

Joining the British Show Jumping Association

Who is the British Show Jumping Association?

The British Show Jumping Association (BSJA), is the governing body of show jumping in the UK, which formulates the rules and codes of practice under which all affiliated competitions are held. Its purpose is to improve and maintain standards of show jumping, while encouraging members of all standards and at all levels to enjoy fair competition over safe and attractive courses.

Show jumping is an Olympic Sport and riders compete under the Team GBR banner at least once a year, either at the European Championships, the World Equestrian Games or the Olympics.



What does the BSJA do?

Show jumping is a sport that reaches millions of people through television and the media, the large county shows and the participation, either directly or indirectly, of a wide range of individuals competing on horses of varying ability. It is a sport enjoyed by the horse enthusiast, the professional, and those who have never been on or near a horse in their lives. The appeal is wide and far reaching. Competitors of all ages and of varying abilities now compete in BSJA affiliated competitions all over the country.

There are affiliated classes to cater for all levels of ability whether you simply want to compete occasionally at weekends over a 70cm course or aim eventually for top class competitions at the Royal International Horse Show, Horse of the Year Show or Olympia. The BSJA manages more than 4,200 shows each year providing in excess of 4,350 days of show jumping for members of the Association riding registered horses and ponies. These shows are run according to BSJA rules with at least two judges for each competition being members of the official panel of BSJA judges. Courses are designed and built by BSJA course builders ensuring well run, enjoyable entertainment for competitors, families, owners and spectators.



Why join the BSJA?

The BSJA actively encourages potential competitors to try their hand at show jumping. They aim to make the experience of jumping under affiliated rules over well built fences at efficient shows as enjoyable as possible. As riders gain confidence and progress, there are structured levels of classes through which they can advance. Most important of all, show jumping is a sport open to everyone.

How to join the BSJA

You can join the BSJA as an owner or competing member by visiting www.bsja.co.uk and then looking in Membership and clicking on the More Info link. You will be taken through a step by step guide to help you understand the membership category that may suit you best, the forms you will need and how to complete them.

There are a number of New Member Offers available so contact the Membership Office on **024 7669 8800** if you want to check if you are eligible or want further information.

