



THE COTSWOLD TEAM CHASE

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QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL OPEN TEAM CHASE FINAL and FAMILY FUN MINI EVENT AND MINI FUN EVENT

In support of the County Air Ambulance

SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER and SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2026

at

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By kind permission of The Hon.Mrs. Mark Vestey and Mrs Victoria Palin

Saturday 24th October 2026

NOVICE TEAM CHASE– fixed fences approx. 2'9" (85 cms)
FAMILY FUN MINI EVENT – fixed fences approx. 2' – 2'3" (60 – 75cms)
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Sunday 25th October 2026

INTERMEDIATE SPEED TEAM CHASE – fixed fences approx 3'3" (100 cms)
INTERMEDIATE FUN TEAM CHASE – fixed fences approx. 3'3" (100 cms)

OPEN TEAM CHASE – fixed fences approx. 3'6" (110 cms)

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SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER 2026

Classes 1 / 2a / 2b

CLASS 1: THE JOHN HERDMAN MEMORIAL NOVICE FUN TEAM CHASE

Kindly sponsored by Bruton Knowles

09.30 approx. FIXED FENCES 2'9" DISTANCE APPROX ONE AND A QUARTER MILES

Entry Fee: £155 PER TEAM (this includes £5 BTC Rider Levy)

Prizes: 1st - £155; 2nd - £120; 3rd - £100

Rosettes to 6th place

The first three teams will not be eligible for any of the below special prizes. Teams may only win one prize. No prize money if you do not collect it. You will not be eligible for a special prize if picking up a penalty on the course.

SPECIAL PRIZES:

BEST GERIATRIC TEAM: Riders ages must total at least 160 years

BEST JUNIOR/P.C./SCHOOL TEAM: Riders must be under 16 years of age. School and P.C. members must all be in the same School or Pony Club.

Teams may be of three or four horses/ponies. The time of the third horse/pony over the finish will be the time for the team. The team finishing in a time nearest to the bogey time, judged at a fair hunting pace, will be the winner. Horses/ponies must be 13.2 hh or over and must be four years old or over. Riders must have attained their 12th birthday by the date of the team chase this year.

CLASS 2a: FAMILY FUN MINIEVENT

Kindly sponsored by T E Gifford Landscapes

13.45 approx. FIXED FENCES 2' – 2'3" DISTANCE APPROX ONE MILE

Entry Fee: £135 PER TEAM (this includes £5 BTC Rider Levy)

Prizes In Kind

Rosettes to 6th place

Special Prize: Best Team for Turnout, Rhythm and Style over Fences 14-15

RULES FOR THIS CLASS ONLY

Teams to be 3/4 horses/ponies with a combination of riders to include at least 1 Mini or Junior and 1 Adult.
Min (7 – 11), Junior (12 –17), Adult (18 +)

This is NOT a speed event it is to encourage children to have a FUN time

A bogey time which will not be fast but a fair pace for small children and ponies.

Obstacles should be jumped or negotiated in numerical order anywhere between the flags, white on the left and red on the right.

There must be 12 hooves in the Shute to count.

The first 3 over the line will count but others can continue HC.

Please be aware of rules regarding hats and body protectors shown on the rules and information and on display in the Secretary's tent.

Tired or exhausted ponies/horses will be stopped by the mounted stewards or fence judges.

No riders can change ponies/horses whilst competing and will be demoted to HC if they do.

Refusals shall not exceed 3 at any one fence or 5 on the whole course. If a child wishes to miss out a fence they can and will continue HC.

CLASS 2b: MINI FUN EVENT – Open to adult teams

Kindly sponsored by Victoria Palin

15.00 approx. FIXED FENCES 2' – 2'3" DISTANCE APPROX ONE MILE

Entry Fee: £135 PER TEAM (this includes £5 BTC Rider Levy)

Prizes: In kind

Rosettes to 6th place

Rules as per Class 2a but Teams can consist of just adults if needed.

PLEASE NOTE FOR CLASSES 1, 2A and 2B THE FOLLOWING APPLIES. We have the right to remove any competitors / teams from the course at the discretion of the course controller and ground jury. There is a maximum cut off time for completing the course and if this time is exceeded, you will be politely asked to leave the course.

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2026
Classes 3 / 4 / 5

CLASS 3: INTERMEDIATE SPEED TEAM CHASE

Kindly sponsored by Dodson and Horrell

09.00 approx. FIXED FENCES 3'3" DISTANCE APPROX 1.75 TO 2 MILES

Entry Fee: £175 PER TEAM (this includes £5 BTC Rider Levy)

Prizes: 1st - £250; 2nd - £200; 3rd - £175;

Rosettes to 6th place

Teams may be of three or four horses. The time of the third horse over the finish will be the time for the team. The fastest team will be the winner. Horses must be 14.2 hh or over and must be five years old or over. Riders must have attained their 16th birthday by the date of the team chase this year.

CLASS 4: INTERMEDIATE FUN TEAM CHASE

Kindly sponsored by Loxley Solicitors

10.30 approx. FIXED FENCES 3'3" DISTANCE APPROX 1.75 TO 2 MILES

Entry Fee: £175 PER TEAM (this includes £5 BTC Rider Levy)

Prizes: 1st - £200; 2nd - £175; 3rd - £150

Rosettes to 6th place

SPECIAL PRIZES:

BEST GERIATRIC TEAM: Riders ages must total at least 160 years

The first three teams will not be eligible for any of the above Special Prizes. Teams may only win one prize. You will not be eligible for a special prize if picking up a penalty on the course.

Teams may be of three or four horses. The time of the third horse over the finish will be the time for the team. The team finishing in a time nearest the bogey time, judged to be a fair hunting pace will be the winner. Horses must be 14.2 hh or over and must be five years old or over. Riders must have attained their 14th birthday by the date of the team chase this year.

CLASS 5: OPEN TEAM CHASE

Kindly sponsored by Giffords Circus

13.30 approx. QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL OPEN TEAM CHASE FINAL

FIXED FENCES 3'6" DISTANCE APPROX 1.75 TO 2 MILES

Entry Fee: £205 PER TEAM (this includes £5 BTC Rider Levy)

Rosettes to 6th place

Prizes: 1st - £600, 2nd - £300; 3rd - £200; 4th - £120;

Non Thoroughbred Prizes: 1st - £400 and Rosettes for the winning team, 2nd and 3rd prizes in kind

A Non Thoroughbred prize has been introduced to this class. A team can be eligible for both prizes as long as 3 out of the 4 horses must be non thoroughbred and you must declare this on your entry form or when you declare at the secretary's tent on the day.

A special prize will be kindly donated by The Hon. Mrs. Mark Vestey and will be awarded to the fastest round by a member of the Cotswold Hunt or Cotswold Hunt Pony Club. If this is not applicable to this class it will be donated to the Intermediate Speed Class 3.

Teams may be of three or four horses. The time of the third horse over the finish will be the time for the team. The fastest time will be the winner. Horses must be 14.2 hh or over and must be five years old or over. Riders must have attained their 16th birthday by the date of the team chase this year.

EVENT ADMINISTRATION

SECRETARY: Mrs. Venetia Hind - 07792 641072 or Queries by email: venetiatrotter@gmail.com

ENTRIES: All entries are online at <https://teamchasingreg.co.uk> Entries close @ midnight 20/10/2026 or when classes are full. PLEASE ENTER IN GOOD TIME. Riders & teams need to register separately & only team captains can enter teams. We always run a waitlist which also fills up very quickly, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

START TIMES: Available from Thursday 22nd October 2026 at <https://www.britishteamchasing.co.uk/cotswold>.

Please also make a note of the approx timings on the schedule for each class BEFORE you enter.

Any special time requests or rider in multiple teams etc must be made at the time of booking and will not be able to change once the times have been released.

TEAM CHANGES: Any amendments to entries, including team/rider/horse names must be done at www.teamchasingreg.co.uk any changes after midnight on Tuesday 20th October 2026 may not be included in the program on the day. Any changes on the day are to be made at the secretary's tent, but we cannot guarantee that the commentator will remember to read out all the changes!

CAR PASSES: Only team members who are not travelling with their horseboxes/ trailers are entitled to apply for a free car pass. Please email venetiatrotter@gmail.com to apply before Thursday 22nd October. After this date, you will be charged £10 on the gate without one. No excuses. Lorries and trailers will be admitted for free.

CANCELLATION POLICY: In the event of cancellation, the following applies.

75% of entry monies to be refunded if the event is cancelled prior to the close of entries.

50% of entry monies to be refunded if the event is cancelled after the close of entries and up until 48 hours before the event.

25% of entry monies to be refunded if the event is cancelled 48 hours or less to the event.

FARRIER: We will only have a farrier onsite on the Sunday only.

BIBS: Competitors must provide their own elasticated number bibs and refundable deposit of £10 to the secretary's tent which is required to declare and collect coloured paper number inserts. DO NOT PRINT YOUR OWN.

CATERING: We have a tradestand village with plenty of refreshments, serving delicious food and hot and cold drinks.

WEATHER: In case of poor weather conditions please check the website and social media channels.

INSURANCE: All competitors must be BTC members (Annual or Cotswold Day) and as such will fulfill the requirement that all participants carry Third Party Insurance for not less than £5 million. It is also strongly recommended that all participants have Personal Accident Insurance.

COURSE WALKING: The course will be open for inspection from 10.00am on Friday 23rd October 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE LOCAL GUIDELINES

1. Any horse eliminated or retiring must leave the course at a walk. The Course Controller/Senior Steward's decision is final.
2. For each horse/rider combination, a 3rd refusal at any fence results in elimination and a 5th refusal on the course results in elimination and you must retire.
3. There is a time limit on the course for teams, and should they exceed this they will be asked to leave the course by the ground jury committee.
4. In the event of a tie the prize money will be divided.
5. All competitors should attend prizegiving if reasonably possible in order to support the hosts, organisers, volunteers, sponsors and trade stands. If prize winners cannot attend a representative should attend to receive prizes on your behalf.
6. Competitors may exercise their horses only in the area provided.
7. Riders and owners of horses must obey any order or direction given by an Authorised Official of the Event.
8. The order of running will be drawn and any team or rider failing to start at their appointed time, for any reason will be eliminated and their entry fees forfeit.
9. Dogs must be kept on leads at all times.
10. Small children should remain under the care and be the responsibility of their parents.
11. Team Captain must declare their teams at least 30 minutes prior to their appointed starting time and register any change of horse or rider. Teams must report to the Collecting Ring 10 minutes prior to their appointed starting time.
12. A 20 second penalty will incur if a team does not get the first 12 hooves in the shute/pen together before the first horse jumps out.
13. Rider Fall – See new rule.

The British Team Chasing Rulebook (updated February 2025) WILL BE APPLIED TO THIS TEAM CHASE AND MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. Available to download from www.britishteamchasing.co.uk

RULES AND INFORMATION

TEAM CAPTAINS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE READ A COPY OF THESE RULES

HAT AND BODY PROTECTOR RULES

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT (HATS AND BACK PROTECTORS) IS UP TO THE CORRECT AND REQUIRED STANDARD.

British Team Chasing rules on hat and body protector standards fall in line with British Eventing, The Pony Club and British Riding Clubs. It is compulsory for all competitors and grooms to wear crash hats to current recognised Safety Standards at all times when mounted, at any Team Chase course. Such hats must not have a fixed peak. Only the following hat standards will be accepted: British and European PAS 015 (2011) or VG01 040 2014-12 – both with a BSI Kitemark or Inspect IC Mark; American ASTM F1163 2004a onwards with SEI mark, Snell 2016 or 2021 (no other mark is needed with Snell) or Australia and New Zealand AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards with SAI Global mark. If your hat has not been tagged with the current Team Chasing or any of the above tags please bring it to the secretary to be tagged providing it is of the required standard. Hats will be checked in the Collecting Ring and if not tagged competitors will be unable to start. It is your responsibility to check.

All competitors must also wear a body protector British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) 2018 Level 3 standard (blue and black label). A body protector of this nature is also required when competitors are wearing air jackets of any make.

RIDER FALL RULE

If a rider unseats from their horse whilst on the course they must retire immediately and may not ride again until they have undergone a Head Impact Assessment (HIA) and been cleared by the event Healthcare Professional (HP). If they remount and continue their team will be disqualified. If a rider unseats anywhere on the event site, they may not start a round until they have undergone a Head Impact Assessment (HIA) and been cleared by the event Healthcare Professional (HP). If a rider, after a fall, refuses to undertake a HIA on the day of an event they will be ineligible to compete again before 21 days. If the HP believes the HIA is inconclusive the rider is stood down until another HIA is carried out and they are passed as fit to ride. A second assessment can be done by the HP at the following week's event. If a HIA is failed, a rider is not eligible to compete again before 21 days from the date of sustaining the injury.

HORSE FALL

When a horse/pony falls during any class the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire. A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground, or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The Organiser does not accept liability in respect of any accident, illness or disease caused to or suffered by any horse, owner, rider, groom, spectator, sponsor or any other persons or property present at the site of the Event and their property and accoutrements. All cars, horseboxes and trailers are parked at owners risk. Cars to be parked in the designated areas.

HEALTH & SAFETY STATEMENT

The Organiser of this event has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of every person present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organiser, officials and stewards.