



Bred To Event Classic

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



Equipment and Turnout

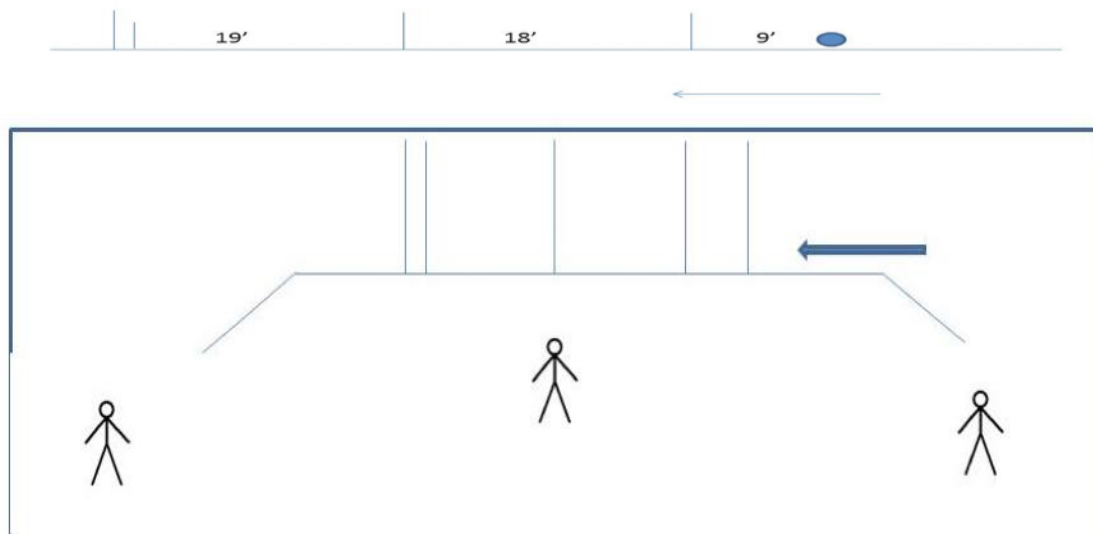
Yearlings: A clean well-fitting halter, or a snaffle bridle, and lead.

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.

- 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 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 BTE 3-year-old Championships, a distance of 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 maximum height of the first fence is 2'7", the second is 2'9" and the last fence is 3'3" in front, 3'7" in back and 4' in width. The range of distance is to accommodate different types of horses at different stages of development.



- Breakaway safety cups are required for use on all fences.
- No decoration or boxes used as groundlines.
- Additional placement poles may not be added.
- Fences are to have at least a 10' face and poles will be made of wood.
- Jumping will be done off of the left rein.
- Tape on standards will mark the height.
- No placement poles are allowed.

At the conclusion of the canter session, the poles will be added to the open chute. The horse will be allowed to go through the chute five times. The first being over poles on the ground set at the distances desired by the handler within BTE specifications. The second time through, the fences may be set as small fences or cross poles. The remaining trips through, the 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 he can let slide through the bit as he sends the horse through the chute. There can be two assistants to help encourage the horse forward through the chute and another assistant with a treat bucket (provided by owner) to catch the horse and return it to the handler to be led through again. 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.