



Executive Summary

Rules & Fixtures Technical Committee Meeting

18th September 2025

1. There was a positive response to the introduction of the noseband gauge to national competition during the recent National Championships. Further trials this year at national level (including the upcoming Summer Area Festival Championships) were discussed and agreed.
2. Updates to the Members' Handbook were reviewed. Including clarification of qualification requirements for the Grand Prix Championship at the National Championships, changes to the allocation of points for Team Quest competitions and the introduction of a requalification trigger at Advanced level.
3. Participation figures at the summer Area Festivals and Regional Championships were presented. An increase was seen in entries at the Summer Regional Championships but there was a fall in entries at Summer Area Festivals.
4. Options for the current format of the National Championships and a number of alternative competition arrangements were discussed.
5. Organisers will be encouraged to produce provisional timetables for Championship events moving forward to assist competitors in planning stabling requirements.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th November 2025

BD Sport Operations Director, Derek Pullem

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