

## **ABBREVIATED RULES**

This Team Chase is run under the MFHA rules up-dated in September 2012. A full version of these is available at the Secretary's tent or on [www.teamchasing.co.uk](http://www.teamchasing.co.uk).

We would like to draw your attention to the following:

Teams will consist of a maximum of four horses and riders, the fastest three to count. The time of the third member to finish will be the time of the team. The Novice class is judged on the nearest to a bogey time.

No horse may compete more than once during the day. Falls will be penalised by time only. 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 shoulders 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 subject to:

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.

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

All competitors must wear crash helmets and back protectors to current British or European Safety Standards (details in MFHA rules). Hats should be colour-tagged to indicate they comply. All those mounted at an event (including grooms and helpers) must wear a hard hat complying with the above standard when mounted. All horses being ridden at an event, including riding in exercise areas, must be ridden in a bridle in accordance with MFHA rules.

No person shall ride until they have attained the age of sixteen years in the Open and Intermediate classes.

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.

The Judges' decision will be final at all times.

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 £40 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.

In the event of postponement no refund of entry fees can be made, but if the event is cancelled 50% of the entry fees will be refunded.

Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of Organisers for which they are legally responsible, neither the Organisers nor any representative 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.

All dogs must be kept on leads.

The course will be open for walking from lunchtime on Friday.

**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.**

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