



ECKINGTON AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB 2026 SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

26th April - 1st Open Show

17th May - 2nd Open Show

7th June - 3rd Open Show

28th June - 4th Open Show

12th July - 5th Open Show

13th September - 6th Open Show

Fun Day - TBC in August

All events are to be held on the club field - S21 5RU. Catering on site for open shows. Toilets and water on site.

This show is affiliated to Equine Sports UK (ESUK) Grassroots Championships taking place at Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on the 30th July - 1st August 2026. The three highest placings qualify in each class. Shows held after 12th July 2026 will qualify towards the 2027 competition.

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2026 Fees. NO PRE ENTRY FOR SHOWS. Cash and card payments accepted.

Membership £25

Per class members £7

Per class non-members £11

Membership bundle 4 classes £24

Clear round members/non-members £5

SHOW JUMPING RING (RING 1 - 9:00am)

Horses and ponies 4 years and over. No spurs, no standing martingales.

1. CLEAR ROUND SHOW JUMPING. HOBBY HORSE ENTRIES

WELCOME TOO! LAST ENTRIES AT 9:30AM PROMPT. £5 ENTRY FEE.

The height of fences in this class will be up to 40cm max. Lead rein welcome.

2. NOVICE & NEW COMBINATION 40CM SHOW JUMPING

This class is for genuine new jumpers and less confident combinations. Entry may be refused if it is felt you are using this class as a warmup. Lead rein welcome. The maximum height of fences will be 40cm.

3. NOVICE ACCUMULATOR

Fences maximum 50cm. Lead rein & in-hand entries welcome.
PLEASE SEE INFO ON SIDE OF TARDIS FOR RULES.

4. 50CM SHOW JUMPING

The maximum height of fences will be 50cm.

5. 60CM SHOW JUMPING

The maximum height of fences will be 60cm. **ESUK qualifier.**

SHOW JUMPING RING AFTERNOON - NOT TO START BEFORE 12:00PM

6. HIGHER & HIGHER

Starting at 50cm using the Gracie jump. PLEASE SEE INFO ON SIDE OF TARDIS FOR RULES

7. PAIRS

All jumps 50cm to 60cm. Entry fee £10 per pair members, £15 per pair non-members.

8. 70CM SHOW JUMPING

The maximum height of fences will be 70cm. **ESUK qualifier.**

9. 80CM SHOW JUMPING

The maximum height of fences will be 80cm. **ESUK qualifier.**

WORKING HUNTER RING (RING 4 - 9.00am)

All working hunter classes will be placed to 6th place. The top three in each section will qualify for ESUK. Horses and ponies 4 years and over.

10. NURSERY STAKES (INC. LEAD REIN) / 11. BEGINNERS WORKING HUNTER HORSE & PONY

Nursery Stakes fences 1-5 only max. height 30cm. Beginners fences max. height 40cm. Placing to be split between classes 10 and 11. **ESUK Qualifiers.**

12. NOVICE WORKING HUNTER HORSE & PONY

The height of fences max 50cm. **ESUK Qualifier.**

13. OPEN WORKING HUNTER HORSE & PONY

The height of fences max 70cm. **ESUK Qualifier.**

WORKING HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP

1st and 2nd places from classes 10 - 13 are invited to enter the Working Hunter Championship. Champion and Reserve are invited to compete for the Overall Supreme Championship at the end of the day.

RIDDEN RING (RING 3 - 9:30am)

All classes open to horses and ponies 4 years and over. Combinations entered in the Novice ring are NOT eligible to enter the Ridden ring. Lead Rein welcome in any appropriate class. Side Saddle welcome in any appropriate class.

14. BEST TURNED OUT HORSE OR PONY

Riders of any age. **ESUK** qualifier.

15. LEAD REIN BEST RIDDEN

Riders to be 9 years and under. **ESUK** qualifier.

16. FIRST RIDDEN

Riders to be 12 years and under. **ESUK** qualifier.

17. RESCUE, REHOMED & RETRAINED

Open to any horse or pony which has been rescued or rehomed due to welfare issues or retrained from a different career, including ex racehorses (ROR). You will be asked about your horse or ponies' background. **ESUK** qualifier.

18. OPEN RIDDEN PONY

Open to all ponies (up to and inc. 14.2hh). Riders of any age. **ESUK** qualifier.

RIDDEN MORNING CHAMPIONSHIP

1st & 2nd places from classes 14 - 18 are invited to enter the Afternoon Championship. Champion and Reserve are invited to compete for the Overall Supreme Championship at the end of the day.

RIDDEN RING AFTERNOON - NOT TO START BEFORE 1PM

19. RIDDEN COLOURED HORSE OR PONY

Judged 50% horse's manners & way of going, 25% conformation & 25% turnout. Open to skewbald, piebald, roan, palomino, dun and spotted horses and ponies. **ESUK qualifier.**

20. OPEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND

Mixed large and small breed - shown true to type. **ESUK qualifier.**

21. RIDDEN COB / HUNTER

Cob can be Traditional or Trimmed. Split placings. **ESUK qualifiers.**

22. VETERAN HORSE OR PONY

Open to horses and ponies aged 15 years and over. **ESUK qualifier.**

23. OPEN RIDDEN HORSE

Open to all horses (over 14.2hh). Riders of any age. **ESUK qualifier.**

RIDDEN AFTERNOON CHAMPIONSHIP

1st & 2nd places from classes 19 - 23 are invited to enter the Afternoon Championship. Champion and Reserve are invited to compete for the Overall Supreme Championship at the end of the day.

24. CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE (NEW FOR 2026!). Concours d'Elegance GB qualifier.

Open to all horses and ponies. **Walk only.** Riders of any age. This will be our last class of the day prior to the Supreme Championship. Riders 18 and over must sign a disclaimer on entry if they wish to wear headgear that does not meet current safety standards. Riders under 18 **MUST** wear a riding hat which meets current safety standards.

1st, 2nd and 3rd places will qualify for the Concours d'Elegance GB National Championship Show - Friday 25th & Saturday 26th September 2026 held at Onley Equestrian Centre, Rugby, Warwickshire. If a horse/pony has already qualified, cards may be handed down to 6th place at judge's discretion. Each qualified horse/pony will receive a qualification card in the ring which will enable the owner to enter the Championship Show, provided the owner and rider/handler are, or become registered with the Concours d'Elegance Society within 21 days of the qualifying show. No horse registration is required. Visit www.eqconcoursgb.com for more information.

NOVICE RING JUNIOR (RING 4 - NOT TO START BEFORE 11am)

All classes are for genuine novices, any combination entering this ring CANNOT ENTER THE OPEN RIDDEN RING (EXCLUDING CLASS 24. CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE) - PLEASE REFER TO ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON SIDE OF TARDIS. These classes aim to give confidence, show experience and advice. The following classes are all RIDDEN classes. Horses and ponies 4 years and over. Lead rein welcome in all classes. Walk only in the group go-round. Trot only in individual show piece. Competitors may attempt canter in their individual show piece as a practice but will not be judged on it.

Classes 25 – 29: JUNIOR RIDERS 16 years and under as of the 1st January 2026. Placings will be split into age categories 10 years and under / 11 - 16 years.

25. NOVICE CONDITION AND TURNOUT

Horse or pony in the best condition and turnout. Walk only.

26. NOVICE COMBINATION (WALK AND TROT ONLY)

This class is for genuine novice combinations. Type of bit used at the discretion of the judge. Walk only in the group go-round. Trot only in individual show piece. **ESUK Walk and Trot qualifier.**

27. FIRST SEASON SHOWING

For new combinations this season. Not to have entered any ridden classes together pre 2025 season. Trot only in individual show piece. **ESUK Walk and Trot qualifier.**

28. NOVICE RIDER

For genuine novice riders. Trot only in individual show piece. **ESUK Walk and Trot qualifier.**

JUNIOR NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st and 2nd places from classes 25 - 28 are invited to enter the Junior Novice Championship. Champion and Reserve are invited to compete for the Overall Supreme Championship at the end of the day.

NOVICE RING SENIOR (RING 4 - NOT TO START BEFORE 2pm)

Classes 29 – 35: SENIOR RIDERS 17+ years as of the 1st January 2026.

29. NOVICE CONDITION AND TURNOUT

Horse or pony in the best condition and turnout. Walk only.

30. NOVICE COMBINATION (WALK AND TROT ONLY)

This class is for genuine novice combinations. Type of bit used at the discretion of the judge. Walk only in the group go-round. Trot only in individual show piece. **ESUK Walk and Trot qualifier.**

31. FIRST SEASON SHOWING

For new combinations this season. Not to have entered any ridden classes together pre 2025 season. Trot only in individual show piece. **ESUK Walk and Trot qualifier.**

32. NOVICE RIDER

For genuine novice riders. Trot only in individual show piece. **ESUK Walk and Trot qualifier.**

SENIOR NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st and 2nd places from classes 29 - 32 are invited to enter the Senior Novice Championship. Champion and Reserve are invited to compete for the Overall Supreme Championship at the end of the day.

IN-HAND RING (RING 2 - 9:30am)

33. CONDITION AND TURNOUT

Open to any horse or pony. **ESUK qualifier.**

34. COLOURED HORSE OR PONY

Open to skewbald, piebald, roan, palomino, dun and spotted horses and ponies. **ESUK qualifier.**

35. OPEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND

Mixed large and small breed - shown true to type. **ESUK qualifier.**

36. IN-HAND COB

Class is open to trimmed and traditional cobs. **ESUK qualifier.**

37. VETERAN HORSE OR PONY

Open to horses and ponies aged 15 years and over. **ESUK qualifier.**

38. OPEN HORSE

Open to all horses (over 14.2hh). **ESUK qualifier.**

39. PURE BREED

Open to any pure breed, excluding mountain and moorland. **Highest placed TB ESUK qualifier.**

40. YOUNG STOCK

Open to horses and ponies 4 years and under. **ESUK qualifier.**

MID-MORNING CHAMPIONSHIP

1st and 2nd places from classes 33 - 40 are invited to enter the Mid-Morning Championship. Champion and Reserve are invited to compete for the Overall Supreme Championship at the end of the day.

IN HAND RING AFTERNOON - NOT TO START BEFORE 1.00PM

41. YOUNG HANDLER 8 YEARS AND UNDER

Handler not to have attained their 9th birthday as of the 1st January 2025. **ESUK qualifier.**

42. YOUNG HANDLER 9 -12 YEARS

Handlers ages 9-12 as of the 1st January 2025. **ESUK qualifier.**

43. BONNY PONY

Ponies to be 14.2hh and under.

44. HANDSOME GELDING

Geldings only.

45. PRETTIEST MARE

Mares only.

46. OPEN PONY

Open to all ponies (14.2hh and under). **ESUK qualifier.**

47. RESCUE AND REHOMED & RETRAINED

Open to any horse or pony which has been rescued or rehomed due to welfare issues or retrained from a different career, including ex racehorses (ROR). You will be asked about your horse or ponies background. **Highest placed ROR ESUK qualifier.**

AFTERNOON CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st & 2nd places from classes 41 - 47 are invited to enter the Afternoon Championship. Champion and Reserve are invited to compete for the Overall Supreme Championship at the end of the day.

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OVERALL SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP

The Champion and Reserve from our Working Hunter, Junior and Senior Novice, Morning and Afternoon Ridden and In Hand Championships are invited to compete for the Overall Supreme Championship. This will be the last class of the day and will take place in Ring 4.

EDRC RULES 2026

By entering onto the EDRC field it is understood that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by the following:

General Rules:

- All ages are as of 1 January 2026
- All handlers and riders of stallions or colts must be 16 years old and over
- All ridden horses and ponies must be 4 years and over.
- Junior riders are aged 16 years and under.
- Senior riders are aged 17 years and over.
- EDRC takes pride in being a friendly Riding Club, encouraging good sportsmanship and behaviour. We have a zero-tolerance policy covering any member found to be in breach of this towards other members, competitors, visitors and animals both on and off the showground, and including social networking sites.
- Approved BHS/BRC headgear with chin strap fastened must be worn by all mounted riders. Details of the current BRC Guidelines / Safety Standards can be found on the side of the entry caravan and on Facebook.
- Under 16's must wear a hard hat with strap AT ALL TIMES when handling a horse either mounted or dismounted on the showground. We recommend everyone follow this rule for their own safety.
- All young people aged 16 and under MUST be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who holds emergency contact details and medical information (if relevant).
- **BRC 2026 whip rule enforced: whips must only be used to support the riders natural aids and no more than TWICE per incident. Full rules can be found on the BRC website, our Facebook page or the side of the entry caravan on show day. These rules are UPDATED FOR 2026, please make yourselves aware. Misuse of the whip may lead to disqualification and/or ejection from the showground. Any rider deemed by the judge or EDRC Committee member to be misusing the whip will be given one warning, after which continued use will result in being asked to leave the ring and disqualification.**
- Competitors must enter the ring suitably attired.
- The decision of the Judge is final. Appeals must be submitted within 15 minutes of the class ending and be accompanied by a £20 fee, which may be returned if the appeal is upheld. Appeals will be deliberated at the next Committee meeting and a decision given thereafter. Appeals will not be discussed on the day of the show.
- Class bundle MUST be the same rider / handler and horse / pony combination. Class bundle for members only.
- No child aged 16 or under allowed to wear spurs. No spurs on ponies. No spurs in showjumping classes.
- Payment due at time of booking in not at a later date

- Lead rein competitors may enter any suitable class.
- Lead rein competitors must be in a snaffle bridle with the lead rein attached to the noseband.
- Lead rein competitors must be on lead rein at all times on the show field.
- Competitors are responsible for getting their ESUK qualification cards filled in by the Judge.
- Please behave in a responsible and sensible manner on the showfield at all times and have consideration for other riders and spectators.
- Do not congregate around ring entrances.
- Always ensure your horse or pony is adequately warmed up for your class.

Show Jumping Rules:

- Knock down, refusal or run out - 4 faults
- 3 refusals anywhere on the course - Elimination
- Rider or horse fall - Elimination
- Misuse of the whip - Disqualification
- Horses and ponies will compete in the same show-jumping classes; however, there will be separate sets of rosettes for horses and ponies.
- Lead rein competitors may enter any suitable class.
- Lead rein competitors must be in a snaffle bridle with the lead rein attached to the noseband.
- No standing martingales to be used in any jumping phase.
- No spurs in any class.
- **BRC 2026 whip rule enforced: whips must only be used to support the riders natural aids and no more than TWICE per incident. Full rules can be found on the BRC website, our Facebook page or the side of the entry caravan on show day. These rules are UPDATED FOR 2026, please make yourselves aware. Misuse of the whip may lead to disqualification and/or ejection from the showground. Any rider deemed by the judge or EDRC Committee member to be misusing the whip will be given one warning, after which continued use will result in being asked to leave the ring and disqualification.**
- The decision of the judge / committee is final.
- We strongly recommend all competitors taking part in showjumping classes wear a body protector.

Working Hunter Rules:

- No standing martingale to be used in any jumping phase.
- Working hunter pony 15hh under. Working hunter horse 15.1 and over. No child under 16 allowed to wear spurs. No spurs on ponies.
- **BRC 2026 whip rule enforced: whips must only be used to support the riders natural aids and no more than TWICE per incident. Full rules can be found on the BRC website, our Facebook page or the side of the entry caravan on**

show day. These rules are UPDATED FOR 2026, please make yourselves aware. Misuse of the whip may lead to disqualification and/or ejection from the showground. Any rider deemed by the judge or EDRC Committee member to be misusing the whip will be given one warning, after which continued use will result in being asked to leave the ring and disqualification.

- Lead rein competitors must be in a snaffle bridle with the lead rein attached to the noseband.
- Jumping phase to be completed first.
- Any fall on the course of horse or rider will result in elimination.
- The decision of the judge / committee is final.

Showing Rules:

- No child under 16 allowed to wear spurs. No spurs on ponies.
- Anyone under 16 years of age must wear a hard hat including In Hand
- Lead rein competitors may enter any suitable class.
- Lead rein competitors must be in a snaffle bridle with the lead rein attached to the noseband.
- Competitors must enter the ring suitably attired.
- **BRC 2025 whip rule enforced: whips must only be used to support the riders natural aids and no more than TWICE per incident. Full rules can be found on the BRC website, our Facebook page or the side of the entry caravan on show day. These rules are UPDATED FOR 2025, please make yourselves aware. Misuse of the whip may lead to disqualification and/or ejection from the showground. Any rider deemed by the judge or EDRC Committee member to be misusing the whip will be given one warning, after which continued use will result in being asked to leave the ring and disqualification.**
- The decision of the Judge is final. Appeals must be submitted within 15 minutes of the class ending and be accompanied by a £20 fee, which may be returned if the appeal is upheld. Appeals will be deliberated at the next Committee meeting and a decision given thereafter. Appeals will not be discussed on the day of the show.
- The novice section is for novice competitors ONLY. Novice competitors may not enter any class in the Open Ridden ring other than Class 24.
- EDRC does not have a height limit for lead rein or first ridden ponies/horses, unless stated.
- Any fall of the rider will result in elimination. They must leave the ring on foot. The decision of the judge / committee is final.
- Class 24 CONCOURS - Riders 18 and over must sign a disclaimer on entry if they wish to wear headgear that does not meet current safety standards. Riders under 18 MUST wear a riding hat which meets current safety standards.

Member Specific Rules:

- Membership runs from January - December 2026 costing £25 per person. Join online or on show day. You MUST fill in the online form.
- Membership is per rider / handler.
- Points are only awarded to members in each class.
- The same combination must enter a class twice to count towards the points system. Points only count from the date and time joined.
- Membership cards to be shown at every event.
- Membership prices are for the competitor competing only.
- Membership will only start from the date payment is received, not from when the form is filled out.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion:

- EDRC does not tolerate any form of discrimination. If you witness an act of discrimination, please report this to a Committee member immediately. Anyone found to be abusing this rule will be asked to leave / barred from the show field.
- EDRC takes pride in being a friendly Riding Club, encouraging good sportsmanship and behaviour. We have a zero-tolerance policy covering anyone found to be in breach of this towards other members, competitors, visitors and animals both on and off the showground, and including social networking sites. Anyone found to be in breach this rule will be asked to leave / barred from the show field.
- **DISABILITIES AND HIDDEN DISABILITIES:** Our yellow badge scheme is an easy way for individuals to voluntarily share that they have a disability or condition that may mean they need a helping hand, understanding, or more time. The badge should be displayed as a lapel badge so it is visible to the judge in your ring. Please speak to an EDRC Committee member or judge about any reasonable adjustment or access need you may have. We are here to help everyone enjoy show day equally.
- **PERIOD EQUITY:** Riders may now wear black or navy breeches across all competitions. White, cream and beige are still accepted but the addition of black and navy as permitted colours is intended to help female competitors feel more comfortable and confident to compete while they are on their periods. This is inline with updated BRC rules. We also have emergency supplies of sanitary products available at the entry caravan if required.

Welfare Statement:

General Code of conduct for equine welfare:

- EDRC expects all those involved in events and shows to always adhere to the code of conduct for equine welfare and always accept that the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.
- The code of conduct on equine welfare has been developed to support responsible ownership, promote best practice. It should be interpreted in the spirit it is intended and with common sense.
- This code of conduct is applicable to horses of all ages. At all stages of preparation, training, travel and competition equine welfare is paramount and must take precedence over all other demands.
- Responsibility for the horse/pony is with the owner, regardless of whether they are in attendance, as well as the individual/s who is in charge of the horse/pony whilst at a show or event. All individuals responsible for a horse/pony have a duty of care in all circumstances to meet their horse's welfare needs.
- Please report any welfare issues to the EDRC committee.

Welfare – tack:

- Tack should always be fitted and used in a way that protects and safeguards welfare and safety of both horse and rider/handler. This applies at all times whilst on our showground.
- All saddlery or equipment is to be correctly fitted and used as intended in its manufactured state without adaptations. No item of saddlery or equipment is to be misused.
- Abuse of a horse using natural or artificial aids (including riding aids, padded batons, bits, spurs, etc) will not be tolerated.

Welfare – horse/pony:

- No person may abuse a horse/pony during an event or show, or at any other time.
- At all stages during the preparation and training of your horses, welfare must be paramount. This includes, but is not limited to, good horse management, training methods, farriery, use and fitting of tack and transportation.
- Horses and ponies must be fit, sound, and in good health and condition.

- No horse showing symptoms of disease, lameness or other significant ailments or pre-existing clinical conditions should compete or continue to compete when to do so would compromise its welfare. Veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.
- If a horse/pony has blood in the mouth or on any other part of the body the competitor should not compete or should cease competing and should leave the ring immediately. The competitor should get their horse checked as soon as possible once blood has been noticed and should seek veterinary advice and attention if required.
- Obesity in horses and ponies must be avoided - all horses should be fit for purpose for the event or class they are competing in.
- Under the Welfare Acts the parents/guardians of those under 16-years-old are responsible for the welfare of their children's horses/ponies.
- All riders should be a suitable size for their horse whether in the ring, or working in. Riders working in ponies for other competitors or children must also be a suitable size for the pony and suitably mounted.
- "Abuse" means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse/pony.