

British TREC Rulebook:

New and amended rules for the 5th edition, effective from
1 April 2019

[Page numbers shown are for the 4th edition.]

For clarity new/replacement text is shown in **bold**, both in this document and the Rulebook. Removed text is shown in this document marked with a ~~strikethrough~~, where it has been removed without replacement, but is not in the 5th edition of the Rulebook.

Amended 3.5.5 International Competitors [Page 11]

An 'International Rider' is a rider who has been selected to represent Great Britain at a FITE TREC Senior Championship ie the World or European Championships as a team member or individual in the current year or the previous **2** years. **International penalties would no longer be applied (from the end of that season) if a rider was not selected for the GB team or has retired/withdrawn from the GB squad. From 2019**, this definition **now includes** riders who have been selected to represent Great Britain at the Young Rider (21 years and under) Championships.

- **International Riders may ride HC [non-competitive] as an individual at Level 1. They may compete as part of a pair at Level 1 but will be penalised by having 25 points deducted from their POR score and another 25 points deducted from their PTV score.**
- **International riders may ride competitively as an individual or as a member of a pair at Level 1, if riding a horse 6 years old or younger in the current year, but will be penalised by having 25 points deducted from their POR score.**
- **International Riders may ride competitively as an individual or in a pair at Level 2. They will be penalised by having 25 points deducted from their POR score and another 25 points deducted from their PTV score.**

- **International riders may ride competitively as an individual or as a member of a pair at Level 2, if riding a horse 6 years old or younger in the current year, but will be penalised by having 25 points deducted from their POR score.**

It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the organiser (**via their entry form**) that they are an international rider **and the age of the horse they are riding. Failure to do so will lead to elimination from the competition.**

These penalties also apply to International Riders competing at Level 2A.

Amended 3.9.1 Requirement [Page 16]

Veterinary inspections may be held at any competition. They will definitely be included for Levels 3 and 4 at TREC GB Championship competitions and possibly for Level 2 depending on the terrain. **The Championships of Great Britain and all European Cup competitions need a vet to conduct the inspections, all other competitions (including regional championships) may use the Health Check system.**

[Remainder of the rule as 4th edition]

Amended 3.10.1 Competition Levels [Page 18]

British TREC competitions are run at different levels. At higher levels the complexity and technicality of the phases increases.

Level	POR distance	Maximum jump heights on PTV
1	10km – 15km	0.60m
2 (and 2A)	15km – 25km	0.70m
3	25km – 35km	0.80m
4	35km – 45km	1.10m [see note in App 10]

Levels may be split, as per Rule 4.1.3. Further details about heights of jumps are given in 6.3.5. [Remainder of the rule as 4th edition]

Amended 3.11.1 Tack [Page 19]

[Paragraphs 1-3 as 4th edition.]

Disabled riders may apply to the TREC GB Board for dispensations to tack rules in order to enable them to compete on a level playing field with able-bodied riders. **These applications will be decided by the Chair of the Rules Working Group, who will consult with other members of the Working Group and/or Board as necessary.**

Amended 4.6 Map Room [Page 25]

The competitors are given an appropriate time prior to the start of the POR phase in the map room to copy their route: generally 20 minutes for Level 4, 15 minutes for Level 3, **12 minutes for Level 2 and 2A** and a minimum of 10 minutes for Level 1.

[Remainder of the rule as 4th edition.]

New 5.5 Paces [Page 38]

[Text split out from 4th edition 5.4.]

The quality of the canter is not taken into account.

The walk is a four-beat pace, any movement of legs in a diagonal pair will be penalised.

Only recognised canter and walk (as applicable) will score in the MA.

Amended 6.2.1 Speed and Time Limit [Page 40]

The speed will be determined by the Chef de Piste or Technical Delegate, at a suggested speed of 12-14kph for Level 4, **reducing to 8-10kph for Level 1**. This may be adjusted, according to the competition level, terrain, weather conditions, length of the course and the obstacles. [Remainder of the rule as 4th edition.]

New 6.3.3 Obstacles on the POR [Page 42]

[Paragraphs 1-2 split out from 4th edition 6.3.1. Last paragraph of 4th edition 6.3.1 remains.]

Non-jumping or led PTV obstacles may be included within the POR phase as long as riders are informed that this will be the case before starting the POR. **Ridden fixed jumps may be included within the POR course, provided the organiser transports the riders' body protectors to and from the location of the obstacle(s).**

Rider(s) that miss the obstacle will be given 0 for the obstacle **(ie it will not be counted as a PTV error of course).**

A route around the obstacle should be provided if possible. If an alternative route is not available then the next competitor should be asked to give a lead once they have completed the obstacle(s) themselves and any time incurred in doing so would be given back to the helping rider.

An error of course (as defined by rule 6.7.5) on the PTV course at the competition venue will give a 0 score for the whole phase, including any PTV obstacles on the POR.

New 6.5.3 Gait in obstacles [Page 44]

Paces exhibited by specific breeds including, but not limited to, tolt (as done by Icelandic horses) and pacing (two-beat pace with the legs moving in same-side pairs) will be judged as the nearest English pace, ie on the impression the judge forms of the pace. Pacing and tolt will normally be judged as being trot.

A change of gait between a breed pace and an English pace will be penalised as for a change of gait.

Amended 6.7.6 Attempting an Obstacle [Page 47]

[Paragraph 1-3 as 4th edition.]

A rider who attempts an obstacle twice (straight after each other) will be given 0 for that obstacle.

Amended 6.9.2 Time Penalties [Page 49]

Penalty points for exceeding the time allowed will be deducted from the total PTV points **at a rate of 1 penalty for every 6 seconds (or part thereof) over the time limit.**

Under no circumstances will the time penalties exceed 30 points.

Amended A2.3 Body protectors [Page 59]

The approved standard for body protectors for British TREC is BETA Level 3 (with purple **2009** label **or turquoise/ blue 2018** label).

It is recommended that body protectors are replaced every 3-5 years, even if they are apparently undamaged.

Compulsory Equipment	Phase
First aid kit for both equine and human *. The main purpose of the first aid kit is to help stop blood loss and it therefore must include: • at least 5 sterile swabs • 1 pair of round-ended scissors • 1 elastic bandage, around 10cm wide • 1 disinfectant or antiseptic solution.	POR

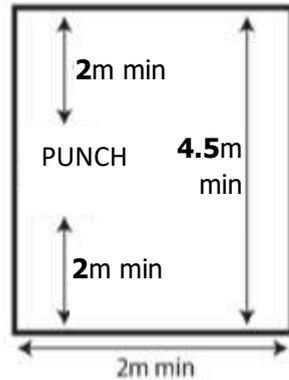
Amended S-8 Ticket punch (ridden & led) [Page 87]

Objectives:

The rider must punch the card using the ticket punch suspended within the area.

Notes:

The rider will be given a card by the judge before entering the area. The rider should punch the card and then return it to the judge (outside the area) **or deposit it where indicated**. The course designer may specify whether the punch is suspended on the near or off side.



Effectiveness faults:

- Running out or circling before entering the obstacle
- Refusal including stepping back
- Rider letting go of punch or string before card has been punched
- Horse moving one or more feet while the rider punches the card (each movement = 1 fault)

The gait that the horse enters and leaves the obstacle is not fixed.

Style evaluation:

- Calmness and obedience of the horse
- Lightness, balance and accuracy of rider
- Discreet rider aids

Amended T-1l Immobility (led) [Page 90]

Procedure:

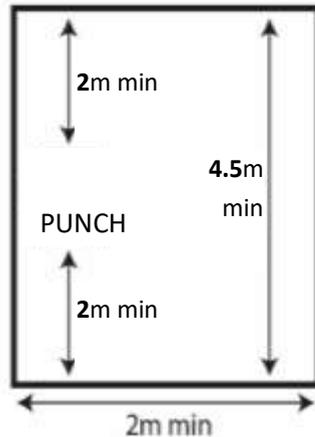
- [Bullet points 1 and 2 as 4th edition]
- The rider has 10 seconds to position the horse and come out of the outer circle **(15 seconds for Level 1)**.
- [Bullet points 4-7 as 4th edition]
- Use of the voice is authorised. Ground tying with leadrope or split reins is permitted. **Leaving food or other props in the inner circle is not permitted.**

Amended Ticket Punch [Page 136]

Data sheet on page 7.

Description

A marked area containing a suspended ticket punch (orienteering clicker). The rider collects a card from the judge (outside the area) and punches the card with the ticket punch (either riding or leading the horse) and then returns the card to the judge.



Features & dimensions

- A marked area at least **4.5m** long and 2m wide containing a suspended ticket punch.
- The area must start at least **2m** before the punch and extend for at least **2m** after it.
These dimensions are the MINIMUM size permitted. Course builders are encouraged to make the obstacle larger if space allows.
- [Reminder of details as 4th edition]

Amended Tree Trunk (ridden & led) [Page 139]

[Description, Features and Equipment as 4th edition]

Suggested variations for levels

	Ridden Tree Trunk	Led Tree Trunk
Level 1-3	[Dimensions as 4 th edition]	[Dimensions as 4 th edition]
Level 4	Height: 1.1m Front width: 3.0m	[Dimensions as 4 th edition]

The jump height quoted is the MAXIMUM permitted height for each level. Chefs de Piste and course builders are requested to ensure that any jumps built or used are safe for horses and riders to jump, including checking the going on the approach and get-away with due regard to the weather conditions experienced in the run-up to the competition and forecast during the PTV section.

Especially for Level 4, where maximum height jumps are to be used, Chefs de Piste are also requested to consider where in the course the jump(s) is(are) sited, in order for horses and riders to be ready mentally and physically to jump this height. Using jumps of this height should only be done if all relevant criteria are met.

Water crossing [Page 140]

[Description and Equipment as 4th edition]

Features & dimensions

- As far as possible must not have distinct edges. **Steps or drops can precede or follow a water obstacle ONLY as an associated difficulty (ie if a route around it is available) or if 0.5m or less in height.**
- [Remainder as 4th edition]

Suggested variations for levels

Level 1	Entry and exit on a slope (ie not a step or drop)
Level 2	Entry on a slope, exit can vary
Level 3	Entry and exit can vary
Level 4	Entry and exit can vary