



# Unaffiliated Hunter Trials



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**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.

Entries Close: Wednesday before the hunter trial, unless full before

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

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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 and Farrier on call.

**Friendly, Fun, Confidence Building, Supportive**

Times will be displayed on Facebook and Equo Events from 2pm Friday

PLEASE READ AND ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES

*Please note Junior and Senior Divisions may be combined depending on entry levels.*

*Horseware Qualifier classes however will not be combined.*

**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 not included**

**Class 2: MINI PLUS – Next Steps Fences approx. 40cm**

Assistance may be given. This course will start over the mini course, and then include a selection of jumps in the hill field before returning to the mini course to finish. Ideal next step, assistance is allowed, although not suitable for lead rein.

**Division 1 Junior:** riders 17 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Division 2 Senior:** riders 18 years and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Water in Class 2;** The water is 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.

**Class 3: NOVICE Fences approx. 50cm**

Assistance may be given but ANY Assistance will incur a 50 point penalty.

**Division 1 Junior:** riders 17 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Division 2 Senior:** riders 18 years and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Class 4: NOVICE PLUS Fences approx. 60cm**

Assistance may be given but ANY Assistance will incur a 50 point penalty.

**Division 1 Junior:** riders 17 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Division 2 Senior:** riders 18 years and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Water in Classes 3 & 4;** The water can be missed out, 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 out.

**Class 5A: PICK & MIX Fences approx. 50cm – 80cm (With Water Included)**

No Assistance allowed

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

**Division 1 Junior:** riders 17 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Division 2 Senior:** riders 18 years and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Water in Class 5A;** The water is fully included.

**Class 5B: PICK & MIX Fences approx. 50cm – 80cm (With Water Not Included)**

No Assistance allowed

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

**Division 1 Junior:** riders 17 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Division 2 Senior:** riders 18 years and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Water in Class 5B;** The water is not included.

**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.

**Class 7: PICK & MIX TEAM HUNTER TRIAL      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 Water in Classes 6 & 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 out.

Teams of 3 riders, all riders scores will count. See details below.

**Class 8: INTERMEDIATE (Horseware Qualifying Class)      Fences approx. 70cm**

No Assistance allowed

**Division 1 Junior:** riders 17 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Division 2 Senior:** riders 18 years and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Class 9: INTERMEDIATE PAIRS      Fences approx. 70cm**

No Assistance allowed

**Class 10: OPEN (Horseware Qualifying Class)**

**Fences approx. 80cm**

No Assistance allowed

**Division 1 Junior:** riders 17 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Division 2 Senior:** riders 18 years and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

The gate will be included in the Open, you will need to open and close the gate.

**Class 11: OPEN PAIRS (Horseware Qualifying Class)**

**Fences approx. 80cm**

No Assistance allowed

**Class 12: OPEN PLUS**

**Fences up to 90cm**

No Assistance allowed

To be run over a more technical course, there will be some jumps that will be up to 90cm.

The gate may be included in the Open Plus, you will need to open and close the gate.

**The Water in Classes 5A, 8,9,10,11 & 12;** Fully included as part of the course, and will incur penalties inline with all other fences.

**All classes will include a clearly marked fastest time section**

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

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

**ENTRY FEES:**

Mini Classes: £18

Individual Classes (excluding mini): £20

Pairs Classes: £38

Team Classes (3 riders): £45 (one entry required for whole team)

PLUS £2.50 each per competitor to cover first aid.

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

**Please note: Horses and ponies are on only allowed to compete in a maximum three classes.**

ROSETTES TO 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE, AND TROPHIES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE.

The course may be walked between 1pm & 6pm on the Saturday 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 tent on the day.

On the day of the hunter trial the course will be open for walking from 7.30am - 9.00am, it will not be possible to walk the full course while competitors are running. There is however viewing points where you can watch the course while it is running. There will also be a break at lunchtime for people to walk the course before the later classes.

**Entries online via Equo Events**

Late entries are at the secretaries discretion, and will be liable for an additional £5 late entry fee.

**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.

**THIS EVENT WILL BE RUN UNDER CURRENT PONY CLUB RULES.**

Anyone riding a horse/pony at the event must wear protective headgear which complies with current Pony Club standards and which must be correctly fastened at all times, with chinstraps fitted tightly. Hats must be replaced if dropped and chinstraps re-fastened immediately should they come undone. Correct dress and footwear must be worn. All hats must be tagged with the current PC standard tag. A copy of the current standards can be downloaded from the event on Equo or the PC website. Hat tagging will be available at the Secretaries tent, there will be a £1 charge.

**Please note that recording devices must not be attached to hats, as they may affect the safety of the hat. This includes use on the head, chest, bridle or any other part of the horse or rider.**

- 1) BACK PROTECTORS ARE COMPULSORY. Body protectors must meet current Pony Club standards.
- 2) All horses/ponies must be four years old or over. Horses/ponies may not compete more than once in a class. No horse or pony may enter more than three classes.
- 3) 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.

- 4) 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.
- 5) The organisers reserve the right to alter or vary the schedule, or to decline any entry.
- 6) All dogs must be on a lead at all times, please clean up after your dog. Dogs must not be left unattended in any vehicles. Dogs are now allowed on the course when the course is open.
- 7) Should the event be cancelled entries will be refunded less administration charge of £5.00, or held in credit for an alternative event.
- 8) 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.
- 9) After three refusals at any one fence competitors may continue but must go on to the next fence, making way for any riders coming up behind. Competitors retiring from the competition should leave the course at walk and follow the directions of the fence judges to avoid impeding other competitors.
- 10) 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).
- 11) EXHAUSTED HORSES Nominated Stewards will be appointed to stop unfit or exhausted horses from continuing.
- 12) 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.
- 13) 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.

### **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.

**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.

### **ORGANISER'S 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.

## HORSEWARE NATIONAL HUNTER TRIAL SERIES

Horseware are sponsoring a series of Hunter Trials Qualifiers all over the country throughout the year which will culminate in The **Horseware National Final** to be held at Eland Lodge, Derbyshire.

**Qualifying classes at this competition will be: 70cm, 80cm, and 80cm Pairs**

In order to qualify riders need to be placed 1st to 3rd in their class **having obtained a clear round.**

Retraining of Racehorses (RoR) are very kindly supporting the series. Anyone riding an RoR registered horse in the Championships can win £100 as highest placed RoR. This is in the 80cm, 80cm pairs (both horses must be RoR registered), 90cm and 1m.

Horseware and Eland Lodge hope that this Series will appeal to riders of all levels and would like to give them the chance to ride in a Championship event.

The Horseware Hunter Trial series has its own facebook page:- <https://www.facebook.com/huntertrials>

If you would like to see examples of fences at Eland Lodge, visit <http://www.elandlodge.com/cross-country-facilities/>

## Hunter Trials - How They are Scored and Judged.

### 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.

### Warm up Area

Please be aware that numbers of competitors in the warm up area will be limited. You will be called from the warm up arena to the start by the starting steward. We will run in published number order.

### 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, pair or team with the time nearest the optimum time 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** – The water is 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 Classes** – The water can be missed out, 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 out.

**Pick & Mix Individual Class** – There are two classes within the Pick & Mix individuals, 5A – water fully included, and 5B – water not included.

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

**Pairs & Team 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 on 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)

Basically 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 across all the jumps, if you have a third then you are disqualified. Note if you miss out a jump you will be disqualified.

### **How do I get disqualified?**

- 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

### **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

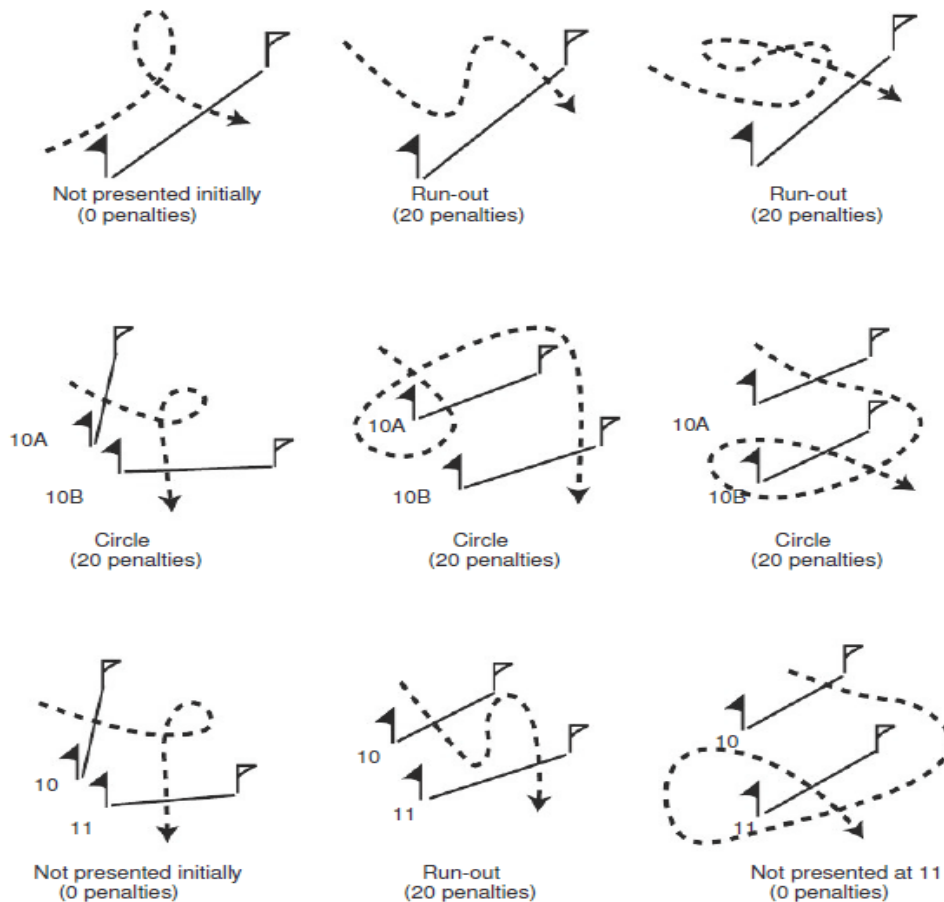
A horse is considered to have run out if having been presented at an obstacle it avoids that obstacle in such a way that it has to be re-presented.



## 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 penalised 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 in open country and 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'!!

## Team Classes

- Each team shall consist of a three horses and riders and all three horses and riders shall complete the course successfully for that team to finish.
- If all three members of the team have not completed the course within 5 minutes of the team starting, the team will be eliminated.
- The order of the team riders can change throughout the course.
- Any team that is deemed to be unsafe at any point will be eliminated, and not allowed to continue, this includes jumping at an unsafe distance between riders.

- All three team members must wear number bibs and medical armbands.

### **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 individual / pairs / teams 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 divided the individuals into a class with water and a class without water, so you can choose which suits you and your horse.