

MFHA TEAM CHASE COMMITTEE- THE RULES – MORE DETAILS AND FULL RULES CAN BE FOUND ON THE TEAM CHASING WEBSITE (IT IS THE COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO READ & ADHERE TO THEM)

RIDERS RESPONSIBILITY In the case of any Rule affecting riders or their horses, the rider shall be held responsible. In particular riders will be held responsible for adhering to Rules

7 (Protection), 9 (Age), 13 (Horse Welfare), 14 (Abuse of Horses), 15

(Exchanging Horses) and 20 (Personal Accident Insurance).

STEWARDS There shall be one or more Stewards appointed by each event organiser whose decision in respect of these Rules and of Discipline shall be final, except by later appeal to the Governing Body on payment of a deposit of £50. Mounted Stewards will be on the course with authority to stop any competitor continuing on an exhausted horse or ill treating their horse. If they are not obeyed the whole team may be eliminated.

TEAMS Each team shall consist of a maximum of four horses and riders and at least three horses and riders shall complete the course successfully for that team to finish.

Medical Matters CONCUSSION Any rider who sustains concussion shall under no circumstances compete again for at least the remainder of that day.

SAFETY AND PROTECTION

Crash Helmets – It is compulsory for anyone taking part in an MFHA regulated Team Chase to have a hat that has been checked and complies with the standard required by the MFHA Rules, and is colour-tagged to confirm as such. To implement this change, please note: It is compulsory for competitors to wear crash helmets to current recognised Safety Standards, and which are identified by a Team Chasing, BE, BRC, BSJA or Pony Club approved Hat Tag. I.e. Hats must meet one of the following standards: British All PAS015, BSEN1384 or European EN1384 provided they are BSI kitemarked or SEI. American All SEI ASTM 95, ASTM F1163:2004, SNEEL E2001. Australian and New Zealand All AS/NZS 3838 Competitors are strongly recommended to check their hats regularly and to replace them if damaged or following a fall. BSJA approved hats with fixed peaks will not be permitted in Team Chasing from 1st September 2014 onwards. All those mounted at an event (including grooms and helpers) must wear a hard hat complying to the above standard when mounted.

Body Protectors: All competitors must also wear a British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) approved and appropriately labelled Level 3 body protector manufactured in the year 2000 or after. Air jackets do not meet the required standard, unless worn with / over a standard BETA-approved body protector. This will be reiterated in a pre-season message to all event organisers. Competitors are strongly recommended to check their body protectors on a regular basis and replace them if damaged or following a fall and are advised that the body protector should impede neither flexibility nor balance.

All horses being ridden at an event, including riding in exercise areas, must be ridden in a bridle with reins directly attached to a bit or leather 'D' rings or attached as per the manufacturer's specification to a purpose designed bitless bridle (such as a mechanical or jumping halamora, Dr Cook, Sidepull or Scawbrig).

Guidelines for Competitors:

If your hat has not been colour-tagged previously, please take it to the Secretary's Tent at the next Team Chase where you intend to compete, and ask the Organiser of that event to check the hat and to provide you with a tag which will indicate to all subsequent events that the hat complies with the required standards

RIDERS AGE AND EXPERIENCE

No person shall ride until they have attained the age of sixteen in any Open, Intermediate or Novice Classes which are run against the clock and all riders competing in such classes should ensure that they have had appropriate experience of cross country riding. At the discretion of Organisers riders under the age of sixteen may be permitted to compete in classes judged against the "bogey" time.

VETERINARY MATTERS AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES The decision of the course Vet to put a horse down on humane grounds must be accepted by all competitors. Competitors will be expected to pay for any services received from the veterinary surgeon,

ABUSE OF HORSES Any act or series of actions, which in the opinion of the Stewards constitutes abuse of a horse shall be considered to be a breach of these Rules and will incur elimination.

EXCHANGING HORSES No rider may exchange horses once a team has started d. No horse may start more than once in any class.

FALLS – ELIMINATION

(a) **Horse Falls** – When a horse falls during any class, the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire. If the competitor does continue on the course following a horse fall their team will be eliminated. A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground, or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself. This does not prevent horses which stumble or thus unsettling the rider, from being remounted to continue, subject to rule 16 (b).

(b) **Rider Falls** – After two falls which are not Horse Falls the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire. If the competitor does continue on the course following two Rider Falls their team will be eliminated.

REFUSALS The number of refusals shall not exceed three at any one fence, or five on the course per horse, when the competitor shall be eliminated and must leave the course at once. The Team will be disqualified for an abuse of these rules by any individual member.

UNAFFILIATED EVENTS No rider may compete in the Team Chase Championship, who has taken part in an unaffiliated cross country team event during the current season. Events sanctioned by the Governing Body, the British Horse Society, the Riding Clubs and the Pony Club are exempt from this Rule.

INSURANCE It is a requirement that all competitors carry Third Party Insurance for not less than £5m. It is also strongly recommended that all participants have Personal Accident Insurance.

ORGANISER'S RIGHTS The Organiser of all events reserves the right to cancel any class or event, to transfer competitors between classes, to refuse any entry, to alter advertised times, to withhold all or any prize money, and to eliminate or prevent any competitor from competing who is adjudged not to be adhering to the Rules or who is deemed to be wearing or using inappropriate dress, saddle and/or equipment.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of Organisers for which they are legally responsible, neither the Organisers of any event to which these Rules apply, nor any representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, vehicles, contents or accessories or any other person whatever, whether caused by their negligence or in any other way.

CLASSES Only the following terms shall be used to define classes:

- a) Novice. Fixed obstacles which are not to exceed 3'3". Length of course to be approximately 1 ½ miles.
- b) Intermediate. The majority of fixed obstacles to be approximately 3'6", but not to exceed 3'9". Length of course to be approximately 1 ½ miles.
- c) Open. The majority of fixed obstacles to be not less than 3'6". Length of course to be approximately 2 miles, and not less than 1 ½ miles.

ELIMINATION ON COURSE If at least 3 members of the team have not completed the course within 8 minutes of the team starting, the team will be eliminated.

DEPOSIT FOR NUMBER BILBS A refundable deposit of £10 per team shall be payable to the secretary for number bibs.

COMPLAINTS AND OBJECTIONS Any complaint or objection in relation to an alleged breach of these rules shall be lodged with the event secretary within 10 minutes of the last horse completing the class in which the alleged breach occurred together with payment of a deposit of £50 which will be refunded if the complaint or objection is upheld. The stewards shall use their best endeavours to investigate and hold an enquiry into the complaint or objection within a reasonable time.

REPORT TO COLLECTING RING All teams must report to the collecting ring steward d at a reasonable time before their running order.

JUMPING ORDER Competitors must jump the fences in numerical order and leave red flags on their right and white flags on their left. Any competitor who misses a fence must either return and jump that fence and subsequent fences in the correct order or



THERSTONE HUNT TEAM CHASING



TO BE HELD AT

HIGHFIELD HOUSE FARM

SMORRALL LANE, BEDWORTH,

WARWICKSHIRE CV12 0NL

SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2014

INCLUDING A NATIONAL OPEN QUALIFIER CLASS

SPONSERED BY GLOBAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS

BY KIND PERMISSION OF

MR./MRS. M. E. ARTHERS ESQ,

This event is run under the auspices of the MFHA Governing Body and all competitors will accept and be bound by such rules.



ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2014

TIMES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON www.teamchasing.co.uk FROM

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2014, LATE ENTRIES ONLY ACCEPTED

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND AN EXTRA CHARGE.

**CLASS 1: VICTORIA GALLANTREE TRAINED TO ACHIEVE
PAIRS HUNTER TRIAL**

This BOGEY TIME class will be run over a course of approximately 24 fences, height approximately 2ft9in to 3ft3in. It is intended to cater for novice horses/ponies that require cross-country experience.

FENCE NUMBERS RED ON WHITE.

Riders to have attained their 12th birthday.

ENTRY FEE: £50.00 per pair including MFHA levy and contribution to medical services
ROSETTES TO 4TH PLACE

**CLASS 2: VICTORIA GALLANTREE TRAINED TO ACHIEVE
CUBHUNTERS NOVICE CLASS**

(Teams of 4, with a minimum of 3)

This class will be run over a course of approximately 24 fences, height approximately 2ft9in to 3ft3in. It is intended to cater for novice horses/ponies that require cross-country experience.

FENCE NUMBERS RED ON WHITE.

Riders to have attained their 12th birthday.

SECTION A: This will be a BOGEY TIME class.

The Ann Prosser Perpetual Cup, kindly donated by Mrs. A. Prosser to the winning team.

ROSETTES TO 6TH PLACE SPECIAL PRIZE – 1ST
Atherstone Team: selection of goodies kindly provided by SLB SUPPLIES LTD, WIGGS FARM, ELLISTOWN LE67 1GE

SECTION B: This will be a SPEED class against the clock. Riders need to be 16 years or over

The Riley Challenge Trophy, kindly donated by the Riley Family to the winning team

PRIZES: 1ST PRIZE £100 - 2ND PRIZE £60 - 3RD PRIZE £40
ROSETTES TO 6TH PLACE

SPECIAL PRIZE: 1st Atherstone Team: selection of goodies kindly provided by SLB SUPPLIES LTD, WIGGS FARM, ELLISTOWN, LE67 1GE

ENTRY FEE FOR BOTH SECTIONS OF CLASS 2: £84.00 per team including MFHA levy and contribution to medical services

**CLASS 3: EDDIE (Farmer) HILL OPEN FOXHUNTERS CLASS
& GLOBAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS NATIONAL OPEN QUALIFIER**
(Teams of 4, with a minimum of 3)

The open class is a qualifier for The National Championships to be held in Spring 2014 and will be run over a course of approximately 27 fences

FENCE NUMBERS BLACK ON WHITE

ENTRY FEE: £136.00 per team including MFHA levy and contribution to medical services

The Russell Perpetual Cup, kindly donated by Lord and Lady de Clifford to the winning team.

SPECIAL PRIZE: for the competitor completing the course in the fastest individual time
PRIZES: 1ST PRIZE £400 - 2ND PRIZE £240 - 3RD PRIZE £120 - 4TH PRIZE £80
ROSETTES TO 6TH PLACE

CLASS 4: EQUESTRIANA SPORTSMAN INTERMEDIATE CLASS

(Teams of 4, with a minimum of 3)

The intermediate class will be run over a course of approximately 25 fences. No fixed fence will exceed 3ft6in.

FENCE NUMBERS WHITE ON BLUE

ENTRY FEE: £112.00 per team including MFHA levy and contribution to medical services

The Lampard Perpetual Cup, kindly donated by R. J. Lampard to the winning team.

SPECIAL PRIZE: for the competitor completing the course in the fastest individual time
PRIZES: 1ST PRIZE £180 - 2ND PRIZE £120 - 3RD PRIZE £60
ROSETTES TO 6TH PLACE

PRIZEGIVINGS:

Class 1 + 2 (A+B): At the end of class 2

Class 3 +4: At the end of class 4

A representative must be present, otherwise prize money/prizes may be forfeited.