



Bred To Event Classic



Rules For Yearlings, 2-, And 3-Year-Olds 2026 Edition

Equipment and Turnout

Yearlings: A clean, well-fitting halter or snaffle bridle, and lead.

2-Year-Olds and 3-Year-Olds: MUST be presented in a bridle. A clean, well-fitting snaffle bridle with headstall and throatlatch with reins attached is mandatory. Reins must be attached only to the bit. Nosebands are optional. A snaffle type bit is required. A split or single chain with a lead may be used instead of, or in addition to, reins.

Turnout:

- The mane should be clean, brushed, and pulled. Braiding is recommended
- Coat and legs clean, feet trimmed.
- Condition – that of a healthy growing youngster, not carrying abnormal weight or noticeably under- conditioned.
- Shoes, or glue on shoes are permitted as needed with no penalty.
- For 4-year-olds doing free jumping, reins will be detached when let loose in the jump chute arena for the trot, canter, and jumping sections

Class Format

All yearlings, 2-year-olds, and 3-year-olds will be shown in the Jump Chute enclosure. They will be stood for conformation by the owner or their representative, then walked in hand by that same person.

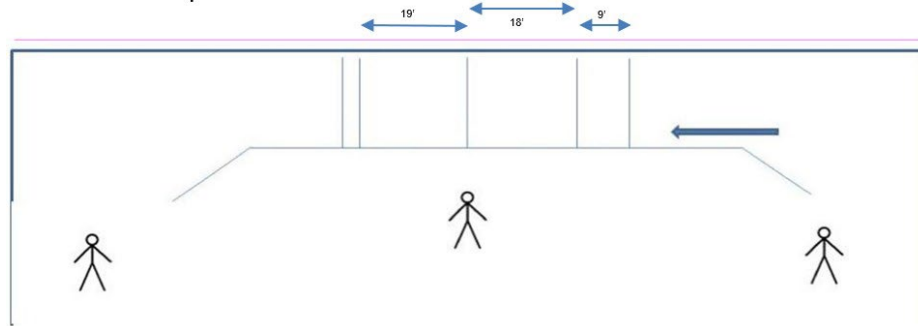
After the walk, they will be turned loose in the chute to have their trot and canter evaluated. The judge and/or the Jumping Leader will direct these efforts.

- For 3-year-olds doing free jumping, reins will be detached when let loose in the jump chute arena for the trot, canter, and jumping sections.
- Boots are allowed on the front legs only in the jump chute.

Jump Chute-Diagram and Specification

At the BTE 3-Year-Old Qualifier and Championship, distances are: 9'–12' between the ground pole and obstacle 1, 18'–22.5' between obstacle 1 and 2, and 19'–25' between obstacle 2 and 3. The range of distances accommodates different types of horses at different stages of development.

Maximum fence heights: first fence 2'7", second fence 2'9", last fence 3'3" in front, 3'7" in back, and 4' in width.



- Breakaway safety cups are required for use on all fences.
- No decoration or boxes used as groundlines.
- No placement poles are allowed.
- Fences are to have at least a 10' face; poles will be made of wood.
- Jumping will be done off the left rein.
- Tape on standards will mark the height.

At the conclusion of the canter session, poles will be added to the open chute. The horse will be allowed to go through the chute five times. The first pass is over poles on the ground, set at distances desired by the handler within BTE specifications. The second time through, fences may be set as small fences or cross poles. On remaining passes, heights will be set according to the decision of the handler and the owner, with input from the judges.

The handler will lead the horse into the chute each time, setting it loose as it rounds the corner. The handler may carry a whip and will be expected to use a short, smooth cotton rope with no snaps attached, or a leather strap with no snaps attached, that they can let slide through the bit as they send the horse through the chute. Two assistants may help encourage the horse forward through the chute, and another assistant with a treat bucket (provided by the owner) may catch the horse and return it to the handler. The horse should be caught and led with a strap or lead rope back to the handler.

In the event that a horse has a refusal or mishap on the fifth attempt, a sixth attempt will be permitted at a lower height to allow the horse to leave the arena on a positive note.