



# AVON VALE HUNT PONY CLUB EVENTER'S CHALLENGE

at

WEST WILTS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, HOLT, WILTSHIRE, BA14 6QT

on

**THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

Open to all members of any Pony Club branch

**TO BE RUN UNDER COVID 19 GUIDELINES**  
SOCIAL DISTANCING must be adhered to  
**PLEASE READ COVID INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!**  
Passports & Up to Date Vaccinations for Equines.

## CLASSES

**CLASS 1** : 60 – 65cms. Riders to be 12 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

**CLASS 2** : 70 – 75 cms. Riders any age

**CLASS 3** : 80 - 85 cms. Riders any age

**CLASS 4** : 90 – 95 cms. Riders any age

**CLASS 5** : 1m – 1.05m. Riders any age

**ENTRY FEES** £15.00 per individual. All entries are subject to a non-refundable booking fee which will be stated online on a per class basis.

Entries will be strictly limited and will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Once a class is full that class will be closed. Entries on line, please follow this link [www.horse-events.co.uk](http://www.horse-events.co.uk)

This competition will be run in the outdoor arena.

No refunds after closing date. Please read the Rules and Regulations on next page!

**ENTRIES CLOSE** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April unless classes already full. **No entries, changes or substitutions on the day.**

**Entries Secretary:** Rachel Riley. Email [rachel@eventingsec.co.uk](mailto:rachel@eventingsec.co.uk) -PREFERRED  
METHOD OF COMMUNICATION! Tel: 07919 336259 (No calls after 20.00hrs please!!)

**Dogs are best left at home & are not allowed in the indoor school in any event**

**START TIMES** will be available on the Avon Vale Pony Club website:  
[www.pcuk.org/avonvale](http://www.pcuk.org/avonvale) on Monday 12th April.

### **ROSETTES**

Team rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> in all classes

Individual rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> in all classes.

Rosette for Best AVHPC member in each class.

Rosettes will be posted to DC's after the competition

Results will be uploaded throughout the day to AVHPC website.

There will be no prize giving.

## **Covid-19 Regulations**

1. Anyone feeling unwell must **NOT** attend
2. Everyone on site must adhere to Government guidance
3. Social distancing must be maintained AT ALL TIMES,.
4. Park 5m away from the next vehicle. Follow instruction from car park attendants.
5. **Please print 3 Numbers – 2 for your bib, 1 to display in the windscreen.**
6. **Each horse & rider combination may have only ONE supporter which may be a parent/driver/ groom. So, 2 horses and 1 rider means 2 supporters. The supporter(s) must be named on the Entry Form and checks will be made at the Lorry Park entrance. NO additional spectators are permitted. Children must not be left unattended at any time. ANY unregistered people will be turned away.**
7. Warm-up arena will be stewarded and a maximum of 5 competitors (those due in jumping order) allowed at any time.
8. **SAFETY TACK INSPECTION** – due to Covid-19 there will not be a tack inspection but competitors (or the accompanying adult) are responsible for the safety of their equipment and compliance to Pony Club rules.
9. Face masks are mandatory for all whilst indoors. Social Distancing must be observed at all times.
10. No prize giving or result sheets. Provisional results will be posted online 30 minutes after the end of the class. Rosettes will be sent to DC's for distribution.

## **ARRIVE / COMPETE / LEAVE**

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. The competition starts with a course of show jumps, not timed; followed by a course of simulated X-C jumps, run to an optimum time.
2. The aim of the competition is to achieve a clear round, with X-C as close to the optimum time as possible. Some X-C fences may have a knock down top rail.
3. Penalties:
  - a) knock down = 4 penalties;
  - b) 1<sup>st</sup> disobedience = 4 penalties;
  - c) 2<sup>nd</sup> = 8 penalties;
  - d) 3<sup>rd</sup> (cumulative over both phases) = elimination;
  - e) fall of rider / horse, error of course, re-taking an obstacle already jumped, exceeding twice the optimum time = elimination;
  - f) every commenced second in excess of optimum time (X-C phase) = 1 penalty.
4. The winner will be the individual/team with the fewest total penalties.
5. In the event of a tie, cumulative qualifying times closest to the optimum time will take precedence.
6. A rider or horse may only compete once in a team ie. a team must consist of 3 or 4 different riders/horses. A rider may compete more than once in a class on a different horse unless that class is oversubscribed when competitors will be limited to one ride in any one class. A horse/ pony may only compete once per class. Anyone entered in Class 1 may NOT compete in Class 5 – this applies to both horses and riders.
7. In all Pony Club Show Jumping, excessive use of the whip, including repeated slapping down the shoulder, is prohibited. The rules state that the whip may be used a **maximum of three times** during any round. Use of the whip will be monitored and excessive use may result in elimination at the discretion of the judges.
8. All team members are automatically eligible for individual placings. Teams should be made up of members of the same branch.
9. Cross-country dress should be worn for all classes. The standards for hats, dress and body protectors are laid down in The Pony Club Eventing Rules 2020
10. Body Protectors are compulsory for all classes. All competitors must have their hats tagged.
11. Objections must be made via email ([rachel@eventingsec.co.uk](mailto:rachel@eventingsec.co.uk)) within 30 minutes of publication of provisional results.
12. The organiser may, at their discretion, alter the schedule/rules as required.

### **LEGAL LIABILITY**

- 1) Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of this event or The Pony Club nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord or his tenant, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any other personal property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever. Entries are only accepted on this basis.

- 2) The organisers of this event have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present at this event. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents. They must obey the instructions of the organisers and all officials and stewards.
- 3) All non Pony Club competitors are not covered by The Pony Club insurance and must have their own third party cover. The Avon Vale Hunt Branch of The Pony Club and the organisers of this event are not legally responsible for non Members and their insurance will not cover you.