



RIDING CLUB & PONY CLUB TEAM EVENTER CHALLENGES

Thursday 14th & Friday 15th September 2017

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The eventer challenge is a 'derby' style competition with a section of 8-10 show jumps leading to 6-8 efforts over portable and fixed cross-country fences and finishing over a show jump. The optimum time is based on a speed of 375m/minute.

	Show jumping		Cross-country	
	Maximum height	Maximum spread	Maximum height	Maximum spread
100	1.05m	1.55m	1.05m	1.80m
90	0.95m	1.40m	0.95m	1.50m

Penalties will be as follows

	Show jumping	Cross-country
First disobedience	4 penalties	20 penalties
Second disobedience at same fence	8 penalties	40 penalties
Third disobedience	Elimination	Elimination
Knock down of obstacle	4 penalties	N/A
Fall of horse	Elimination	Elimination
First fall of rider	8 penalties	65 penalties
Second fall of rider	Elimination	Elimination
Every second over optimum time	0.4	0.4
Exceeding time limit*	Elimination	Elimination
Error of course	Elimination	Elimination
Retaking obstacle already jumped	Elimination	Elimination

*Time allowed is twice the optimum time.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**This competition is run in conjunction with Pony Club and British Riding Club rules.
We particularly draw your attention to the following:**

1. Neither horse nor rider may enter or compete in more than team competition at Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials.
2. Neither horse nor rider may have competed at either CIC2*, CCI2* or higher in the current or preceding season.
3. Each club may enter one team in either the 90cm or 100cm class (i.e. one team overall). A team consists of four competitors with the best three scores to count.
4. Note to team managers: Horse/rider combinations must have completed competently at the following levels to compete in this event:
90 - BE90 level, BRC HT90 level, PC level 3 or above
100 - BE100 level, BRC HT100 level, PC level 4 or above
5. Body protectors and hats are compulsory for this competition and must meet the following standards: A British Trade Associate (BETA) approved and appropriately labelled level 3 body protector (purple label), manufactured in the year 2000 or after. All hats must be tagged by the relevant organisation and are required to meet the following standard:

British	PAS 015*	} Provided they are BSI Kitemarked
European	VG1 01.040 2014 - 2012	
American	ATSM F1163: 2004a onwards with SEI mark	
Australian & New Zealand	AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards with SAI SAI mark	
6. Cross-country colours or show jackets should be worn. No jewellery is allowed.
7. Items of tack and saddlery must comply with British Eventing regulations. No stop watches allowed. Whips must not exceed 75cm in length.
8. All ponies and horses must be over 4 years of age and have current vaccination forms. Passports should be made available if requested. We reserve the right to carry out spot checks on passports.
9. For Pony Club competitors only: Spurs may only be worn if the individual holds their Pony Club B test or if they have gained approval from their DC. This should be declared on the team's nomination form.
10. For British Riding Club teams only: Only one member of the team may be 18 years or under.
11. The judges' decision is final. They may disqualify any rider at any stage in the competition for dangerous riding, inappropriate behaviour, misuse of whip or spurs, ill treatment of the horse or if in their opinion the horse is lame, sick or exhausted.
12. The Organising Committee of Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials reserve the right to make any changes/amendments to the competition or rules at any time.
13. Weather permitting, mounted prize-giving will take place for teams placed 1st – 6th and winning style rider as soon as possible after the competition has finished. Team managers are advised to keep an eye on the scoreboard and ensure team members are ready in good time.
14. Each competitor must be a member of British Eventing, The British Horse Society, The Pony Club or have their own third party insurance.

15. Estate rules: Any person found to be disobeying these rules will incur a minimum one year suspension (applied to the individual or whole team at the organiser's discretion).

- The Blenheim Estate is a World Heritage Site, please respect this.
- All dogs must be kept on leads.
- No horses may be left outside lorries unattended.
- No hay nets may be tied to the outside of lorries.
- All droppings must be removed from the lorry park before departure. Bins are provided.
- When mounted, all competitors must use the designated horse walks. Failure to do so may result in elimination.
- ID card must be clearly visible in lorry/towing vehicle window.
- Parking is limited, so please follow instructions issued by the parking stewards at all times.
- Abuse of volunteers and officials will not be tolerated.

16. Entry process:

- Entries open on 3rd July 2017.
- The initial entry period closes on 7th July 2017.
- Entry fee – £140 + VAT per team. A £20 start fee per team is payable on event.
- After 7th July, teams will be randomly selected from those who have completed an online entry form and provided full payment.
- Accepted clubs will be notified via email when they are awarded a place.
- In the event of oversubscription, we will keep a wait list.

17. Teams who wish to withdraw will receive a 75% refund providing that it is possible to fill their space from the wait list. If it is not possible to do so, a refund will not be made.

18. Once clubs have been accepted, they will be sent links to nomination forms and commentary note documents. These must have been completed and returned by 18th August. Changes or substitutions after this date must be made on event.

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