



Wittering Academy
Riding Club

Achieve your equestrian dreams-one hoof at a time

3-Phase Trec Fun Competition

Sunday 8th October 2017

To be held at
Grange Farm Equestrian Centre
Wittering, Wansford, Nr Peterborough

By kind permission of Di and Robin Dunlop

Aimed at those riders who have been competing in Arena Trec competitions and would like to experience the third, orienteering phase (POR) of a full trec competition in a supportive atmosphere. Suitable for riders who have no trec experience. The PTV (obstacles) and MA (control of paces) will be held on the Jumpcross course, followed by a short orienteering phase around the farm tracks. There will be a maximum of two jumping obstacles which you may leave out without being disqualified. The competition will be run under TrecGB rules with all the components of an affiliated event but there will be support for those who need it. The aim is to have a fun day and learn a bit more about how an affiliated Summer Trec event is run.

Entries will be limited and therefore initially restricted to WARC/Grange Farm livery clients, with the exception of the Pairs class where one rider may be a non-member. Anyone wishing to take part but not a member, please contact me by email (kmbarker54@gmail.com) and I will let you know by the closing date if there is a space for you to compete.

Any other enquiries, please use the above email for preference or phone 01406 380949 between 7pm and 9pm only.

Please send entries to Karen Barker, Ash Tree Nursery, 72 Barrier Bank, Cowbit, Spalding, PE12 6AQ **to arrive by 3rd October** or place in the WARC box by the same date.

Classes:

Class 1 Pairs

Both riders do the MA and PTV as individuals but ride the orienteering together. The scores for the MA and PTV of both members are added together and then added to the orienteering score.

Maximum height of jumping obstacles 60cm.

POR route length up to 10km.

Class 2 Individual

All three phases are ridden as an individual.

Maximum height of jumping obstacles 60cm.

POR route length up to 10km.

Riders who are under the age of 14 must ride in the pairs class with a partner who is over 18 on the day of the competition.

Rosettes to 6th place in each class.

Entry fees: WARC members £20 per rider, non-members £25 per rider

As with all our events, we need lots of helpers (a minimum of 12 for the morning and 6 for the afternoon). No experience necessary – we will provide you with all the information you need. Please let me know if you, or someone coming with you, are able to help in any way.

Entries close on Tuesday 3rd October. Any unfilled slots will then be allocated, on a first-come basis, to any non-member wishing to take part.

Late entries will not be accepted. Withdrawals before the closing date will be given a full refund. Times will be emailed to all competitors by Friday 6th October and will be posted on the WARC website/facebook page.

A guided PTV course walk will be available on Saturday 7th October at 4pm.

The course will be displayed in the Jumpcross shed for those who wish to walk it later in the evening or before 10am Sunday morning. You will not be able to walk the course once the competition starts.

The competition

Take your hat and body protector to the secretary to be checked (located in the Jumpcross hut). You will then be given your number. You will already have been given your times for each phase – make sure you allow plenty of time as you may be penalised for being late.

Phase 1 : MA (Control of paces)

Canter as slowly as possible without breaking gait along a 2m wide corridor up to 150 m long

Walk as quickly as possible without breaking gait along the same corridor.

A change of gait, a fall or coming outside the corridor results in a zero score for that gait. A maximum of 60 can be scored (30 for canter, 30 for walk)

Phase 2: PTV (Obstacle course)

You will be started on the obstacle course (PTV) immediately after the MA.

The course will be timed (the time allowed will be displayed) and there will be 16 obstacles to negotiate, 10 points available for each. If you are new to trec please have a look on www.trecgb.com/Rulebook and study how each obstacle is scored. Any obstacles you don't wish to attempt, ride up to the judge, cease forward motion and declare your intentions.

You will score zero for that obstacle but will not be eliminated. **(Failure to stop and inform the judge counts as an error of course and will result in elimination from the phase.)**

Penalty points for exceeding the time allowed will be deducted from the total PTV score (-5 for up to a minute over, -15 for 61 secs to 2mins over, -30 for 121 secs or more over).

When all competitors have completed the first two phases there will be a break to clear all obstacles from the Jumpcross course before phase 3 starts. Please help with this if you can.

Phase 3: POR (Orienteering)

This is the orienteering phase. You will be given a time to present to the tack checker. You need to have certain equipment with you and will not be allowed to start if any of the compulsory items are missing in an affiliated competition. As this is a fun competition and designed as an introduction, pairs may have 1 of each of the items marked with * between them. If any of these items are missing, a penalty of 20 points will be given per item. The rest of the items on the list remain compulsory. (There is no need to spend a lot of money, most items can be borrowed or improvised.)

Compulsory equipment

Approved hard hat (current RC standards)

Body protector – Beta 3 (to be worn for the MA/PTV phases)

Headcollar and lead rope or combination bridle

Medical armband with emergency numbers for the event (which must be worn for all three phases)

Horse ID (attached to horse) with rider details and emergency numbers

*Basic first aid kit for horse and rider. (Rider's kit must be carried by the rider, not in saddlebags.)

*Small torch (head torch is ideal – check it is working).

High vis clothing

*Whistle (to be carried by rider).

Additional equipment

(Failure to carry these incurs 2 penalty points for each item missing).

Compass

Hoof pick

Pens for map marking (ideally 2 – 1 fluorescent orange or pink with a fine nib and a black or blue for making notes).

Waterproofs (a jacket is sufficient)

Mobile phone (to be carried by rider)

Other useful equipment – map case or similar to keep your map dry, snack/drink, digital watch, something to carry your equipment in (saddlebags, bumbag, gilet with pockets or a small back pack).

After the tack check, you will be invited into the map room and will be given a time in which to copy the route for the POR from the master map onto your own copy. Try to arrange for someone to hold your horse while you are doing this. Once your time is up the clock starts and you need to get mounted and away on your route as quickly as possible. You will be given the optimum speed for the first section of your route and a record card on which to record tickets or to hand into check point judges. (The map room is considered to be Check point 1.) Out on the course you may see ‘tickets’, an example of which will be on display in the map room. Tickets indicate the route you are taking – some are good tickets and some are bad. Write down on your card any tickets you find that you believe to be ‘good’ tickets in the order you find them. You lose marks for any good tickets missed or bad tickets found. There may be manned checkpoints on your route. Hand your record card into the check point judge to record your time and you will be told what speed the next section should be ridden and what time you will leave the checkpoint (usually 5 to 10 minutes from arriving). At the final checkpoint your record card will be kept by the judge.

The POR phase has a maximum score of 240 points. Points are deducted for being too slow or too fast, for finding bad tickets or not finding good tickets, for arriving at a checkpoint from the wrong route, for missing a checkpoint or for losing a shoe (shod horses). If unable to replace a lost shoe with a hoof boot, the rider is eliminated from the POR phase.

For this competition the POR will be along farm tracks and will be shorter than the normal length for a Level 1 competition but will otherwise be the same format as an affiliated competition.

Once all competitors have completed the scores will be calculated and rosettes presented. Please be patient! The scoring is quite complicated. If you need to get home, bring an A5 SAE so your score sheet (and perhaps rosette!) can be sent to you.

Finally, don't forget to thank the lovely volunteers who have helped out at the competition. Without them we can't run events like these, so if you are planning to take part and have friends, family or anyone who might be able to help out please let Karen know.

Rules

- Horses must be a minimum of 4 years.
- Parents/guardians of children under 14 years must sign the consent form and be present during the competition.
- Horses must wear the same tack for all three phases. No standing martingales or fixed reins unless agreed to by the organiser.
- Horses may compete shod or unshod. The status of shoeing will be recorded on the POR card and any shoe lost during the POR must be replaced with a hoof boot or the combination is eliminated from that phase.
- For led PTV obstacles, the horse must be led by a headcollar and rope (if wearing a martingale) or with the reins over the head.
- Whips not to exceed 75cm in length. Spurs must be rounded and not exceed 3cm in length and point downwards.
- Please keep your mobile switched on in case we need to contact you.
- For the POR phase riders must wear high-vis clothing.
- Medical armbands must be worn for all three phases and no fixed peak hats are permitted for the PTV (a condition of being on the Jumpcross course).
- The organiser's decision is final and directions from judges/officials must be adhered to at all times.
- Competitors may be eliminated for the following reasons:
Excessive use of whip, abusive language, dangerous riding, uncorrected error of course on the PTV.

Health and Safety

The event manager/organisers have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of officials and stewards on the day. Trained First Aiders will be present at the event and should be summoned through an official in the event of an accident. Please take care to protect valuable tack and possessions. Young children and dogs must be supervised at all times (dogs on a short lead please). Please clean up after dogs and horses. Neither the event manager nor the land owners can accept responsibility for loss or injury to persons or animals however caused.



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ENTRY FORM (PLEASE COMPLETE ONE PER RIDER)

Class entered:

Rider name:

Name of Pairs partner if applicable:

I am a member/non-member of Wittering Academy RC (please circle)

Address:.....

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Tel: Mobile:

Emergency contact (name and number):

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Email (please print clearly):

If not a BRC/BHS (gold)/TrecGB member: I have 3rd Party Liability Insurance and will have evidence of this with me on the day of the competition.

Horse name: Height:

I enclose a cheque made payable to Wittering Academy RC for £.....

**I have read, understood and agree to abide by the rules for the competition.
For competitors under the age of 16, a parent or guardian must sign.**

Rider:

PLEASE SEND your entry and payment to arrive no later than Tuesday 3rd October 2017. Any spaces after that date will be allocated to non-members so no late entries from WARC members accepted. Full refunds will be given before the closing date.