

# The Berkeley Hunt Team Chase

## A qualifier for The National Team Chase Championship 2024

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Location – New Park Farm, Hystfield, Berkeley, Gloucestershire GL13 9DP

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Charles Berkeley and the Pierce family

Start 09.00am (approx.)

Pairs Hunter Trial, Novice, Intermediate Fun & Speed and Open Team Chase classes

Entries online at [www.horse-events.co.uk](http://www.horse-events.co.uk)

**Entries close 10am Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Late entries taken after this date if space allows

Cars are free - donations are welcome

**WITHDRAWAL DATE: 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

Organiser; The Berkeley Hunt

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## **EVENT CLASSES**

### **Class 1 THE TRUTURN FORGE HUNTER TRIAL PAIRS**

Riders – any age (please let us know if under 16)

Fences will not generally exceed 100cm. Timed – speed, (fastest pair in timed section wins)

### **Class 2 THE PH AGRI NOVICE TEAM CHASE**

A very welcoming course – ideal for first timers

Riders – over 16\*

Fences will not generally exceed 100cm. Time – Optimum

### **Class 3 THE BRODIE PLANNING OPEN TEAM CHASE – QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM CHASE CHAMPIONSHIP 2024**

Riders – over 16

Horses – over 148cms

Fences will not generally exceed 120cm. Time – Speed (fastest team wins)

### **Class 4 THE (Sponsor to be agreed) INTERMEDIATE TEAM CHASE FUN**

Riders – over 16\*

Fences will not generally exceed 115cm, there are some optional novice fences, ideal class for horse and riders wanting to try some intermediate fences but maybe not the whole course.

### **Class 5 THE EARTHWORKS INTERMEDIATE TEAM CHASE SPEED**

Riders – over 16\*

Fences will not generally exceed 115cm. Time – Speed (fastest team wins)

\*Please contact the organisers if you would like to compete and are under 16 years of age

## **ENTRIES & ENTRY FEES**

No entries accepted on the day of the competition

All entries book online at [www.horse-events.co.uk](http://www.horse-events.co.uk)

### **ENTRY FEES**

Class 1 – Hunter Trial Pairs Entry fee: £60 / pair Late Entry fee: £70

Class 2 – Novice Team Chase Entry fee: £120 / team Late Entry fee: £130

Class 3 – Open Team Chase Entry fee: £160 / team Late Entry fee: £170

Class 4 – Intermediate Team Chase Fun Entry fee: £140 / team Late Entry fee: £150

Class 5 – Intermediate Team Chase Speed Entry fee: £120 / team Late Entry fee: £130

Late entry accepted if space still available at the time of entry

Cars are free – please give donation on exit

### **EDITING OR CHANGING YOUR ENTRY**

If you would like to edit your horse or rider details before the closing date of the event please login to your horse-events account and edit your booking under the 'my booking' tab.

If you would like to change the class please e mail [info@horse-events.co.uk](mailto:info@horse-events.co.uk) and if there is space available will we do this for you.

If you would like to change your horse or rider details or class after the closing date then please email the organisers at [Berkeleyhunt2020@outlook.com](mailto:Berkeleyhunt2020@outlook.com)

The organisers reserve the right to ballot out entries if the entries per class are oversubscribed.

All entries are subject to a non refundable booking fee stated online.

By entering you confirm the following statement 'I confirm that I/we have third party insurance cover for not less than £5m and agree to abide by the rules in this schedule and on the National Team Chasing website <http://www.teamchasing.co.uk/images/rules/TeamChaseRules23.pdf>

By entering you are also agreeing to follow the Berkeley Hunt Team Chase guidance outlined and will take full responsibility that any persons competing or accompanying you or them are fully aware of this and comply.

You agree to the Berkeley Hunt Team Chase Terms and Conditions (available on request or Berkeley Hunt website).

We also understand that all equestrian events are potentially dangerous. It is a requirement that all participants carry third party insurance and not for less than £5m and the organisers strongly advise competitors to have their own personal accident insurance. Third Party insurance is covered by membership of the Countryside Alliance. It may also come with some horse insurance and house insurance but this should be checked.

## TIMES AND COURSE WALK

The course may be walked from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September between 2pm and 5pm. Please do not touch or climb on the fences. The course will be open from 7.30am Sunday morning for walking. We will be utilising Sector Stewards so there may not be a fence judge at every fence. Therefore, please listen for horses on the course, whistles and use your common sense when walking close to fences. You are walking the course at your own risk.

Times will be available on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BerkeleyHuntTeamChase/](http://www.facebook.com/BerkeleyHuntTeamChase/) on Friday 22 September 2023

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## ON ARRIVAL AND BIBS

Please report to the Secretary's Tent based near the double decker buses to collect your numbers and bibs – you are not required to print your own numbers but you will need a **£50 deposit** (or lorry keys or similar) for the bibs which will be returned when the bibs are bought back.

You will need to confirm to the Secretary that you have arrived and amend any names for the commentary.

Please be aware that the course crosses the road so please adhere to our stewards requests.

## **HATS AND BODY PROTECTORS**

It is compulsory for all competitors and grooms to wear crash helmets to current recognised Safety Standards at all times when mounted at any Team Chase course. Such hats must not have a fixed peak. Hats will be identified by a BTC, BE, PC or BRC approved Hat Tag. With effect from 1st January 2023 only the following hat standards will be accepted: British and European PAS 015 (2011) or VG01 040 2014-12 – both with a BSI Kitemark or Inspect IC Mark; American ASTM F1163 2004a onwards with SEI mark, Snell 2016 or 2021 (no other mark is needed with Snell) or Australia and New Zealand AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards with SAI Global mark. Competitors are strongly recommended to check their hats regularly and to replace them if damaged or following a fall.

All competitors must also wear a body protector British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) 2009 Level 3 standard (purple label) or BETA 2018 Level 3 standard (blue and black label). A body protector of this nature is also required when competitors are wearing air jackets of any make. From 1 January 2024 body protectors meeting the 2009 standard will no longer be permitted for use. The BETA 2018 label will be the only accepted standard. All horses being ridden at an event, including riding in exercise areas, must be ridden in a bridle with reins directly attached to a bit or leather 'D' rings or attached as per the manufacturer's specification to a purpose designed bitless bridle (such as a mechanical or jumping hackamore, Dr Cook, Sidepull or Scawbrig)

## **EQUINE VACCINATIONS**

All horses attending this event should be vaccinated against equine influenza. We will only accept horses that have had a booster within the last 12 months. Spot checks will be carried out by veterinary surgeons.

## **RESULTS, OBJECTIONS, PRIZE GIVING AND ROSETTES**

### **Results, Objections**

All results will be displayed on the scoreboards in the Secretary's tent

We will try and post results within 30 minutes of the end of each class

Objections, if any, must be lodged within 40 minutes of the end of each class

Only the owner or rider of a competing horse or the person who made the entry may lodge an objection. Objections must be made in writing to the Secretary in the Secretary's tent and the Adjudicators decision is final on the day.

If there any objections, the results will be marked as under objection until they are finalised.

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, which will ideally be within 30 minutes of the objection being formally lodged.

## Prize Giving

In the absence of objections, prize giving will typically be held 45 minutes after the end of each class in the Secretaries Tent. The time of the prize giving will be announced over the loudspeakers.

Prize winners should attend or send a representative. Rosettes will not be posted and must be collected on the day or forfeited.

All prize money will be sent via BACS to the winning teams. The scores will also be published on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BerkeleyHuntTeamChase/](http://www.facebook.com/BerkeleyHuntTeamChase/)

## Prizes and Rosettes

Class 1 THE TRUTURN FORGE HUNTER TRIAL PAIRS

Prizes: 1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30

Rosettes to 7<sup>th</sup> Place

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Class 2 THE PH AGRI NOVICE TEAM CHASE

Prizes: 1st £120, 2nd £100, 3rd £90

Rosettes to 10th Place

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Class 3 THE BRODIE PLANNING OPEN TEAM CHASE – QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM CHASE CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Prizes: 1st £350, 2nd £200, 3rd £150

Rosettes to 7th Place

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Class 4 THE (Sponsor to be agreed) INTERMEDIATE FUN TEAM CHASE

Prizes: 1st £130, 2nd £120, 3rd £110

Rosettes to 10th Place

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Class 5 THE EARTHWORKS INTERMEDIATE TEAM CHASE SPEED

Prizes: 1st £150, 2nd £130, 3rd £110

Rosettes to 10th Place

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## **CONTACTING EVENTS TEAM ON THE DAY**

There will be a secretary's tent on site by the buses but if you have any urgent queries on the day then please ring the following:

Holly Hopkins 07799 655171 for emergencies

Suzie Tucker 07813 297073 competitor liaison

Ann Luffman 07977 448150 for any amends to entries

## **LORRY PARK**

Please do not muck out your lorries out in the lorry park. Take all rubbish and droppings home with you. You must park at safe distances from each other. Please Park sensibly. The lorry park will be in the top field again. Follow the SIGNAGE if in any doubt.

## **WARM UP AND COMPETING**

This year we will have a non-jumping warm up ring and then the jumping collecting ring. The collecting ring will only be open to competitors 15 minutes before their allotted time. A steward will be managing this. Number bibs must always be worn in the collecting ring.

You are expected to ride on your allocated times. If you do not do so, you risk being unable to compete.

## **REFRESHMENTS**

Catering and a bar will be on site.

Dogs are allowed on leads only... £50 fine for any dog not on a lead.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Veterinary surgeons, full medical team, farrier and horse ambulance will be onsite during the competition.

Competitors will be required to pay for any equine services received.

## **BERKELEY HUNT HUNTER TRIAL RULES**

Refusals – There is no penalty for a refusal other than it will increase the time taken to complete the course; however, the number of refusals shall not exceed three at any one fence, or a total of four on the course (per horse) this will deem the competitor eliminated and must leave the course at once in walk.

## **PENALTIES**

Fall of a horse or pony = Elimination

Error on course not rectified = Elimination

The error must be corrected before the next fence is jumped otherwise = Elimination

Rider fall = Elimination (regardless of circumstances) and if the rider continues then they eliminate their team

Trapped horse = Elimination

What is a horse fall? A horse fall is when **at the same time**, its shoulder and hindquarters 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.

Please refer to British Team Chasing Rules

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### **Important update from March 2023 rules;**

Rider falls – if a rider falls or is unseated in any circumstance whilst on the course then that rider is immediately eliminated and must retire from the competition. If the competitor does continue on the course following a fall their team will be eliminated from the competition in the event of that competitor jumping a further fence. Please read the new rules prior to entering and again prior to competing.

Horse Falls - When a horse falls during any BTC 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. (b) Rider Falls - If a rider falls or is unseated in any circumstance whilst on course then that rider is immediately eliminated and must retire from the competition. If the competitor does continue on the course following a fall their team will be eliminated from the competition in the event of that competitor jumping a further fence. It is recommended that competitors who suffer a heavy fall should see an on-duty Doctor before leaving the event; however competitors and their team members are to take their own responsibility in doing so

**As always, we are thankful to our sponsors who support us year on year**