



The 2010 Rule Book to cover the Area Qualifiers will be available effective 1st April and in print from that date. Each team manager will have a copy by then but if you would like to buy your own copy – the rules are many and in some detail! - why not go online or ring the BHS bookshop [www.britishhorse.com](http://www.britishhorse.com) or **08701 201918**.

## Area Show Jumping and Style Jumping

### **Show Jumping.**

There are Novice and Intermediate Junior Competitions and Novice, Intermediate and Open Competitions for Seniors.

**Juniors are riders under 18 on 1st January 2010.**

These classes are for a team of four riders or individuals jumped over two rounds. The best three scores in any team will count for the total score.

Fence Heights – Junior and Senior Novice max 85 cm, Junior and Senior Intermediate max 1 m and Senior Open max 1.15m.

**The second round course height may be raised but the detail given above is for the second round height.**

### **Style Jumping.**

This is a competition based on one round jumped and judged on style of your riding over seven obstacles including a stile or narrow fence and a double, all maximum height 85cm for both Junior and Senior teams or individuals. **Juniors are under 18 on 1st January 2010.**

## Area Horse Trials

There are Junior Novice and Intermediate Horse Trials and Senior Novice, Open and Intermediate Horse Trials all for teams of four with best three scores to count or for individuals. **Juniors are to be under 18 on 1st January 2010.**

**There are 15 pages of rules so far too many to replicate here!** X country heights are Senior and Junior Novice 90cm max, Junior and Senior Intermediate 1m max and Senior Open 1.10m max. The show jumping heights are Junior and Senior Novice 85cm, Junior and Senior Intermediate 1m max and Senior Open 1.10m max.

## Area Dressage & Riding Test

There are competitions for Junior and Senior riders to compete in teams or as individuals, in the team competitions the best three scores will count. **Junior riders are under 18 on 1st January 2010.**

There are competitions for Junior and Senior in Team Dressage, Pairs Dressage, and Dressage to Music and in addition the Seniors also have Elementary Dressage to Music and Pairs Dressage to Music.

**Please note that all Dressage to Music will take place in a 20 x 60 arena at the Area Qualifier unless the event organiser obtains a disclaimer to hold it in a 20 x 40 arena. You should therefore expect a 20 x 60 arena and train accordingly and should we learn that the shorter arena will be used you will be advised.**

There is a full A4 sheet of the tests to be ridden in 2010 so again please ask for more detail from your team organiser!

For the Riding Test there are Junior and Senior riders in teams of four with the best three scores to count. **Junior riders are under 18 on 1st January 2010.** This competition is not judged as a dressage test but on the competence of the rider sitting in the correct position with ability to understand and apply the aids correctly for each pace and movement. There are specific tests used which again can be advised by your team manager.

**The above detail gives only the briefest of over views but hopefully will whet your appetite! The Rule Book is 142 pages long and cannot be replicated here for obvious reasons. There is a whole section on eligibility for Novice, Intermediate or Open competition in terms of prize money or points won and professional qualifications the rider may have gained so it is very important you speak with your team manager well in advance to ensure you are in the right competition for your level of experience and are familiar with what is required in terms of tack, headgear, etc.**

**Above all everyone should enjoy themselves and enjoy competing either as a team member or an individual. If it all seems rather daunting that is not our intention so apologies if that is what comes across!**

**Please contact the team manager for your discipline interest and find out more! Good luck!**