prize money** distributed for the competition. The minimum number of prizes offered for each competition must be allocated on the basis of one prize for every commenced four Athletes, with a minimum of five prizes.

## **X. FACILITIES OFFERED**

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### **1. ATHLETES**

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

British Athletes & Foreign Athletes resident in Great Britain

Accommodation: Athletes are responsible for arranging their own accommodation but one free site will be provided on request in the Athletes' Horsebox/Caravan Park for siting a lived-in horsebox **or** a caravan, but not both. All other horseboxes will be parked near the stables, but may not be lived in.

Foreign Athletes not resident in Great Britain

Accommodation: Athletes will be provided with a free site in the Athletes Horsebox/Caravan Park for a lived-in horsebox. If their horse does not travel to the event in their own horsebox, the Organisers will provide local bed & breakfast accommodation, or a free caravan, or a bedroom in the stable area (which are in very limited supply).

#### **MEALS**

Vouchers equivalent to the cost of three meals per day for up to six days in the Stables Canteen will be given to each athlete. These vouchers may be used at any catering outlet on site.

### **2. GROOMS**

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

*Requests for accommodation must be sent with entries.*

Free (*shared*) accommodation near the stables and food for one groom per horse will be provided for a period of up to seven days. Athletes who do their own horse may use the grooms' facilities free, but athletes cannot be accommodated there as well as their groom.

#### **MEALS**

see above.

If applicable, Organiser must provide proper sanitary conditions. The showering facilities should be sufficient for both male and female grooms with hot and cold water. Shower facilities as well as restrooms should at all times be in a state of cleanliness. As much as possible in accordance with the Organisers Guide, Point 4.7.2 - [Facilities, Services & Conditions for Grooms](#)

## XI. LOGISTICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### 1. DRAWS

#	Draw name	Day	Date	Time	Additional information
1	CCI5*	Tuesday	22/04/2025	14:00	Badminton Horse Trials

### 2. COMPETITION ARENAS

	Name	Width (m)	Length (m)	Type of footing/ground
Dressage	Main Arena	20	60	Grass
Cross-country	cross-country course			All grass; terrain is generally flat.
Jumping	Main Arena	90	120	Grass

### 3. PRACTICE ARENAS

Name	Width (m)	Length (m)	Type of footing/ground
Dressage	56	274	There will be extensive adjacent grass exercise areas and two practice grass arenas.
Jumping	132	136	An extensive adjacent practice area is available, with the minimum of one upright and one spread practice obstacle.
Cross Country	56	274	Extensive ground is available for exercise at all speeds, with adequate natural practice obstacles.

### 4. STABLES

Size of boxes **3 m x 4 m**

An adequate number of stables must be at least 4m x 3m to accommodate the larger Horses.

### 5. SCORING/TIMING PROVIDER

The FEI may require to be provided with real time results data feed of your event according to FEI requirements; in this case, you and your provider will be informed accordingly.

The Scoring and Timing of the Event will be performed by the following provider(s):

(The list of certified Service Providers is available here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/it-services/it-providers/list>)

Service	Name of the company	Contact person at Event	FEI ID	Contact email
Scoring/Timing	Eventing Scores	Miranda COLLETT	10125743	miranda.collett@britisheventing.com
Paperless Judging	HS Sports Ltd	Anthony SMITH	10243015	anthony.smith@hssports.co.uk
Scoring/Timing	HS Sports Ltd	Anthony SMITH	10243015	anthony.smith@hssports.co.uk

### 6. OTHER TECHNOLOGY/SERVICE PROVIDER(S)

Will you use other technology/service provider(s) at your Event? **Yes**

Name of company	Contact person	FEI ID	Contact email	Activity / function
Versantus				Other

Name of company	Contact person	FEI ID	Contact email	Activity / function
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Website design and build.

## 7. PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

The owner of the winning horse/pony is invited to the prize-giving ceremony: **Yes**

The athletes required to present themselves for the prize-giving ceremony of each competition are: **one in every four starters**

Athletes riding their horses: **Yes**

## 8. ADVERTISING ON ATHLETES AND HORSES

At CI events, and all competitions except for the Nations Cup, athletes are authorised to carry the logo of their personal sponsor in accordance with article 541 of the FEI Eventing Rules.

The Chief Steward will check that the advertising on athletes and horses complies with these Articles.

## 9. TICKETING

Are you selling tickets for spectators to attend your event? **Yes**

**Name of your ticketing provider:** Ticketsrv

**Web address to buy tickets:** [www.badminton-horse.co.uk](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk)

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE – THERE WILL BE NO SALES ON THE GATE**

## 10. BETTING

Betting will be authorised by the Organiser: **No**

## 11. TRANSPORT REIMBURSEMENT HORSES/PONIES

### British Athletes & Foreign Athletes resident in Great Britain

A contribution of £800 towards travelling and other associated expenses are payable to every horse that completes the Competition and does not win any prize money.

### Foreign Athletes not resident in Great Britain

Athletes are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. A travel allowance of £800 per horse will be paid to the owners of horses ridden by foreign athletes, that are passed at the First Horse Inspection, if the horse is not normally stabled or competing in Great Britain and has travelled to the event from outside mainland Great Britain since 1st January 2025 and returns home within one month after the event. A further contribution of £800 will be paid towards horses that complete the Competition but do not win any prize money.

## 12. WELCOME

The time and date of arrival of athletes, horses and their means of transport must be given to the Organiser in order to facilitate their arrival.

### **ACCESS TO STABLES**

Strict Stable security will be in force. Any owner, trainer, veterinarian or other person not in receipt of an official identity wristlet must apply in person to the Event Organisers' office on the ground for a temporary admission pass, the issue of which is at the absolute discretion of the Organising Committee. Access to stables will be limited to the persons indicated in Vet. Regs. Art. 1023.

No horse will be permitted to enter the Stables **prior to 0930 hours on Tuesday, 6th May**, except by specific prior arrangement.

No horses other than those entered may be brought to the Event; all entered horses must occupy the official Event Stables for the duration of the Event.

All horses entered in the Event **must arrive no later than 2000 hours on Tuesday, 6th May** to permit the First Examination to take place prior to the First Inspection. NB: in exceptional circumstances and by prior arrangement arrival on Wednesday 7th May no later than 0900 hours will be allowed. NB: In exceptional circumstances and by prior arrangement, arrival on Wednesday 7th May no later than 0900 hrs will be allowed. Thereafter no horse may leave the competition site before the end of the Event, unless it is eliminated, withdrawn or otherwise retired from the competition.

#### **First Examination**

**This will be conducted at the Village Hall, Badminton, where the Veterinary Surgeon will normally be available at the time of arrival of each horse, as notified on the entry form, between the hours of 0930 and 2000 only. Each horse must be presented for examination there, before it is permitted to enter the Competition Stables. In the event of arrival for any reason after 2000 hours or on an inconvenient date, the horse will be accommodated for the night in a temporary stable and will be examined next morning, provided this has been arranged in advance.**

The horse's passport will be retained until the end of the Competition when the athletes are responsible for demanding its return.

*In exceptional circumstances, in the interests of the welfare of the horse and for veterinary reasons only, a horse may be stabled at the veterinary centre for up to three days after the event on the recommendation of the Veterinary Services Manager and with the agreement of the Organisers to allow arrangements to be made for the horse's transfer for specialist care.*

### **13. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION & ARRANGEMENTS FROM HOTEL TO SHOWGROUNDS**

Walking distance: **Not applicable**

Organiser shuttle service available: **No**

Public transport available: **No public transport available**

If required, athletes are responsible for reserving and paying for their own hotel accommodation and transport. There is no public transport in the close vicinity of Badminton. Hotel and Bed & Breakfast lists are available on the Badminton website – [www.badminton-horse.co.uk](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk).

### **14. LORRY / CARAVAN FACILITIES**

Lorry or caravan can be parked close to the stables: **Yes**

Also see - Facilities offered - Athletes.

### **15. SUSTAINABILITY**

Please consider the environment when organising an FEI Event. Please find useful information on FEI Sustainability here: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/handbook>

## **XII. VETERINARY MATTERS**

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### **1. CUSTOMS FORMALITIES**

Contact details for Customs Formalities:

**Name:** Peden Bloodstock Ltd.

**Address:** Dogtails, Borough Court Road Hartley Wintney RG27 8JA Hampshire Great Britain

**Phone:** +44 (0) 1252 844042

**Fax:**

**Email:** shipping@peden.co.uk

**Opening  
hours:**

Peden Bloodstock will advise on and co-ordinate, all import and re-export formalities. Please contact Peden at your earliest convenience and a minimum of approximately one month before travel so that they can provide you with the necessary advice regarding health certification and customs well in advance.

Due to Brexit - import, export and customs arrangements are now very different.

Peden Bloodstock will only arrange export documentation if requested to do so in advance.

All charges are to be settled directly with Peden Bloodstock by the rider or their representative prior to departure from the event.

Peden Bloodstock are able to offer competitive rates on the main ferry routes and Eurotunnel. Please contact Peden for further information.

### **2. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

#### **GENERAL**

In accordance with the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse it is imperative that all Horses at FEI Events are physically fit, free from infectious disease and meet the FEI's health requirements before being allowed to compete.

#### **ENTRY OF HORSES**

##### **Required health tests and vaccinations**

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##### **Quarantine period**

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##### **Specimen Import Licence applied**

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Please contact Peden Bloodstock Ltd. as above.

### **3. NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

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### **4. PONIES**

FEI Veterinary Regulations, Chapter IX: For all Pony Events, Ponies must be available for Pony Measurement if requested by the FEI.



## **5. INJURY SURVEILLANCE**

FEI Veterinary Regulations Chapter VIII: Horses participating in FEI Events are subject to injury surveillance protocols; and in the event of fatality, a post mortem examination.

## **6. TRANSPORT OF HORSES**

Horses must be fit to travel and be transported in suitable vehicles for the transport of horses. Any government requirements for infectious disease testing and control must be requested well in advance, to ensure that the horse is in compliance by the time of arrival at the border of the country where the Event is taking place. Athletes, or their representatives, have the responsibility to comply with national legislation in both their country of origin and the host nation of the Event. Where necessary athletes must contact local government authorities or veterinary advisors for information regarding animal health requirements and transport legislation.

## **7. VENUE ARRIVAL INFORMATION & FITNESS TO COMPETE**

### **7.1 PASSPORTS (FEI GENERAL REGULATIONS ARTICLE 137)**

For all issues relating to FEI Horse Passports/FEI Recognition Cards please contact your National Federation. All Horses competing at FEI Events must be registered with the FEI. FEI Passports or FEI Recognition Cards (for those Horses with a national passport approved by the FEI) are compulsory for FEI Events. NB: Horses entered in CIMs and in CSIP in their country of residence are not required to have an FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card but must be properly registered with the FEI and identifiable (GRs 137.2). Athletes who do not present a Horse's Passport and/or Recognition Card, or one that is not correctly validated or fail to meet other passport requirements will be subject to Sanctions in accordance with Annex VI of the FEI Veterinary Regulations and may not be allowed to compete. NB: for Horses permanently resident in a Member State of the European Union: all Horses must have a national EU passport in compliance with EU Regulations to which a FEI Recognition card is applied. The exception to this being Horses in possession of an FEI passport which has been continually revalidated without interruption.

### **7.2 VACCINATIONS - EQUINE INFLUENZA (FEI VETERINARY REGULATIONS ARTICLE 1003)**

Horses competing at FEI Events must comply with the requirements for Equine Influenza vaccination in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.

All FEI registered Horses intending to compete at FEI Events (including CIMs) must be vaccinated against Equine Influenza in accordance with these Veterinary Regulations. The exception being if the applicable domestic legislation prevents the use of Equine Influenza vaccines within the relevant territory.

### **7.3 EXAMINATION ON ARRIVAL (FEI VETERINARY REGULATIONS ARTICLE 1029)**

On arrival at an Event venue, all Horses must undergo an examination by an FEI veterinarian to confirm their identification from their passport and micro-chip (where present), their vaccination status and met the FEI's health requirements to access the FEI Stables Area. To protect all horses attending events, any Horse with a questionable health status concerning vaccination, infectious disease or other concerns, must be stabled within the isolation facilities provided by the Organising Committee pending a decision on entering the venue. PRs must fulfil the Horse Health Requirements via the FEI HorseApp in advance of the event which will be checked at the Examination on Arrival.

### **7.4 HORSE INSPECTIONS (FEI VETERINARY REGULATIONS ARTICLES 1032-1040)**

All Horses will be assessed for their fitness to compete during the Horse Inspection. Any Horse demonstrating questionable fitness may be referred to the Holding Box for further veterinary examination. Horses not deemed fit to compete by the Inspection Panel will not be permitted to compete.

### **7.5 LIMB SENSITIVITY EXAMINATION (FEI VETERINARY REGULATIONS, ART. 1046-1051 AND ANNEX VIII)**

Horses may be subject to examination under the protocol for abnormal limb sensitivity throughout the period of an Event, including, but not limited to, between rounds and before the Jump Off. Horses may be examined once or on multiple occasions during the Period of an Event. Horses may be selected for examination under the protocol randomly or they may be targeted. All Horses selected to be tested must submit promptly to the examination or are subject to immediate disqualification. There is no obligation to examine any specific number of Horses at an Event.

## **8. EQUINE ANTI-DOPING AND CONTROLLED MEDICATION PROGRAMME (EADCMP)**

### **8.1 SAMPLING (FEI VETERINARY REGULATIONS CHAPTER VII)**

All horses competing at FEI Events may be subject to sampling for the presence of Prohibited Substances in accordance with the Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (EADCMRs). Horses may be selected for sampling in accordance with obligatory testing, targeted or random sampling procedures. Refer to FEI Financial Charges for details of fees relating to Equine and Human Anti-Doping program (EADCMP), which OCs/NFs have the right to charge to the athlete (applicable for all FEI events worldwide).

### **8.2 ELECTIVE TESTING (FEI VETERINARY REGULATIONS ARTICLES 1056)**

Elective Testing may be carried out prior to an Event to check for the presence of prohibited substances. Please refer to <https://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/horses> for information and details.

### **XIII. HUMAN ANTI-DOPING**

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Athletes can be tested at any FEI Event, by the FEI or by other Anti-Doping Organisations with Testing jurisdiction. Organisers will have the responsibility to provide facilities and staff/volunteers to facilitate such Testing if requested by the FEI as outlined in article 22.3 of the FEIs' Anti-doping Rules for Human Athletes (ADRHA).

The ADRHA rules are published on the FEI's website at <http://inside.fei.org/content/anti-doping-rules>.

## **XIV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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### **1. MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM FOR ARMBANDS**

Declaration of medical condition

Athletes with medical conditions that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency are responsible, at every Event when riding, for wearing a medical data carrier\* from a system provider able to communicate information at least in English. Alternatively (and at the minimum) a medical armband of good quality can be used. Athletes who chose to wear an armband should download and fill the form available for this purpose on the FEI's website <http://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/officials/eventing/forms>.

*\* Medical data carrier (also called "medical identification tag"): small emblem or tag worn on a bracelet, neck chain, or on the clothing, intended to alert paramedics/physicians/ first responders that the wearer has an important medical condition.*

Conditions that are relevant include recent head injury, serious past injuries/surgery, chronic health problems such as diabetes, long-term medications and allergies. If in doubt, the athlete should discuss this with his own treating physician."

### **2. INSURANCES AND NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risks. To the greatest extent permitted by law, the FEI and the FEI Event Organiser shall NOT be liable for any damages relating to loss of property or injury of any kind to Athletes, Owners, Support Personnel or Horses at or in connection with an FEI Event and the FEI expressly excludes all such liability.

#### **2.1 ATHLETES, OWNERS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

##### **2.1.1 Personal accident and health insurance**

It is your responsibility as an Athlete/Owner/ Support Personnel to ensure that you have adequate personal accident insurance in place to cover your participation at FEI Events and in particular to insure against any personal injury or medical expenses arising from an accident, injury or illness which may occur at a FEI Event.

You should check with your National Federation to confirm if your National Federation's insurance policy (if any) covers personal accidents and/or illnesses, which may occur when you are attending at/participating in FEI Events.

If your National Federation does not have a personal accident/health insurance policy or if the National Federation's insurance policy does not cover personal accident or health claims, then you should obtain your own personal accident and health insurance policy to cover your attendance/participation at FEI Events.

##### **2.1.2 Press equipment**

Press equipment and other items left in the Press workroom, Press lockers, the Press Tribune or anywhere on the showgrounds are left entirely at the owner's risk. The Organising Committee does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to such equipment or items. Members of the Press are advised not to leave any equipment or personal items unattended.

##### **2.1.3 Personal property insurance**

You should also ensure that you are insured against property loss, theft or damage, which may occur at an FEI Event.

Again, the advice is to check with your National Federation to confirm if they have an insurance policy in place, which would cover you in case of such property loss, theft or damage. If not, then you should obtain your own personal property insurance to cover such situations.

#### **2.2 ATHLETES AND OWNERS**

##### **2.2.1 Third party liability insurance**

As an Athlete/Owner you are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by you, your employees, Support Personnel, your agents or your Horses. You are, therefore, strongly advised to take out third-party liability insurance providing full coverage in relation to FEI Events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.

The FEI and the Organiser will NOT be responsible for any damage caused to third parties by you, your employees, Support

Personnel, your agents or your Horses.

## **2.2.2 Additional liability information**

### **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers, Badminton Horse Trials Ltd., the British Equestrian Federation, British Eventing, The Trustees of the Somerset Trust, The Duke of Beaufort and his Estates, Swangrove Estates Ltd. nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury, illness to horses, owners, athletes, grooms, spectators, sponsors, dogs, exhibitors, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever.

## **2.2.3 Horse insurance**

As an Owner you should ensure that your Horses are adequately insured against any injuries or illnesses they may sustain while participating at a FEI Event.

## **3. PROTESTS / APPEALS**

To be valid, all Protests and Appeals must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of CHF 150.- or equivalent, as mentioned in the FEI General Regulations (Art. 161-162) available at the following link: <https://inside.fei.org/content/general-regs-statutes>.

## **4. DISPUTES**

In the event of any discussion concerning the interpretation of the schedule (in translated languages), the English version will be decisive.

## **5. MODIFICATION TO SCHEDULE**

In exceptional circumstances, together with the approval of Chefs d'Equipe, host NF delegate, if any, and the Ground Jury, the Organiser may change the schedule in order to clarify any matter arising from an omission or due to unforeseen circumstances. Any such changes must be notified to all athletes and officials as soon as possible and they must be reported to the FEI Secretary General by the Technical Delegate.

## **6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE ORGANISER**

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC RIGHTS**

Athletes participating in an Event agree to be filmed, televised, photographed, identified, interviewed and otherwise recorded during the Event for the purposes of the media coverage of the Event (by means of all and any media throughout the world in perpetuity) and the promotion of the sport. Athletes therefore assign with full title guarantee in perpetuity to the FEI all rights of any nature in any such recordings. Athletes agree that their name and image and any photographs and moving images taken of them at an Event may be used by the FEI and/or OC for the purposes of publicising the Event and promoting the sport

### **HAT CAMS**

Hatcams are only permitted under following conditions:

1. The actual hatcam to be used must be shown to the Technical Delegate and, in his absolute discretion, approved by him.
2. It should be noted that Badminton Horse Trials is the owner of the global broadcast rights for the Badminton Horse Trials, including for broadcast on TV, Radio, Mobile and Internet platforms.
3. All hatcam footage must be made available on request to the Organising Committee for use in its official broadcasts / streaming /social media.
4. Other than through the organisers' official channels, no hatcam or other footage of the actual competition may

be broadcast, streamed or posted on social media until after the competition has finished on Monday afternoon.

### **ELECTRIC BIKES**

Eco Voltz are pleased to offer the riders or owners at the horse trials the opportunity to hire one of our Eco Voltz electric bikes to help you get about the event subject to the organisers' rules. Please visit [www.ecovoltz.co.uk](http://www.ecovoltz.co.uk) for further information.

### **GROOMS' AWARD**

£225 will be awarded to the groom of each horse that starts the Competition, i.e. passes the First Horse Inspection.

## **7. MINIMUM AGE LIMITATION**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Athletes</b>	<b>Horses</b>
1*	12	5
2*	14	6
3*	16	6
4*	18	7
5*+CH4*	18	9

## **8. PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION**

### **IMPORTANT**

**The total amount of prize money shown for each Competition in the schedule must be distributed. (FEI General Regulations articles 127 and 128)**

The value of the **1st prize must not exceed 1/3 of the total prize money** distributed for the competition. The minimum number of prizes offered for each competition must be allocated on the basis of one prize for every commenced four Athletes, with a minimum of five prizes.

### **DEDUCTIONS FROM PRIZE MONEY AT COMPETITIONS**

**Full details of any deductions from prize money must be outlined in the schedule. This includes government taxes. If it is necessary for Organisers to deduct such taxes, they must provide participants with an official form indicating the amount of tax deducted.**

**The tax form must be provided to the athletes upon arrival and returned to the Organiser prior to departing.**

## **XV. ANNEXES**

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### **1. STEWARDING**

If an athlete is uncertain as to whether the boots he/she intends to use during an event are allowed, he/she or his/her representative should show the boots to the Chief Steward for his/her opinion before the boots are used in training or in competition.

In addition, athletes are to be made aware that hind boots must be removed and placed again on the horse's legs in the presence of a Steward while in the warm-up arena prior to entering the competition arena for certain competitions. (If bandages are used in place of boots, athletes are not required to remove the bandages in the warm-up arena.) This procedure is compulsory for competitions for which boot and bandage control is mandatory, that is the Nations Cup, Championships, and the competition with the highest prize money, and is at the discretion of the Chief Steward for other competitions.

As an alternative to carrying out this procedure at the time designated by the Steward an athlete may ask his/her groom to take the boots to the in-gate and place them on the horse's legs in front of the Steward prior to the combination entering the arena.

The Steward has the authority to intervene if a boot is deemed excessively tight by instructing that the boot be removed and put on again correctly. [Stewards are to note that it is normal for a horse's gait to be somewhat affected immediately after boots have been removed and re-placed.] If an athlete or his/her groom refuses to remove and re-place the boot(s) when instructed to do so by the Steward, a Yellow Warning Card will be issued to the athlete in question.

If it is deemed impossible or unsafe to remove the hind boots in the warm-up arena prior to the combination entering the competition arena, due to an extremely excited or nervous horse, the boots of the horse in question are to be removed by the athlete/groom following the athlete's round upon leaving the arena and inspected by the Steward. This inspection may be carried out during the boot and bandage control if the boot and bandage control is carried out for the competition in question.

This procedure does not replace boot and bandage control after completion of an athlete's round for competitions for which boot and bandage control is mandatory (refer to JRs Art. 244.1)