

8. PENALTIES in HUNTER TRIAL CLASSES (A, B & C) will be scored as follows: 1st refusal = 20 penalties; 2nd refusal at same fence = 40 penalties; 3rd refusal at same fence = elimination. Fall of rider at an obstacle = 60 penalties; 2nd fall of rider = elimination. Penalties are cumulative. Riders with Jumping penalties will be ranked, with in increasing penalty score, order below clear rounds.
9. When a HORSE FALLS during any class, it is immediately eliminated and may not continue on the course. 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 re-mounted to continue.
10. In all classes, after TWO FALLS BY A RIDER, which are not horse falls, the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire.
11. Team members, officials, or attendants ARE PERMITTED in any class TO RETRIEVE AND RETURN A LOOSE HORSE to its rider; they may ASSIST a rider to RE-MOUNT at his request, as long as it is safe to do so and no injury has been sustained.
12. Each Team / Competitor will be given a STARTING TIME. Any team missing its correct time may be fitted in at the end of the Class, if possible.
13. For The Open Team Chase CLASS D, START TIMES will be allocated in reverse order of receipt (ie. First to enter goes at end of class or given priority of position in Class as requested.)
14. Each Team / Competitor must report to the COLLECTING RING Steward ten minutes before their actual starting time.
15. All competitors will be given NUMBER BIBS. Team Captains shall be responsible for the collection and the return of these. Competitors are asked to ride in the correct colour and to notify the Secretary of any team changes.
16. Competitors may exercise their horses beforehand only in the area provided, which includes a PRACTICE jump. No competitors or horses are permitted on the GALLOPS, except when competing in Open Team Chase Class E.
17. All competitors must wear HEADGEAR and a BACK PROTECTOR to current British Safety Standards (see MFHA rule 7.) Team Chase competitors must report to the Secretary, with their helmets if they have not previously received a Hat Tag. Anyone mounted must wear a safety helmet. Hunting, cross country or team dress to be worn.
18. The ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHTS to: Withhold or amend any prize or cancel any class because of insufficient entries; Alter the advertised times; Refuse any entry with or without stating reasons; Alter the course or leave out any obstacle before or during the competition; Split a class if there is significant change in course; Eliminate any competitor not adhering to the rules; Eliminate any horse they consider to be exhausted; Eliminate any competitor for excessive use of the whip.
19. PRIZE MONEY and PRIZES in kind will be awarded subject to entries.
20. REFUNDS of 70% of entry fees will be reimbursed on the production of a Veterinary or Medical certificate. No refund of entry fees will be made if the event is POSTPONED due to bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances; team chase and individual hunter trial entry fees will be carried forward to the next date the team or individual is able to compete, but within 13 months of the event. In the event of ABANDONMENT, after the start of the event, refunds of 30% of Entry Fees may be offered on receipt of a SSAE from individual competitors to the Secretary. If the event is CANCELLED, 75% of entry fees will be returned.
21. The Organisers do not accept LIABILITY, other than that stipulated by law, for any accident, loss, damage or injury to horses, persons or property. Vehicles are parked on the grounds at their owner's risk. It is participants' own decision whether or not to compete. Competitors and attendants should exercise due care and attention, and take responsibility for their own, and their dependant's safety and must show due regard for the safety of third parties.
22. For the Team Chase section of the event, it is a requirement that all participants carry THIRD PARTY INSURANCE for not less than £5m. It is strongly recommended that all participants have Personal Accident Insurance (Third Party Insurance is covered by Countryside Alliance Membership)
23. DOGS must be on short leads at all times; please clear up your dogs' mess promptly. CHILDREN must be kept under the supervision of a responsible adult. No unofficial CARS are allowed on the course under any circumstances.
24. The COURSE will be open for inspection on Friday 3rd April between 14:00 and 17:00 hours.
25. The Entry Fee for each Team in Classes D, E, F, G includes a £5 levy that will be passed on to the MFHA 'LEVY FUND'.
24. HUNTER TRIAL Class B & C are qualifiers for the HORSEWARE NATIONAL HUNTER TRIAL SERIES 2015. The three top placed riders or pairs in these Classes will receive qualifying rosettes and will qualify for the finals of either the 70cms or 80cms finals to be held on 4th October at Eland Lodge, Derbyshire, DE6 5HD.



BERKS & BUCKS DRAGHOUNDS

OPEN, INTERMEDIATE & NOVICE

TEAM CHASE



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HUNTER TRIAL

on: Saturday, 4th April, 2015

at: Cannon Heath Down, Kingsclere, Nr Newbury, Berkshire, RG25 3EJ

www.bb-draghounds.co.uk

- **DIRECTIONS:** Located on the B3051 Kingsclere to Overton / Whitchurch road, 2 miles south of Kingsclere. Signposted from A339 Basingstoke to Newbury road at Kingsclere.
- **SCHEDULE & INTERNET ENTRY:** available on: www.bb-draghounds.co.uk and www.teamchasing.co.uk
- **SECRETARY, ENQUIRIES & POSTAL ENTRY:** Diana Wethered, Westbrook Farm, Avebury Trusloe, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1RA; email: diana@wethered.co.uk; tel: 01672 539248 or 07765 405752.
- **ENTRIES CLOSE:** by POST received by Monday, 30th March; via INTERNET on Tuesday, 31st March. The number of entries in HUNTER TRIAL classes A, B & C will be limited. Once full, the hunter trial entries will be closed.
- **LATE ENTRIES:** received after close of entry, will be subject to £40 increase per team, or £10 per rider for hunter trial entry. Entries on the day will be subject to space in classes, so please telephone the Secretary to check space available.
- **TIMES:** available from 5pm on Thursday, 2nd April on: www.bb-draghounds.co.uk; or from the Secretary between 6-9pm.
- **COURSE:** can be walked from 2 - 5pm on Friday, 3rd April. If you need to walk at another time, and the gate is locked, please park your vehicle safely in the lay-by near the horsebox entrance.



TEAM CHASE CLASSES

(afternoon)

Class D: NOVICE Entry fee: £125 per team

Teams: Riders **10 yrs & over.**
Course: Fences **3'3" (1m)**; 27 jumps over 1.5 – 2 miles approx.
Time: **Optimum Time** for completion, set at speed of 475m/min.
Prizes: Prizes in kind. Rosettes to 6th place.
Special prizes: Best Berks & Bucks team (three members to be shareholders, subscribers, farmers or their children)
(No team may win more Best Under 16 team
than one special prize): Best Family team (three members to be related).

Class E: OPEN Entry fee: £135 per team

Teams: Riders **16 yrs & over.**
Horses: **Over 14.2hh (148cms).**
Course: Fences **3'9" (1.15m)**; 34 jumps over 2.2 miles approx.
Time: **Fastest** .
Prizes: Rosettes to all completing teams. Prize money: 1st £400, 2nd £200, 3rd £100.
BRITISH TEAM CHASING rosettes to the top 3 teams to qualify for the 2015 Championships.

Class F: INTERMEDIATE (Speed) Entry fee: £130 per team

Teams: Riders **16 yrs & over.**
Horses: **Over 14.2hh (148cms).**
Course: Fences **3'6" (1.07m)**; 32 jumps over 2 miles approx.
Time: **Fastest.**
Prizes: Rosettes to 6th place. Prize money: 1st £150, 2nd £80, 3rd £40.

Class G: INTERMEDIATE (Optimum time) Entry fee: £130 per team

Teams: Riders **12 yrs & over.**
Horses: **Over 14.2hh (148cms).**
Course: Fences **3'6" (1.07m)**; 32 jumps over 2 miles approx..
Time: **Optimum Time** for completion, set at speed of 520m/min.
Prizes: Prizes in kind. Rosettes to 4th place.



Challenge Trophy for highest placed Berks & Bucks Draghounds team in any class (three members to be shareholders, subscribers, farmers or their children)

The Berks & Bucks Draghounds are grateful to the Sponsors of this event. Without these, the TEAM CHASE and HUNTER TRIAL would not be possible. Please research and employ the services of these Sponsors.



HUNTER TRIAL CLASSES

(morning)

Class A: MINUMUS Entry fee: £25

Riders: **Any age.**
Course: Fences **2'3" (65cms)**; 22 jumps over 1.5 miles aprox.
Time: **Optimum Time** for completion, set at speed of 400m/min.
Prizes: Prizes in kind. Rosettes to 10th place.

Class B: INTRO Entry fee: £28

Riders: **Any age.**
Course: Fences **2'9" (85cms)**; 22 jumps over 1.5 miles aprox.
Time: **Optimum Time** for completion, set at speed of 425m/min.
Prizes: Prizes in kind. Rosettes to 10th place.
HORSEWARE IRELAND National Hunter Trial Series 2015 qualifying rosettes to top 3 riders.

Class C: MINIMUS / INTRO PAIRS Entry fee: £54

Riders: **Any age.**
Course: One rider to jump the **MINIMUS 2'3"** course; the other to jump the adjacent **INTRO 2' 9"** course. 22 jumps over approx 1.5 miles . To include dressing fences.
Time: **Optimum Time** for completion, set at speed of 425m/min.
Prizes: Prizes in kind. Rosettes to 8th place.
HORSEWARE IRELAND National Hunter Trial Series 2015 qualifying rosettes to top 3 pairs.

RULES

- MFHA TEAM CHASE RULES APPLY for Classes D, E, F & G. These may be viewed on www.teamchasing.co.uk and in the Secretaries Tent on the day. Some of these rules are mentioned below, along with the Berks & Bucks Draghounds ADMINISTRATIVE RULES for this Event. Specific rules for the HUNTER TRIAL Classes A, B & C are included below in the Rules for this event.
- HORSES may not compete twice in a class. Horses may not run in two Team Chase Classes. However, horses, if fit and at the riders discretion, may be capable of running in two Hunter Trial Class or a Hunter Trial Class, as well as a Team Chase Class .
- For TEAM CHASE CLASSES (D, E, F, G) each TEAM is to consist of a maximum of FOUR HORSES AND RIDERS and at least three must complete the course to finish. Team members are started together. First horse starts the clock and the time of the third horse to finish, will be the finishing time for the team. In the event of a tie the fourth horse to finish will decide.
- In SPEED CLASSES (E & F) placings will be the fastest team et seq. to complete.
- In OPTIMUM TIME CLASSES (A, B, C, D & G) the closer to the Optimum Time (OT), the higher the placing. The OT is calculated from the speed declared, over the course for each Class. In the event of a tied times, a slower time away from the OT will be placed higher than a faster time away from the OT.
- COURSE LENGTHS and NUMBER OF FENCES, stated in the schedule, are approximate. FENCE HEIGHTS refer to the maximum height of fixed rails.
- In ALL CLASSES competitors must JUMP every fence on their course only, in order, and pass between all designated flags.
- PENALTIES in TEAM CHASE CLASSES (D, E, F & G), will be scored as follows: REFUSALS will not be penalised, but a competitor who has more than three refusals at any one fence, or five in total, will be eliminated and must leave the course. The team will be disqualified for abuse of this rule by any individual member. A single FALL OF ANY RIDER will not be penalised. Three horses must be within the PEN at one time or 20 second time PENALTIES will be awarded.

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