

The Berkeley Hunt Team Chase

A qualifier for The National Team Chase Championship

Sunday 20th September 2026

Location – New Park Farm, Hystfield, Berkeley, Gloucestershire GL13 9DP

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Charles Berkeley

Start 9am

Novice, Open and Intermediate Team Chase classes

Course description and head cam footage is available on

www.britishteamchasing.co.uk/berkeley

Entries online at www.teamchasingreg.co.uk

Early entries received by midnight 31st August 2026 will qualify for 100% of entry money to be refunded in the event of cancellation

Entries close Tuesday 15th September 2026

Everyone welcome

WITHDRAWAL DATE: 15th SEPTEMBER 2026

Organiser: Berkeley Hunt

Email: berkeleyhuntteamchase@gmail.com

EVENT CLASSES

Class 1 THE JOHN EYRE MEMORIAL NOVICE TEAM CHASE

A very welcoming course – ideal for first timers

Riders – 16* and over - *Please contact the organisers if you would like to compete and are under 16 years of age

Fences will not generally exceed 90cm. Time – Optimum (to be set around 425 - 475m/min subject to ground conditions)

Class 2 THE PROFESSIONAL HYGIENE LTD OPEN TEAM CHASE – QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM CHASE CHAMPIONSHIP 2027

Riders – 16 and over

Horses – over 148cms

Fences will not generally exceed 120cm. Time – Speed (fastest team wins)

Class 3 THE COTSWOLD CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT LTD INTERMEDIATE SPEED TEAM CHASE

Riders – 16 and over

Horses – over 148cms

Fences will not generally exceed 115cm. Time – Speed (fastest team wins)

Class 4 THE FRAMPTON COUNTRY FAIR INTERMEDIATE FUN TEAM CHASE

Riders – 16 and over*- *Please contact the organisers if you would like to compete and are under 16 years of age

Horses – over 148cms

Fences will not generally exceed 115cm. The course runs over a combination of the novice and intermediate speed courses with alternative options at the larger fences to ensure that this class provides an excellent opportunity to step up. Time – Optimum (to be set around 475 - 525m/min subject to ground conditions)

ENTRIES & ENTRY FEES

All entries book online at www.teamchasingreg.co.uk - No entries accepted on the day of the competition

ENTRY FEES

Class 1 – Novice Team Chase Entry fee: £145 / team

Class 2 – Open Team Chase Entry fee: £175 / team

Class 3 – Intermediate Team Chase Speed Entry fee: £165 / team

Class 4 – Intermediate Team Chase Fun Entry fee: £155 / team

TIMES AND COURSE WALK

The course may be walked from Saturday 19th September between 2pm and 5pm. Please do not touch or climb on the fences. The course will be open from 7.30am Sunday morning for walking. We will be utilising Sector Stewards so there may not be a fence judge at every fence. Therefore, please listen for horses on the course, whistles and use your common sense when walking close to fences. You are walking the course at your own risk.

What3words for Saturday course walk – steak.conspire.anchovies

What3words for Sunday – firm.braved.overused

Times will be available on Friday 18th September via BTC website and Berkeley Team Chase App.

By entering you agree to abide by the rules in this schedule and on the British Team Chasing website. BTC members have third party insurance cover as part of their membership.

By entering you are also agreeing to follow the Berkeley Hunt Team Chase guidance outlined and will take full responsibility that any persons competing or accompanying you or them are fully aware of this and comply.

ON ARRIVAL AND BIBS

Please report to the Secretary's Tent based near the double decker buses to collect your numbers – you are not required to print your own numbers but each member of the team must supply their own number bib. You will need to confirm to the Secretary that you have arrived and amend any names for the commentary. Please be aware that the course crosses the road so please adhere to our stewards requests.

HATS AND BODY PROTECTORS

Hats will be identified by a BTC, BE, BRC, or Pony Club approved Hat Tag, i.e. hats must meet one of the following standards: 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.

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. Spot checks will be made at the finish and anyone found not wearing an approved body protector will eliminate their team.

EQUINE VACCINATIONS

All horses attending this event should be vaccinated against equine influenza. We will only accept horses that have had a booster within the last 12 months. Spot checks will be carried out by veterinary surgeons.

RESULTS, OBJECTIONS, PRIZE GIVING AND ROSETTES

Results, Objections

All results will be displayed on the scoreboards in the Secretary's tent and also live results will be available on the team chasing results system found via the BTC and Berkeley Team Chase App.

Objections, if any, must be lodged in writing to the Secretary within 15 minutes of the release of the results (end of the class) together with a £40 deposit which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.

Only the owner or rider of a competing horse or the person who made the entry may lodge an objection. Objections must be made in writing to the Secretary in the Secretary's tent and the Adjudicators decision is final on the day. If there any objections, the results will be marked on the scoreboard as under objection until they are finalised.

Prize Giving

In the absence of objections, prize giving will typically be held 45 minutes after the end of each class in the Secretaries Tent. The time of the prize giving will be announced over the loudspeakers. Prize winners should attend or send a representative. Rosettes and prizes in kind will not be posted and must be collected on the day or forfeited.

All prize money will be sent via BACS to the winning teams and prizes in kind will be presented on the day. The scores will also be published on our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/BerkeleyHuntTeamChase/

Prizes and Rosettes

Class 1 THE JOHN EYRE MEMORIAL NOVICE TEAM CHASE

Prizes: 1st - free team entry to any class in the Berkeley Hunt Team Chase 2027, 2nd & 3rd– Prizes in kind
Rosettes to 10th Place

Class 2 THE PROFESSIONAL HYGIENE LTD OPEN TEAM CHASE – QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM CHASE CHAMPIONSHIP 2027

Prizes: 1st £350, 2nd £200, 3rd £150

Rosettes to 10th Place

Class 3 THE COTSWOLD CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT LTD INTERMEDIATE SPEED TEAM CHASE

Prizes: 1st - £160, 2nd & 3rd – Prizes in kind

Rosettes to 10th Place

Class 4 THE FRAMPTON COUNTRY FAIR INTERMEDIATE FUN TEAM CHASE

Prizes: 1st - free days hunting with the Berkeley Hunt for 4 people, 2nd & 3rd – Prizes in kind

Rosettes to 10th Place



CONTACTING EVENTS TEAM ON THE DAY

There will be a secretary's tent on site by the buses but if you have any urgent queries on the day then please ring the following:

Holly Hopkins 07799 655171 for emergencies

Suzie Tucker 07813 297073 competitor liaison

LORRY PARK

Please do not muck out your lorries out in the lorry park. Take all rubbish and droppings home with you. You must park at safe distances from each other. Please Park sensibly. The lorry park will be in the top field again. Follow the stewards if in any doubt.

WARM UP AND COMPETING

Once again we will have a non-jumping warm up ring and then the jumping collecting ring. The collecting ring will only be open to competitors 15 minutes before their allotted time. A steward will be managing this. Number bibs must always be worn in the collecting ring.

You are expected to ride on your allocated times. If you do not do so, you risk being unable to compete.

REFRESHMENTS

Catering will be provided.

Dogs are allowed on leads only. £50 fine for any dog not on a lead or anyone found not to pick up dog mess, to be donated to the Air Ambulance.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Veterinary surgeons, full medical team, farrier and horse ambulance will be onsite during the competition.

Competitors will be required to pay for any equine services received.

PENALTIES

Fall of a horse or pony = Elimination

Error on course not rectified = Elimination

Rider fall = Elimination (regardless of circumstances)

Trapped horse = Elimination

What is a horse fall? A horse fall is when **at the same time**, its shoulder and hindquarters 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.

Please refer to British Team Chasing Rule Book at www.britishteamchasing.co.uk/rider-guidance

Rider Fall Rule;

Rider falls – *Aim of Rule: To mitigate against the possibility of a rider suffering a repeat concussive injury whilst they are still highly vulnerable due to a prior potential concussive injury.* 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, fails 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 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.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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

100% of entry monies to be refunded for all early entries received by midnight 31 August 2026 if the event is cancelled – *this is for the 2026 event only.*

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.

GENERAL RULES

Any competitor jumping a fence (other than the practice fence) prior to the competition will be disqualified.

The organisers reserve the right to return or refuse any entry.

The organisers and the landowners do not accept liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, grooms, spectators or any person or property whatever on the ground.

All vehicles are parked at the owner's risk. No responsibility can be accepted for damage to or loss from those vehicles moving or parking on the premises.

The organisers reserve the right to withhold any prizes because of insufficient declared entries, alter the advertised times, eliminate any competitor not adhering to the rules.

We are hugely thankful to our generous sponsors who support us year on year