

Class 4. FUN CLASS

Start Time - Approx 11.30 am. For teams of 4, 3 to count. Course details : 1 ½ miles & approximately 24 fences, height 2'9" to 3'.

There will be a Bogey Time based on the speed of a Novice hunter not yet fully fit, the team nearest to the Bogey Time will win. For horses & ponies 12.2hh and over. Riders must be aged 14 years as of the date of competition, or if under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person aged 18 or over. Minimum age limit 10 years old.

ENTRY FEE: £88 per Team.

PRIZES:

1st £88, 2nd £64, 3rd £44, 4th £32 Rosettes to 6th place

..... Class 5.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS.

Start Time Approx 2:30 p.m. Course details : 1 ¾ miles & 29 fences.

Approximate height 3'6" to 3'9". For teams of 4, 3 to count.

For horses 14.2hh and over, riders aged 16 and over as of the date of competition.

Fastest time wins. ** SPOT PRIZE given to team closest to undisclosed Optimum time **

ENTRY FEE: £120 per Team. Includes M.F.H.A Levy

PRIZES: 1st £200, 2nd £110, 3rd £84, 4th £64

Rosettes to 6th place

..... Class 6. THE

NOVICE CLASS.

Start Time Approx 3.30 pm. For teams of 4, 3 to count. Course details - 1 1/2 miles & approx 27 fences INVITING fences, height approximately 3' to 3'6".

For horses 14.2hh and over and riders aged 16 and over as of the date of competition.

The fastest team wins.

ENTRY FEE: £112 per Team. Includes M.F.H.A Levy

PRIZES: 1st £116, 2nd £84, 3rd £64 4th £44 Rosettes to 6th place.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The course may be walked Sunday 7th September between 12noon and 5pm.

Entries will be accepted on the course on Sunday 7th September.

Entries close Monday 8th September. No entries are accepted on the day of competition.

The course may also be walked on Saturday 13th Sept between 11 am and 5pm. Entries closed

Starting times will be available on the Belvoir Hunt and the Team Chasing website on Friday 12th September

TEAM CHASE Entry Form

(BH)

(One per class please)

Team.....

Name.....

Team Captain.....

Class

Entry fee £.....

Category if applicable (e.g. Family, Farmer, Hunt.)

Contact Details

Name :

Address :

Telephone No

Mobile No

Email address

I enclose entry fee of £.....

Cheque made payable to "Belvoir Team Chase"

I confirm all our team members have third party insurance cover and agree to abide

by the rules in this schedule.

Signed:-.....

Where did you hear about the competition ?

Team Chase website

Hunt website

Facebook

Twitter

Entered before

Word of mouth

Other

Send to :

MRS. A. CREED, ENTRIES SECRETARY, BELVOIR TEAM CHASE,

6 EWDEN RISE, MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. LE130BU

Tel 01664 565259

ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 8th September, earlier if classes are full !

In the event of a class being full we will start a wait list.

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.

Third Party Insurance is covered by membership of the Countryside Alliance.

*Hat tags are required for the Novice & Intermediate classes, current BE and Pony Club tags are accepted, untagged hats must be tagged when collecting numbers - British All PAS15, BSEN1384 or European EN1384 provided they are BSI Kite marked or SEI

Commentator Info

Team Name

Colour	Rider	Horse
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Red

Yellow

Blue

White

MFHA TEAM CHASE COMMITTEE

THE RULES

ACCEPTANCE OF RULES

All Events run under the auspices of the MFHA Governing Body shall be run in accordance with these Rules and shall accept and be bound by these Rules.

All competitors at such events shall also accept and be bound by such Rules.

Individual events may not impose their own Rules for their event but may impose administrative regulations as they see fit .

RIDERS RESPONSIBILITY

In the case of any Rule affecting riders or their horses, the rider shall be held responsible. In particular riders will be held responsible for adhering to Rules

7 (Protection), 9 (Age), 13 (Horse Welfare), 14 (Abuse of Horses), 15

(Exchanging Horses) and 20 (Personal Accident Insurance).

STEWARDS

There shall be one or more Stewards appointed by each event organiser whose decision in respect of these Rules and of Discipline shall be final, except by later appeal to the Governing Body on payment of a deposit of £50. Mounted Stewards will be on the course with authority to stop any competitor continuing on an exhausted horse or ill treating their horse. If they are not obeyed the whole team may be eliminated.

TEAMS

Each team shall consist of a maximum of four horses and riders and at least three horses and riders shall complete the course successfully for that team to finish.

Medical Matters CONCUSSION

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

SAFETY AND PROTECTION

Crash Helmets – it is compulsory for anyone taking part in an MFHA regulated Team Chase to have a hat that has been checked and complies with the standard required by the MFHA Rules, and is colour-tagged to confirm as such . To implement this change, please note:

Safety and Protection It is compulsory for competitors to wear crash helmets to current recognised Safety Standards, and which are identified by a Team Chasing, BE, BRC, BSJA or Pony Club approved Hat Tag. I.e. Hats must meet one of the following standards:

British All PAS015, BSEN1384 or European EN1384 provided they are BSI kitemarked or SEI. American All SEI ASTM 95, ASTM F1163:2004, SNELL E2001. Australian and New Zealand All AS/NZS 3838

Competitors are strongly recommended to check their hats regularly and to replace them if damaged or following a fall.

BSJA approved hats with fixed peaks will not be permitted in Team Chasing from 1st September 2014 onwards.

All those mounted at an event (including grooms and helpers) must wear a hard hat complying to the above standard when mounted.

All competitors must also wear a British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) approved and appropriately labelled Level 3 body protector manufactured in the year 2000 or after.

Air jackets do not meet the required standard, unless worn with / over a standard BETA-approved body protector. This will be reiterated in a pre-season message to all event organisers.

Competitors are strongly recommended to check their body protectors on a regular basis and replace them if damaged or following a fall and are advised that the body protector should impede neither flexibility nor balance.

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).

Guidelines for Competitors:

If your hat has not been colour-tagged previously, please take it to the Secretary's Tent at the next Team Chase where you intend to compete, and ask the Organiser of that event to check the hat and to provide you with a tag which will indicate to all subsequent events that the hat complies with the required standards. The Tag may cost up to £2 from the Organiser of the Team Chase, at their discretion.

RIDERS AGE AND EXPERIENCE

No person shall ride until they have attained the age of sixteen in any Open, Intermediate or Novice Classes which are run against the clock and all riders competing in such classes should ensure that they have had appropriate experience of cross country riding. At the discretion of Organisers riders under the age of sixteen may be permitted to compete in classes judged against the "bogey" time.

VETERINARY MATTERS AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

The decision of the course Vet to put a horse down on humane grounds must be accepted by all competitors. Competitors will be expected to pay for any services received from the veterinary surgeon, farrier, horse ambulance, doctor or any other medical services.

EXHAUSTED HORSES

A nominated Steward or Stewards, shall be appointed to stop unfit or exhausted horses from continuing. Such an official or officials, who must be readily identifiable, shall be appointed at every event.

HORSE WELFARE

The whip should only be used for good reason, not excessively, in the right place and at the appropriate time. Spurs must not be used to reprimand a horse and a bit should never be used to abuse or reprimand a horse. Horses competing in Intermediate and Open Classes must be five years old or over.

ABUSE OF HORSES

Any act or series of actions, which in the opinion of the Stewards constitutes abuse of a horse shall be considered to be a breach of these Rules and will incur elimination.

EXCHANGING HORSES

No rider may exchange horses once a team has started. No horse may start more than once in any class.

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 thus unseating the rider, from being remounted to continue, subject to rule 16 (b).***

16 (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.

REFUSALS

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.

UNAFFILIATED EVENTS

No rider may compete in the Team Chase Championship, who has taken part in an unaffiliated cross country team event during the current season. Events sanctioned by the Governing Body, the British Horse Society, the Riding Clubs and the Pony Club are exempt from this Rule.

INSURANCE

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

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.

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.

CLASSES

Only the following terms shall be used to define classes :

- a) Novice. Fixed obstacles which are not to exceed 3'3". Length of course to be approximately 1 ½ miles.
- b) Intermediate. The majority of fixed obstacles to be approximately 3'6", but not to exceed 3'9". Length of course to be approximately 1 ¾ miles.
- c) Open. The majority of fixed obstacles to be not less than 3'6". Length of course to be approximately 2 miles, and not less than 1 ½ miles.

THE PEN

The first three horses entering the pen should have twelve feet on the floor before anyone jumps out. The penalty for failing to observe this rule to be the addition of 20 seconds per team. There should be at least one fence judge purely to watch for this.

ELIMINATION ON COURSE

If at least 3 members of the team have not completed the course within 8 minutes of the team starting, the team will be eliminated.

DEPOSIT FOR NUMBER BIBS

A refundable deposit of £10 per team shall be payable to the secretary for number bibs.

COMPLAINTS AND OBJECTIONS

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 £50 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.

REPORT TO COLLECTING RING

All teams must report to the collecting ring steward at a reasonable time before their running order.

JUMPING ORDER Competitors must jump the fences in numerical order and leave red flags on their right and white flags on their left. Any competitor who misses a fence must either return and jump that fence and subsequent fences in the correct order or shall be eliminated and must retire from the course.