



Wittering Academy
Riding Club

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UNAFFILIATED TWO-PHASE ARENA TREC COMPETITION

Sunday 8th March 2015

**Wittering Academy Riding Club, Grange Farm Equestrian Centre, Wittering
Grange, Wansford, Peterborough, PE8 6NR
10am onwards**

By kind permission of Di and Robin Dunlop

Entries must be received by Wednesday 4th March 2015 and will be limited – please enter early! (If full, a waiting list will be kept) There are no entries on the day.

Entries to: Karen Barker, Ash Tree Nursery, 72 Barrier Bank, Cowbit, Spalding, PE12 6AQ
General Enquiries tel: Karen Barker 01406 380949 (evenings) or
email: karen.ashtree@virgin.net

For more information on TREC visit www.trecgb.com

The competition will consist of the COP (control of paces) and the PTV (obstacle) phases undertaken in a large outdoor arena. There will be a maximum of two small jumps in each class which can be omitted without being eliminated for those who prefer not to jump. In the event of adverse weather conditions please phone/email on the Saturday evening (7th March) by 9pm when a decision will be made.

CLASSES:

1. **NEWCOMERS.** Combination not to have been placed 1st, 2nd. or 3rd in any affiliated Trec competition up to 1st October 2014.. A straight forward course. Judges will give assistance and encouragement if required. (Maximum height of any jumps – 60cm)
2. **PAIRS.** To be ridden over the Newcomers course. Open to any pair. (Maximum height of any jumps – 60cm)
3. **IN-HAND.** Open to any combination. Saddles are optional and horses may be led in a bridle or a head collar. The course will consist of the walk element of the control of paces phase plus 10 led obstacles. Leaders must wear a riding hat and may carry a schooling whip up to 1m in length.
4. **INTERMEDIATE.** A more challenging course. Open to any combination not to have completed any full affiliated Trec competition at Level 3 or 4 up to 1st October 2014. No assistance from judges except in an emergency. (Maximum height of any jumps – 70cm)
5. **OPEN.** Some different obstacles introduced in this class. Open to any combination. No assistance allowed. (Maximum height of any jumps – 80cm)

We have been running a Winter League for our arena Trec competitions this season. The winner of each class scores 6 points, 2nd scores 5 points, etc. The combination accumulating the greatest number of points over the series will be deemed the league winner for that class and will receive a voucher and special rosette. If a rider accumulates the greatest number of points in more than one class (other than the pairs class and in-hand class) they will be awarded the league prize for the more difficult class and the league prize for the less difficult class will be passed down to the next highest scoring rider. If there is an equality of league points, the rider with the highest total score for all competitions this season will be deemed the winner. League winner rosettes and vouchers will be sent shortly after this final competition and names will be published on the Wittering Academy RC website.

Entry fees:

Pairs class: Wittering Academy RC members £5/rider
Non-members £6/rider

All other classes:

£10 per class for Wittering Academy RC members

£12 per class for non-members

Cheques made payable to Wittering Academy Riding Club

(N.B. A horse or pony can only take part once in each class.)

Pairs rules:

One rider to complete the first phase of Control of Paces (canter) and PTV obstacles 1 to 5.

Second rider to complete PTV obstacles 6 to 10 and the final phase of Control of Paces (walk).

Both riders will be in the arena at the same time.

The total PTV will be timed as normal – a whistle will be blown when half the time is up if the first rider has not finished obstacles 1 – 5. In this event, the following strategies can be used –

- Rider 1 completes their obstacles and rider 2 has less time
- Rider 1 completes the obstacle they are on, informs the judge they are not going on and rider 2 starts obstacle 6
- The decision is yours! The second rider must finish at the second whistle, when time is up.

The first rider must complete the final obstacle attempted before rider 2 can start.

The second rider may start as soon as rider 1 has completed their 5 obstacles (no need to wait for the half time whistle).

The pair will be given a start time – it is up to you who goes first.

Riders need to touch hands on the changeover.

COURSE WALK AND TIMES

The course will be open for walking before the start of the first class and again at intervals throughout the day when the course is changed, exact times dependent on entries and will be published with the start times. A guided course walk will be available before the first class. Start times will be available on the Wittering Academy Riding Club website on Friday 6th March, otherwise phone 01406 380949 between 7pm and 9pm only on the same date. Refunds for withdrawals after the closing date will be entirely at the discretion of the organisers. Please park in the marked parking area and clean up any droppings before leaving. All dogs must be kept on a lead – please clean up after them.

How do I take part?

The competition is open to all. Complete the entry form and return with your cheque before the closing date or enter online using the quick link on the Wittering Academy RC website. **There are no entries on the day.** You will be given a start time – turn up in good time so that you have a chance to study the course and check details of how to tackle each obstacle. . You don't have to be a member of a riding club, BHS or TRECGB to take part, but you must have 3rd party liability insurance and may be asked for evidence of this when you collect your number. (Current BHS/Affiliated Riding Club members are insured through the BHS.)

There will be two parts to the competition:

Control of Paces Phase (referred to as COP or MA phase)

You will canter as slowly as possible along a measured track of 75m.

You then walk the same track as fast as possible. The slower you canter and faster you walk, the more points you'll get.

Note in this competition the order of phases for the individual classes will be Control of Paces Canter, followed by Control of Paces Walk followed by PTV.

PTV Obstacle Phase

A simple course of ten straightforward obstacles, simulated to represent those you might meet out hacking, to test riding skills and the training and handiness of your horse or pony.

Suitable for ALL levels of rider and every kind of horse or pony, these might include:

a footbridge, bending poles, leading, a small jump, mounting, opening and closing a gate, rein-back, riding through a corridor of poles on the ground or an S-bend. The obstacles must be tackled in order within a time limit and all obstacles are optional. If the whistle blows, you have reached the time limit and must stop. You will be awarded points for all the obstacles you have managed to complete. You must make it clear to the obstacle judges if you plan to leave out an obstacle by riding to that judge and ceasing forward motion. You get effectiveness points for completing each obstacle, plus points for style, with a maximum of ten points on offer for each obstacle. Obstacle data sheets will be displayed which explain how to tackle each obstacle in order to score the most points.

How are the placings decided?

The winner of each class will be the rider or pair with the highest combined score from the PTV and the Walk/Canter phases. In the event of equality, the highest score from the PTV will take precedence. Rosettes will be presented up to 6th place in each class.

What do we wear?

Safe and comfortable riding gear (there is no requirement for show jackets or plaiting up the horse), and your horse or pony's usual tack will be fine. Please read the rules

DIRECTIONS

Grange Farm Equestrian Centre is best accessed from the A47. If travelling along the A1, come off at the A47 turning, heading west towards Leicester. Take the right-hand turning towards Wittering village and the next t right into Grange Farm.

RULES

Rules as per the current TREC GB Rulebook (now available on the TREC GB website), and general rules detailed below and elsewhere in this schedule.

1. Competition open to all horses and ponies providing that they are a minimum of four years old in 2014 (i.e. a horse born in 2010 may compete in TREC in 2014).
2. Riders any age, juniors may ride horses and seniors may ride ponies.
3. No rider will be permitted to start any phase of the competition unless wearing a hard hat, which meets a standard currently recommended by the BHS (PAS 015, EN1384 or ASTM F 1163, and bearing the kite mark or SEI).
4. As there are no fixed obstacles, the wearing of body protectors is not compulsory.
5. Riders must wear suitable riding footwear.
6. Standing Martingales and other fixed reins are forbidden unless agreed by the organisers (e.g. in the case of 'grass reins' for small ponies).. **If a running martingale is used, the horse must be led from a headcollar and leadrope for led PTV obstacles.**
7. Whips must not exceed 75cms except in the In-hand class. Spurs, if worn, must be rounded and not exceed 3.5cms in length and pointed downwards.
8. The decisions of the official and the Judges are final and must be complied with at all times. Competitors may be eliminated from the competition for any of the following reasons:
 - Excessive use of the whip
 - Abusive language
 - Dangerous riding
 - Uncorrected error of course on PTV (including not telling a judge you are leaving out an obstacle.)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The event manager/organisers have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the officials and stewards on the day. Trained First Aiders will be present at the event and should be summoned through an official in the event of an accident. The event manager/organiser will have contact telephone numbers for a local veterinary practice.. Please take care to safeguard valuable tack and possessions. **Young children and dogs must be supervised at all times (dogs kept on a short lead please). Please clean up after dogs.** Neither the event manager/organiser nor the land/course owners can accept responsibility for loss or injury to persons or animals howsoever caused.

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ENTRY FORM
PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER RIDER

Class or Classes entered:

Rider Name:

Name of other rider if entering Pairs class:

I am a member/non-member of Wittering Academy RC

Address:

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Postcode: Tel No: Mobile:

Emergency contact (name and number).....

EMAIL (please print clearly):

BHS/BRC Membership No:

If not BHS/BRC/TRECGB member: I have 3rd Party Liability Insurance and will have evidence of this with me on the day of the competition.

Horse Name:Horse Height:

I enclose a cheque made payable to Wittering Academy Riding Club for £

Can you, or anyone travelling with you, help for part of the day? Please let us know. Any help is appreciated.

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the rules for the competition.

For competitors under the age of 16 parent or guardian must sign:

Rider :

PLEASE SEND your entry form and cheque (or enter online) to arrive no later than Wednesday 4th March 2015. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the organiser and may be subject to a surcharge. Full refunds given before closing date.

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