



# Bred To Event Classic



## *Rules For 4- And 5-Year-Olds*

### Equipment and Turnout

#### Dress:

- **Dressage** - Collared shirt with sleeves, breeches, boots, and ASTM/SEI approved helmet. Spurs and whips are permitted as per the dressage phase as in *USEF Eventing Rules*.
- **Jumping** - Cross-country attire with safety vest and ASTM/SEI approved helmet. Spurs & whip are permitted as per cross- country phase *USEF Eventing Rules*.
  - Front and Hind Boots are allowed.

#### Saddlery For Under Saddle Classes:

- **Dressage** - Only snaffle bridles per dressage phase in *USEF Eventing Rules* may be used. No boots or bandages are to be worn in dressage. Horses entering the space around the arena or the arena itself will be asked to have their boots or bandages removed. Use of jumping saddles is allowed and encouraged, as it may help a young horse's way of going and/or ease the change of tack required for the subsequent jumping phase.
- **Jumping** - Boots and running martingales are optional for jumping. Equipment per cross-country phase in *USEF Eventing Rules* may be used, but the judge may penalize the need for overly severe equipment in the horse's overall impression and/or rideability score, at their discretion.

#### 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

## Exercising & Warmup

USEF eventing rules for saddlery will apply for exercising and warmup for under saddle classes. ASTM/SEI helmets must be worn when mounted or handling a young horse in hand.

- **Dressage** - The organizer may permit schooling at specified time(s), including in and around the dressage arena before their designated time.
- **Jumping** - Prior to the start of their round, riders may show their horses the fences, including walking or trotting through the water complex. Competitors jumping any fences on the BTE competition course before their allotted ride time will be eliminated.

## Qualifying Day For All 4- and 5- Year Olds

**All 4- and 5-year-old horses will be evaluated under saddle at the walk, trot and canter in both directions. Horses will be asked to show their gaits and rideability.**

### Saddlery:

- English type saddle and snaffle bridle as for dressage, in USEA Levels BN—Prelim. See the *USEF Rules For Eventing* for permitted snaffles and nosebands. No martingales or side reins are allowed.
- Boots and bandages are prohibited.
- Ear bonnets are permitted.
- Rider must wear an approved helmet, boots, and dress per the One Day Horse Trials guidelines in the *USEF Rules for Eventing*. (i.e. jackets will not be required).
- Riders would also be allowed to use one dressage whip and/or spurs; their specifications per the current *USEF Rules for Eventing*.

### Class Standards:

- A rider may only ride two horses per division.
- Mares may not compete during pregnancy. Mares may not compete until 6 months after having a foal.
- The arena for these classes must be enclosed in such a way that a loose horse would be contained.

- Unauthorized assistance by individuals outside of the arena is not permitted. If done, the horse is subject to elimination at the discretion of the judge.
- The horses will be evaluated in small groups; The classes will have no more than 6 horses competing at one time.
- The judge will direct the riders as to gait and direction. Lengthenings in either the trot or the canter will NOT be required.
- Stallions will NOT be mixed in a group with mares.
- Horses may be asked to canter individually or in a small group.
- After the under-saddle section, all horses will be unsaddled for the judging of conformation.

## Rules for Jumping – Qualifying 4- and 5-Year-Old Day

Each fence must be scored on style and scope. Horses will be scored 1.0-5.0 with 0.5 decimal points allowed. Each individual fence will receive a score with the following system:

- 1 – Insufficient
- 2 – Sufficient
- 3 - Satisfactory
- 4 - Good
- 5 - Excellent
- Rail down – results in a deduction of 2 points
- First refusal on course – results in a deduction of 2 points
- Second refusal on course – results in elimination

The following circumstances will result in Elimination:

- Two refusals total on the entire jumping course (show jumping and cross-country)
  - The elimination remains, but judges may permit the competitor to continue for education only on the qualifying day.
- All jumps must be jumped in the correct order.
  - A technical elimination will be incurred if a jump is missed.
  - The elimination remains, but judges may permit the competitor to continue for education.
- Jumping any fence on the BTE course before their allotted ride time
- Fall of horse or rider on course
- Improper saddlery

## Jumping – Derby Courses

The course will include both showjumping and cross-country fences.

Qualifying course There will be a total of 10 numbered jumps, including combinations, so there will be more than 10 jumping efforts and an open gallop at the end.

## Jump Course Guidelines for BTE Qualifier

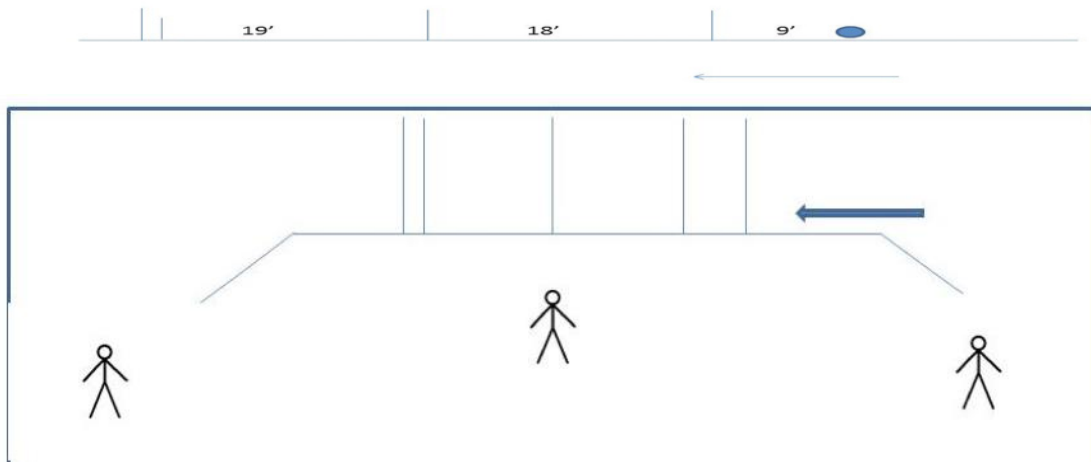
<b>Age:</b>	<b>4-Year-Olds</b>	<b>5-Year-Olds</b>
<b>Height:</b>	2'3" - 2'7"	2'7" - 2'11"
<b>Approx. XC Speed:</b>	325 mpm	375 mpm

- All combinations, including in show jumping, must be a minimum of two (2) strides.

## Championship Day – 4-Year-Olds That Will Free Jump

### Jump Chute-Diagram and Specification

At BTE 4-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 range of distance is to accommodate different types of horses at different stages of development. At 4-year-old Championships the heights are: first fence at 2'9" , second fence at 3' 3" and the last fence is 3'7" in front and 3'9" in the back and 4'3" in width. Front boots are permitted.



- 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.

# Championship Rules – For 4- and 5-Year Olds Doing Dressage and The Derby Course

The rules for BTE Championships are the same as those for BTE Qualifiers with the following differences:

- **Dressage** -
  - A large (20m x 60m) arena is required.
  - A unique dressage test will be performed.
  - Whips and spurs are permitted in the Championships.
  - Horses leaving the arena with all four feet will be eliminated.
  - A rider fall will result in elimination.
  
- **Jumping** -
  - There will be a total of 15 numbered jumps, including combinations, so there will be more than 15 jumping efforts.
  - Horses missing a jump on either the show jumping, or cross-country course will receive a Technical Elimination.

## Dressage

**Rider** – Defined as a person who presents a 4- or 5-year-old under saddle.

Horses will perform a dressage test specifically written for the BTE championship competitions.

It will be judged on overall collective impressions, not by each individual movement. The horse will be scored on the walk, trot, and canter, as well as rideability.

- A large (20 X 60 meters) dressage arena will be used.

Horses leaving the arena during the dressage test will be eliminated but will have the option to complete the test. Rider fall results in elimination.

## Jump Course Guidelines for BTE Championships

<b>Age:</b>	<b>4-Year-Olds</b>	<b>5-Year-Olds</b>
<b>Height:</b>	2'7" - 2'11"	2'7" - 3'3"
<b>Approx. XC Speed:</b>	375 mpm	425 mpm

### **Championship Course:**

There will be a total of 15 numbered jumps, including combinations, so there will be more than 15 jumping efforts.

All jumps used in the jumping test should meet the same safety standards as any USEF Recognized Event. The gallop strip at the end of the jumping course should be approximately 100m long, preferably flat or with an uphill grade.

It is the responsibility of the course designer to ensure the course meets all requirements, including those for safety. The BTE Judge must give final approval of the course.