



# Unaffiliated Hunter Trials

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**The Show fields, Tumpy Green Competition Centre GL11 5HZ**

By kind permission of H.B. Pain & J.A. Pain

ALL CLASSES ARE PRE-ENTRY and times will be given.

Clear Round Show Jumping & Cross Country will also be running throughout the day, this will be payable on the day at the Secretaries box.

Entries Close: Thursday before the competition, unless full before

Late entries will be subject to availability and an additional fee.

Entries Secretary & Organiser

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Entries online via Equo Events

**[www.equoevents.com](http://www.equoevents.com)**

Photographer, refreshments all day.

First Aid in attendance, Vet on call.

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Times will be displayed on Facebook from 2pm Thursday

PLEASE READ AND ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES

## Hunter Trial Classes

*In all classes there will be a clearly marked fastest or optimum time section. In all classes except the mini class, it will include a gate. Competitors may dismount to proceed through the gate, they must remount before they leave the timed section, a mounting block will be provided.*

### **Class 1 MINI (May be Assisted) Fences approx. 25-30 cm**

Assistance including leading rein may be given WITHOUT penalty. Suitable for all ages.

#### **Water & Gate not included**

### **Class 2: MINI PLUS Fences approx. 40cm**

Assistance may be given, although not suitable for lead rein.

**Water in Class 2;** The water is completely optional. It will not incur any penalties to take the option around it. However, penalties will be added for refusals if attempted and only 3 attempts may be made, after which you will need to move onto the next fence.

The gate in the timed section to be opened, but not closed. Assistance can take the form of holding the horse / pony while the rider opens the gate or holding the horse / pony while the rider dismounts and remounts.

### **Class 3: NOVICE Fences approx. 50cm (No Assistance allowed)**

[Eland Lodge Qualifier](#)

The gate in the timed section to be opened, but not closed.

### **Class 4: NOVICE PLUS Fences approx. 60cm (No Assistance allowed)**

[Eland Lodge Qualifier](#)

The gate in the timed section to be opened, but not closed.

### **Class 5: PICK & MIX Fences approx. 50cm – 80cm (No Assistance allowed)**

Riders can select any height of jump that is included in the 50cm, 60cm, 70cm or 80cm courses.

The gate in the timed section to be opened, but not closed.

Riders can select any height of jump that is included in the 50cm, 60cm, 70cm or 80cm courses.

**Water in Classes 3,4 & 5;** water can be missed; however you will incur 20 penalties. If you attempt the water and have any problems you will incur those penalties, in addition to the 20 penalties for missing the water.

### **Class 6: PICK & MIX PAIRS Fences approx. 50cm – 80cm (No Assistance allowed)**

Riders can select any height of jump that is included in the 50cm, 60cm, 70cm or 80cm courses.

The gate in the timed section to be opened, but not closed.

**The Water in Class 6 -** Each horse will be marked separately, as with all jumps on the course. For example, if one rider missed the water it would be 20 penalties, if two missed the water it would be 40 penalties etc. If you attempt the water and have any problems you will incur those penalties, in addition to the 20 penalties for missing the water.

### **Class 7: PICK & MIX TEAM Fences approx. 50cm – 80cm (No Assistance allowed)**

Teams of 3.

Riders can select any height of jump that is included in the 50cm, 60cm, 70cm or 80cm courses.

The gate in the timed section to be opened, but not closed.

**The Water in Class 7** - Each horse will be marked separately, as with all jumps on the course. For example, if one rider missed the water it would be 20 penalties, if two missed the water it would be 40 penalties etc. If you attempt the water and have any problems you will incur those penalties, in addition to the 20 penalties for missing the water.

**Class 8: INTERMEDIATE Fences approx. 70cm** (No Assistance allowed)

**Eland Lodge Qualifier**

**Class 9: INTERMEDIATE PAIRS Fences approx. 70cm** (No Assistance allowed)

The timed section will include knockdown fences and a gate to be opened and closed. If knocked down 10 penalties will be incurred for each jump. The knockdown fences will be positioned side by side, each rider must jump a different one of the knockdown jumps. A maximum of 20 penalties can therefore be incurred.

**Class 10: OPEN Fences approx. 80cm** (No Assistance allowed)

**Eland Lodge Qualifier**

The timed section will include a knockdown fence and a gate to be opened and closed. If knocked down 10 penalties will be incurred. Knockdown penalties will be used to determine placings but will not affect qualification.

**Class 11: OPEN PAIRS Fences approx. 80cm** (No Assistance allowed)

**Eland Lodge Qualifier**

The timed section will include knockdown fences and a gate to be opened and closed. If knocked down 10 penalties will be incurred for each jump. The knockdown fences will be positioned side by side, each rider must jump a different one of the knockdown jumps. A maximum of 20 penalties can therefore be incurred. Knockdown penalties will be used to determine placings but will not affect qualification.

**Class 12: OPEN PLUS Fences approx. 90cm** (No Assistance allowed)

**Eland Lodge Qualifier**

To be run over a more technical course, including jumps from the 2018 Badminton Grassroots competition.

The timed section will include a knockdown fence and a gate to be opened and closed. If knocked down 10 penalties will be incurred.

**The Water in Classes 8,9,10,11,12;** Fully included as part of the course and will incur penalties in line with all other fences.

### **All classes will include a clearly marked fastest or optimum time section**

Please note that if there are insufficient entries in classes / divisions then the placings may be combined.

*Please note that there are currently no ditches in any classes.*

## **Entry Fees**

### **HUNTER TRIAL ENTRY FEES:**

Mini Classes: £20

Individual Classes (excluding mini): £22

Pairs Classes: £40

Teams: £60 per team

We have now changed the way we charge for first aid cover. We have removed it from inclusion in the Equo Events entry payment, and it will now be payable on the day of the event, at the secretaries box on

collection of numbers / declaration. There will be a charge of £5 payable per rider. This will cover your first aid fee and starting fee.

Late Entries will be subject to a £5 additional admin fee per class.

**Please bring your own number bib, as they are compulsory, printed numbers will be provided by the secretary and will be given to you declare.**

**Rosettes 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, and prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place.**

## Course Walking

The courses may be walked between 2pm & 5pm on the day before the competition but will not be deemed to be complete until 9am on the day of the competition. Any alterations will be posted in the secretary's box on the day.

On the day of the competition there will be opportunities to walk the cross country courses. You will also be able to walk in the area of the course, avoiding the actual track being ridden. There are good viewing points on course. No dogs are allowed on any part of the cross-country course on the day of the competition. Dogs are welcome on leads in the lorry park, and the area around the secretaries box.

There will be a short break between each show jumping class to facilitate course walking.

## Rules & Notices

- **Personal Accident Insurance** 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. All non Pony Club competitors are not covered by The Pony Club insurance and must have their own third party cover. The organisers of this event are not legally responsible for non-Members and their insurance will not cover them.
- **Riding Hats** All competitors must wear protective headgear which complies with current Pony Club / Riding Club standards and which must always be correctly fastened when mounted. Fixed Peak hats are not permissible for any competition with a cross country element. All hats for Hunter Trial and Eventers Challenge classes must be tagged with the current turquoise standard tag. A copy of the current standards can be downloaded from the PC /RC website. Hat tagging will be available at the Secretaries tent, there will be a £1 charge per hat. You will not be allowed to start on the cross country without the correct tag.
- **Recording Devices** No recording devices may be attached to horse or rider, this is due to current health & safety advise.
- **Back Protectors** Body Protectors that meet the current PC/RC standards are compulsory for all classes with a cross country element.
- **Horses Age** All horses/ponies must be four years old or over.
- The organisers, or anyone acting for the organisers, will not be held responsible for any loss or accident to person, animal or property, however caused.
- **Objections** Any objections must be handed to the secretary IN WRITING within 15 minutes of the end of the class together with a deposit of £10.00. Objections will be dealt with at the end of the day. Any objection not in writing will be dismissed. The judges decision will be final.
- The organisers reserve the right to alter or vary the schedule, or to decline any entry.
- **Dogs** All dogs must always be on a lead , please clean up after your dog. Dogs must not be left unattended in any vehicles. Dogs are now allowed on the cross country course when the course is open.

- **Event Cancellations** Should the event be cancelled entries will be refunded less administration charge of £5.00 or held credit for an alternative event.
- **Withdrawals** Should a competitor wish to withdraw before the entry closing date, the entry will be refunded less administration charge of £5.00. Any withdrawals after the entry closing date will not be eligible for a refund.
- **Eliminations** After three refusals at any one fence on the cross country course competitors may continue but must go on to the next fence, swapping to a lower course and making way for any riders coming up behind.
- 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).
- **Exhausted Horses** Nominated Stewards will be appointed to stop unfit or exhausted horses from continuing.
- **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.
- **Abuse of horses** Any act or series of actions, which in the opinion of the Stewards constitutes abuse of a horse shall be a breach of these rules and will incur elimination.
- **Times** Will be given, they will be published on Equo Events and on Facebook. Competitors may be asked to jump up to 15 minutes before their given time – please be ready.
- **Warm Up** The number of competitors may be restricted; please obey the steward's instructions as to when you can use the warm-up. Children must not jump in the warm-up arena without an accompanying adult.
- **Stallions** Stallions are allowed only with prior permission from the Entries Secretary and must wear stallion discs and ribbons.
- **Photographs** By entering this competition you are agreeing to be photographed whilst competing; these photographs may be used for future publicity. If you do not wish to be photographed please tell the photographer on entering the arena, before you jump.
- **Lorry Parking** Horses/ponies should be left tied to the outside of trailers/lorries without supervision. Please clear any muck/rubbish and do not leave on the lorry park.

### **Health & Safety**

The organisers of this event have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers and all officials and stewards. Participants attend at their own risk; neither the Committee nor Tumpy Green Competition Centre will be liable for any loss, damage or accident to horses, riders, property or other persons.

### **Disclaimer of Liability**

Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of event organisers for which they are legally responsible, neither the organisers of any event to which these Rules apply, nor any representative of these bodies or the Governing Body 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. Application for entry to this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

## Organisers Rights

The Organiser 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.

## Additional Hunter Trial Info

### Judging

The winners will be determined on a combination of penalties for faults (such as falls, run outs and refusals). In the event of two or more competitors having the same score the time taken to complete the optimum time section (which is a test of skill) shall determine the winners. The optimum time will be published before the event.

### Speed

Whilst competitors are expected to complete the course at a fair hunting speed, the fastest time section will be clearly marked on the course plan.

Riders must ensure that they **WALK to the Starting Box and away from the Finish Line**. This is to ensure that competitors on the course are not impeded in anyway. If anyone is deemed to be riding recklessly through the gateway, either before or after completing the course, they will be disqualified.

**Please can all competitors walk through the gateway between the hill field and the show field.**

Competitors retiring from any part of the Course shall leave the course at a **WALK** and shall take every precaution to avoid disturbing other competitors. If a competitor is eliminated they may, at the discretion of the cross country steward, if it is safe to do so, continue. They may opt to jump a smaller course, HC, to build confidence. If there are any concerns in regard to the welfare of the horse or rider, they may be asked not to continue. The cross country stewards decision is final.

### 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.

### Falls

- 1) Horse Falls - When a horse falls during any class, the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire. 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, subject to point 2)
- 2) Rider Falls - After two falls which are not Horse Falls the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire. If any official feels that the rider is unfit to continue after a fall the competitor will be asked to retire. A rider must not be allowed to remount after a fall if there is any element of doubt as to their fitness, irrespective of the wishes of their parents, trainers etc. Further participation may be possible following medical examination. If a rider has a second fall, they must retire.

It is recommended that competitors who suffer a fall should see the nominated first aider before leaving the event; however, competitors are to take their own responsibility in doing so.

**CONCUSSION** Any rider who sustains concussion shall under no circumstances compete again for at least the remainder of that day, or until fully satisfied thereafter that there are no lingering effects from concussion. It is strongly recommended that competitors seek the advice of a qualified Doctor before competing again.

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

### **How your position is determined?**

Penalty points are incurred as the result of the negotiation or attempted negotiation of an obstacle and are awarded to each competitor, the winner being the competitor with the least penalties. In the event of equality of penalties the competitor with the fastest in the timed section will be the winner.

### **Penalties**

#### **Jumping Penalties**

First refusal, circle or run-out at an obstacle	20 points
Second refusal, circle or run-out at an obstacle	40 points
Third refusal, circle or run-out at an obstacle	Elimination

#### **Other Penalties**

Fall of horse and/or rider anywhere on the course	60 points
Error of course not rectified	Elimination
Retaking an obstacle already jumped	Elimination

### **The Water**

**Mini Classes** – Completely optional, it will not incur any penalties, however only 3 attempts may be made, after which you will need to move onto the next fence.

**50cm, 60cm and Pick & Mix Classes** – The water can be missed; however, you will incur 20 penalties. If you attempt the water and have any problems you will incur those penalties, in addition to the 20 penalties for missing the water.

**70cm, 80cm and 85cm plus Classes** – The water is fully included as part of the course and will incur penalties in line with all other fences.

**Pairs Classes** – Each horse will be marked separately, as with all jumps on the course. For example, if one rider missed the water it would be 20 penalties, if both missed the water it would be 40 penalties.

Please note that after 3 attempts at the water you will be asked to use the alternative route and continue the course, this is to allow competitors following clear access to the water jump.

### **How are penalties awarded?**

Jump based penalties - Refusals / Run outs / Circles (see below for further details)

If you fail to go over a jump on valid attempt, you will receive 20 penalties. The penalties apply to a rider, so if competing in a pair each rider can receive penalties for the same jump. You can only have two jump-based penalties at a jump, if you have a third then you are eliminated. Note if you miss out a jump you will be eliminated.

### **How do I get eliminated?**

- You refuse / run out / circle at three times
- You miss a jump
- Failure to comply with the rules
- Disrespect for any duly appointed officials
- Dangerous riding
- Unseemly behavior
- Bad language
- Misuse of the whip or spur
- Ill treatment of a horse
- Lameness, unfit or exhausted horses

If you are eliminated, and it is safe to continue you may do so, as long as you switch to a smaller course. If the judge / steward is concerned about the safety of you or your horse, you will be asked to retire.

### **Refusals / Run outs / Circles**

**Refusals** At obstacles a horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle or element to be jumped. If a horse then steps back, this is considered a refusal. After a refusal, if the competitor re-doubles or changes his effort, still without success, or if the horse is re-presented at the obstacle after stepping back and stops or steps back again, this is a second refusal and incurs further penalties. A third refusal incurs elimination.

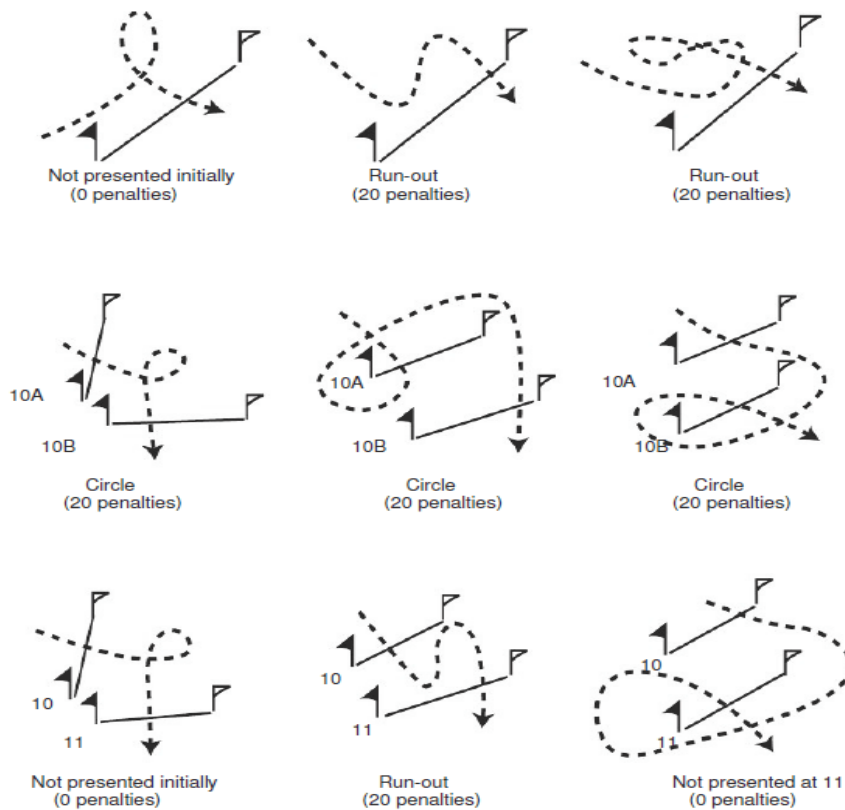
At obstacles a stop, followed immediately by a standing jump is not penalised, unless the stop is sustained or in any way prolonged. stepping back, even one foot, this is a refusal.

**Run-Outs** A horse is considered to have run out if having been presented at an obstacle it avoids that obstacle in such a way that it has to be re-presented.

**Circles** A horse is considered to have circled if it crosses its original track, from whichever direction, while negotiating or attempting to negotiate the obstacle, or any part thereof. If a horse completes a circle while being re-presented at the obstacle after a refusal or a run-out, it is penalized only for the refusal or run-out but not for both.



## Examples of the above (note 10a / 10b are considered a combination jump)



### **Gaps between riders**

Each rider will set off at approximately every 2-3 minutes. It is very unlikely that one rider will catch another. If it does happen it is okay to pass another horse but only do so between fences, you can only pass if you can do it safely and not near a jump. If another horse has blocked your path and you feel unduly hindered please make your case to the judges and a decision will be made. The jump judge should clear the course, however if you feel in danger of being impeded, please call out ahead to 'CLEAR THE COURSE'!!

### **Pick & Mix Classes**

Pick & Mix classes are a real Tumpy Special. They have been designed to allow riders to get out and compete and have fun, challenging themselves at a level that suits them. They really are exactly what it "says on the tin", you choose any jump in the line between 50cm and 80cm. It may mean that some competitors do jump one more or one more less jumping effort than another. However, these classes are about getting onto the course and having fun, so we have found that this flexible approach works. We have given you the option to miss the water, however 20 penalties would be awarded if you choose to do so.