

Heythrop Team Chase 2026

Sunday 18th October 2026
Sarsgrove, Churchill, Chipping Norton, Oxon OX7 5UX

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First class starts at 8.45am

CLASS 1: NOVICE FUN CLASS – Optimum time

Minimum age 12 years old, or younger with a reference from pony club DC or MFH.

Maximum height of fences approx 3' Prizes in kind to 3rd place and Rosettes to 8th place.

Best Heythrop Team (subscribers, farmers or their children)

The Lawrence Walthew Trophy will be presented to the winning team.

Entry Fee: £150 (including levy to BHSA)

CLASS 2: THE CHRIS HALL MEMORIAL INTERMEDIATE SPEED CLASS - Fastest time

Competitors to be 16 years and over. Maximum height of fixed fences 3ft 6inches

1st £270 2nd £225 3rd £180

Plus rosettes to 8th place and Special Prizes for:

Fastest Heythrop Team (subscribers, farmers or their children)

The Chris Hall Memorial Trophy will be presented to the winning team.

Entry Fee: £180 (including levy to BHSA)

CLASS 3: INTERMEDIATE FUN CLASS – Optimum time

Minimum age 14 years old, or younger with a reference from pony club DC or MFH.

Maximum height of fixed fences 3ft 6inches. Prizes in kind to 3rd place and Rosettes to 8th place.

Best Heythrop Team (subscribers, farmers or their children)

Entry Fee: £160 (including levy to BHSA)

Teams MUST declare for any Special Prizes on the day only or they will not be eligible

The course will be signed from the A361 Chipping Norton to Burford Road.

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SPECTATORS WELCOME - £10 A CAR



ABBREVIATED RULES

All entries online at www.teamchasingreg.co.uk

Entries close: Tuesday 13th October 2026 or before if classes are full.

Times available from 11am on Friday 16th October. Competitors MUST declare if they need to run early or late or if they are running in more than one team as times cannot be changed once decided.

Changes to entries to be made, at no cost, at: www.teamchasingreg.co.uk before 10pm on Thursday 15th October, any changes after this to be made online as well as via the paper declaration forms when collecting numbers.

The course will be open for walking from between 12 noon and 8pm on Friday 16th October - gates will be locked at 8pm.

This team chase is run under the BHSA rules. A full version of these is available at the Secretary's tent or on <http://www.britishteamchasing.co.uk/rider-guidance>

Teams will consist of a maximum of four horses and riders, the fastest three to count. The time of the third member to finish will be the time of the team.

Horse Falls: When a horse falls during any class, the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire. If the competitor does continue on the course following a horse fall their team will be eliminated. A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time its shoulders 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 that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself.

Rider Falls: If a rider falls or is unseated in any circumstance whilst on the course then that rider is immediately eliminated and must retire. If the competitor does continue on the course following a fall their team will be eliminated. Please refer to the British Team Chasing Rulebook (The Rulebook) for guidance on getting checked by the medical team after a fall.

All competitors must wear crash helmets and back protectors to current British or European Safety Standards (details in The Rulebook). Hats should be colour-tagged to indicate they comply. All those mounted at an event (including grooms and helpers) must wear a hard hat complying with the above standard when mounted. All horses being ridden at an event, including riding in exercise areas, must be ridden in a bridle in accordance with The Rulebook. Riders must be at least 16yo to compete in any speed classes.

The number of refusals shall not exceed three at any one fence, or five on the course per horse, when the competitor shall be eliminated and must leave the course at once. The Team will be disqualified for an abuse of these rules by any individual member.

The Judges' decision will be final at all times.

Any complaint or objection in relation to an alleged breach of these rules shall be lodged with the event secretary within 10 minutes of the last horse completing the class in which the alleged breach occurred together with payment of a deposit of £40 which will be refunded if the complaint or objection is upheld. The stewards shall use their best endeavours to investigate and hold an enquiry into the complaint or objection within a reasonable time.

In the event of postponement no refund of entry fees can be made.

If the event is cancelled the following policy will be adhered to:

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 event.

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

Exclusion of Liability: Team chasing is an inherently dangerous sport and all competitors, owners, grooms, helpers, spectators and their guests attend and take part entirely at their own risk. Save only for death or personal injury caused by their negligence, neither the Organisers, the Heythrop Hunt Club, the landowners, the sponsors, nor any official, volunteer or representative of them accepts any liability whatsoever for any accident, injury, illness, loss or damage of any kind to any person, horse, vehicle, land, property or its contents, howsoever caused. Every person entering the event or the land does so on the basis that they have satisfied themselves as to the suitability of the course, the ground and the prevailing conditions, and each competitor confirms that they and their horses are fit, competent and properly equipped to take part.

All riders must be BTC members (Annual or Heythrop Day members) and as such will carry Third Party Insurance for not less than £5m. It is also strongly recommended that all participants have Personal Accident Insurance.

