

DS47 – Judging A Style Jumping Round

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The idea of the style jumping class is to encourage riders to adopt a correct jumping position and to ride their horses/ponies with sufficient impulsion to maintain correct balance and a rhythmical pace around a course of jumps; the whole of the course is assessed as opposed to just the faults gained at the jumps. They will be expected to adjust the length of their horses stride so as to be able to jump the whole course without shortening or lengthening in front of the fence. Marks will be awarded for the following;

Assessment of the rider

Before commencing the rider is to perform a figure of eight in canter showing a change of leg - this can be done by either a flying change or through trot across the diagonal. This should be observed and judged for style on the flat before then being continuously marked throughout the whole course to be able to monitor the effectiveness of the rider's aids.

Equestrian Feel and Skill

Particular attention should be paid to the rider's ability to present a horse to a fence and ride accurate lines and corners. The rider should be balanced and able to maintain a clear rhythm and correct pace throughout the course to aid the horse's natural balance.

Riders Position

The rider's position such as control of the upper body and security of the lower leg shows the balance of the rider and their ability to follow the horse's movement over a fence. It also shows that the rider's leg and hand work independently of one another; a rider should be able to balance on their own without impacting the horses balance creating a harmonious picture.

Horses Balance and Security

The horses desire to move forward into a steady contact confidently whilst portraying a picture of harmony and lightness should be rewarded. The horse should approach and get away from jumps in a calm and confident manner whilst accepting the bridle throughout the course.

Useful Resources

- Scoring data sheet for information on how scores are calculated.
- Current BRC Handbook