

## Show Description

The competition will be held on Sunday 26 July in the Main Ring. A decision as to whether we will run in heats or not will be made once entries close on 10 July.

Course Builder: Mr Simon Grundy (Chief Course Steward) & Team

Relay Prizes: To winning Team and runner up.

- Countryside Alliance goody bag.

### RULES - TEAM QUALIFICATION

1. Teams of three, all mounted. All must hunt regularly with the Hunt they represent and be Masters, Subscribers or Hunt Staff of that Hunt. The Team must run in the following order and must include:

- One Junior Subscriber (aged 12 -17 years of age).

**Note:** Each team member may represent only one qualification. All team members (other than the Junior) to be 18 years of age and over. Junior member not to be under 12 on 1 June 2026.

2. Teams must have a manager who is not one of the three riding members.

3. Team Managers will be required to attend a briefing earlier on the day of the competition and to accompany their team in the ring while they compete.

4. Two teams per Hunt may be entered, however, the second team may be balloted out, depending on the overall number of entries received.

5. Heats: (decision on whether we run with heats or timed knockout will be made once entries close) Pairs of teams will be drawn on the day. The two fastest teams, after penalties are considered, will go forward to the final.

6. Final: Pairs of teams will be drawn on the day. The two heat winners will compete for the 1st and 2nd places. Those placed second in the heats will then compete for the 3rd and 4th places.

7. Application for substitution of a rider or horse will only be allowed if accompanied by a medical or veterinary certificate or with the permission of the Departmental Steward.

8. Teams to be correctly dressed for a day's hunting. Safety headgear must be put on and only one hunting whip carried per team.

**Note:** For this competition the correct dress for Juniors will be either tweed jacket, tie or coloured stock, jodhpur boots and relevant headgear or navy or black jacket with white or cream stock, jodhpur boots or long boots and relevant headgear.

9. The fences will be of Working Hunter type and obstacles are likely to include water (to be walked through) and a bullfinch. The two courses will be identical and set side by side. Choice of course will be decided between the two teams by the toss of a coin.

10. Competitors must be responsible, and it is their responsibility to ensure that there is no outside assistance at any time during the competition.

**Note:** NO-ONE IS TO TOUCH THE HORSE EITHER TO CALM OR ASSIST.

Team members must go in order as stated in Rule 1. A hunting whip (the lash may be tied up), must be used as the baton and passed from one team member to the next. If a competitor from the team jumps the last obstacle and then passes the whip to the next competitor, who drops the whip, the competitor who is handing it over may dismount, pick up the whip and may, from the ground, give it to the next competitor. If the whip is dropped during the round, the competitor must dismount, pick up the whip and remount before continuing the round. At the Judge's discretion a team member that has three refusals at any one fence or after a fall must be rescued by the next team member (rescue rider) who completes the round and then does his own round, and the whip may be handed up from the ground at this time.

Knock downs will incur time penalties of five seconds for each knock down. Failure to pass the whip will incur elimination.

Any team which is eliminated cannot compete again in the competition.

11. Participants must not at any time put the good name of hunting and the entertainment value of the event at risk by riding in a thoughtless manner. Acts of indiscipline (including late arrival at the briefing) by a team, team member or team manager may result in disqualification.

12. All teams must declare their intention to compete. Declarations must be made by a team member no later than 12 noon on the day.

It would be of great help if the commentator's notes could be filled in as completely as possible with details of the Hunt and members of the team.

Any changes to information given on the entry form in relation to actual team members or horses must be handed in, in writing, at the time of declaration, or preferably notified prior to the show date to Gail Taylor:

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