

BRC Hat Rules 2018

Information for Competitors v1

How does this affect me?.....

For 2018, all BRC members will be required to have their hats tagged with a new **AQUA** hat tag before competing in any BRC Qualifiers or Championships.

BRC, British Eventing and The Pony Club have joined together to unify hat standards, resulting in a single hat tag now being accepted across all three Member Bodies. This means that each organisation will be using the same aqua coloured tag, but it will carry the logo of the body that tags the hat. However, any aqua tag, regardless of the logo, will be permitted at all three organisations, preventing the need for separate tags for each Member Body competition.

When you arrive at the competition, take your hat with you when you go to declare. The Official Steward will then check that your hat complies with an accepted standard, and will place an aqua BRC tag on it. It is a good idea to allow a little extra time when arriving at a competition for this to be done.

Please note, you will not be allowed to ride anywhere at that event if your hat has not been tagged, and hats which do not comply with an accepted standard will not be tagged under any circumstances.

It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure they arrive at a competition with a hat to the correct standard so it is therefore imperative that you check your hats before you get to the event, in order to avoid disappointment. To do this:

- 1) Use the following information or the BRC 2018 Handbook for reference
- 2) Check that your hat clearly displays one of the accepted standards
- 3) Check that the standard also shows the correct corresponding date
- 4) Check that your hat also displays the correct corresponding quality assurance mark
- 5) Make sure that you do not remove any labels from inside your hat which may hold the relevant information, as a hat will not be tagged without all of the required information visible and attached.

Only hats which comply with **all of the above steps** will be accepted for tagging. If you're in doubt, please contact the BRC office for further advice. If your hat cannot be tagged, you will not be allowed to ride wearing that hat under any circumstances.

Please note: No alterations, protrusions or additions are to be made to a hat under any circumstances. For the Quadrille competition, please see the Quadrille rules in the Handbook for further information regarding costumes. Important additional information regarding hats for XC and also head cams, can be found below.