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Media Release

Lycetts British Eventing Young Horse Championships to feature new 7 Year Old Championships.

British Eventing is pleased to announce the addition of a 7 year old Championship to the Lycetts British Eventing Young Horse Championships when it moves to its new venue at Osberton in Nottinghamshire from 30th September to 3rd October. This is the second year the Championships have been generously supported by Lycetts, the London-based insurance brokers whose Bloodstock Division specialises in high value bloodstock.

The 7 year old championship will be held as a CCI2* competition for which there will be no formal qualification process. All horses that are of the correct age and meet the FEI qualifications for CCI2* are eligible to contest the title.

Also in 2010 is the new-look 6 year old Championship which will run as a CIC1*. As for 7 year olds, there will be no formal qualification process and any horse that was foaled in 2004 and meets the FEI qualifications for CIC1* is eligible to contest the title.

The 4 & 5 year old Championships will remain in the same format as previous years with qualifying events taking place all over the UK with the top horses from each event qualifying for the Championship at Osberton.

The Lycetts British Eventing Young Horse Championships will run alongside the existing CCI1* and CCI2*. The Young Horse Championships combined with the International competition will offer spectators a varied choice of viewing and will give competitors an exciting festival feel.

With Breeding still at the heart of the Lycetts British Eventing Young Horse Championships all horses competing in the Championships are required to provide a proven record of breeding. This is the same for in-hand classes that will once again run in 2010.

"It's a very new and exciting development for the Championships and we are pleased to be working closely with Lycetts and Osberton to increase the profile, breadth and enjoyment for our members" said Mike Barnes. BE Marketing and Commercial Director

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Editors notes:

We, British Eventing, are the national governing body for the sport in Great Britain. Eventing is a unique combination of all the disciplines of dressage, cross country and show jumping in one exciting activity. It's a sport that engages all ages and has equal opportunities to compete. We regulate as well as schedule more than 190 events throughout Britain that cater for nearly 94,000 entries per season (Mar-Oct). British Eventing has more than 11,000 members and provides access to cater for riders from grassroots to those performing at international level.

To deliver the sport on a national basis to the highest standard, we train hundreds of volunteers, officials, riders and technical support teams. The result is that we have successful European medal winning teams at Pony, Junior, Young Rider and Senior level.

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About Lycetts:

Established in Newcastle in 1961, and recently listed by Insurance Age magazine as one of the top 15 insurance brokers in the UK. The company has 12 offices nationwide employing 180 people.

Lycetts' head office is in Newcastle-upon-Tyne; it has offices in Edinburgh, Exeter, London, Marlborough, Newmarket, Norfolk, Oxford, Shropshire, Surrey and Sussex. There is also an office in Newbridge, Co Kildare.

Lycetts Bloodstock division specialises in the insurance of racing and breeding stock, stud farms, training stables and associated liability, as well as the other equine disciplines of polo, eventing and showjumping.

The Lycetts Group specialises in the personal, commercial and financial insurance requirements of its clients, many of whom live and work in the countryside.

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