

EVOLUTION CLASSES - BC Rule Book 2018
ANNEX 18 Evolution and Young Horse Classes
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This annex sets out the Rules for the Evolution and Young Horse 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 and two Young Horse 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.

1.4 The Young Horse and Pony Classes (including at the National Championships) will be open to Young, Full or Associate BC members and to members of a BC affiliated club driving a Horse or Pony of four to six years of age.

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.

Rule 928.2.

Dress in Marathon and Combined Marathon/Derby

2.1 Less formal dress is acceptable in the marathon for the athlete and grooms. Shorts are not permitted; infringement will incur 10 penalties per person.

2.2 Athletes and grooms must wear securely fastened protective headgear and a suitable back/body protector on the marathon or Combined Marathon/Derby

1. Infringement will incur Elimination. Any athlete / groom who continues on the course without a hard hat or a suitable body/back protector after Elimination, will be disqualified.

Article 939 Tyres

1. Pneumatic or air-filled tyres are permitted.

Rule 940.2 - Bandages and Brushing Boots

2.1 Bandages and brushing boots are not permitted in Dressage. Failure to comply will result in 10 penalty points.

2.2 If a penalty is applied under 940.2.1 above, the bandages or brushing boots must be removed immediately after leaving the arena and the horse(s) inspected by a veterinarian who will report his findings to the President of the Ground Jury.

Articles 957, 968, 969, and 981 –

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BRITISH CARRIAGEDRIVING DRESSAGE TEST EVOLUTION TEST (2017)

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Arena: 80m x 40m or 100m x 40m

MOVEMENT

1. A - Enter in working trot. Proceed down centre line without halting.

2. CMRBP - Working trot. R - walk 5 to 10 steps, proceed in working trot.

3. PV - Half circle right 40m in working trot.

4. VXR - Change rein in medium trot

5. RMCGIBP - Working trot

6. PFA - Walk

7. A- Halt 10 seconds (horse's nose at A). Proceed at working trot with progressive transition from halt.

8. AC - Serpentine of 4 loops. Each loop to be of equal size and go to the side of the arena.

9. CHS - Working trot. SXP Change rein in medium trot

10. PFADX - Working trot. X halt. Immobility, salute and proceed to cones.