

RIDING CLUB & PONY CLUB EVENTERS CHALLENGE

Sponsored by evoke Riding Hats

Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September 2026

The evoke Eventers Challenge is a 'Derby' style competition with a section of 8-10 showjumps leading to 6-8 efforts over portable fixed cross-country fences and finishing over a Joker fence. Water may be included.

90cm competition: Overall speed 360 mpm.

SJ section – maximum height 0.95m – maximum spread 1.40m

XC section – maximum height 0.95m – maximum spread 1.50m

100cm competition: Overall speed 375 mpm.

SJ section – maximum height 1.05m – maximum spread 1.55m

XC section – maximum height 1.05m – maximum spread 1.80m

	Show Jumping	Cross Country
First disobedience	4 penalties	20 penalties
Second disobedience at the same fence	8 penalties	40 penalties
Third disobedience	Elimination	Elimination
Knock down of an obstacle	4 penalties	n/a
Knock down of the Joker Fence	6 penalties	n/a
Fall of Horse	Elimination	Elimination
Fall of Rider	Elimination	Elimination
Every second over the optimum time	0.4 penalties	0.4 penalties
Every second in excess of 5 seconds under the optimum time	0.4 penalties	0.4 penalties
Exceeding time limit (twice optimum time)	Elimination	Elimination
Error of Course	Elimination	Elimination
Retaking an obstacle already jumped	Elimination	Elimination

This is predominantly a Team Competition, however, the 100cm competition is open to individuals, but please note that priority will be given to team entries in the 100cm (over individuals).

This competition is run in conjunction with BRC and PC rules.

Each Team Manager is responsible for ensuring that all team members are conversant with these rules and the following rules:

1. Entries are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. All entries are subject to a non-refundable booking fee as stated online.
2. Entries open on 1st June 2026 and close on 22th August 2026. The entry fee is £220 for a team in all classes and £55 for an individual in the 100cm classes.
3. Once entries have closed, no refund will be given unless a veterinary or doctor's certificate for the named horse or rider is provided.
4. If late entries are accepted, an additional £20 per team or £5 per individual charge will be added to the entry fee. Late entries are only accepted at the organiser's discretion and must be approved before entering.

5. A start fee of £5 per rider is payable in cash on the day of the event at the secretary's tent before competing at the event.
6. The Riding Club competition will happen on Thursday 17th September 2026.
The Pony Club competition will happen on Friday 18th September 2026.
7. Any horse/pony may only compete once at the Agria Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials evoke Eventers Challenge competition.
8. Any rider may only compete once at the Agria Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials evoke Eventers Challenge competition.
9. Horse/rider combinations must have completed two events competently at the following levels to be eligible. Spot checks will be conducted.
90cm: BE90, BRC HT 90, BRC AE 90, BRC CC90, PC 90.
100cm: BE 100, BRC HT 100, BRC AE100, BRC CC100, PC 100.
10. Horse/rider combinations must not have competed at either CIC3*, CCI3* or higher in the preceding two seasons.
11. Each team must have a minimum of three team members, with the team being made up of three individual riders and horses. If the team is made up of four members, the team must be made up of four individual riders and horses.
12. Each competitor must be a currently paid-up member of either the British Riding Club or the Pony Club at the time of entry and competition.
13. Each branch/club may enter one team at the 90cm height and two at the 100cm height. The 100cm height is also open to individuals.
14. We will also accept mixed teams for the 100cm height only (teams made up of individual members of different branches/clubs), however, they will compete under the branch/club which have the majority of members – this team would then count towards the branch/club allowance of two teams at the 100cm height.
15. A waitlist will be taken if oversubscribed at the entry point, and those who are successful will be notified if a place becomes available. However, you are advised to also check if you have made it off the waitlist when times are declared. If unsuccessful a full refund (minus the booking fee) will be made.
16. If the 100cm height is oversubscribed, we will ballot, and the 100cm entries will be limited to one team per branch/club. Please state which is your preferred team at the entry stage.
17. If the event (90cm and 100cm height) is oversubscribed, then we will ballot, and entries will be limited to one team per branch/club. Please state your preferred height at the entry stage.
18. The team score/overall score is made up of the best three team members' scores, with the fourth member being a discard score.
19. All hats must be current standard and tagged with pink coloured hat tags. Hats must be worn at all times when mounted.
20. Cross Country colours or jackets should be worn.
21. Back protectors are mandatory. All back protectors must be current standard and in line with PC and BRC rules as in current rulebooks.
22. No jewellery, watches or stopwatches are allowed.
23. No electronic recording devices are permitted on either the horse or rider.
24. All horses must be 5 years of age or over and must be vaccinated against equine influenza.

25. All stallions must wear identification disks on both sides of the bridle/headcollar at all times.
26. Passports must be available on request, and spot checks may be carried out.
Vaccinations must be in accordance with PC & BRC rules as in current rulebooks.
27. If a rider has a fall from their horse, they must be seen by one of the designated medical staff.
28. The judge's decision is final. They may disqualify any rider at any stage in the competition for dangerous riding, inappropriate behaviour or language, abuse of officials, misuse of whip or spurs, ill-treatment of the horse, or if in their opinion, the horse is lame, sick or unfit to compete.
29. Any objections must be made in writing, within half an hour of the incident with a £50 deposit, at the secretary's tent.
The deposit will be forfeited if the objection is not upheld.
30. Prize giving will be mounted for the winning 90cm team, winning 90cm individual, winning 100cm team, winning 100cm individual.
2nd - 6th placed teams will be on foot for prize giving but dressed in appropriate attire.
31. Prize giving will take place in the arena as soon as possible after the competition has finished.
Please monitor the live scoreboard (on Eventing Scores) to ensure that you are ready in good time.
32. Completion rosettes can be collected from the secretary's tent for all teams placed 7th and below.
33. All horses must display a competitor number whilst being ridden on the grounds.
34. Entries must be made via your Team Managers.
35. The organising committee for this competition reserves the right to make any changes/amendments to the competition.

EVENT SITE RULES:

- The Blenheim Estate is a World Heritage site, please respect this.
- All dogs must be kept on leads at all times.
- Please bring an extra printed bib number (competition number) for each competitor which is to be left clearly visible in the windscreen of the competitor's lorry/trailer whilst on site.
- No horses may be left unattended outside of lorries/trailers.
- No hay nets may be used or tied to the outside of lorries/trailers.
- All droppings must be removed from the lorry park immediately. Bins will be provided in the lorry park.
- When mounted, all competitors must use designated Eventers Challenge horse walks and crossing points. Failure to do so will result in elimination.
- **No person or horse under any circumstances should use the 4* hacking track or course, and if found doing so may be subject to the penalty of the whole Team being eliminated immediately.**
- Parking is limited. Please follow instructions given by the Parking Stewards at all times.
- Abuse of stewards, officials, volunteers, and fellow competitors will not be tolerated.

Any person disobeying any of these rules may cause the elimination of their team and will incur a 13-month suspension from competing at this competition.