

Runner Vs Rider competition

Rules

Entries

Entries for a team which consists of a horse and Rider and a Runner both need to be entered by post by the 29th August 2016.

Individual runners can enter any of the races on the day, although entry prior is not compulsory it would be useful for the event organisers if individual runners could enter beforehand or register interest via email to justinehunter@hotmail.co.uk or text/call 07762522073

Teams are only eligible to enter one class on the day.

Entry fee is £15 for a horse rider and runner team, and £5 for individual runners.

All competitors under the age of 16 must have a guardian's signature.

A vet and 1st Aid cover will be on site at the event.

On acceptance of your entry you will receive conformation by email.

DISCLAIMER- Neither the RDA Machars group, Wigtownshire driving club (who host the event), the land owners, nor any person acting on their behalf will be responsible for any loss, damage or incident to any horse, pony, owner, rider, runner, spectator or property whatsoever.

Registration

On the day of the competition all competitors both runners and riders must report to the secretaries area to collect numbers and sign in. Numbers must be worn by runners and riders at all times when in the race, this should be displayed on the front of the competitor.

Start times will be allocated on collection of competitor's number.

The route for each class which is the same distance and route for both horses and runners will be on display at the secretary's area.

There will be an information board at the secretary area on the day, which will also include a mobile number for the secretary, please take note of this for any emergency on the day, it is permitted and recommended that any competitor may carry a mobile with them.

If monies raised for the RDA Machars group can be given to the secretary on the day that would be preferable, but in the event that this is not possible please drop at the Sticky Lickety Tea room at BEIRC by the 18th September. Please make sure that the sponsor form with the Total is enclosed in a sealed envelope. Please note the tea room is only open on a Friday Saturday and Sunday.

Timing

In classes all runners for each class will start the race on mass at one time, their times will then be recorded when they come in across the finish line. (Please see family class notes later in rules).

Runners and riders - The start time will be recorded, which will be the same for all groups set off together. Finishing times will be recorded for the first 6 places. It is suggest that competitors that need to know their exact times keep a check themselves.

Horses will be set off at 5 min intervals (excluding family and RDA class) after the runners with a maximum of 4 horses setting off at any one time, each individual riders finish time will be recorded once they cross the finish line.

All competitors are recommended to be ready up to 15 minutes before the race starts or their start time which will be allocated on collection of numbers.

Prize giving for each class will take place 15 minutes after each class's results have gone up.

Horse and riders

Prior to warm up riders must be tack checked for the race, it is compulsory that riders wear a riding hat to the current safety standards at all times while mounted. They must wear safe riding attire and wear a medical arm band. Hi Visibility clothing is to be worn during the race. As part of the tack check, horses feet will be checked to make sure they are correctly shod.

There will be compulsory walk sections for safety reasons on route, these sections will be stewarded and horses not seen to be walking will be penalised with time faults.

If horses are prone to kicking they should wear a red ribbon in their tail, if a horse is young or easily spooked a green ribbon should be worn in the horse's tail.

When overtaking is required of either runners or riders this should be done on the right hand side and only in a place that is deemed safe to do so, remember to speak to others to make them aware of your intent to overtake. Runners and riders overtaking must shout "TRACK" and the person being overtaken should move over.

There will be marked sections where canter work is an option, out with these areas it is not recommended as surfaces or going are deemed inappropriate.

All riders must hold 3rd party liability insurance, policy number to be put on entry form.

Runners

Runners will start on mass at one time

Start time will be given on collection of numbers please note Failure to be present at start will lead to elimination.

If a runner is overtaking a horse or runner this should be done on the right hand side, the runner should shout "TRACK" to make others aware of their intent to overtake, if a horse is wearing a red ribbon on its tail, this is a sign it is prone to kicking. If there is a green ribbon on a horse's tail it means it is young or prone to being spooked easily.

The runner or horse being over taken should move over to the left.

It is not permitted to wear ear phones with music that will prevent hearing during the race.

Family and RDA Class's

The family and RDA class are the only class where it is permitted to have the horse or pony lead, the leader does not have to be a relative but signed permission must be given by the child's parent or guardian.

Please note Riders will start first in both the family and RDA class they will start on mass at the discretion of the event organisers the Runner will then follow on mass approximately 10 minutes after.

Prizes

All competitors that complete a race will be given a medal.

There will be prize money of £10 for the senior and junior winners of class 1.

There will be trophies for the runner and rider with the fastest average speed of the day.

General conduct

Any behaviour by competitors that is deemed to be inappropriate by the event organisers may lead to competitor being disqualified.

All competitors must stick to the marked route and not deviate in anyway.

Please show respect to others.

Litter must not be dropped at any point.

Any complaints or appeals must be raised within 15 Minutes of the results having been displayed. It will be at the discretion of the event's organisers as to the outcome.

