



NAF Festival of the Horse

5 & 6 June 2010

Aston-le-Walls, Northamptonshire,

NN11 6RT

Competitor Information



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Introduction

We are pleased to once again return to Aston-le-Walls for the 2010 British Riding Clubs Festival of the Horse. Natural Animal Feeds (NAF) are very generously sponsoring this Championship and we are extremely grateful for their continued support. NAF will be bringing a trade stand, please feel free to pay them a visit.

Contacting Us

Before the event

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During the event

Mobile 07808 141004. Please note this is ONLY for Championship queries.

Stabling

Stabling is organised by Lesley Smith, independently of British Riding Clubs. The charge is £25.00 per night. The final application date for stabling is Friday 21 May. A stabling form can be found on the BRC website.

Entries

Please note entries close on Friday 14th May.

Times

Times for the teams will be posted on the web site www.britishridingclubs.org.uk on or around 18 May 2010. Times are selected randomly by computer, and cannot be altered.

Presentations

Presentations will take place approximately 30 minutes after the results for that class have been posted. Delays to the presentation will be as a result of objections or queries that will need to be resolved before it can go ahead.

Attendance

Teams and individuals placed 1st – 3rd are required to attend the presentation mounted. 4th – 10th place rosettes and all prizes can be collected from the Secretaries' office after the presentation has taken place. Equilibrium are kindly donating prizes for several classes at the Festival including a Massage Therapy Pad for the Showing Supreme Champion. Further details on prizes will be listed in the programme which will be available free of charge at the Championship.

Trophies

Trophies awarded at Championships must be signed for in the Secretaries' Office by a nominated person who is then responsible for that trophy. It must be returned to arrive at the office at least one month prior to the following year's Championships by some means of secured delivery and must be packaged with care. Any loss/damage or failure to return the trophy by the specified date will result in the club concerned being invoiced for the cost of a replacement. It will also prohibit that particular club from having custody of a trophy for the following two years.

Prizes

NAF and Equilibrium will be providing prizes in the form of vouchers and boots with an Equilibrium Therapy Massage Pad for the Showing Supreme Champion.

Secretary's, Declarations and Flu Vac Checking

Flu Vac checking and declarations will be located in the lorry park. Once you have received your number you are deemed to have declared. All other queries can be dealt with in the Secretaries Marquee which will be located over the bridge from the lorry park in front of the Show Jumping arena.

Classes are scheduled to start and finish at the following times. All times are approximate and subject to change.

Timetable of Events

Saturday 5 June 2010

09:00 Senior Open FOTH Championship
11:30 Senior Novice FOTH Championship
13:30 Senior Pairs FOTH Championship

Ring 1

09:00 Working Hunter Pony
Novice Working Hunter
Open Working Hunter
Working Cob
Working Mountain and Moorland

Ring 2

09:00 Ridden Cob
Riding Horse
Riding Club Horse
Retrained Racehorse
Show Hunter Pony
Novice Ridden Hunter
Open Ridden Hunter
Ridden Mountain and Moorland
Ridden Coloured

Sunday 6 June 2010

09:00 Junior Open FOTH Championship
11:30 Junior Novice FOTH Championship
13:30 Junior Pairs FOTH Championship

Ring 1

09:00 Senior Combined Competition – Riding Test
13:00 Junior Combined Competition – Riding Test

Ring 2

10:00 Senior Combined Competition – Style Jumping
14:00 Junior Combined Competition – Style Jumping

The Festival of the Horse Challenge

There will be four Challenge classes:

Junior Novice & Open - for teams of four riders and individuals
Junior Pairs

Senior Novice and Open - for teams of four riders and individuals
Senior Pairs

The course will consist of 7 - 10 show jumps followed by 15 – 28 cross-country fences, which may include up to 3 dressing fences in the Junior and Senior Pairs Championships.

The Festival of the Horse Combined Competition

The competition consists of two phases, Riding Test and Style Jumping which must be taken in that order. Juniors will ride Riding Test 7 (2007) and Seniors Riding Test 8 (2005). The same horse and rider must complete both phases and elimination from one phase will result in elimination from the competition.

The Festival of the Horse Showing Classes

Working Hunter Pony

Open to ponies under 15hh that are capable of carrying a rider safely when out hunting or in similar circumstances. Ponies must not have won more than £400 in BS winnings. The natural balance of a working hunter is most important. Well-earned minor blemishes will not be marked down. Seniors may enter on ponies/horses between 14hh and 15hh. Judges will be chosen from the British Show Pony Society or Ponies Association of UK Panels.

Show Hunter Pony

Open to ponies 15hh and under. To be judged in the same way as ridden hunters. Ponies should have correct conformation and paces. Judges will be selected from the BSPS or PAUK panels. Judges will not ride.

Novice Working Hunter Horse

Open to horses 15hh and over that are capable of carrying a rider safely whilst out hunting. Horses must not have won more than £200 in total in any Working Hunter Class, no more than £200 in BS winnings or more than 25 BE points. The natural balance of a working hunter is of most importance. Maximum height of fences is 90cm, the course will be inviting and built to encourage the novice horse. Judges will be selected from the Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain Panel.

Open Working Hunter Horse

As above. Must not have won over £400 in total in any Working Hunter Class, no more than £400 in BS winnings or more than 45 BE points. Maximum height of fences is 1m. Judges will be selected from the Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain Panel.

Novice Ridden Hunter

Open to horses 15hh and over that are likely to be capable of carrying its designated weight for a full day's hunting. Horses should be bold with a calm temperament and with the correct conformation to maintain soundness. They should show four correct and athletic paces. Horses must not have won more than £25 first prize or more than £100 in total in any Hunter Class. Judges will be selected from the Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain Panel.

Open Ridden Hunter

As above. No restrictions on winnings.

Ridden Cob

Open to cobs exceeding 14hh but not exceeding 15.1hh that are capable of carrying a substantial weight for a full day's hunting. It is a type rather than a breed. The cob should be short legged. It should have bone and substance with quality. They should be well mannered and ideal for nervous or elderly riders, have all the attributes of a good hunter; low movement and a comfortable ride. Cobs should be judged the same as Hunters, but they should be well schooled and particular attention should be paid to manners. Judges will be chosen from the British Show, Hack, Cob and Riding Horse Panel.

Working Hunter Cob

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Ridden Mountain and Moorland

Classes will be split into small and large breeds if entry numbers warrant.
Small breeds – Shetland, Exmoor, Dartmoor, Welsh sec A and Welsh sec B

Large breeds- Connemara, Fell, Dales, Highland, New Forest, Welsh sec C and Welsh sec D. Mountain and Moorland ponies should be shown in a natural state. They may be trimmed as per the breeds guidelines. Manes and tails must not be plaited or braided. Judges will be selected from the National Pony Society panel. Ponies must be eligible to be registered with the appropriate breed society.

Working Hunter Mountain and Moorland

To be judged in the same way as Working Hunter Pony. Judges will be selected from the NPS panel.

Ridden Coloured (Native & None Native)

Must be true to type. Will be judged on conformation, manner and way of going. Native horses must be shown in a natural state. Judges will be selected from the Coloured Horse and Pony Society panel.

Riding Horse

Must be true to type. Riding horses should have correct conformation, presence and substance. Must display correct paces and a true way of going. Open to horses exceeding 14.2hh. British Show, Hack, Cob and Riding Horse panel.

Riding Club Horse & Pony

Must be true to type. A Riding Club horse is a true all rounder. Should be capable of all RC activities. Will be required to jump a small jump (height altered for ponies). Should possess a calm temperament. Judges will be selected from the SHBGB or BSHCRH panel.

Re-training of Racehorse

All ex-racehorses must have raced in the UK under British Horseracing Authority rules. Horses must also be registered with Weatherby's in their General Stud Book and must be four years old or over but any height. Horses will be judged on general condition as a Thoroughbred athlete, adaptability to their new career along with turnout and manners. Any racing injuries such as scars, knocks or bumps will be ignored. Please be aware however the judge may be required to ride your horse. BRC will require the full registered racing name of each horse entered to check eligibility with Weatherby's.

Horses or ponies competing in the above classes must never have qualified for Royal International Horse Show, Horse of the Year Show, or Olympia.

Flu Vaccination Certificates

All competing horses and ponies must have an up to date full flu vaccination certificate. If your flu vaccination does not comply, or you do not bring the complete record with you, you will be eliminated. Your Flu Vac certificate will be checked when reporting on arrival, once parked please follow signs to the Flu Vac and declaration area. Please make sure you have your certificate with you. **Once your flu vac has been accepted and you have collected your competitor number, horse and rider are deemed to have declared.**

Please refer to the BRC Rule Book for the full ruling on Vaccination Certificates. Please note the full 2010 Rulebook is available online complete with a Flu Vac checker available to download.

Official Objections

Protests or complaints may be lodged in writing and accompanied by a deposit of £20. They must be addressed to the Championship Director via the Secretary's. Protests must be made no later than 30 minutes after the incident that gave rise to that protest or 30 minutes after the results have been published. The deposit will be forfeited unless the protest is upheld or it was decided that there were good and reasonable grounds for lodging the protest.

Parking

All BRC competitors will be limited to parking within the designated parking. Any vehicles that are parked in prohibited areas will be asked to move. All officials will be provided with an official car sticker.

Camping

If you wish to camp, this will be permitted in the lorry park. Please note that this area will not have overhead lighting or showers.

Catering

There will be catering trade stands open until late each evening with a variety of hot and cold food on the menu.

Medical Care

Paramedics will be on site during the competition hours of the Championships. Outside of these hours, in an emergency please dial 999.

Vet and Farrier

We do have a vet and farrier available for this event. Farrier, Barry Goldby can be contacted on 07831 778832. If you need to contact a Vet please inform any official or BRC member of staff with a radio.

Horse Ambulance

A horse ambulance will be present on site during the competition hours of the weekend.

Merchandise

World Leisurewear will once again be supplying official BRC merchandise. They will embroider your team logo or names on to clothing of your choice. You will find their trade stand at the Championships. For a preview of all clothing available please see www.worldleisurewear.com

Aston-le-Walls Tourist Information

If you require any information on local accommodation please contact the Northamptonshire Tourist Board www.explorenorthamptonshire.co.uk 01604 609 393.

We would like to wish all our competitors good luck for the NAF Festival of the Horse. If there is something you would like to see in future schedules or programmes please contact e.baldwin@bhs.org.uk