



# Open Eventer Challenge

Show Jumping and Cross Country on the all-weather arena including water, banks and ditches.

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## The Competition and Rules

1. This competition will take place on the all-weather arena including permanent banks, ditches and water complex. There will be a section of show jumps leading to a course of portable and fixed cross country fences. The competitors will go straight from the show jumping into the cross country phase and all classes will be judged against an optimum time for the XC phase only. No stop watches are allowed. The SJ phase is judged under SJ Rules (but without time) and the XC phase is judged under XC rules (with an optimum time). In the event of equality, the winner will be the competitor with the best jumping result and then the nearest to the Optimum Time.
2. Penalties will be as follows:

Knockdown of SJ fences	4 penalties
1st Refusal	4 penalties
2nd Refusal	8 penalties
3rd Refusal	Elimination
Fall of rider or horse	8 penalties
Starting before the bell /Retaking an obstacle already jumped/ Error of course	Elimination
Every commenced second over or under the 15-second penalty free window, as per eventing.	0.4 penalties
Exceeding time limit (time allowed is twice the optimum time)	Elimination

3. Horses/ponies must be 5 years of age or older.
4. Minimum age: riders must be in the year of their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.
5. The judges' decision is final and they may disqualify any rider at any stage in the competition for dangerous riding, inappropriate behaviour, misuse of whips or spurs, ill treatment of the horse or if in their opinion the horse is lame, sick or exhausted.
6. The organiser reserves the right to alter the schedule, refuse any entry, eliminate any competitor not adhering to the rules, alter the course before or during the competition, alter the advertised times and to cancel any class.
7. Correct riding attire must be worn at all times. Riders MUST dress in either full Cross Country colours or Show Jumping attire and wear skull caps and body protectors to the current British Safety Standard (hats with a fixed peak are not permitted), as per British Eventing rules. Competitors who do not conform to this rule will not be allowed to start and may be eliminated.
8. **Numbers – it is the responsibility of competitors to provide their own number bibs for paper numbers.**
9. All competitors take part at their own risk and are expected to exercise due care at all times and obey all notices placed for their control.
10. Practice jumps must be approached from the direction indicated (red flag on right). Maximum of 6 horses will be permitted in the collecting ring at any one time.
11. Objections must be made in writing to the Secretary's Office with a £10 deposit and within 15 minutes of the incident. The deposit will be refunded if the objection is sustained.
12. Horses may compete in no more than two classes.
13. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Entry fee: £35 per class</b> <small>(medical cover included in the entry fee)</small>  <b>ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY</b>  <b>Rosettes to 10<sup>th</sup> place</b> <b>Prizes in kind for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> places</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>75cm</b> (optimum time for XC phase only - speed 350mpm)
<b>2</b>	<b>85cm</b> (optimum time for XC phase only - speed 350mpm)
<b>3</b>	<b>95cm</b> (optimum time for XC phase only - speed 375mpm)

### Entries and Times

1. Entries close at 9am on the Tuesday prior to competition or earlier if full.
2. Entries will be limited and will be on a first come, first served basis and will close when full. Late entries may be accepted if space permits but will incur a £3 surcharge. No entries will be accepted on the day of the competition.
3. Any alterations to entries will incur a £6 admin fee.
4. In the event of cancellation or abandonment 75% of the entry fee will be refunded.
5. Withdrawals made prior to closing date will receive a refund of the entry with a £6 admin fee deducted.
6. No refunds will be given after close of entries.
7. Please refer to full T&Cs on our website [www.pontispool.com](http://www.pontispool.com).
8. Times will be published on the website [www.pontispool.com](http://www.pontispool.com) from 3 pm on the Thursday prior to the competition or telephone the office on 01823 461196 between 10 am and 12 noon on the Friday prior to competition.

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