

18. In the event of a significant CHANGE OF A COURSE during a Class, after 4 or more teams have completed, or with more than 4 teams left to run, the Organisers reserve the right to split the class into two sections to be judged independently, one prior to the course change, the other for competitors after the course change. Prizes and money will be split between the two 'Sections'. In the event that less than 4 teams have run, or with less than 4 teams left to start, when the course alteration is deemed necessary, either, a calculated reduction in the time scores for those teams will be offered, or, those teams may request to abstain from having their times posted and accept 20% refund of entry fee.
19. No refund of entry fees will be made if the event is POSTPONED due to bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances. In the event of ABANDONMENT, after the start of the event, refunds of 30% of Entry Fees will 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.
20. 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 owners 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', safety and must show due regard for the safety of third parties.
21. It is a requirement that all participants carry THIRD PARTY INSURANCE for not less than £5m. It is also strongly recommended that all participants have Personal Accident Insurance (3rd Party Insurance is covered by Countryside Alliance Membership)
22. DOGS must be on short leads at all times & please clear up your dogs' mess. CHILDREN must be kept under the control of a responsible adult. No unofficial CARS are allowed on the course under any circumstances.
23. The COURSE will be open for inspection on Saturday 23rd March between 14:00 and 17:00 hours. Gates will be locked until 08:00 on Sunday 24th March. If you will be walking the course at a time other than this, please park your vehicle safely and visibly in the lay-by, near the horse box entrance.
24. The Entry Fee for each team in Classes B, C, D, E, F includes a £5 levy that will be passed on to the MFHA 'LEVY FUND'.

CLASS C: INTER-HUNT (Pairs Relay): SPECIAL RULES

25. Teams to be of 4 riders from the same Hunt (full or part subscribers or genuine hunting Pony Club members). If a team cannot find 4 eligible members to compete, dispensation will be given to form a 'mixed' team from two Hunts.
26. Competition will be over the NOVICE 3'3" course. Phase 1 riders to be 14yrs and over. Phase 2 riders to be 16 yrs and over. Dispensation for riders below these ages may be granted at the discretion of the Organisers. However, the entry must be accompanied by a certificate of competence and familiarity by a BHS qualified instructor, 7 days prior to the event, and is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian in charge.
27. Hunting or team dress to be worn.
28. Each team must provide two "batons", in the form of hunting whips. Hunting whips to be carried as "batons" only.
29. 20 mins, before a team starts, its two Phase 2 members will be directed to the halfway / handover point in the course.
30. PHASE 1: The first two riders each carry their "batons" over the first half of the NOVICE (3'3") Team Chase course, approx. 0.8 mile and 14 fences, (to include an additional KNOCK-DOWN FENCE each; 10 seconds time penalty per knock-down).
HANDOVER: In a designated area only, the "batons" must be handed over (not necessarily at the same time) from the Phase 1 members to the Phase 2 members of the team. 5 seconds penalty for HANDOVER outside the zone.
PHASE 2: These riders carry, the "batons" over the second half of the NOVICE (3'3") Team Chase course to the finish, approx. 0.9 mile 18 fences; (to include a 'PEN', 20 seconds time penalty if 8 hooves are not on the ground in the 'Pen' at one time.)
31. Time will be taken as the second "baton" is carried across the finish.
32. Team Chase rules apply with regards to jumping, refusals, horse and rider falls.
33. If a rider is eliminated he must hand (by any means) his "baton" to his fellow team member to carry forward to either, the handover point, or to the finish. A rider is permitted to carry two "batons" in this circumstance.
34. The "batons" must be carried over all jumps.
35. A rider may not jump without a "baton". If a "baton" is dropped, it must be recovered (outside assistance permitted); no penalty point will be awarded and the fences must be re-jumped with the "baton".



BERKS & BUCKS DRAGHOUNDS



NATIONAL **OPEN**: QUALIFIER



OPEN & INTERMEDIATE: LEAGUE QUALIFIER

INTER-HUNT & NOVICE

TEAM CHASE

&
HUNTER TRIAL

on Monday, 1st April, 2013

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

(Located on B3051 Kingsclere to Overton, Whitchurch road, 2 miles south of Kingsclere. Signposted from B339 Basingstoke to Newbury road at Kingsclere. Map on website.)

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 Tuesday, 26th March; via INTERNET on Thursday, 28th March.

LATE ENTRIES: received after close of entry, will be subject to £40 increase per team, or £10 per hunter trial entry. Entries on the day will be subject to space in classes, so please telephone Secretary to check space available.

TIMES: available from 5pm on Saturday, 30nd March on: www.bb-draghounds.co.uk; or from Secretary between 6-9pm.

COURSE: fences can be viewed via: www.teamchasing.co.uk; or via: www.bb-draghounds.co.uk & via facebook and walked from 2 - 5pm on Saturday, 30th March.

HUNTER TRIAL CLASS

Class A: HUNTER TRIAL (Optimum time) Entry fee: £24

Riders: **Any age.**

Course: Fences **2'9" (85cms)**; 22 jumps over 1.5 miles approx.

Time: **Optimum time** for completion, set at speed of 475m/min.

Prizes: Rosettes, with prizes in kind, to 8th place.

TEAM CHASE CLASSES

Class B: NOVICE (Optimum time) Entry fee: £115 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 500m/min.

Prizes: Rosettes, with prizes in kind, to 4th place.

Special prizes: Best Berks & Bucks team (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 C: INTER-HUNT (Pairs Relay) : see special rules* Entry fee: £72 per team

Teams: **4 riders from same Hunt, 14 yrs & over, to ride as 2 pairs.**

Contest: 'First pair' carry a "baton" each over first half of **NOVICE 3'3"** Course. In designated area, they pass "batons" to 'second pair' who carry the "batons" over second half of the **NOVICE 3'3"** course. Penalties (seconds) awarded for knock-down fence error; handover error; pairing in PEN error.

Course: Fences **3'3" (1m)** ; **15 jumps over 0.8 of mile per horse** approx.

Time: **Least time penalties/ fastest** wins. Time is taken as 2nd "baton" is carried across the finish.

Prizes: Rosettes to 4th place with prize money: 1st £200, 2nd £100, 3rd £80.

Class D: OPEN (Speed) Entry fee: £120 per team

Teams: Riders **16 yrs & over.**

Horses: **Over 14.2hh (148cms).**

Course: Fences **3'9" (1.30m)**; 32 jumps over 2.2 miles approx.

Time: **Fastest** .

Prizes: Rosettes to 4th place with prize money: 1st £400, 2nd £200, 3rd £100, 4th £50.

Class E: INTERMEDIATE (Speed) Entry fee: £120 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 with prize money: 1st £120, 2nd £100, 3rd £80.

Special prize: Challenge Trophy for highest placed Berks & Bucks team in either Intermediate Class.

Class F: INTERMEDIATE (Optimum time) Entry fee: £120 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: Rosettes, with prizes in kind, to 6th place.

Special prize: Best Family team (three members to be related)

RULES

- For Classes B, C, D, E & F, MFHA TEAM CHASE RULES APPLY. 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 event ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.
- HORSES may not compete twice in a class. Horses may not run in two Team Chase Classes B, D, E, F. However, horses, if fit and at the riders discretion, should be capable of entering either, Class A or, Class C as well as a Team Chase Class B, D, E, F.
- For TEAM CHASE CLASSES (B, C, D, E, F) 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. See special rules for Inter-Hunt, Class C.
- In OPTIMUM TIME CLASSES (A, B, F) the closer to the Optimum Time (OT), the less time faults incurred. The OT is calculated from the speed declared, over the course for each Class. 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, in order, and pass between all designated flags.
- In TEAM CHASE CLASSES (B, C, D, E, F), 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.
- In the HUNTER TRIAL CLASS (A), PENALTIES will be scored as follows: 1st refusal = 20 penalties; 2nd refusal at same fence = 40 penalties; 3rd refusal at same fence = elimination [however, competitors may be allowed to continue, dependant on ground conditions]. Fall of rider at an obstacle = 60 penalties; 2nd fall of rider = elimination. Penalties are cumulative.
- 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.
- In ALL CLASSES, after TWO FALLS BY A RIDER, which are not horse falls, the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire.
- 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.
- Each Team / Competitor will be given an approximate STARTING TIME. Position to start within a Class will be prioritized on order of entry received. Any team missing its correct time may be fitted in at the end of the Class, if possible.
- Each Team / Competitor must report to the COLLECTING RING Steward ten minutes before their actual starting time.
- All competitors will be given NUMBER CLOTHS. 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.
- 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.
- All competitors must wear HEADGEAR and a BACK PROTECTOR to current British Safety Standards (see MFHA rule 7.) Anyone mounted must wear a safety helmet.
- 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; Eliminate any competitor not adhering to rules; Eliminate any horse they consider to be exhausted.

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