



**THE COTSWOLD TEAM CHASE**  
including  
**QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL OPEN TEAM CHASE FINAL**  
and  
**FAMILY FUN MINI EVENT AND MINI FUN EVENT**

*In support of the County Air Ambulance*

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER and SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**  
at  
**FOXCOTE ESTATE**  
**ANDOVERSFORD, CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE**  
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*By kind permission of The Hon.Mrs. Mark Vestey and Mr and Mrs Jeremy Pallin*

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

NOVICE TEAM CHASE AND MILITARY CUP – fixed fences approx. 2'9" (85 cms)  
FAMILY FUN MINI EVENT – fixed fences approx. 2' – 2'3" (60 – 75cms)  
MINI FUN EVENT - fixed fences approx. 2' – 2'3" (60 – 75cms)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

INTERMEDIATE SPEED TEAM CHASE – fixed fences approx 3'3" (100 cms)  
INTERMEDIATE FUN TEAM CHASE – fixed fences approx. 3'3" (100 cms)

OPEN TEAM CHASE – fixed fences approx. 3'6" (110 cms)

THE COURSE WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION FROM 10.00 a.m.  
ON FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

**PLEASE SEE NEW RIDER RULE**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**  
**Classes 1 / 2a / 2b**

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BIBS AND A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF £10 TO THE SECRETARY'S TENT  
WHICH IS REQUIRED TO DECLARE AND COLLECT COLOURED NUMBERS

**CLASS 1: THE JOHN HERDMAN MEMORIAL NOVICE FUN TEAM CHASE**

10.00 – 13.30 Incorporating the Coxwell-Rogers Uniformed Services Military Cup

**FIXED FENCES 2'9"** DISTANCE APPROX ONE AND A QUARTER MILES

Entry Fee: £140 PER TEAM

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - £140; 2<sup>nd</sup> - £120; 3<sup>rd</sup> - £100

Rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place

**The first three teams will not be eligible for any of the below special prizes. Teams may only win one prize. No prize money if you do not collect it. You will not be eligible for a special prize if picking up a penalty on the course.**

**SPECIAL PRIZES:**

**BEST COTSWOLD TEAM:** Riders must be Members, Subscribers or Farmers in the Cotswold Hunt

**BEST GERIATRIC TEAM:** Riders ages must total at least 160 years

**BEST HUNT TEAM:** Riders must all be Members, Subscribers or Farmers of the same Hunt

**BEST JUNIOR/P.C./SCHOOL TEAM:** Riders must be under 16 years of age. School and P.C. members must all be in the same School or Pony Club

**BEST ARMED FORCES TEAM:** a. The Coxwell-Rogers Military Cup will be awarded to the team closest to the bogey time from H.M Military and FANY Forces. Riders must be serving or retired, riding as unit/services teams or composite teams. b. The above and other uniformed services teams, may compete for all prizes and rosettes to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Teams may be of three or four horses/ponies. The time of the third horse/pony over the finish will be the time for the team. The team finishing in a time nearest to the bogey time, judged at a fair hunting pace, will be the winner. Horses/ponies must be 13.2 hh or over and must be four years old or over. Riders must have attained their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday by the date of the team chase this year.

**CLASS 2a: FAMILY FUN MINI EVENT**

14.15 – 15.15 **FIXED FENCES 2' – 2'3"** DISTANCE APPROX ONE MILE

Entry Fee: £120 PER TEAM

Prizes In Kind

Rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place

**RULES FOR THIS CLASS ONLY**

Teams to be 3/4 horses/ponies with a combination of riders to include at least 1 Mini or Junior and 1 Adult.

**Min (7 – 11), Junior (12 –17), Adult (18 +)**

This is NOT a speed event it is to encourage children to have a FUN time

A bogey time which will not be fast but a fair pace for small children and ponies.

Obstacles should be jumped or negotiated in numerical order anywhere between the flags, white on the left and red on the right.

There must be 12 hooves in the Shute to count.

The first 3 over the line will count but others can continue HC.

Please be aware of rules regarding hats and body protectors shown on the rules and information and on display in the Secretary's tent.

Tired or exhausted ponies/horses will be stopped by the mounted stewards or fence judges.

No riders can change ponies/horses whilst competing and will be demoted to HC if they do.

Refusals shall not exceed 3 at any one fence or 5 on the whole course. If a child wishes to miss out a fence they can and will continue HC.

**CLASS 2b: MINI FUN EVENT – Open to adult teams**

15.20 – 16.00 **FIXED FENCES 2' – 2'3"** DISTANCE APPROX ONE MILE

Entry Fee: £120 PER TEAM

Prizes: In kind

Rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place

Rules as per Class 2a but Teams can consist of just adults if needed.

## SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

### Classes 3 / 4 / 5

NUMBER BIBS PROVIDED, PLEASE BRING A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF £10 TO THE SECRETARY'S TENT WHICH IS REQUIRED TO DECLARE AND COLLECT NUMBERS

#### **CLASS 3: INTERMEDIATE SPEED TEAM CHASE**

09.00 – 10.20 **FIXED FENCES 3'3"** DISTANCE APPROX ONE AND A QUARTER MILES

Entry Fee: £160 PER TEAM

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - £170; 2<sup>nd</sup> - £150; 3<sup>rd</sup> - £130; 4<sup>th</sup> £110

Rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place

Teams may be of three or four horses. The time of the third horse over the finish will be the time for the team. The fastest team will be the winner. Horses must be 14.2 hh or over and must be five years old or over. Riders must have attained their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by the date of the team chase this year.

#### **CLASS 4: INTERMEDIATE FUN TEAM CHASE**

10.30- 12.30 **FIXED FENCES 3'3"** DISTANCE APPROX ONE AND A QUARTER MILES

Entry Fee: £160 PER TEAM

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - £160; 2<sup>nd</sup> - £140; 3<sup>rd</sup> - £120

Rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place

Special Prizes:

1. BEST GERIATRIC TEAM: Riders ages must total at least 160 years
2. BEST HUNT TEAM: Riders must all be Members, Subscribers or Farmers of the same Hunt
3. BEST LADIES TEAM:

**The first three teams will not be eligible for any of the above Special Prizes. Teams may only win one prize. You will not be eligible for a special prize if picking up a penalty on the course.**

Teams may be of three or four horses. The time of the third horse over the finish will be the time for the team. The team finishing in a time nearest the bogey time, judged to be a fair hunting pace will be the winner. Horses must be 14.2 hh or over and must be five years old or over. Riders must have attained their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by the date of the team chase this year.

#### **CLASS 5: JUNE STEVEN'S OPEN**

13.30 – 15.00 **QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL OPEN TEAM CHASE FINAL**

**FIXED FENCES 3'6"** DISTANCE APPROX ONE AND A HALF MILES

Entry Fee: £180 PER TEAM

Rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - £600 + The Foxcote Trophy; 2<sup>nd</sup> - £300; 3<sup>rd</sup> - £200; 4<sup>th</sup> - £120; 5<sup>th</sup> - £100

A special prize will be kindly donated by The Hon. Mrs. Mark Vestey and will be awarded to the fastest round by a member of the Cotswold Hunt or Cotswold Hunt Pony Club.

Teams may be of three or four horses. The time of the third horse over the finish will be the time for the team. The fastest time will be the winner. Horses must be 14.2 hh or over and must be five years old or over. Riders must have attained their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by the date of the team chase this year.

## **EVENT ADMINISTRATION**

**SECRETARY:** Mrs. Venetia Hind - 07792 641072 or Queries by email: [venetiatrotter@gmail.com](mailto:venetiatrotter@gmail.com)

Entries close @ midnight 22/10/2023 – or when classes are full. PLEASE ENTER IN GOOD TIME.

**TEAM CHANGES:** 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 email [info@horse-events.co.uk](mailto:info@horse-events.co.uk) and if there is space available we will do this for you. For ALL changes of horse and rider substitutions after the closing date there is a £5 charge please fill out the following form online at: <https://www.horse-events.co.uk/rider-horse-substitutions-form> Please note that these may not be included in the program on the day. In the event of a team withdrawing before their allotted starting time, there will be no refund of or against entry fees. If a team withdraws before close of entries you will be refunded.

**TIMES:** Will be available on the [www.teamchasing.co.uk](http://www.teamchasing.co.uk)

**CAR PASSES:** Please email [venetiatrotter@gmail.com](mailto:venetiatrotter@gmail.com) to apply. You will be charged on the gate without one. No excuses. Lorries and trailers will be admitted for free.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Entry Fees include a levy payable to the Administrating Body of Team Chasing

**The British Hound Sports Association (BHSA) (17<sup>th</sup> October 2016) WILL BE APPLIED TO THIS TEAM CHASE AND MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. They are available to download from [www.teamchasing.co.uk](http://www.teamchasing.co.uk)**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE LOCAL GUIDELINES**

- 1 Any horse eliminated or retiring must leave the course at a walk. The Course Controller/Senior Steward's decision is final.
- 2 In the event of a tie the prize money will be divided.
- 3 Competitors may exercise their horses only in the area provided.
- 4 Riders and owners of horses must obey any order or direction given by an Authorised Official of the Event.
- 5 The order of running will be drawn and any team or rider failing to start at their appointed time, for any reason will be eliminated and their entry fees forfeit.
- 6 In the event of cancellation, a refund of Entry Fees will be made for all Classes, less an administration charge of £20 per team.
- 7 Dogs must be kept on leads at all times.
- 8 Small children should remain under the care and be the responsibility of their parents.
- 9 Team Captain must declare their teams at least 30 minutes prior to their appointed starting time and register any change of horse or rider. Teams must report to the Collecting Ring 10 minutes prior to their appointed starting time.
10. Rider Fall – If somebody has a fall and has a place in another team, they must not continue and they must be cleared by a doctor or paramedic before riding again. See new rule.

**IMPORTANT – IF YOU MISS YOUR TIME YOU WILL LOSE YOUR PLACE**

**It is a requirement that all participants carry Third Party Insurance for not less than £5 million.  
It is also strongly recommended that all participants have Personal Accident Insurance.**

## **RULES AND INFORMATION**

TEAM CAPTAINS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE READ A COPY OF THESE RULES

### **HAT AND BODY PROTECTOR RULES**

New hat tags are required from 1st January 2023.

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT (HATS AND BACK PROTECTORS) IS UP TO THE CORRECT AND REQUIRED STANDARD. PLEASE ALSO CHECK EQUINE VACCINES.**

British Team Chasing has updated its rules on hat and body protector standards for the forthcoming season, to fall in line with British Eventing, The Pony Club and British Riding Clubs. It is compulsory for all competitors and grooms to wear crash hats to current recognised Safety Standards at all times when mounted, at any Team Chase course. It is compulsory for all competitors and grooms to wear crash hats to current recognised Safety Standards at all times when mounted, at any Team Chase course. Such hats must not have a fixed peak. 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. If your hat has not been tagged with the new **PINK Team Chasing** or any of the above tag please bring it to the secretary to be tagged providing it is of the required standard. Hats will be checked in the Collecting Ring and if not tagged competitors will be unable to start. It is your responsibility to check. 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.

### **FLU VACCINES UPDATE**

Due to shortages in supply of one of the leading vaccines for equine influenza, British Equestrian (BEF) has issued guidance on circumstances under which the normal 12 month booster dose could be deferred by up to three months - this is detailed at <https://www.britishequestrian.org.uk/news/update-equine-influenza-vaccine-shortage> Following this guidance, British Team Chasing is recommending that horses competing at BTC events will be permitted to defer to a 15-month booster followed by a nine-month booster until further notice to preserve two boosters in two years. These horses should have their passports marked and signed by their vet to document the delay and identify the new booster due date (within 15 months). We also recommend 4-5 days of temperature monitoring prior to the event, as an elevated temperature is one of the early signs of equine influenza. However, owners of horses who are considering registering with a BEF member body retaining the 12-month requirement, have an aspiration to compete internationally or take part in activities which use racecourses and/or agricultural or equine colleges, should stay within the 12-month booster requirement.

### **HORSE FALL**

If a horse/pony falls and its hind quarters or shoulders touch the ground they must retire.

### **NEW RIDER FALL RULE**

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 compulsory that competitors who suffer a fall should be checked and cleared by an on-duty Doctor before competing again and/or leaving the event; however competitors and their team members are to take their own responsibility in seeing the doctor.