

Sunshine Tour Championships

EVENTERS CHALLENGE SCHEDULE 2023

Thursday 14th & Friday 15th September at ALL ENGLAND JUMPING COURSE, HICKSTEAD West Sussex, RH17 5NU

> Class Entries open online: Sunday 6th August Class entries open by post: Monday 7th August Initial Entries close: Thursday 10th August

> > Entries online: www.sunshinetour.co.uk

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SUNSHINE TOUR 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 (tour) you should compete in, please email info@sunshinetour.co.uk for clarification.

You may have more than one class to choose from, relevant to your original qualification. There are 4 sections, called 'Tours': Mini Tour, Small Tour, Grand Tour and Trophy Tour. As a guide, the lower levels are for beginners and novice /less experienced combinations and higher level are for those who are more experienced or competitive. 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 championship class that you originally **qualified** for, either because of restrictions or because you are now competing at a higher level then **you can change to a higher level**. 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 class instead. Horses/riders that have more than the allowed points or placings, but **NONE earned since 1st January 2021** (for showing at RIHS, Olympia & HOYS it's 1st January 2019) are eligible to compete. You can contact HQ for clarification on info@sunshinetour.co.uk

We hope that you will join us in creating a fun and fair competition for all and enjoy yourself! Good luck!

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Entry Conditions & Deadlines

QUALIFICATION & ELIGIBILITY

- Pre-qualification is required to attend the Sunshine Tour Championships. For each qualification number issued you can enter one championship class. You can enter on different days and in different Tours, subject to the restrictions for each class. Both horse and competitor MUST comply with the restrictions set for each championship class entered. You are responsible for checking eligibility to compete. Competitors found to be competing, who do not comply with the relevant restrictions are liable to have entries cancelled without refund and forfeit any placing, or prizes already awarded.
- Qualification is not a guarantee of your entry being accepted. Some classes may fill before closing date. If your class is full, there might be an alternative class to choose or you can join a waiting list.
- Range of Heights: There must not be more than 20cm difference from lowest championship class to the highest (e.g. if you compete in a 60cm championship, you can compete in championship classes up to 80cm if you have relevant qualifications, but not 85cm or above).

ENTRY INFORMATION & DATES

- Class & Stable Entries Open Online from 8am Sunday 6th August. By entering online you will know immediately if your entry is successful. Different disciplines may open at slightly different times, see website prior to entry opening for details.at www.sunshinetour.co.uk
- Class & Stable Entries by Post Open from Monday 7th August. Download entry from at www.sunshinetour.co.uk; we recommend recorded delivery; there is an admin fee. You will not know if your entry is successful until confirmed by Sunshine Tour.
- Initial Class Entry Closing Date: Online: 8am Thursday 10th August. By post: first post Thursday 10th August.
- Stable Entry Closing Date: Online & Post: Friday 18th August.
- Stabling & Camping: Separate booking systems for stabling & classes, we advise that you book your class entries before stabling. There is very good availability for temporary stabling, but brick stabling sells out very quickly. Bedding & hay, camping & electric hook-up can be booked via stable entries booking system.

Waiting List & Late Entries: Subject to availability, waiting list & late entries may be offered during the period 12th to 18th August.

EVENTERS CHALLENGE & ARENA EVENTING ENTRY FEES

Championship Classes: £35.00; 50cm Championship Class: £33.00; Open Classes: £30.00; Clear Round £22.00.

Medical & Safety Charges: £5.00 medic charge per horse/competitor combination per day for one class; £7.50 medic charge for two classes

or more per horse/competitor combination per day. Overpayment of medic fee will be issued by cashback on or after 21st August.

WITHDRAWALS & AMENDMENTS

Withdrawals & Amendments during initial entry period: no penalty.

Withdrawals After Initial Closing Date: Withdrawals are only accepted for acute medical conditions and must be submitted in writing accompanied by a vet's or doctor's evidence. Withdrawals submitted: 11th to 20th August may be eligible for 75% refund; 21st to 31st August 50% refund; 1st September to 7th September 25% refund; 8th September onward - no refund for any reason.

Amendments After Initial Closing Date: Only minor amendments accepted, subject to organisers discretion and may incur a £5 fee.

START TIMES & DRAWN ORDERS

Times & start lists are published by Monday 4th September on www.sunshinetour.co.uk First classes of the day can start as early as 7.30am and last classes may finish as late at 7.00pm.

Dressage competitors are allocated individual start times. Eventers Challenge & Show Jumping classes are drawn order and each class is given a start time. Showing classes are given start times.

Admission, Parking, Vaccinations, Passports & Competitor Numbers

ADMISSION, ACCESS & OPENING TIMES

International Arena: Strictly no access at any time, day or night, not even people on foot!

- Parking & Stabling: Access via horsebox entrance post code RH17 5NU. Wednesday access from 4pm (not before) until 10pm (not after); Thursday - Sunday: 6am to 9pm, later admission only by special arrangement.
- Showground: Access via the pedestrian/horse bridge from the parking and stabling areas or via main entrance for spectators vehicles, post code BN6 9NS. Areas within the showground include:

Competition & Warm-Up Arenas: Wednesday: no access to warm-up arenas; Thursday - Sunday; 6.30am until end of competition.

Secretary & Show Office: Show days from 7am-7pm.

Showground Catering: Astore Catering & The Curry Squad open daily Thursday - Sunday; Clubhouse open Wednesday evening and Thursday - Sunday. Stable Field Catering: NEW! Friday & Saturday evening special feature catering outlets in stable field area.

Bicycles, Scooters & Mobility Vehicles: On the showground: only mobility scooters and pushchairs are permitted on the showground. Bicycles, personal scooters or any other wheeled vehicles are not permitted. In the parking & stabling fields: Mobility scooters are permitted, but access is on a slope and parking is on grass, so may not be suitable for all type of mobility vehicle. Moving around the stable fields with bicycles and personal scooters is permitted, provided they are used in horse friendly manner and do not cause nuisance to others. Vehicles cannot be used to move around the stable field, once parked kindly remain in your slot until you leave.

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

- Horseboxes and trailers, plus vehicles for camping should enter via the horsebox entrance, post code RH17 5NU. Passes will be collected on arrival at the show. Parking is free, all vehicles must display a valid parking pass, with vehicle registration number.
- Accompanying cars, including grooms and supply vehicles park <u>separately</u> to horseboxes and trailers. ALL cars entering via the horsebox entrance will be directed to park in the Groom's Car park, adjacent to lorry parking fields no exceptions! Cars that park (or re-park in the night!) within lorry parking area, will be towed at owners expense.
- Parking or camping with friends is <u>only</u> possible if you arrive together, you cannot reserve a space for someone arriving later. Parking for vehicles with electric hook-up is separate from those without electric hook-up.
- For spectators and supporters car parking, with easy access to competition arenas, shopping and catering enter via Hickstead's main entrance just off the A23, post code BN6 9NS. No ringside parking is available, but disabled access from car parking is possible.

Camping parking arrangements - see next page on Stabling & Camping.

DECLARATIONS & BRIDLE / COMPETITOR NUMBERS

- Declarations are taken at ringside, you must declare 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. Competitors are not required to declare at the Secretary's, but
- Bridle / Competitor Numbers: All horses MUST display their bridle number, <u>AND wear a bridle</u>, whilst on the showground, even if walking in-hand (not necessary in stable field). All numbers are 4-digit, you can provide your own number disc or buy from show office for £5. You can display your number on left side of bridle, left side of saddle cloth or left armband, as long as it is clearly visible.

VACCINATION & PASSPORTS

- ALL horses/ponies must have up-to-date annual influenza vaccination or have completed at least TWO initial vaccination injections. In either case, the last injection must not have been given after Wednesday 6th September 2023.
- Passports must be presented to the Stable Manager when claiming your stable. Day competitors must have passports available for inspection on arrival or on demand by Security or Stewards in parking area. Not required at ringside unless requested.



Event Photography with On-Site Printing

Stabling & Camping at Hickstead

DAYTIME STABLING

Stabling Type: Temporary stabling (not brick) may be available for daytime bookings.

Day Stables: Subject to availability, £25/day. Bookings are taken at the show and cannot be pre-booked with entries. Enquiries about availability and bookings are taken by the Stable Manager, situated at top of stable field (not by show secretary in showground). Day stable occupancy is from arrival until 5pm; later occupancy sometime possible, subject to availability - check with Stable Manager.

OVERNIGHT STABLING

- Stabling Type: Brick stable size varies; Temporary 3mx3m. NOTE: Brick stabling sells out very quickly, there is good availability for temporary stabling. Stallions should book brick, and extra large horses and stable-breakers are advised to book brick!
- Overnight Stabling: Check-in with the stable manager on arrival, you must present your horses' passports. Wednesday: earliest occupancy is 5pm, latest check-in is strictly 10pm. Late arrivals only permitted by special arrangement for emergency reasons. Thursday Sunday: occupancy is from 6pm on night of booking, until 5pm the following day. If you are arriving earlier in the day, you will park in day parking area until your stable is available. You might be able to occupy your stable earlier, ask Stable Manager on the day.
- Stabling Together: Stabling is allocated on arrival. Although you cannot prebook stabling together, it is usually possible to stable with friends if the first person in your group checks-in the whole group (all passports must be presented). Subject to availability and at the discretion of the Stable Manager.
- Stabling Condition: Hickstead stabling is used throughout the season for various shows and will have some bedding, but the coverage varies. Your stable should be (reasonably!) clean and in good (but used) condition when you arrive, any issues should be reported to the Stable Manager. All stables are semi or fully deep litter, if you choose to dig out to the base you will need a considerable amount of bedding to re-bed the stable. Paper, cardboard or straw bedding is not permitted. Muck heaps are situated at the end of each stable block, you are required to bring your own tools, wheelbarrow and stable equipment - buckets, feed bowls, haynets etc.
- Stable Deposit & Retrieval £10 CASH DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STABLES ON ARRIVAL. Please retain your deposit / booking slip. Your stable is to be left clean and tidy in order to collect your deposit on departure. You may be required to show proof of stable condition and return your stable allocation/deposit slip (issued on arrival).

CAMPING

- Camping overnight: people staying in a competitors' horsebox is free. NOTE! A maximum of 3m in addition to your vehicle is permitted for camping/relaxing arrangements. Additional space, caravans, campervans, separate horseboxes and oversized tents can be booked at £20/night (not available with electric hook-up). You can ONLY camp together if you arrive together or camp in outer field.
- Electric Hook-Up: Booking is valid from 5pm on day of booking until 5pm the following day, £38.50/period. Please bear in mind if you have items that must be kept cold, you will not be able to access electric hook-up early. Your booking is for ONE vehicle or tent and cannot be split between all your friends!! Additional camping space (over 3m) is not available in electric hook-up parking areas and friends without hook-up cannot park next to or necessarily near you. Your hook-up point may be distant from your parking space, you are advised to bring at least **two** caravan style electric cables.

EXTRAS & FACILITIES

- 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 the day. Buyer is responsible for collection, we suggest you bring a wheelbarrow. Collection times may be limited to less busy times (afternoons).
- Showers, Toilets & Washdown: In the main stable field, there are showers and permanent toilets. Outer parking areas have temporary toilets. There is a washdown for horses at top of main stable field fair use policy applies, please be quick at busy times.

PASSPORTS & VACCINATIONS - See previous page.

BOOKINGS & PRICES

- Stable Bookings: Online at www.sunshinetour.co.uk from 6th to 18th August; you will know immediately if your entry is successful.
 Post from 7th to 18th August; download entry form at www.sunshinetour.co.uk co.uk; we recommend recorded delivery; there is an admin fee; you will not know if your entry is successful until confirmed by Sunshine Tour.
- Prices: Temporary stable overnight £50/night; Brick stable overnight £55/night; Temporary stable daytime £25/day; Additional overnight vehicle/camping space £20/night; Electric hook-up £38.50/night; Hay, haylage & bedding price TBC.



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EVENTERS CHALLENGE INFORMATION

RULES & RESTRICTIONS

- British Riding Club rules on tack, dress, judging and welfare apply. BRC Competition Rules available via British Horse Society website, <u>brc-handbook-2023-final-1.pdf (bhs.org.uk)</u>
- NEW! Whips and spurs must comply to BS & BRC standard. For further guidance please see British Showjumping Handbook: whip & Spurs Ruling and Visual Guide, Jan 2020 Rev.01.pdf (britishshowjumping.co.uk)
- Body protectors and non-fixed peak protective headgear are compulsory in all Arena Eventing & Eventers Challenge classes. Long sleeves are strongly recommended.
- Safety Checks: Spot checks may be carried out at ringside, competitors not complying with safety rules for tack / dress may be eliminated.
- **Competitor number is necessary.** As long as it is CLEARLY visible, you can display as a bib, on bridle disc, saddle cloth or armband. Bibs should show number on front and back; bridle disc, armband or saddle cloth numbers should be displayed on the left hand side.
- Qualification and Restrictions: For each qualification number issued, you can enter <u>one</u> championship class. You must comply with the restrictions for your class and tour on the day of the championship competition. Competitors not complying with the restrictions and found to be competing, may have their entry cancelled without refund and/or placing removed and prizes forfeited.
- Levels & Multiples: You can compete on more than one day and more than one Tour, if you fit the restrictions for the lower Tour. Riders in Mini Tour cannot compete in other Tours. You can compete higher than your original qualification, but no more than 5cm below your original qualification. A maximum of 3 arena eventing/eventers challenge classes per day is permitted. Less than 3 classes may be advised if the horse/pony is also taking part in other classes on the same day.
- Range of Heights: There must not be more than 20cm difference from lowest championship class to the highest (e.g. if you compete in a 60cm championship, you can compete in championship classes up to 80cm if you have relevant qualifications, but not 85cm or above).
- Juniors & Seniors: All classes are open to both senior and junior riders.

START TIMES, COMPETITION ARENAS & WARM-UP ARENAS

- Class start times are published from 4th September. Please allow yourself plenty of time to arrive, park and make your way to the warm-up arena, it can take <u>considerably</u> longer than a day-to-day show. We make very effort to keep classes running on time, but class start times are approximate and circumstances may influence actual start times on the day.
- Drawn orders: competitors are arranged in a drawn order and you must jump in that order. 3 minutes per round can be used to estimate your actual jump time. We try to factor in multiple rides, horse sharing or other classes any clashes or discrepancies about drawn orders must be raised with organisers before the start of the competition.
- Declarations: You must declare in good time with the ring steward, failure to declare may result in your slot being bypassed and you may not be able to compete. Missed slots, for ANY reason may be forfeited without refund. We cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot for late arrivals.
- If you are riding more than one class on the same day, there can be <u>several hours</u> between your rounds. Day stables may be available to book on the day at £25/day enquire about availability at the Stable Manager's office in the Stable Field.
- Arena eventing & eventers challenge classes are held on surfaced arenas.
- Pre-warm up and sand warm-up arena: the sand warm-up arena is restricted to the next few horses to compete, equating to approximately 10-15 minutes. There is a large grass warm up area adjacent to the final sand warm up. Jumping is not available in grass warm-up areas. Lunging is not permitted.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES & CLEAR ROUND

Clear Round is offered on Thursday, pre-booking is strongly advised but on-the-day may be possible, strictly subject to availability.

Warm-up and Open classes are available on Thursday and Friday.

COURSE SPECIFICATIONS

The course consists of a show jumping section, immediately followed by a cross country section. Classes are held in Hickstead eventing complex and may include drops, banks, fixed fences and riding through the lake.

FORMAT, JUDGING & PRESENTATIONS

Eventers Challenge classes are judged under Sunshine Tour rules. Please see page 12 for details on scoring and penalties.

Presentations mounted presentations are held in the arena for the at the end of each championship class. Attending the presentation is optional but great fun, with a lap of honour, rosettes, sashes, prizes, photos etc! Top 10 are placed, everyone invited to attend and cheer!!



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EVENTERS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITOR 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 2021 to the date of this year's championship are eligible to compete. If in doubt, contact HQ for clarification.

Sunshine Tour championships are for amateur competitors 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: • Training, schooling or competing horses/ponies. Buying and/or selling or breaking in horses.

People who work with horses primarily for care, e.g. grooms, vet nurses and participate in day to day exercising of horses, but not schooling, training, competing or breaking client's horses are eligible to compete.

• Teaching and/or training riders.

Instructors who only teach in a riding school with riding school horses/ponies can qualify.

Judging affiliated classes in the same discipline as your competition (paid or unpaid).

If you participate in 'professional' activities mentioned above, please respect the amateur nature of this championship and help your clients instead!

2023 EVENTERS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS HIPS

Each Qualification Number allows you to enter one championship class:

At the same height as qualification **OR** above your qualification height **OR** 5cm below your qualification height.

TOURS are groups of classes, divided by competence and measurable points/winnings restrictions - please respect the spirit of each level as well as the letter of the law. If you are outside the restrictions for the class that you qualified in, you can voluntarily upgrade to a higher level.

You CAN compete in Small & Grand Tours if you fit the relevant restrictions. 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.

Horse/rider combination can take part in a maximum of 3 eventers challenge championships which must not be more than 20cm difference from lowest class to highest.

SMALL TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 50cm

The 50cm class is for novice/inexperienced riders. Riders who are competing at 70cm or above (on any horse/pony) should enter the 60cm or 70cm class instead.

Horse/pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 25 British Showjumping points or ANY British Eventing Foundation points. If horse/pony has more overall points than permitted, but none earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Rider (with any horse/pony) competing at 70cm or above in any official British Showjumping or British Eventing competitions, or in Area, Regional or Championship Pony Club or Riding Club competitions should enter the 60cm or 70cm instead. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible. **Horse/pony & rider combination: cannot compete in Grand or Trophy Tour show jumping or Grand Tour eventers challenge.**

SMALL TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 60cm & 70cm

Horse/Pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 50 British Showjumping points or ANY British Eventing Foundation points. If horse/pony has more than overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Riders (on any horse/pony) competing at 90cm or above in any official British Showjumping or British Eventing competitions, or in Area, Regional or Championship Pony Club or Riding Club competitions should enter the Grand Tour instead. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible. Horse/pony & rider combination: cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping.

GRAND TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 80cm & 90cm

Horse/Pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 75 British Showjumping points or ANY British Eventing points; Foundation points are permissible. If horse/pony has more than overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Riders (on any horse/pony) competing at 1.05m or above in any official British Showjumping or British Eventing competitions, or in Area, Regional or Championship Pony Club or Riding Club competitions should enter the Trophy Tour (Show Jumping) instead. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible. **Horse/pony & rider combination cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping or 50cm eventers challenge.**



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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 an 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	
Show Jumping Section	
Knocking down obstacle	5 penalties
First or second disobedience	10 penalties
Third disobedience	Elimination
Every commenced second in excess of the time allowed	1 penalty
Obstacle disturbed by disobedience	6 second penalty
Exceeding 24 penalties in show jumping section	Retirement at judges' discretion
Cross Country Section	
Knocking down obstacle	5 penalties
First or second disobedience	10 penalties
Third disobedience	Elimination
Every commenced second over or under the optimum time	0.5 penalties
Both Sections	
Fall of horse or fall of rider	Elimination
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
Exceeding the time limit (twice time allowed/optimum time)	Elimination

Horses & ponies must display their competitor number at all times whilst on the showground (does not apply to parking/stabling area). Provide your own 4-digit number disc, which can be displayed on left side of bridle or saddle cloth, as worn as a cross country style bib. Back protectors and not-fixed peak approved protective headgear compulsory.



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- This timetable is for GUIDANCE of the flow of the day. Start times and drawn orders are published from 4th September.
- Qualifying period ends 31st July 2023. Qualification is not a guarantee of entry availability.

• Juniors are 16 years & under on 1st Jan 2023; seniors are 17 years & over on 1st Jan 2023. Riders 17 years old can choose to compete as a junior OR a senior, but not both! Pony is 148cm/14.2hh and under; horse is over 148cm/14.2hh.

Check the schedule for a full description of your class and the rules that apply.

	Thursday 14 th September	mber	Friday	Friday 15 th September	
Ring 3A	Ring 3B	Ring 4	Ring 3A	Ring 3B	Ring 4
	Starting not before 7.30am	Starting not before 7.30am		Starting not before 7.30am	Starting not before 7.30am
	J36 Clear Round	E1 Arena Eventing		J27 Senior 65cm	E2 Arena Eventing
	50cm & 60cm	Clear Round		Championship	50cm Open
		60cm & 70cm			
Start time TBC	to follow	to follow		to follow	
J37 Clear Round	J23 Senior 50cm	E4 Arena Eventing		J28 Senior 75cm	to follow
Various Heights	Championship	60cm Open		Championship	E3 Arena Eventing
					60cm Open
	to follow	to follow		to follow	
	J24 Senior 60cm	E5 Arena Eventing		Supreme Championship	
	Championship	70cm Open			to follow
				to follow	E8 Eventer's Challenge
to follow		to follow	Start time TBC	J43 Open 60cm	50cm Championship
CT 1, CT2, CT3	to follow	E6 Arena Eventing	J39 Clear Round		
Combined Training	Supreme Championship	80cm Open	Various Heights	to follow	
Show Jumping				J44 Open 70cm	to follow
	to follow	to follow			E9 Eventer's Challenge
	J25 Senior 70cm	E7 Arena Eventing		to follow	60cm Championship
	Championship	90cm Open		J45 Open 80cm	
Start time TBC					
J38 Clear Round		to follow		to follow	to follow
Various Heights	to follow	E11 Eventer's Challenge		J46 Open 90cm	E10 Eventer's Challenge
	J26 Senior 80cm	80cm Championship			70cm Championship
	Championship			to follow	
		to follow		J47/J48 Accumulator	
		E12 Eventer's Challenge		Open	
	to follow	90cm Championship		60-70cm & 75-85cm	
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KEY INFORMATION

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- 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.
- Tack & Attire: Cross country attire is advised. Not-fixed peak headgear, compliant with current safety standards and body protectors are compulsory. British Riding Club Rules will act as reference for dress and tack guidelines. NEW! Whip must comply to BS standards.
- Order of Jumping & Declarations: All classes are drawn order which is strictly adhered to. Declare as soon as you arrive at the warm up arena. Late arrival or missed slots for ANY reason may be forfeited, we cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot.
- Warm Up: Available in 2 stages: unlimited time on grass (near to competition arena) for flat warm up; limited time on sand (approx. 15-20 minutes) for jumping warm up, restricted to next riders due to compete.

Prizes: Rosettes awarded to 10th place. Prizes according to sponsorship. Entry Fee: Open classes £30.00; Clear round £22.00.

SEE EVENTERS INFORMATION PAGE for further details and need-to-know information on show jumping rules & restrictions, class start

Class E1 Open 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 slots 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. A: 60-65cm; B: 70-75cm

Class E2 Open Arena Eventing 50cm

Friday 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. Show jumping speed: 300mpm. Cross country speed: 325mpm.

Class E3 Open Arena Eventing 60cm

Friday 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. Show jumping speed: 325mpm. Cross country speed: 350mpm.

Class E4 Open Arena Eventing 60cm

Thursday 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. Show jumping speed: 325mpm. Cross country speed: 350mpm.

Class E5 Open Arena Eventing 70cm

Thursday 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. Show jumping speed: 325mpm. Cross country speed: 350mpm.

Class E6 Open Arena Eventing 80cm

Thursday 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. Show jumping speed: 350mpm. Cross country speed: 375mpm.

Class E7 Open Arena Eventing 90cm

Thursday 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. Show jumping speed: 350mpm. Cross country speed: 375mpm.

Eventers Challenge Championships on next page







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- Tack & Attire: Cross country attire is advised. Not-fixed peak headgear, compliant with current safety standards and body protectors are compulsory. British Riding Club Rules will act as reference for dress and tack guidelines. NEW! Whip must comply to BS standards.
- Order of Jumping & Declarations: All classes are drawn order which is strictly adhered to. Declare as soon as you arrive at the warm up arena. Late arrival or missed slots for ANY reason may be forfeited, we cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot.
- Warm Up: Available in 2 stages: unlimited time on grass (near to competition arena) for flat warm up; limited time on sand (approx. 15-20 minutes) for jumping warm up, restricted to next riders due to compete.
- **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, as well as passing through the lake.

Entry Fee: 50cm E8 £33.00; 60cm-90cm E9-E12 £35.00.

Prizes: Fabulous championship rosettes awarded to 10th place, goody bags to 4th, sash to winner & reserve, championship rug or jacket to winner.

SEE EVENTERS INFORMATION PAGE for further details and need-to-know information on show jumping rules & restrictions, class start times, competition and warm up arenas, additional classes, supreme championships, prizes and presentations.

SMALL TOUR 50cm CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Class E8	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 50cm		
Friday	Open to junior and senior competitors, qualified by being placed in a 50cm (or below) eventers challenge, arena eventing or jump cross class during the current qualification period.		
	Small Tour restrictions apply.		
	Time allowed in 1 st section, 2 nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 300mpm. Cross country speed: 325mpm. Note! The 50cm class is for inexperienced riders or very novice horses/ponies. Kindly respect the introductory nature of this class and enter a higher level competition if the horse/pony and rider combination are capable of competing at a higher level.		
	SMALL TOUR 60cm & 70cm CHAMPIONSHIPS		
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Class E9 Friday	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 60cm		

 Class E10
 Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 70cm

 Friday
 Open to junior and senior 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.

 Small Tour restrictions apply.
 Time allowed in 1st section, 2nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 325mpm. Cross country speed: 350mpm.

GRAND TOUR 80cm & 90cm CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Class E11 Thursday	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 80cmOpen to junior and senior 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.Grand Tour restrictions apply.Time allowed in 1st section, 2nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 350mpm. Cross country speed: 375mpm.
Class E12 Thursday	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 90cm Open to junior and senior competitors, qualified by being placed in a 90cm or 95cm (or below) eventers challenge, arena eventing or jump cross class, during the current qualification period. Grand Tour restrictions apply. Time allowed in 1 st section, 2 nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 350mpm; Cross country speed: 375mpm.



COMBINED TRAINING COMPETITION Thursday 14th September 2023



Combined training classes, open to all Sunshine Tour competitors - just for fun! Choose from Intro with 60cm or 70cm, Prelim with 70cm or 80cm, Novice with 80cm or 90cm.

KEY INFORMATION & RULES

- **Competition Arenas:** All dressage competitions are held on a sand surface in partially boarded arenas, with flowers and judges hut. Show jumping is held on a sand surface.
- Warm Up: Dressage warm up is available in 3 stages: unlimited time on grass (not near dressage arenas); limited time (approx. 20 minutes) on sand, restricted to next riders due to compete; final holding area just before test time, walk & trot only. Show jumping warm up is available in 2 stages: unlimited time on grass for flat warm up; limited time (approx. 15 minutes) on sand for jumping warm up, restricted to next riders due to compete.
- Start Times: Your allocated dressage time is your test start time, you will be called forward from dressage warm up to go to final holding area approx. 15 minutes prior to your test time. Show jumping is divided into sections according to height of jumps, with a start time for each section. Order of jumping is drawn and must be adhered to, please allow approximately 2 minutes per round and come forward to the collecting ring promptly when requested. All classes are drawn order which is strictly adhered to.

Declarations: Declare as soon as you arrive at the warm up arena. Late arrival or missed slots for ANY reason may be forfeited, we cannot guarantee to offer an alternative slot.

Entry fee: £28.00. Prizes: Fabulous rosettes to 10th place, prizes according to sponsorship.

SEE DRESSAGE INFORMATION PAGE for further details and need-to-know information on dressage rules & restrictions, class start times, competition and warm up arenas, additional classes, supreme championships, prizes and presentations. Please see SHOW JUMPING SCHEDULE for full details of jumping rules & restrictions, competition and warm up arenas, etc.

FORMAT & SCORING

Rules: The same horse/rider combination must take part in both phases. Dressage tests must be completed before the show jumping phase.

Dressage: Judged under BD rules, see www.britishdressage.co.uk/rules **Whip and/or spurs permitted but not a caller.** Rider dress and horse tack rules apply as per BD rule book in the dressage phase.

Show Jumping: Judged as a single-phase competition run under BS Club rules, see Member Handbook at www.britishshowjumping.co.uk for details. Short whip (**BS approved type**) and/or spurs permitted. Rider dress and horse tack rules apply as per BS rule book for the show jumping phase.

Scoring: The marks for the dressage phase are calculated in the usual manner. Any faults incurred in the jumping phase are deducted from the marks awarded for the dressage phase. The winner is the combination with the highest score. If the final score gives equality of marks to two or more competitors, the winner of the class is decided by the highest mark/percentage/collective for the dressage test. If there is still equality, the winner is the combination with the show jumping phase.

COMBINED TRAINING CLASSES Sponsored by Saracen Horse Feeds

Class CT1 Sunshine Tour Intro Combined Training Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required. Class judged on dressage and show jumping score. Thursday A: BD Intro A dressage & 60cm show jumping; B: BD Intro A & 70cm show jumping. Whip and/or spurs permitted, but not a caller. Class CT2 Sunshine Tour Prelim Combined Training Thursday Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required. Class judged on dressage and show jumping score. A: Prelim 1 dressage & 70cm show jumping; B: Prelim 1 & 80cm show jumping. Whip and/or spurs permitted, but not a caller. Class CT3 Sunshine Tour Novice Combined Training Open to any Sunshine Tour competitor, no pre-qualification required. Class judged on dressage and show jumping score. Thursday A: Novice 24 dressage & 80cm show jumping; B: Novice 24 & 90cm show jumping. Whip and/or spurs permitted, but not a caller.

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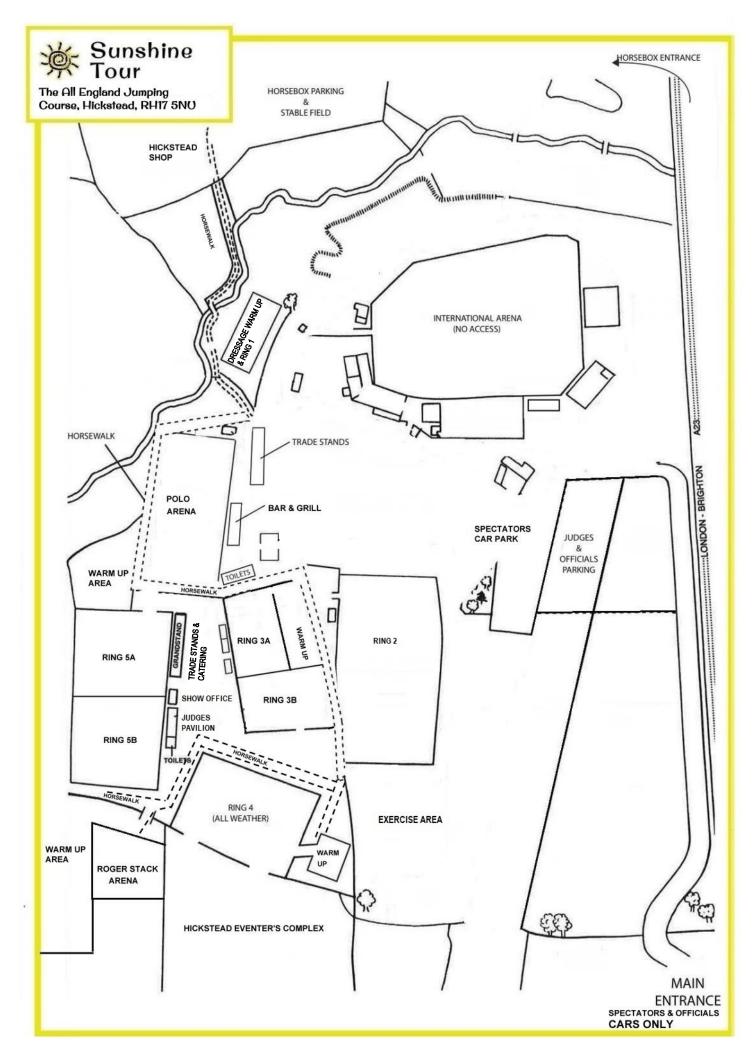


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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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, in 2 consecutive levels. **Show Jumping:** you can enter **one** championship per qualification number. Your championships must not be over 20cm difference from lowest class to highest. **Eventers Challenge:** you can enter **one** championship per qualification number, 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 riders 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?

There are open or training classes in every discipline, and arena familiarisation for dressage. There are also various warm up areas and arenas for use on the day. Please note: time permitted in sand warm arenas may be limited to next competitors due to compete. Additional space is available in grass warm up areas, but this may not be near to your competition arena. Lunging is not permitted in any warm up arena.

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 charged an admin fee. If you withdraw after the close of entries, you will forfeit some or all of your entry fee depending on the reason for withdrawal and/or when you withdraw. See Rules & Conditions for details.

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 2023.

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

Stabling is available to pre-book (brick stables sell out quickly). You can bring your own bedding, hay/haylage or you can pre-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. <u>Separate accompanying cars park in a different field</u>. You can camp or stay in your horsebox, with an additional 3m space for camping/eating/relaxing arrangements. Additional vehicles for overnight accommodation, like caravans, campervan, oversize tents, extra horseboxes pay £20 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 is available at various on-site outlets and a small provisions shop. Within walking distance you can find a pub, garage and Starbucks!

Will there be a photographer or souvenirs to buy?

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 2023 GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

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). Out of hours veterinary cover will be available, contact details will be available on site. All veterinary or farrier expenses must be paid direct to the vet/farrier in attendance.
- 9. 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. 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.
- 10. 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 or 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.
- 11. 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. The 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 an 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 continued

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. Withdrawals received up to the close of entries will be accepted and refunded.
- 3. Competitors applying for a refund after close of entries must submit evidence verified by a hospital, doctor or vet certificate. Only a doctor or vet can provide evidence for a medical withdrawal, correspondence from farriers, physics or other health professionals are not accepted.
- 4. Only acute and recent medical conditions, traumas or illnesses will be acceptable, pre-existing or chronic conditions will not be accepted for the purposes of generating a refund.
- Refunds are considered on a case by case basis, within the following lime limits: 11th to 20th August may be eligible for 75% refund; 21st to 31st August 50% refund; 1st September to 7th September 25% refund; 8th September onward no refund for any reason.
- 6. Notification must be received in writing to the Sunshine Tour office by email info@sunshinetour.co.uk or by letter to Sunshine Tour HQ. Text, Facebook, Messenger or WhatsApp messages or phone calls are not accepted as official withdrawal notification. Medical verification to apply for a partial refund must be received by 30th September following the current show.
- 7. 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 and steward 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. Objections: Sunshine Tour uses expert judges and their decision is to be respected. Any objections about the conduct of classes must be brought to the organiser's attention within 60 minutes of the incident and we will make every effort to resolve problems. If we cannot resolve the problem and you wish to lodge a formal complaint and request further investigation, you should lodge your complaint on the day of competition in writing with the secretary and supported by a £50 deposit.
- 5. Video evidence is not usually admissible to support a complaint. We will view video evidence as part of an investigation, but in the event of a discrepancy between the judge's view and a video view, the judge's must take priority.
- 6. 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 correct competitor number. This applies at all times on the showground, even walking in-hand or exercise/familiarisation. You're not required to display competitor number in 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.
- 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 2023.
- 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 horses or stopping and chatting with friends! No trotting or cantering.
- 6. All dogs must be kept on a lead <u>at all times</u>. 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 incur a charge 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. Do not empty caravan/lorry toilet contents into the public toilets, an Elsan point is provided.
- 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.
- £10 cash deposit per stable is required upon arrival. Deposit will be returned on departure provided stable has been mucked out your stable may be inspected or you may be asked to provide proof. You may be issued with a deposit or stable allocation slips, which should be retained to claim your deposit back.
- 8. 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 pervious 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. Shavings or flax bedding only. Straw, paper or cardboard are not permitted,



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