



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

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL

To be held at



ENTRIES SECRETARY:

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All classes will take place in the purpose built all weather arena

Format for classes 1, 2 and 4:

- 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 10 second penalty will be added per incident. A team member may not complete a previous member's round until that member has been eliminated or retired. Each team member may only take over one round in addition to their own;
- Horses to compete in maximum of 2 classes from 1, 2 and 4.

CLASS 1 – Novice

- First team to start at 9.30am
- Maximum height of fences approximately 0.80m

Prizes in kind. Rosettes to 6th place.

Special prizes for best placed:

- Inter-School Section (minimum of 3 members to attend same school).
- Pony club team (minimum of 3 members to members of the same pony club).
- Riding club team (minimum of 3 members to be members of the same club).
- All ladies team.

CLASS 2 – Intermediate

- Maximum height of fences approximately 0.90m

Prizes in kind. Rosettes to 6th place.

Special prizes for best placed:

- Riding club team (minimum of 3 members to be members of the same club).
- All ladies team.
- Hunt team (minimum of 3 members to be subscribers of the same hunt).
- Taunton Vale Foxhounds team.

CLASS 3 – GATE JUMPING COMPETITION

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 0.70m

Horses must be genuine hunters and may not have competed in an affiliated Open Team Chase, BSJA or BE competition at 1m or above since 1st January 2016.

Prizes in kind.

Section B OPEN - Height starts at 0.95m

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

CLASS 4 – OPEN CLASS

- Maximum height of fences approximately 1.10m

Prizes: 1st £100; 2nd £75; 3rd £50

Rosettes and prizes in kind to 6th place

Special prizes for best placed:

- Hunt team (minimum of 3 members to be subscribers of the same hunt);
- Taunton Vale Foxhounds team;
- Veterans (average competitor age of 40 or over)

ENTRY FEES (including medical cover)

Class 1 Entry Fee: **£50**

Class 2 Entry Fee: **£50**

Class 3 Sec A & Sec B Entry Fee: **£10**

Class 4 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 **Wednesday 26th April**

(e-mail entries will only be accepted with where a cheque has been received or payment made online before the entries close date of 26th April).

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 28th April. Alternatively please phone the entries secretary on 01278 662830 for your times between 2 pm and 8 pm on Friday 28th April.

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 ordered 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.