



# West Country Challenge

INTER TEAM RELAY  
&  
GATE JUMPING

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In the Wychanger Arena

In support of The Injured Jockeys Fund and Air Ambulance

Prize money and prizes in kind

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

ENTRIES CLOSE 2pm Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

BAR / TRADE STANDS / CATERING

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## **Inter Team Relay Competition and Rules**

**Teams of three to compete against the clock over a course of approximately 12 working hunter and cross country fences, including water, banks and ditches.**

**Class 1 Novice: 80cm**

**Class 4 Open: 1.00m**

**Special Prizes:** Hunt Team, RoR, Pony Club, Riding Club

**Entry Fee: £50**

1. Teams of 3 riders
2. There will be a whip exchange between riders to take place in a designated area
3. The whip must be held for the duration of the course. If it is dropped it must be picked up by the person who dropped it.
4. To be run against the clock with the fastest team, after time penalties are added, to win the inaugural Pontispool Trophy.
5. Time starts when first rider leaves the start box and finishes when third rider crosses the finishing line
6. No penalties for refusals, however, three refusals on the course will eliminate that competitor
7. If a team member fails to complete the course due to retirement or elimination the next team member must complete that round from the point of elimination/retirement and then continue to jump their own round. A 10 second penalty will be incurred.
8. In the event of a serious accident to either horse or rider the clock will be stopped and when the course is clear the team may continue as in para 7 above.
9. The same horse/rider combination may compete in one inter team class only
10. A fence which is knocked down will incur a 5 second penalty
11. If a competitor refuses at a fence and knocks it down the bell will ring and the clock will be stopped whilst the fence is rebuilt. On the second bell the clock will restart and the competitor may continue their round
12. The Joker fence will incur a 10 second penalty if knocked down and a 10 second deduction if cleared.
13. There will be alternative fences with slower routes at the joker and ditch (marked with a black cross flag)
14. A drawn order and times will be published on the website on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

## **Charity Gate Jumping**

Donation to the Injured Jockeys Fund and the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Trust.

**Individuals to jump a single gate in the arena which will be raised after each round. The competitor clearing the highest will win.**

**Heights start at:**

**Class 2 Restricted: 70 cm** (horses must not have competed at an affiliated event at 1m or above)

**Trophy to the winner**

**Class 3 Open: 95cm. £100 to the winner**

**Entry Fee: £8**

1. There will be a drawn order
2. After the first round a competitor may defer their next jump to a higher height
3. A refusal will incur elimination
4. A fall of horse and/or rider will incur elimination

## General Rules and Conditions

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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). Competitors who do not conform to this rule will not be allowed to start and may be eliminated.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

## Entries and Times

1. Entries close at 2 pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.
2. Inter Team Relay: Enter your team name in advance then horses and riders must be declared on the day – you will need to complete a form at the Secretary on arrival.
3. Entries will be limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Late entries may be accepted if space permits but will incur a £10 surcharge for teams or a £3 surcharge for gate jumping. No entries will be accepted on the day of the competition.
4. Should we be over-subscribed there will be a ballot.
5. In the event of cancellation or abandonment 75% of the entry fee will be refunded.
6. No refunds will be given after close of entries.
7. Times will be published on the website [www.pontispool.com](http://www.pontispool.com) from 3 pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October or telephone the office on 01823 461196 between 10 am and 12 noon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

## INTER TEAM RELAY ~ 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

CLASS:	TEAM NAME:	CHEF D'EQUIPE:	ENTRY FEE:

ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL PRIZES:    Hunt Team        RoR        Pony Club        Riding Club   

## GATE JUMPING ~ 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

CLASS:	HORSE:	RIDER:	AGE (if under 18)	ENTRY FEE:

Name: ..... Date: .....

Address: ..... Postcode: .....

Telephone: ..... E-mail: .....

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: .....

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: .....

TOTAL: £ ..... (Online entries preferred. Entries also accepted with Debit/Credit card payment (please note that credit cards incur a 2.5% bank charge) by telephoning the office 01823 461 196 between 9.30am and 2.30pmor cheques payable to 'Pontispool Ltd'.)

I have read and understood the Terms & Conditions published on the Pontispool website ([www.pontispool.com](http://www.pontispool.com)) and agree to abide by them.

SIGNED .....

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