



**Taunton Vale Foxhounds
Inter Team Relay
and
Charity Gate Jumping Competition**

Sunday 16th March 2014

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – TUESDAY 11th MARCH

To be held at



ENTRIES SECRETARY:

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For more information on Team Chasing visit www.teamchasing.co.uk

All classes will take place in the newly expanded all weather arena

Format for classes 1 and 3:

- Teams of 4 riders;
- There will be a whip exchange between riders to take place in a designated area;
- Both classes to be run against the clock;
- Time starts when first rider crosses start line and finishes when fourth rider crosses finish line;
- Course to be combination of knock down and permanent fences;
- 7 seconds to be added to the team time for each fence knocked down;
- Refusals add to time taken;
- If a team member fails to complete the course due to retirement or elimination through having three refusals at one fence or five over the whole course the next team member must complete the round from the point of retirement and then continue to jump their own round. A team member may not complete a previous member's round until that member has been eliminated or retired;
- Horses to only compete in either class 1 or 3.

CLASS 1 – Novice

- First team to start at 10am
- Maximum height of fences approximately 0.85m (2'9")

Prizes in kind. Rosettes to 6th place. Inter-School Section (minimum of 3 members to attend same school).

Special prizes: All Ladies; Taunton Vale Foxhounds; Hunt Team

CLASS 2 – CHARITY GATE JUMPING COMPETITION

To take place on the 80 x 50m all-weather arena. There will be a single gate in the middle of the arena. Entries will be taken on the day.

Section A RESTRICTED – Height starts at 2'9"

Horses must be genuine hunters and may not have competed in an affiliated Open Team Chase, BSJA or BE competition since 1st January 2012.

Prizes in kind.

Section B OPEN - Height starts at 3'3"

Prizes: 1st £100 (2nd and 3rd prizes subject to entries and sponsorship)

CLASS 3 – OPEN CLASS

- Maximum height of fences approximately 1.00m (3'3")

Prizes: 1st £150; 2nd £75; 3rd £50

Rosettes and prizes in kind to 6th place

Special prizes: Taunton Vale Foxhounds; Veterans (average competitor age of 40 or older); Hunt Team (competitors to be members of the same hunt).

ENTRY FEES (including medical cover)

Class 1 Entry Fee: **£50**

Class 2 Sec A & Sec B Entry Fee: **£10**

Class 3 Entry Fee: **£60**

Entries are accepted only with full fees. To include one free programme per team.

To be sent to the secretary, before the closing date **Tuesday 11th March**

(e-mail entries will only be accepted with where a cheque has been received before the entries close date of 11th March).

Deposit on numbers: £10.00 per team payable on the day.

Entries, if accepted after the closing date, will incur a £20 surcharge.

Car passes: Two car passes per team will be issued on receipt of SAE with entry fees.

TIMES

Times will be posted on the website www.pontispool.com by 12noon Friday 14th March. Alternatively please phone the entries secretary on 01278 662830 for your times between 2 pm and 8 pm on Friday 14th March.

DIRECTIONS

From Junction 25 or 26 of the M5 follow signs for Taunton, then Wiveliscombe and Norton Fitzwarren (B3227). Pass through Norton Fitzwarren then follow the brown Pontispool Farm tourist signs

STABLING & ACCOMMODATION

On site stabling is available at £25 per night including straw bedding. Please telephone the Pontispool office on 01823 461196 or email info@pontispool.com to arrange. For local accommodation telephone the Pontispool office or visit the website www.pontispool.com

SPONSORS

The Taunton Vale Foxhounds would like to thank all those who have generously helped with the sponsorship.

CANCELLATION

It is the competitor's responsibility to check that the event is still on. In the event of cancellation a notice will be posted on www.pontispool.com

There will be scheduled course walk times during the day.

TAUNTON VALE FOXHOUNDS COMMITTEE RULES

1. **IN THE EVENT OF A TIE**
The prize money will be divided.
2. **THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS**
 - a) Withhold any prize or prize money if there are insufficient entries.
 - b) Refuse an entry without stating a reason.
 - c) Alter the advertised times of the event.
 - d) Alter the course or omit any obstacle at any time before or during the competition.
 - e) Eliminate any rider or riders not adhering to these rules or failing to follow the directions of Officials.
3. **CHILDREN**
Small children must be kept under the control of a responsible adult at all times.
4. **DOGS**
All dogs must be kept on leads at all times.
5. **REFUNDS**
In the event of postponement or abandonment due to bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, no refund of entry fees will be made but if cancelled, 75% of entry fees will be refunded.
6. **Attire**
Correct riding attire must be worn at all times. Riders MUST wear skull caps and body protectors to the current British Safety standard.
7. **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 refuse, thus unseating the rider, from being remounted to continue.
 - (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
8. **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, saddlery and/or equipment.
9. **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.

GATE JUMPING COMPETITION GENERAL RULES

10. Entries will be restricted and accepted in the order that they are received.
11. There will be a drawn order which must be adhered to. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
12. It is a knock out competition. One knock down or refusal results in elimination.
13. The gate will be raised by 3" at the end of each round.
14. Horses clearing the highest will win the class.
15. A competitor may join in at their desired height providing that the steward has been informed prior to the start of the class.
16. Competitors must wear a hard hat to current approved British Safety Standards as per BSJA and BE rule books for show jumping.
17. Back protectors are recommended.
18. The Judges' decision is final.