



**Wittering Academy**  
Riding Club

*Achieve your equestrian dreams – one hoof at a time*

# **UNAFFILIATED TWO-PHASE ARENA TREC COMPETITION**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Wittering Academy Riding Club, Grange Farm Equestrian Centre, Wittering  
Grange, Wansford, Peterborough, PE8 6NR  
10am onwards**

By kind permission of Di and Robin Dunlop

**Entries must be received by **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018** and will be limited – please enter early! (If full, a waiting list will be kept) **There are no entries on the day.****

**Entries to:** Karen Barker, Ash Tree Nursery, 72 Barrier Bank, Cowbit, Spalding, PE12 6AQ  
**General Enquiries tel:** Karen Barker 01406 380949 (evenings) or  
**email:** [kmbarker54@gmail.com](mailto:kmbarker54@gmail.com)

For more information on TREC visit [www.trecgb.com](http://www.trecgb.com)

The competition will consist of the MA (control of paces) and the PTV (obstacle) phases undertaken in a large outdoor arena. There will be a maximum of two small jumps in each class which can be omitted without being eliminated for those who prefer not to jump. In the event of adverse weather conditions please phone/email on the Saturday evening (3<sup>rd</sup> March) by 9pm, when a decision will be made.

## **CLASSES:**

Classes will be slightly different this year.

- 1. INTERMEDIATE/OPEN.** Open to any horse/rider combination. Max height of jumped obstacles will be 70 cm.
- 2. JOKER CLASS.** Four obstacles will be classed as Jokers and your scores for those obstacles will be doubled. Joker obstacles will be announced on the day. Max height of jumped obstacles 60cm.
- 3. NEWCOMERS ELITE.** Open to any rider/horse combinations that have not been placed 1<sup>st</sup> in an Intermediate or Open class at Winter Trec prior to October 2017.
- 4. PAIRS.** Open to any rider/horse combinations. A rider may compete twice in this class with a different partner. Max. height of jumped obstacles 60cm.
- 5. IN-HAND.** Horses must be 2 years or older. Open to all combinations. The MA phase will consist of walk and trot along a 25m corridor followed by 10 obstacles. Any jumped obstacles will be 30cm or less. Saddles are optional and horses can be led in a bridle or headcollar. Hard hats must be worn and a schooling whip may be carried.
- 6. IN-HAND ELITE.** Same requirements as Class 5 but restricted to horses that are only competing in-hand. A different course to Class 5.
- 7. NOVICE RIDER.** Open to **RIDERS** who have not been placed 1<sup>st</sup> in two or more trec competition classes (ridden) at **any** level prior to October 2017. Max height of jumped obstacles 60cm.
- 8. NOVICE HORSE.** Open to **HORSES** that have not been placed 1<sup>st</sup> in two or more trec competitions (ridden) at **any** level prior to October 2017. Max height of jumped obstacles 60cm.

The Winter League **will be for Wittering Academy Riding Club Members only.** Your best three scores will count over the Winter (10 points for a win, 9 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and so on) for all classes except Pairs and the Joker class. If there is an equality of points, the actual scores achieved will be taken into account. Winners will be presented with a championship rosette and voucher. (If there are more than 5 Juniors competing, a separate Junior league will run.)

## **Entry fees:**

Pairs class: Wittering Academy RC members £6/rider  
Non-members £8/rider

All other classes:

£12 per class for Wittering Academy RC members

£15 per class for non-members

Cheques made payable to Wittering Academy Riding Club

## **ENTRIES ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE.**

(N.B. A horse or pony can only take part once in each class except in the pairs class where it may compete twice.)

## **Pairs rules:**

One rider to complete the first phase of Control of Paces (canter) and PTV obstacles 1 to 5.

Second rider to complete PTV obstacles 6 to 10 and the final phase of Control of Paces (walk).

Both riders will be in the arena at the same time.

The total PTV will be timed as normal – a whistle will be blown when half the time is up if the first rider has not finished obstacles 1 – 5. In this event, the following strategies can be used –

- Rider 1 completes their obstacles and rider 2 has less time
- Rider 1 completes the obstacle they are on, informs the judge they are not going on and rider 2 starts obstacle 6
- The decision is yours! The second rider must finish at the second whistle, when time is up.

The first rider must complete the final obstacle attempted before rider 2 can start.

The second rider may start as soon as rider 1 has completed their 5 obstacles (no need to wait for the half time whistle).

The pair will be given a start time – it is up to you who goes first.

Riders need to touch hands on the changeover.

## **COURSE WALK AND TIMES**

The course will be open for walking before the start of the first class and again at intervals throughout the day when the course is changed, exact times dependent on entries and will be published with the start times. A guided course walk may be available before the novice classes if time permits. Start times will be emailed to you by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Otherwise phone 01406 380949 between 8pm and 9pm only on the same date. Refunds for withdrawals after the closing date will be entirely at the discretion of the organisers. Please park in the marked parking area and clean up any droppings before leaving. All dogs must be kept on a lead – please clean up after them.

### **How do I take part?**

The competition is open to all. Complete the entry form and return with your cheque before the closing date or enter online using the quick link on the Wittering Academy RC website. **There are no entries on the day.** You will be given a start time – turn up in good time so that you have a chance to study the course and check details of how to tackle each obstacle. . You don't have to be a member of a riding club, BHS or TRECGB to take part, but you must have 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance and may be asked for evidence of this when you collect your number. (Current BHS/Affiliated Riding Club members are insured through the BHS.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NEW RIDING HAT GUIDELINES AND IN ORDER TO BE FULLY INSURED YOU MUST ENSURE YOUR HAT COMPLIES WITH THE NEW 2016 GUIDELINES.

More details – [http://www.bhs.org.uk/~/\\_/media/bhs/files/pdf-documents/brc/2016-brc-hat-tagging-guide-for-competitors.ashx?la=en](http://www.bhs.org.uk/~/_/media/bhs/files/pdf-documents/brc/2016-brc-hat-tagging-guide-for-competitors.ashx?la=en)

**There will be two parts to the competition:**

## **The MA Phase (previously referred to as the Control of Paces)**

You will canter as slowly as possible along a measured track of 50m.

You then walk the same track as fast as possible. The slower you canter and faster you walk, the more points you'll get. The maximum for the canter is 15 and likewise for the walk.

Note in this competition the order of phases for the individual classes will be slow canter, followed by fast walk followed by PTV. For the in-hand classes the corridor is reduced to 25m and trot replaces the canter phase.

## **PTV Obstacle Phase**

A simple course of ten straightforward obstacles, simulated to represent those you might meet out hacking, to test riding skills and the training and handiness of your horse or pony.

Suitable for ALL levels of rider and every kind of horse or pony, these might include:

a footbridge, bending poles, leading, a small jump, mounting, opening and closing a gate, rein-back, riding through a corridor of poles on the ground or an S-bend. The obstacles must be tackled in order within a time limit and all obstacles are optional. If the whistle blows, you have reached the time limit and must stop. You will be awarded points for all the obstacles you have managed to complete. You must make it clear to the obstacle judges if you plan to leave out an obstacle by riding to that judge and ceasing forward motion. Failure to do so results in elimination for the PTV phase. You get effectiveness points for completing each obstacle, plus points for style or gait, with a maximum of ten points on offer for each obstacle. Obstacle data sheets will be displayed which explain how to tackle each obstacle in order to score the most points. Circling between obstacles (i.e. crossing your track) is penalised except in In-hand classes. Support, if needed, will be given by the judges in Novice classes.

## **How are the placings decided?**

The winner of each class will be the rider or pair with the highest combined score from the PTV and the Walk/Canter phases. In the event of equality, the highest score from the PTV will take precedence. Rosettes will be presented up to 6<sup>th</sup> place in each class.

## **What do we wear?**

Safe and comfortable riding gear (there is no requirement for show jackets or plaiting up the horse), and your horse or pony's usual tack will be fine. Please read the rules

## **DIRECTIONS**

Grange Farm Equestrian Centre is best accessed from the A47. If travelling along the A1, come off at the A47 turning, heading west towards Leicester. Take the right-hand turning towards Wittering village and the next right into Grange Farm.

## **RULES**

Rules as per the current TREC GB Rulebook (now available on the TREC GB website), and general rules detailed below and elsewhere in this schedule.

1. Competition open to all horses and ponies providing that they are a minimum of four years old in 2017 (i.e. a horse born in 2013 may compete in TREC in 2017) except in the in-hand class which is open to any horse/pony over two years old.
2. Riders any age, juniors may ride horses and seniors may ride ponies.
3. No rider will be permitted to start any phase of the competition unless wearing a hard hat, which meets a standard currently recommended by the BHS and BRC. Please note, the EN1384 and BSEN 1384 have been removed from the approved list. Riders are advised not to purchase hats that comply with this standard only. Further details available at <http://www.bhs.org.uk/~media/bhs/files/pdf-documenys/brc/2016-brc-hat-tagging-guide-for-competitors.ashx?la=en>
4. As there are no fixed obstacles, the wearing of body protectors is not compulsory.
5. Riders must wear suitable riding footwear.
6. Standing Martingales and other fixed reins are forbidden unless agreed by the organisers (e.g. in the case of 'grass reins' for small ponies).. **If a running martingale is used, the horse must be led from a headcollar and leadrope for led PTV obstacles.**
7. Whips must not exceed 75cms except in the In-hand class. Spurs, if worn, must be rounded and not exceed 3.5cms in length and pointed downwards.
8. The decisions of the official and the Judges are final and must be complied with at all times. Competitors may be eliminated from the competition for any of the following reasons:
  - Excessive use of the whip
  - Abusive language
  - Dangerous riding
  - Uncorrected error of course on PTV (including not telling a judge you are leaving out an obstacle.)

## 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 the 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. The event manager/organiser will have contact telephone numbers for a local veterinary practice.. Please take care to safeguard valuable tack and possessions. **Young children must be supervised at all times. Dogs are not allowed. Please clean up after horses.** Neither the event manager/organiser nor the land/course owners can accept responsibility for loss or injury to persons or animals howsoever caused.

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**ENTRY FORM**  
**PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER RIDER**

Class or Classes entered: .....

Rider Name: .....

Name of other rider/s if entering Pairs class: .....

I am a member/non-member of Wittering Academy RC

Address: .....

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Postcode: ..... Tel No: ..... Mobile: .....

Emergency contact (name and  
number).....

EMAIL (please print clearly): .....

BHS/BRC Membership No: .....

**If not BHS/BRC/TRECGB member:** I have 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability Insurance and will have evidence of this with me on the day of the competition.

Horse Name: .....Horse Height: .....

I enclose a cheque made payable to **Wittering Academy Riding Club** for £ .....

**Can you, or anyone travelling with you, help for part of the day? Please let us know. Any help is appreciated.**

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

**Rider :** .....

**PLEASE SEND your entry form and cheque (or enter online) to arrive no later than Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018.** Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the organiser and may be subject to a surcharge. Full refunds given before closing date.  
**Start times** available on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March on the Wittering Academy Riding Club website and will be emailed to you. If you do not have internet access, please phone for times on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March between 8pm and 9pm only on 01406 380949.