

**WITTERING ACADEMY RIDING CLUB**  
**UNAFFILIATED 'LE TREC' COMPETITION**  
**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010**

AT

GRANGE FARM EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, WITTERING, NEAR STAMFORD

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'Le Trec' is an all-round competition devised in France, incorporating three main sections – the Cross Country Trials Course (PTV), the Control of Gaits (CG) and Optimum Speed and Orienteering (POR), the last not being included in this competition.

Our competition is inspired and guided by the BHS Trec Rulebook (4<sup>th</sup> edition), however it is not run to such high standards and seeks to introduce riders to the whole concept and encourage them to try out and enjoy a new and fast growing competition designed to test the skills of horse and rider as they ride through the countryside. It is therefore suitable for any horse or pony and any rider.

**Class 1. Novice** – Competitors not to have competed in more than two TREC competitions – please be honest!

**Class 2. Open** – Open to competitors who have competed in more than two TREC competitions. (It may be possible to have a 'Junior' section if sufficient entries.)

- **Entry fees:** If pre-entered: £12 Wittering Academy members, £16 others. Entries may be taken on the day if space permits at £2 extra per entry. Send c/o Anne Davies, Wittering Academy Le Trec Comp, Grange Farm Equestrian Centre, Wittering Grange, Wansford, Cambs, PE8 6NR
- **Additional £5 deposit for number bibs required.**
- **Pre-entries close: 7th August.** Pre-entry strongly recommended but no refunds after close of entry under any circumstances.
- **Prizes: Rosettes to sixth place.**
- **Ring for times:** Anne Davies on Thursday, 12th August 7:30–9:00pm only 07841 412 852  
**Uncollected times will be allocated to competitors on the waiting list**

**WARC ENTRY FORM: 'LE TREC' SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010. GRANGE FARM, WITTERING**

CLASS	HORSE	RIDER	FEE
<b>DEPOSIT FOR BIB:</b>			
<b>TOTAL:</b>			

**TEL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Phase 1: Control of paces.** Competitors are required to canter as slowly as possible along a 2–4metre wide corridor and to walk back along the corridor as quickly as possible, without breaking pace or leaving the corridor. The length of the corridor will either be the full 150metres as per the Rulebook or only 75metres (depending on the availability of flat ground) and the time taken, doubled. **Scoring:** 60 points. Coming off the track or losing the gait will lose points, and a fall will result in 0 points.

**Phase 2: PTV (Cross-country obstacles).** Competitors are required to negotiate a course of up to 16 obstacles such as would be met out hacking, e.g. riding up and down hills, low branches, rein back, bending, water, gates, leading a horse up/down banks and over ditch, immobility of horse when not held etc. Most elements will be negotiated mounted, but some will involve leading the horse – these will be positioned towards the end of the course and one after the other to avoid constant getting on and off.

Each obstacle is **marked out of 10** according to BHS guidance which includes **Effectiveness** – how the element was negotiated, whether gait was maintained etc (**max 7 points**) and **Style** – the way of going, smoothness and control (**max 3 points**). Penalty points will be deducted for inconsiderate riding, not completing an obstacle once started, and mistakes made including stirrups not secured when horse being led. Each element should be attempted if possible, however opting to omit an obstacle does not incur elimination but the rider will not receive any points for that element. If a rider chooses not to attempt a numbered obstacle he/she must indicate this to the judge before continuing (a cheery wave and “I’m giving this one a miss!”).

A maximum of 30 penalties will be given for exceeding time limit. A fall incurs 0 points for Effectiveness.

### **Clothing and Tack**

Competitors are expected to wear clothing that is suitable and practical for riding out in the countryside. Suitable footwear and hard hats with chinstrap to current EU standards must be worn. Horses must wear tack suited to them. Any sort of bit/ bitless bridle may be used. No standing martingales/fixed reins. Whips must not exceed 75cms in length, spurs if worn must not exceed 3.5cms and must be rounded. There is no requirement for headcollar & rope under bridle.

***TREC requires many judges and lots of helpers. If you are bringing family or friends why not suggest they help out whilst you ride. No experience necessary as a full briefing will be given. Please contact Amy Hayward for further information on 07912 210561***

### **Optional Guided Course Walk:**

4pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August. This is recommended for competitors new to ‘Le Trec’.

Queries to Anne Davies on **07841 412 852**

The BHS Trec rule book priced at £5.00 including p&p is available from the BHS Bookshop, Stoneleigh Deer Park, Kenilworth, Warks, CV8 2XZ, Tel: 0870 1202244 or on the website [www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk)

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