



Sunshine Tour Championships



EVENTERS CHALLENGE SCHEDULE 2021

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th September

at ALL ENGLAND JUMPING COURSE, HICKSTEAD

West Sussex, RH17 5NU



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Entries open: Sunday 1st August 2021

Entries close: Saturday 14th August 2021

Entries online: www.sunshinetour.co.uk

Entries by post:

Download entry form from www.sunshinetour.co.uk from mid July onwards.

Post to: Sunshine Tour, Great Bookham Equestrian Centre, Dorking Road, Great Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4PZ

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INTRODUCTION



Congratulations on qualifying for the Sunshine Tour Championship! We're thrilled to be able to offer you the chance to compete on the 'hallowed turf' of England's most famous showground, The All England Jumping Course at Hickstead.

Our aim is to put on a fun and exciting championship show, run to the highest standards possible whilst maintaining a friendly, inclusive atmosphere. **The ethos of this competition as an amateur & unaffiliated championship is very important** to us, our sponsors and our competitors, so we request that all participants **respect the spirit of restrictions, not necessarily just the letter of the law**. In some cases competitors and/or horses can have lightly competed in affiliated competition, but 'professionals' are excluded (see 'rules & conditions'). We have tried very hard to keep entry restrictions relevant and realistic; if you are in doubt about whether you are genuinely eligible to compete or which section you should compete in, please contact Sunshine Tour HQ at info@sunshinetour.co.uk for clarification.

You may have more than one class to choose from, relevant to your original qualification. As a guide: 'Small Tour' classes are for novice / inexperienced and 'Grand Tour' classes are for more experienced / competitive combinations. **Read the class notes and restrictions carefully** to ensure you enter the correct class for your own and your horse's experience and previous winnings.

If you find that you are **overqualified** for the class that you qualified in, either because of restrictions or because you are now competing at a higher level then **you can voluntarily change to a higher level class**. For example: in dressage if you qualify in Prelim, but don't fit within the restrictions you could enter Novice if you fit within those rules; in jumping if you are over qualified for 70cm then you can change to 75cm or above; in showing if you are outside the restrictions for a Small Tour class, you can move to a Grand Tour one instead. Horses/riders that have more than the allowed points or placings, but **NONE earned since 1st January 2018** (for showing at RIHS, Olympia & HOYS it's 1st January 2016) are eligible to compete. You can contact HQ for clarification on info@sunshinetour.co.uk

EVENTERS CHALLENGE - KEY POINTS

- ☺ 'Flu vaccinations must be up-to-date and passports available for inspection upon arrival or any time during the show.'
- ☺ You must supply your own 4-digit bridle number which your horse/pony must display at all times on the showground.
- ☺ There are open-to-all Arena Eventing classes and clear round on THURSDAY, no pre-qualification required. Eventers Challenge Championships are held on FRIDAY, pre-qualification is required.
- ☺ **NEW!** Open classes held on Thursday include chances to qualify for Championship classes, held on Friday.
- ☺ Arena Eventing & Eventers Challenge classes may include drops, banks, fixed fences and riding through the lake.
- ☺ Body protector for rider and not-fixed peak protective headgear is compulsory in all Arena Eventing & Eventers Challenge classes.
- ☺ Qualification for the Eventers Challenge Championship must be from an eventers challenge, arena eventing or show-cross type of competition rather than pure show jumping.
- ☺ For each qualification number issued, you can compete in one championships; at the height you qualified at or above, maximum of 3 levels per horse/pony. The horse/pony and rider combination must be the same as the original qualification, no substitutions are permitted. You can compete in a higher height championship than your registered qualification, but not lower.
- ☺ Warm up time on sand is very limited, only next few horses due to compete are permitted. Pre-warm up area is available on grass.
- ☺ To help you plan and prepare, kindly note these points: Hickstead is a large showground, we advise you allow yourself plenty of time to park, get to the ringside to declare, warm up and return to ringside in time for your drawn order of competition.
- ☺ All classes are drawn order and riders must declare at ringside.
- ☺ Presentations: Mounted and correctly dressed at the end of each class, all 10 placings are invited!

SUNSHINE TOUR 2021 at HICKSTEAD

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Entry Conditions & Deadlines

ELIGIBILITY: All competitors must have registered their qualification and both horse/pony and rider/handler MUST comply with the restrictions set for the championship that you wish to enter. **It is your responsibility to ensure you are eligible to compete.** For each qualification number issued you can enter one championship class. You can enter on different days and in different Tours, see restrictions for each class.

HOW TO ENTER: **Class & Stable Bookings - Online** at www.sunshinetour.co.uk, you will know immediately if your entry is successful.

Postal entries - download entry form from www.sunshinetour.co.uk; we recommend recorded delivery; no cash payments by post please; there is an admin fee; you will not know if your entry is successful until confirmed by Sunshine Tour.

ENTRIES OPEN: 6am on 1st August. **CLOSING DATE:** midnight 14th August. Some classes may fill before closing date. Qualification or registration is not a guarantee of your entry being accepted. If your class is full, there might be an alternative class to choose or a waiting list.

LATE ENTRIES & WAITING LISTS: from 16th to 19th August we will try to accommodate waiting list and offer late entries if space permits.

WITHDRAWALS & AMENDMENTS UNTIL CLOSING DATE: Withdrawals and amendments are accepted, refunds are made back to your original payment method, minus £5 admin charge and any debit/credit card payment processing fees.

WITHDRAWALS AFTER CLOSING DATE: No amendments after closing date. Withdrawal will only be considered with a vet or doctor's note submitted by 30th September, refunds are issued after the championship, minus £5 per class and card/bank payment processing fees.

NOTE! Stabling after closing date: NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON.

MEDICAL & SAFETY CHARGE: £7 per competitor per day for first aid & security. For 2021 an additional surcharge to cover costs associated with additional Covid measures. If you add-on entries online you may be charged again, but can apply for a refund (send email please).

START TIMES & DRAWN ORDERS: Times & start lists are published by Monday 6th September on www.sunshinetour.co.uk

Showing classes are given start times. Note! First class of the day can start as early as 7.30am.

Dressage competitors are allocated individual start times. Note! First class of the day can start as early as 8am and last class of the day can finish as late as 7pm.

Eventers Challenge & Show Jumping classes are drawn order and each class is given a start time. Note! First class of the day can start as early as 8am and last class of the day can finish as late as 6pm.

Admission, Parking, Camping, Competitor Numbers & Passports

STRICTLY NO ACCESS TO HICKSTEAD'S INTERNATIONAL ARENA: At any time, day or night, not even people on foot!

EARLIEST admissions to showground is 6am Thursday. Daily admission if from 6am to 8pm, later admission only by special arrangement.

Parking Arrangements: horseboxes and trailers will park in 'stable' field. Cars that are accompanying horseboxes park nearby in 'groom's park', not in lorry park. Cars that park (or re-park in the night!) within lorry parking area without permission will be towed at owners expense. If groom's park is full, cars might be required to park in main showground. Spectators cars: please use the main entrance.

Parking Passes will be COLLECTED ON ARRIVAL at the show. Daytime parking is free for competitors' horseboxes & trailers and spectators' cars. ALL VEHICLES MUST DISPLAY PARKING PASS WITH REGISTRATION NUMBER whilst parked at Hickstead Stable Field.

Staying overnight: tent camping or people staying in competitors' horsebox is included for free. Caravans, campervans and separate horseboxes are charged £10/night. Electric hook-up is available (pre-book only), you are advised to bring two caravan style electric cables.

VACCINATIONS: Vaccination for equine influenza is required. Horses/ponies must have up-to-date annual vaccination or have completed at least TWO initial vaccination injections. In either case, the last injection must not have been given after 6th September 2021.

PASSPORTS: If staying overnight you must present your passport to Stable Manager when claiming your stable. Day competitors must have passports available for inspection by Security or Stewards in lorry parking area. Not required at ringside unless requested.

Declarations: competitors are not required to declare at the Secretary's, but you must declare at ringside in good time for your class/time/ drawn order before competing. Missing your drawn order/start time/start of class is likely to result in elimination.

Competitor numbers: You must provide your own bridle disc. Horses/ponies MUST WEAR A BRIDLE with COMPETITOR NUMBER at all times whilst on the showground, even if walking in-hand (not necessary in stable field).

Stabling at Hickstead

The Sunshine Tour is extremely grateful to The All England Jumping Course, Hickstead for allowing us to use their stabling.

Stable bookings can be made with your class entries, booking open on 1st August and close on 14th August.

Wednesday & Thursday night bookings: stable available from 6pm until 5pm on following day

Friday night bookings: stable available from 6pm on Friday until 5pm on Saturday

Saturday night bookings: stable available from 6pm on Saturday until 8pm on Sunday

Day stable bookings: cannot be pre-booked, enquire at Stable Manager's office on-the-day. Must be vacated by 5pm

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Bedding, Hay & Haylage Bring your own or pre-order (price per bale to be confirmed). Limited amounts of bedding, hay and haylage are available to buy on site and pay on the day (cash only). Please note: Collection times may be limited to less busy times (probably afternoons). **Buyer is responsible for collection - please bring a wheelbarrow!**

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Summary of Classes

How Many Classes Can I Enter? For welfare & safety, horses/ponies can compete a maximum of 3 times in one day over eventers style courses (combined show jumping & cross country). Further restrictions may apply if the horse/pony is also taking part in other classes on the same day.

Which classes require qualification and which ones are championships?

All Arena Eventing & Clear Round classes on Thursday are OPEN and DO NOT require pre-qualification. Classes E2, E3, E4 & E5 include a chance to qualify for the Championships on Friday.

Eventers Challenge classes on Friday E6A, E7, E8, E9 & E10 are championships which DO require qualification - EITHER gained during the current qualification period OR from the qualifier classes held on Thursday. Mini Eventers Challenge class E6 may have an open section if space permits. It is strictly for very novice combinations and restrictions apply.

Horse and rider must comply with the rules & restrictions for championship classes. No substitutions of horse or rider are permitted from qualification to entry.

Class		Day	Information	Entry Fee	Page
Arena Eventing - Open to All					
E1 A&B	Clear Round A; 60-65cm; B: 70-75cm	Thursday	Clear round	£20	12
E2	Arena Eventing 60cm	Thursday	Open class	£24	12
E3	Arena Eventing 70cm	Thursday	Open class	£24	12
E4	Arena Eventing 80cm	Thursday	Open class	£24	12
E5	Arena Eventing 90cm	Thursday	Open class	£24	12
Eventers Challenge Championships					
E6A	Mini Eventers Challenge Championship 50cm	Friday	Championship	£28	13
E6B	Mini Eventers Challenge Open 50cm	Friday	Open	£24	13
E7	Eventers Challenge Championship 60cm	Friday	Championship	£30	14
E8	Eventers Challenge Championship 70cm	Friday	Championship	£30	14
E9	Eventers Challenge Championship 80cm	Friday	Championship	£30	14
E10	Eventers Challenge Championship 90cm	Friday	Championship	£30	14

Horses & ponies must wear their 4-digit competitor number at all times whilst on the showground (does not apply to parking/stabling area).

Provide your own 4-digit disc and display clearly anywhere on the LEFT side of the bridle or saddle cloth.

Back protectors and not-fixed peak approved protective headgear compulsory.

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SHOW JUMPING & ARENA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN CLASSES

Thursday 16th, Friday 17th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th September 2021

Timetable is for GUIDANCE of the flow of the day, NOT accurate start time, class length may change. Times & drawn order published from 6th September onward.

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Ring 3B	Ring 4	Ring 3B	Ring 4	Ring 3A	Ring 3B	Ring 4	Ring 4
8.00 Clear Round	Arena Eventing	Senior 70cm J23 A&B	Arena Eventing Championship 80cm	Junior/Pony 50cm	Senior 80cm	Clear Round	Minis Open Class
8.30 J33 A&B	Clear Round	E1	J26	J6	J26	J34 & J35	Clear Round Equine America
9.00 Warm Up	Arena Eventing	Senior 75cm J24 A&B	Arena Eventing Championship 55cm	E9	Junior/Pony 85cm	Fun Classes	Minis Special
9.30 Classes	Open & Qualifier	90cm E10	J7	J7	J27	J46	Lead Rein Junior/Pony
10.00 J38, J39 & J40	60cm	Senior 80cm J25 A&B	Build Break	Supreme	Junior/Horse 30cm	J2	Junior/Pony Senior
11.00 Build Break	Arena Eventing	Supreme	Supreme	Junior/Pony 50cm J12	Junior/Horse 60cm J13	J29	Junior/Pony 85cm
11.30 Arena Eventing	Open & Qualifier	70cm	70cm	Junior/Pony 70cm	Junior/Pony 40cm	J29	Supreme Junior
12.00 Senior 60cm	J20 A&B	E3	E7	J16	J3	J19	Supreme Junior
12.30 Senior 60cm	70cm	Warm Up	60cm	Junior/Pony 60cm	Junior/Horse 60cm J13	Junior/Pony 90cm	Supreme Junior/Pony
1.00 J20 A&B	70cm	E7	J8	J16	J3	J28	Supreme Junior/Pony
1.30 Senior 65cm	Arena Eventing	Warm Up	60cm	Junior/Pony 60cm	Junior/Horse 45cm	J10	Supreme Junior/Pony
2.00 J21 A&B	Open & Qualifier	80cm	70cm	J14	Trophy 95cm J30	2.00	Trophy Junior/Pony
2.30 Senior 70cm	J41, J42, J43 & J44	J43 & J44	E8	J14	J4	2.30	Junior/Pony 70cm
3.00 J22 A&B	80cm	70cm	J9	J17	J14	3.00	Junior/Pony 50cm
3.30 Senior 70cm	E4	E4	E8	J17	Trophy 1m J31	3.30	Trophy 1m J31
4.00 Arena Eventing	Fun Class	Arena Eventing	Minis 50cm	J5	Junior/Horse 80cm J15	4.00	Junior/Horse 1.05m Trophy J32
4.30 Open & Qualifier	J45	Supreme	Supreme	Supreme	Supreme	4.30	Supreme
5.00 Supreme	90cm E5	E6	Supreme	Supreme	Supreme	5.00	Supreme

Rider is junior if age 16 years & under on 1st January 2021; senior is 17 years & over on 1st January 2021. Pony is 148cm/14.2hh and under; horse is over 148cm/14.2hh.

Classes that do not require pre-qualification: Arena Eventing E1, E2, E3, E4, E5; Show Jumping J33, J34, J35, J36, J37, J38, J39, J40, J41, J42, J43, J44, J45, J46, J47.

Qualifying period ends 31st July 2021. Full schedule is published in June, entries open 1st August & close 14th August. Qualification is not a guarantee of entry availability.

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EVENTERS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES & RESTRICTIONS



The spirit of this competition as an amateur & unaffiliated championship is very important, to our sponsors and to our competitors, so we request that all participants respect the spirit of restrictions not just the letter of the law. If you find that you are overqualified for the class that you qualified in, you can voluntarily upgrade to a higher-level class. Horses/riders that have more than the allowed points or placings, but **NONE** earned in the period 1st January 2018 to the date of this year's championship are eligible to compete. If in doubt, contact HQ for clarification.

This championship is for unaffiliated and amateur riders with unaffiliated and novice horses/ponies. Professionals and professionally produced combinations are excluded from competing in the Sunshine Tour. Our definition of a 'professional' is someone who earns money from:

- Riding, training, schooling or competing horses/ponies.
- Buying and/or selling or breaking in horses.
- Teaching and/or training riders (see exception below).
- Judging affiliated classes in the same discipline as your competition (paid or unpaid).

People who work with horses primarily for care, involving only day to day care & general exercising of horses (e.g. grooms, vet nurses) can compete. If your job involves professional riding, schooling, training, breaking or production of horses you will not be eligible. We accept some genuinely amateur riders might sometimes help a friend by riding their horse, assist in breaking in or occasionally sell on a horse, but if you earn part of your living from riding for others, you are not eligible.

If you only teach in a Riding School and do not teach anyone on their own horse then you are eligible to compete. If you participate in any 'professional' level activities on a regular basis please respect the amateur nature of this championship and help your clients instead!

EVENTERS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

All points/winnings restrictions refer to the period 1st January 2018 to the date of this year's championship so if horse/rider is over qualified provided **NONE** of the points/wins have occurred during this period then you are eligible – if in doubt please check with Sunshine Tour HQ by email info@sunshinetour.co.uk

You CAN compete in Small & Grand Tours if you fit the relevant restrictions, but **Mini Tour is exclusive**. Tours are divided by competence and competitive achievement as well as measurable restrictions, please respect the spirit of each level as well as the letter of the law.

20cm Rule – if you have multiple qualifications, you can't have a gap of more than 20cm between the lowest height and highest height of the championships you compete in.

MINI TOUR 50cm

Mini Tour Championships are for very novice/inexperienced riders. Guideline: Riders who are 'competent' at 70cm or above should enter the Small Tour instead. **Mini Tour combinations cannot compete in Small Tour.**

SMALL TOUR 60cm & 70cm

Horse/Pony: Not to have more than 50 BS points (except in Club or Just for Schools) or any BE points or more than 50 BE foundation points. If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but **NONE** earned during the period 1st January 2018 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Combination: not to have competed in BS classes at 85cm or above; not to have competed at BE events or Pony Club Area Intermediate Eventing or Show Jumping or above.

GRAND TOUR 80cm

Horse/Pony: Not to have more than 100 BS points (except in Club or Just for Schools) or more than 10 BE points or more than 100 BE foundation points. If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but **NONE** earned during the period 1st January 2018 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Combination: Not to have competed in BS classes at 1m or above (except in Club or Just for Schools); not to have competed at BE 100 or Pony Club Open Eventing or Show Jumping or above.

GRAND TOUR 90cm

Horse/Pony: Not to have more than 150 BS points (except in Club or Just for Schools) or more than 20 BE points. If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but **NONE** earned during the period 1st January 2018 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.



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SUNSHINE TOUR EVENTERS & ONE DAY EVENT FORMAT & SCORING



FORMAT First section consists of 6-8 show jumps, with a time allowed, immediately followed by a second section of 8 or more 'cross country' style rustic and natural fences with time optimum time. Competitors are placed on least penalties over whole course and closest to optimum time in second section. Riders who are eliminated or score more than 24 penalties in the show jumping phase do not continue to the cross country section - at the judges' discretion. The bell will be rung to indicate that the rider may not continue to the cross country section.

Cross country section may include fixed and/or knock-down fences, portable cross country fences and natural hazards.

CLEAR ROUND One round with time limit of 3 minutes and maximum of 5 refusals over the whole course. Riders exceeding the overall maximum refusals or time limit must leave the course promptly.

PENALTIES

Knocking down obstacle - show jump or faultable cross country jump	4 penalties
First disobedience	4 penalties
Second disobedience	8 penalties
Third disobedience	Elimination
Obstacle disturbed by disobedience	6 second penalty
Resistance exceeding 45 seconds	Elimination
Fall of horse or fall of rider	Elimination
Exceeding 24 penalties in show jumping section	Compulsory retirement
Error of course not rectified / failure to pass between flags	Elimination
Starting before the bell / failure to stop for bell after commencing round	Disqualification at judges' discretion
Every commenced second in excess of the time allowed	1 penalty
Exceeding the time limit (twice time allowed)	Elimination



Horses & ponies must wear their 4-digit competitor number at all times whilst on the showground (does not apply to parking/stabling area).

Provide your own 4-digit disc and display clearly anywhere on the LEFT side of the bridle or saddle cloth.

Back protectors and not-fixed peak approved protective headgear compulsory.

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SUNSHINE TOUR OPEN ARENA EVENTING

Thursday 16th September 2021

ARENA EVENTING PRIZES: Rosettes awarded to 10th place. Prizes according to sponsorship, see class details.

RULES, FORMAT & SCORING: Scoring and penalties are Sunshine Tour rules (see page 6).

WELFARE: For welfare & safety, horses/ponies can only compete in maximum of 3 eventers style classes in one day. Further restrictions may apply if the horse/pony is also taking part in other classes on the same day. Competitors can be required to withdraw from further competition on the same day, if their horse/pony is deemed not fit enough to safely compete in another class - at the judge's discretion.

DRESS: Cross country attire. Not-fixed peak headgear, compliant with current safety standard and body protectors are compulsory. British Eventing Members Handbook will act as reference for dress and tack guidelines (www.britisheventing.com/compete/rules-and-safety).

SAFETY & TACK CHECKS: Spot checks carried out at ringside, competitors found contravening the rules for tack or dress may be eliminated.

ARENA: All arena eventing classes take place on a sand surface. **WARM UP:** limited period on sand, optional additional space/time on grass.

CLASS TIMES: All arena eventing classes are drawn order, times published by Monday 6th September on www.sunshinetour.co.uk Riders must declare at ringside.

QUALIFICATION: Thursday Arena Eventing classes are OPEN and DO NOT require pre-qualification.

Horses & ponies must wear their 4-digit competitor number at all times whilst on the showground (does not apply to parking/stabling area).

Provide your own 4-digit disc and display clearly anywhere on the LEFT side of the bridle or saddle cloth.

Back protectors and not-fixed peak approved protective headgear compulsory.

Class E1	Arena Eventing - Clear Round
A&B	Pre-entry is advised, entries on-the-day taken only if space available and bookings taken on first-come first-served basis (remaining time sets will be published with start lists). Exceeding 3 minutes on course or 5 refusals over the whole course will incur elimination and the rider will be required to leave the course promptly.
Open	A: 60-65cm; B: 70-75cm
Class E2	Arena Eventing 60cm
Open	Combined show jumping & cross country style jumping. Cross country section may include steps, banks, ditch, water and fixed obstacles. Time allowed in each section, second section with optimum time. Top placings may qualify for Eventers Challenge 60cm Championship E7 on Friday. Number of qualifying places will be published with times & drawn orders. Show jumping speed: 325mpm. Cross country speed: 350mpm.
Class E3	Arena Eventing 70cm
Open	Combined show jumping & cross country style jumping. Cross country section may include steps, banks, ditch, water and fixed obstacles. Time allowed in each section, second section with optimum time. Top placings may qualify for Eventers Challenge 70cm Championship E8 on Friday. Number of qualifying places will be published with times & drawn orders. Show jumping speed: 325mpm. Cross country speed: 350mpm.
Class E4	Arena Eventing 80cm - Sponsored by Heritage Equestrian
Open	Combined show jumping & cross country style jumping. Cross country section may include steps, banks, ditch, water and fixed obstacles. Time allowed in each section, second section with optimum time. Top placings may qualify for Eventers Challenge 80cm Championship E9 on Friday. Number of qualifying places will be published with times & drawn orders. Show jumping speed: 350mpm. Cross country speed: 375mpm.
Class E5	Arena Eventing 90cm
Open	Combined show jumping & cross country style jumping. Cross country section may include steps, banks, ditch, water and fixed obstacles. Time allowed in each section, second section with optimum time. Top placings may qualify for Eventers Challenge 90cm Championship E10 on Friday. Number of qualifying places will be published with times & drawn orders. Show jumping speed: 350mpm. Cross country speed: 375mpm.

Eventers Challenge Championships on next page

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SUNSHINE TOUR EVENTERS CHALLENGE

Friday 17th September 2021



EVENTERS CHALLENGE PRIZES: Fabulous championship rosettes awarded to 10th place, goody bags to 4th, sash to winner & reserve and championship rug to winner & saddle cloth to reserve. **Prizes donated by Equine America, Saracen Horse Feeds & Heritage Equestrian.**

RULES, FORMAT & SCORING: Scoring and penalties are Sunshine Tour rules (see page 6).

WELFARE: For welfare & safety, horses/ponies can only compete in maximum of 3 eventers style classes in one day. Further restrictions may apply if the horse/pony is also taking part in other classes on the same day. Competitors can be required to withdraw from further competition on the same day, if their horse/pony is deemed not fit enough to safely compete in another class - at the judge's discretion.

DRESS: Cross country attire. Not-fixed peak headgear, compliant with current safety standard and body protectors are compulsory. British Eventing Members Handbook will act as reference for dress and tack guidelines (www.britisheventing.com/compete/rules-and-safety).

SAFETY & TACK CHECKS: Spot checks carried out at ringside, competitors found contravening the rules for tack or dress may be eliminated.

ARENAS: All eventers challenges take place on a sand surface. **WARM UP:** limited period on sand, optional additional space/time on grass.

CLASS TIMES: See timetable for running order of classes. All eventers challenge classes are drawn order, times published by Monday 6th September on www.sunshinetour.co.uk. Riders must declare at ringside. **QUALIFICATIONS:** You must have received a qualification number for each championship that you wish to enter and you must comply with the class restrictions.

Horses & ponies must wear their 4-digit competitor number at all times whilst on the showground (does not apply to parking/stabling area).

Provide your own 4-digit disc and display clearly anywhere on the LEFT side of the bridle or saddle cloth.

Back protectors and not-fixed peak approved protective headgear compulsory.

Restrictions for E6 A&B 50cm: These classes are for very novice/inexperienced combinations. Riders competent at 70cm or above should not enter E6 A or B. Kindly respect the introductory level of this class and championship, competitors who appear to be excessively competent may be disqualified - at judge's discretion.

Course consists of: First section show jumping with time allowed; second section cross country style jumping with optimum time. Cross country section may include undulations and fixed obstacles.

Timetable: Class E6 is at the end of the day and not prior to the 60cm class, (so not suitable for warm up).

Class E6A

Friday

Mini Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 50cm - Sponsored by BellaRose Equestrian

For pre-registered competitors qualified by being placed in a 50cm (or below) eventers challenge, arena eventing or jump cross class, during the current qualification period.

Time allowed in 1st section, 2nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 300mpm. Cross country speed: 325mpm.

Class E6B

Friday

Mini Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Open 50cm

Time allowed in 1st section, 2nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 300mpm. Cross country speed: 325mpm.



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Restrictions for E7 60cm & E8 70cm: Horse/Pony: Not to have more than 50 BS points (except in Club or Just for Schools) or any BE points or more than 50 BE foundation points. If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but NONE earned during the period 1st January 2018 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible. **Combination:** not to have competed in BS classes at 85cm or above; not to have competed at BE events or Pony Club Area Intermediate Eventing or Show Jumping or above.

Course consists of: First section show jumping with time allowed; second section cross country style jumping with optimum time. Cross country section may include steps, banks, ditch, water and fixed obstacles.

Class E7 **Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 60cm - Sponsored by Helen's Welsh Pony Plaques**
Friday For pre-registered competitors qualified by being placed in a 60cm or 65cm (or below) eventers challenge, arena eventing or jump cross class, during the current qualification period or by being awarded a qualifying place in class E2.
Time allowed in 1st section, 2nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 325mmp. Cross country speed: 350mmp.

Class E8 **Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 70cm - Sponsored by Helen's Welsh Pony Plaques**
Friday For pre-registered competitors qualified by being placed in a 70cm or 75cm (or below) eventers challenge, arena eventing or jump cross class, during the current qualification period or by being awarded a qualifying place in class E3.
Time allowed in 1st section, 2nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 325mmp. Cross country speed: 350mmp.

Restrictions for E9 80cm: Horse/Pony: Not to have more than 100 BS points (except in Club or Just for Schools) or more than 10 BE points or more than 100 BE foundation points. If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but NONE earned during the period 1st January 2018 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible. **Combination:** Not to have competed in BS classes at 1m or above (except in Club or Just for Schools); not to have competed at BE 100 or Pony Club Open Eventing or Show Jumping or above.

Course consists of: First section show jumping with time allowed; second section cross country style jumping with optimum time. Cross country section may include steps, banks, ditch, water and fixed obstacles.

Class E9 **Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 80cm - Sponsored by Helen's Welsh Pony Plaques**
Friday For pre-registered competitors qualified by being placed in a 80cm or 85cm (or below) eventers challenge, arena eventing or jump cross class, during the current qualification period or by being awarded a qualifying place in class E4.
Time allowed in 1st section, 2nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 350mmp. Cross country speed: 375mmp.

Restrictions for E10 90cm: Horse/Pony: Not to have more than 150 BS points (except in Club or Just for Schools) or more than 20 BE points. If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but NONE earned during the period 1st January 2018 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Course consists of: First section show jumping with time allowed; second section cross country style jumping with optimum time. Cross country section may include steps, banks, ditch, water and fixed obstacles.

Class E10 **Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 90cm - Sponsored by Heritage Equestrian**
Friday For pre-registered competitors qualified by being placed in a 90cm, 95cm or 1m (or below) eventers challenge, arena eventing or jump cross class, during the current qualification period or by being awarded a qualifying place in class E5.
Time allowed in 1st section, 2nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 350mmp. Cross country speed: 375mmp.

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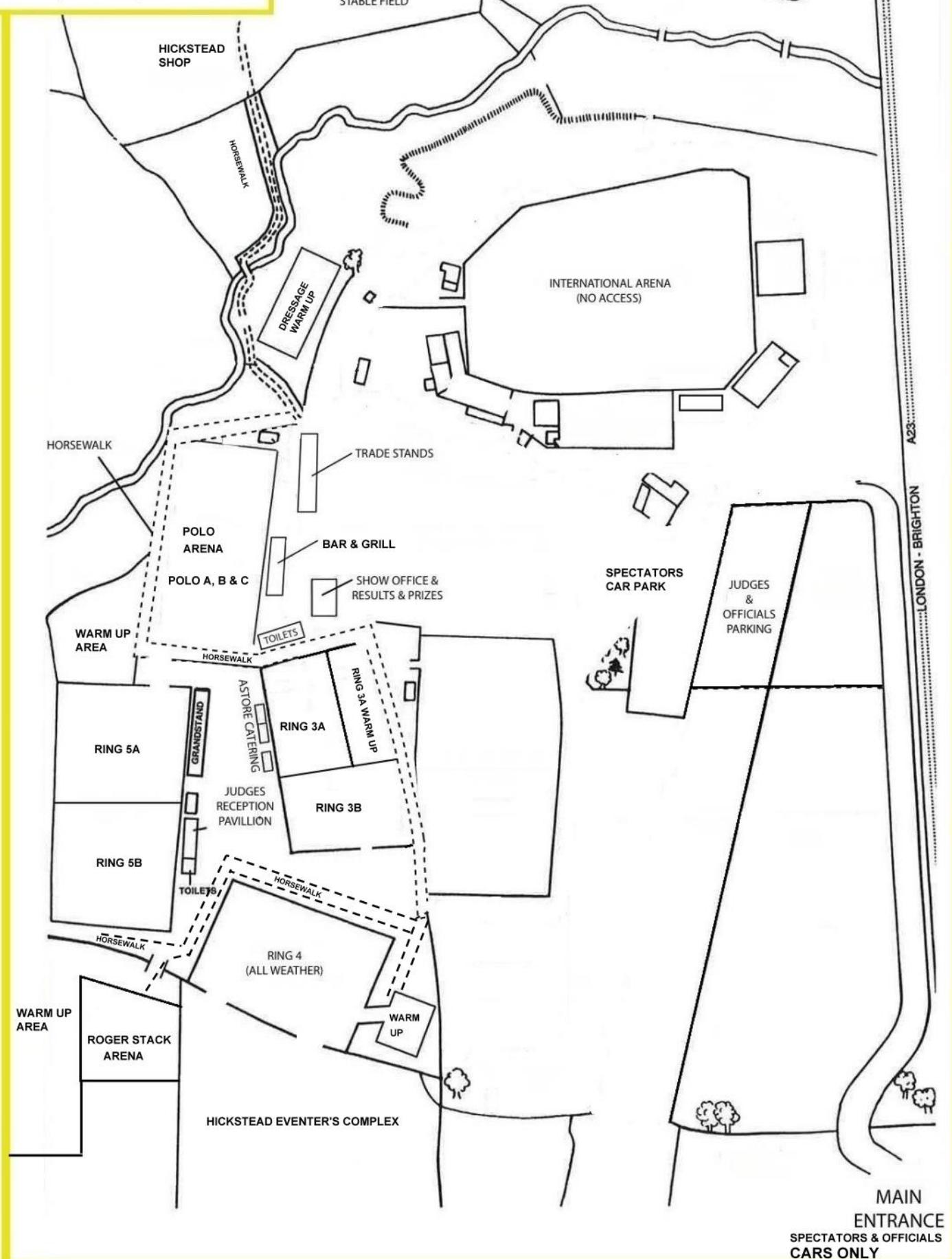
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is the difference between Mini Tour, Small Tour, Grand Tour and Trophy Tour classes?

'Tours' are just categories. The basic difference is about the level of competition and experience of the competitors. Mini Tour is for very inexperienced riders, Small Tour is for novice combinations, Grand Tour and Trophy Tour are for more experienced. Before you enter, make sure that you check the rules & restrictions (in each discipline's page on www.sunshinetour.co.uk) for an explanation of who can go into which category.

How Many Championship Classes Can I Enter?

Dressage: you can enter **one** championship per qualification number. You can compete in 2 consecutive levels. **Show Jumping:** you can enter **one** championship per qualification number. You can compete in a maximum of 5 championships and your championships must not be over 20cm difference from lowest class to highest. **Eventers Challenge:** you can enter **one** championship per qualification number. You can enter up to 3 levels, with due consideration for the fitness of your horse/pony. **Showing:** you can enter one championship per qualification number. You can enter any number of classes, with due consideration for the health of your horse/pony.

In all disciplines: you must have qualified during the current qualification period, submitted your qualification card/form and received qualification numbers before entry to a championship class. If you've qualified for more levels than you can take part in, then you must 'drop' the lowest level. All competitors can take part in training, warm up & open classes, in any discipline.

Can I enter Mini Tour, Small Tour AND Grand Tour classes?

Mini Tour is exclusive, so pony/rider combinations in Mini Tour classes cannot enter Small or Grand Tour classes in the same discipline. Generally speaking you can enter a mixture of Small and Grand Tour classes, just remember that if you want to compete in the more restricted class (i.e. Small Tour), you and your horse/pony must fit within the restrictions. If you are within those rules, then there is nothing to stop you competing in the Grand Tour as well. Please remember the 'spirit of competition' and don't compete below your genuine capability. Competitors considered to be competing below their ability may be removed from a class or changed to a more appropriate Tour.

I've qualified more than once for the same level of competition/class – can I enter more than once?

Yes, if you record each qualification it may be possible to upgrade or swap for something else so that you can make the most of your qualifications.

My horse or the qualified rider have taken part in affiliated competitions, can they still enter?

That will depend on how much money has been won, or points awarded, or level of competition you've taken part in and how long ago the points or winnings were earned. Please refer to the restrictions allocated to each class in the schedule (also available in each discipline's championship page on www.sunshinetour.co.uk) or if in doubt contact us at Sunshine Tour HQ on info@sunshinetour.co.uk for clarification.

Can I change the horse or rider/handler from the original qualification?

There's a simple answer to this one – absolutely not!

What happens if I've qualified, but then find that I'm 'overqualified' for the championship?

If you're overqualified, you can voluntarily move up a level e.g. if you've qualified for Prelim dressage, but don't fit into the restrictions for the Prelim championship but are eligible for the Novice, then you can enter the Novice instead. You can't downgrade from your original qualification, other than a 5cm tolerance in jumping classes.

I qualified in a showing class, but now find that the horse height restrictions or rider age restrictions are different in the championship class. Can I enter the original class that I qualified for?

The quick answer is - you go with the championship restrictions even if different from the qualifying class.

What's available for warm up?

Open, training or warm up classes in every discipline, and arena familiarisation for dressage. There are also warm up areas for use on the day.

What happens if a championship class gets oversubscribed?

If this happens, then we will keep a waiting list and let you know if a space becomes available. Entries are taken on a first come-first served basis and classes might fill before the closing date. Qualification and pre-registration is not a guarantee of entry availability.

What happens if I have to withdraw after entering?

If you have to withdraw before the entry closing date, you will be refunded minus an admin fee. Withdrawals after the entry closing date, up to 30th September will only be refunded on receipt of a vet's or doctor's note explaining why you were unable to compete (minus an admin fee). No refunds whatsoever for stabling cancellations after entry closing date, sorry this has to be a strict rule.

Does my horse have to be vaccinated to compete or stay overnight at Hickstead?

Yes, vaccination for equine influenza is required. Horses/ponies must have an up-to-date annual vaccination or have completed at least TWO initial vaccination injections. In either case, the last injection/booster must not be given after 6th September 2021.

Can I stable overnight? Can I bring my own bedding, hay and feed? Can I buy bedding, hay and feed?

Yes, stabling is available to pre-book (but gets full up very quickly). You can bring your own bedding, hay/haylage or you can purchase bedding, hay and haylage (but not feed) with your stable booking. Limited amounts of bedding, hay and haylage may be available to purchase on the day (cash only). Please note collection times may be limited to afternoons and the buyer is responsible for collection (wheelbarrow recommended!).

Can I camp? Can I stay in my lorry? Does it cost to park and enter the show?

Horsebox and car with trailer parking is free. Separate accompanying cars park in a different field. You can camp or stay in your horsebox. Additional vehicles for overnight accommodation, like caravans, campervan, extra horseboxes pay £10 per night. There is a limited supply of electric hook-up available, pre-book with your entry.



Can I bring friends and family? Does it cost to park and enter the show?

Yes, definitely bring friends and family, there's no charge for spectator parking or entry to Hickstead showground.

What catering and food shopping is available?

Catering at Astore's catering outlets or in the Bar & Grill. There's also an on site small provisions shop and there's a garage and a pub within walking distance.

Will there be a photographer or souvenirs to buy?

Yes! SBM Photographic will be present throughout the show getting fabulous photos in every arena. Beewear will be supplying official Sunshine Tour hoodies, gilets, jackets, polo shirts and Sunshine Tour souvenir rosettes!!



SUNSHINE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS



COVID

1. All visitors to Hickstead Showground, including but not limited to competitors, their grooms, owners, family and friends must comply with any restrictions and rules in place because of Covid-19 risk. Instructions given by Sunshine Tour or WH Security or Hickstead personnel must be carried out politely and without argument or questioning protocols.
2. Everyone is reminded to take personal responsibility for protecting themselves from the risks of infection and to be respectful to others including personal space, and taking additional hygiene measures to protect others.
3. Thank you for your cooperation!

Welfare, Safety & Conduct

1. The organisers of this events have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must themselves take all reasonable precautions to avoid/prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers/stewards/security/judges/officials.
2. The organisers, their representatives or helpers do not accept liability for injury, damage or loss suffered by spectators, competitors, their horses, grooms, friends, vehicles or property however caused and under any circumstances except proven negligence of the organisers.
3. The horses' welfare is paramount. Due consideration must be given for the animal's age, experience & fitness when entering and competing. Owners of young/inexperienced animals should consider the impact of journey time, unfamiliar surroundings, size of the showground and rings and the demands of the competition when selecting number/type of classes to participate in. The organisers reserve the right to limit the number and type of classes entered if doubts exist about the horse's welfare. Animals considered to be suffering from the demands of competition may be referred for veterinary assessment, withdrawn from further classes on one day or for the remainder of the competition.
4. Mistreatment of any animals shall not be tolerated, including use of force or misuse of equipment, whether under your supervision or not. Animals deemed to be sick or lame may be referred for vet's inspection and/or not be allowed to compete or be ridden on the showground.
5. Participants, (or their parents/guardians if under 18 years), must consider themselves competent to complete the activity for which they are entering. It is not the responsibility of the organisers to decide if a competitor is competent or their mount is suitable for the class. If the judge deems any rider or horse to be unsuitable / incompatible / unsafe to participate they will be asked to leave immediately.
6. All riders must be a suitable size and weight for the height/type of horse/pony for competition, warm up and exercise at any time on the showground. For guidance the rider should be no more than 20% of the horse's body weight. If doubt exists, the organisers decision is final.
7. Correctly fitting riding hat complying with current safety standards and safe footwear must be worn whilst mounted. Protective head gear is advised for all handlers/leaders and compulsory for Junior Handler class. Body protectors for riders are strongly recommended for show jumping and compulsory for arena eventing and eventers challenges.
8. Vet and medic will be on-site during competition hours. Farrier is on call (not on site). Competitors using these services during competition hours must pay the vet/farrier on the day. Out of hours medical and veterinary cover will be available, contact details will be available on site and all out of hours expenses must be paid direct to the vet/medic in attendance.
9. All competitors and anyone accompanying a competitor in any capacity (family, child, friend, helper, instructor, driver etc!) are expected to support the spirit of the Sunshine Tour as a fun, fair and inclusive event. Any rude, argumentative or abusive behaviour in person or online, to other competitors, spectators, judges, officials, stewards will not be tolerated and could result in being banned from the showground immediately or future entries being barred. If you encounter a problem during the show, please contact security or show staff immediately.
10. If you contravene any welfare or conduct rule that results in your right to compete being withdrawn, you will not be eligible for refunds.

Media & Communication

1. Competitors and owners of horses/ponies competing at the Sunshine Tour agree to maintain their social media posts, comments and conversations in a fair and transparent manner.
2. The organisers reserve the right to monitor, intercept and review any media post relating to the Sunshine Tour, your participation and experience of the event.
3. Comments or posts about the Sunshine Tour should be clear that they represent a personal view and are not endorsed by the organiser.
4. Comments or posts must not be damaging to the name or reputation of the Sunshine Tour or deemed to be abusive, derogatory, threatening, scandalous or offensive to any Sunshine Tour competitor, official or volunteer. Any comment or post about the Sunshine Tour must be visible to the Sunshine Tour administrator and may be challenged and required to be removed.
5. Failure to maintain a reasonable and fair online communication about the Sunshine Tour may result in competitors' entries being cancelled or future entries being barred.
6. This event may be covered and featured by all types of media, including and not limited to journalists, reporters, television, radio and Sunshine Tour's own social media and news reports. Photos and video taken at the event may be transmitted, printed and used by media and Sunshine Tour for an unlimited period. Competitors who do not wish images to be used by media should state this with their entry.

Eligibility & Entries

1. To be eligible to compete in any championship class, entrants must have qualified in the current qualification period and recorded their qualification/s. Correct entry fee must be received to be eligible to compete/participate.
2. Absolutely no substitutions of horse or rider allowed in any championship class.
3. It is the responsibility of the competitor (or parent/guardian if under 18 years) to check if they are eligible to compete and that they comply with the rules applied to every class entered. Competitors must comply with restrictions applicable to their class on the day of championship.
4. The Sunshine Tour reserves the right to refuse an entry or refuse entry to the showground without having to state a reason.
5. In the event of insufficient entries, classes may be combined and judged as one class.
6. Riders who qualify for multiple levels of championship can compete in a maximum of 5 levels in show jumping, 3 levels in eventers challenge or 2 consecutive levels in dressage. If you qualify for more levels, you must relinquish the lowest level/s.
7. Competitors must be 3 years old or over on the day of the championships, there's no upper age limit. Horses/ponies must be 4 years old or over to compete in ridden classes. Stallions are welcome provided they are ridden/handled by experienced person, displaying appropriate tail ribbons, are well behaved and not causing a nuisance or danger to other competitors or their horses.

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

Refunds & Fees

1. We reserve the right to alter any part or the whole of the schedule at any time. In the event of a class being cancelled, refunds will be issued.
2. A vet's or doctor's certificate will be required for a refund of entry fees after close of entries. Applications for refund must be received by 30th September. Sorry, NO exceptions to this rule. Fees for stabling are non-refundable after entry closing date under any circumstances.
3. £10 deposit for occupation of stable is required on arrival and will be returned on departure provided stable has been left mucked out.
4. Bad weather - If weather or ground conditions are poor it is the responsibility of competitors to confirm that the event is running by checking website www.sunshinetour.co.uk on the evening before or morning of the competition. Every effort will be made to re-schedule, but in the event of the competition being cancelled, entry fees minus administration charge will be returned to competitors.

Competition Rules & Prizes

1. Rules for guidance: Dressage: British Dressage; Show Jumping: British Showjumping; Showing: The Showing Register; Eventers: British Eventing & Sunshine Tour. All decisions are subject to Sunshine Tour rulings and might not reflect exact conditions of national rule books.
2. Dispensation for exception to rules must be ratified by the relevant society (BD, BS, BE), submitted with entry and presented to the secretary on the day of competition, prior to competing.
3. It is the competitors responsibility to compete in approved tack & clothing. Spot checks may be carried out to check for compliance with relevant rules (BD, BS, BE). Competitors found to be competing with 'illegal' tack may be disqualified even if they have already competed.
4. Sunshine Tour uses expert judges. Their decision is to be respected and is final. Any objections about conduct of classes must be brought to the organiser's attention on the day of competition and we will make every effort to resolve problems. Formal objections should be lodged with the secretary within 30 minutes of the incident and supported by a £50 deposit.
5. Prizes stated in the schedule are subject to alteration or substitution. Prize winners may have their eligibility checked prior to prize collection and some prizes may require collection at a later date or incur postage costs. In the event of insufficient entries some prizes will be withheld.

Showground Rules & Security

1. Whilst on the showground, all horse/ponies must wear a bridle and display their correct competitor number. This rule applies at all times on the showground, even for walking in-hand or general exercise/familiarisation. You are not required to display your competitor number in the stable field or parking area.
2. Horse passports must be brought to the showground. If you are travelling separately, the passport should be with the horse. Passports must be available for inspection up on arrival, at any time if requested by security or show staff in the parking area and if staying overnight, must be presented to the stable manager when claiming your stable.
3. Horses/ponies must have up-to-date annual vaccination or have completed at least TWO initial vaccination injections. In either case, the last injection/booster must not be given after 6th September 2021.
4. Scooters, bicycles, skate-hover boards, tricycles etc are NOT ALLOWED on the showground (does not apply to stable field).
5. Horse Walks: just walking allowed in the horse walk! No holding or stopping with your horse in the horse walk. No trotting or cantering.
6. All dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. Owners who allow their dogs to run loose on the showground, stable area or parking areas will be required to remove them from the premises immediately.
7. No access to Hickstead's international arena including the surround and the Derby bank at any time, day or night, not even people on foot!
8. Security are on duty 24 hours a day. Any incident should be reported to WH Security or Sunshine Tour show secretary or show director immediately. 24 hour contact 07904 898696 (only for emergencies between 9pm and 6am).
9. Good conduct and reasonable behaviour is expected at all times. WH Security have the right to summon police/evict/detain persons deemed to be behaving in an unreasonable/abusive/dangerous manner.

Stabling, Camping & Staying Overnight

1. Competitors and their friends & family are permitted to stay overnight in their horsebox or trailer for free if their horse is being stabled at the showground. Additional vehicles for staying overnight, e.g. campervan, caravan, additional horsebox etc. will be charged £10 per night.
2. Good neighbour, good conduct and considerate noise levels are expected in the camping area. Noise should be kept to a minimum between 11pm and 6am. Campers found to be causing noise or nuisance to their neighbours may be evicted by security.
3. No open fires. Small generators are permitted, only silent generators can be left on after 11pm and operated before 6am.
4. On site toilets and showers are available. You must not empty your caravan/lorry toilet contents into the public toilets.
5. Dogs must be kept on a lead in stables and camping areas. If kept under control, dogs can be off lead in outside fields away from camping & stables. All dog mess must be bagged and disposed of in a bin. Dogs deemed to be causing a nuisance should be reported to WH security.
6. Horse passports must be presented to the stable manager when claiming your stable.
7. £10 deposit per stable is required upon arrival. Deposit will be returned on departure provided stable has been mucked out. If your stable is not mucked out when you arrive, inform the stable manager immediately. Please note: Stables at Hickstead are deep litter, some stables have plenty of bedding left by previous occupant, some do not, under bedding may be damp, you are advised to bring or pre-purchase some bedding to freshen up / add depth to the bed. Do not muck out to the ground unless you have a considerable amount of clean bedding to replace removed bed. Straw is not permitted, shavings or flax only.

Sunshine Tour definition of 'Professional' (excluded from competing in the Sunshine Tour) is someone who makes some / all of their living:

- Riding, training, schooling or competing horses/ponies.
- Buying and/or selling or breaking in horses.
- Teaching and/or training riders (see exception below).
- Judging at affiliated competitions in same discipline as your competition.

People who work with horses primarily for care, involving only day to day care & general exercising of horses (e.g. grooms, vet nurses) can compete. If your job involves professional riding, schooling, training, breaking or production of horses you will not be eligible. We accept some genuinely amateur riders might sometimes help a friend by riding their horse, assist in breaking in or occasionally sell on a horse, but if you earn part of your living from riding for others, you are not eligible.

If you only teach in a Riding School and do not teach anyone on their own horse then you are eligible to compete. If you participate in any 'professional' level activities on a regular basis please respect the amateur nature of this championship and help your clients instead!