



Sunshine Tour Championships



EVENTERS CHALLENGE SCHEDULE 2025

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th September

at ALL ENGLAND JUMPING COURSE, HICKSTEAD

West Sussex, RH17 5NU

Class Entries open online: Sunday 10th August
Class entries open by post: Monday 11th August
Initial Entries close: Wednesday 13th August

Entries online:

sunshinetour.co.uk/enter



Link to Sunshine Tour
Entry page

Entries by post:

Download entry form from sunshinetour.co.uk/enter

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

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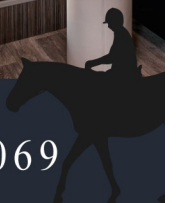
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The championship aims to provide a fun, exciting show run to the highest standards, all while maintaining a friendly and inclusive atmosphere. The spirit of the event is firmly rooted in being an amateur and unaffiliated championship, which is a value held dearly by the organisers, sponsors, and fellow competitors. While some horses or riders may have had light experience in affiliated competition, professionals and experienced affiliated combinations are not permitted. It's important that all competitors respect not only the letter of the rules but also the spirit behind them. If you're unsure about your eligibility or which section you should enter, you're encouraged to contact the team at info@sunshinetour.co.uk for guidance.

There are three sections, known as 'Tours': the Mini Tour, Small Tour, and Grand Tour. These range from lower levels suitable for beginners and novice partnerships to higher levels for those with more experience and competitive achievements.

The organisers hope all participants will help foster a fair and enjoyable competition for everyone involved. Best of luck, and most importantly, have a fantastic time at the Sunshine Tour!

Useful Links and Sources of Information

- Sunshine Tour website:** [Show Information & FAQ page](#) features useful details for all competitors on the run up to the show. [Enter page](#) includes all the entry information and links to enter.
- Sunshine Tour Facebook:** [Public Page](#) and [Sunshine Tour Group 2025](#) features all the latest news, information, FAQs and gossip!
- Sunshine Tour Instagram:** [Sunshinetourchampionships](#) for all the latest notifications and media.
- British Riding Clubs:** Rules on tack, dress, judging and welfare in Appendix 5 of the [British Riding Clubs Handbook](#), pages 92 - 96.
- British Showjumping:** Overall rules and details on whips and spurs at www.britishshowjumping.co.uk see [British Showjumping Handbook](#)

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Entry Conditions & Deadlines



QUALIFICATION & ELIGIBILITY

Pre-qualification and participation in a championship class is required to compete at the Sunshine Tour Championships. Each qualification number allows you to enter one championship class at the same level as your qualification, or at a higher level if eligible. You may compete on different days and in different Tours, subject to certain restrictions.

Restrictions: It is essential that both the horse and rider meet the eligibility criteria for each class entered. It is your responsibility to ensure you comply with these restrictions - see Qualification Restrictions on page 11. If you are found to be competing in a class for which you or your horse are not eligible, your entry may be cancelled without a refund, and any placings or prizes already awarded may be forfeited.

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

Online Entries for Classes, Stabling & Camping: Opens on Sunday 10th August: Dressage, Show Jumping & Eventers Challenge at 10.00am; Showing at 12.00pm; Stabling at 2.00pm. By entering online you will know immediately if your entry is successful. sunshinetour.co.uk/enter

Postal Entries for Classes, Stabling & Camping: Opens on Monday 11th August. Download entry form at sunshinetour.co.uk/enter. 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 Close: Online: Wednesday 13th August. By post: Wednesday 13th August.

Stable Entry Closing Date: Online & Post: Wednesday 3rd September.

Stabling & Camping: There are separate booking systems for classes & stabling. You are advised to book class entries before booking stabling. Three types of stabling are offered: temporary, brick and internal barn. Some stabling options may only be booked for the duration of the show, not for individual nights. Bedding & hay, camping & electric hook-up can be booked via stabling booking system.

Waiting List & Late Entries: Subject to availability, waiting list & late entries may be offered during the period Sun 17th - Weds 20th August.

EVENTERS CHALLENGE & ARENA EVENTING ENTRY FEES

Championship Classes: £38.00; **Additional Classes:** £32.00; **Clear Round** £24.00.

Medical & Safety Charges: £4.60 per class.

WITHDRAWALS & AMENDMENTS

Withdrawals After Initial Closing Date: Withdrawals are only accepted for acute medical conditions and must be submitted in writing accompanied by vet's or doctor's evidence. Withdrawals submitted: 14th - 20th August may be eligible for 75% refund; 21st to 27th August 50% refund; 28th August to 3rd September 25% refund; 4th September onward - no refund for any reason. Evidence to support a withdrawal must be submitted by 30th September.

Amendments After Initial Closing Date: Only minor amendments accepted, subject to organisers discretion and may incur a £5.00 fee.

START TIMES & DRAWN ORDERS

Eventers Challenge classes are drawn order and each class is given a start time. **Start lists** are published from Tuesday 2nd September at sunshinetour.co.uk/enter **First classes of the day can start as early as 7.30am and last classes may finish as late as 7.00pm.**

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 for Competitors: Access via horsebox entrance post code RH17 5NU. Wednesday access from 2.00pm (**not before**) until 10.00pm (**not after**); Thursday - Sunday: 6.00am to 9.00pm, later admission **only** by special arrangement.

Wednesday Early Arrival: If you arrive before the official gate opening time of 2.00pm, you will be given the option to park in the waiting area (you cannot unload or book into your stables) OR pay an early access charge and be able to park and book into your stable. Early access charges: Arrival between 12.00pm & 2.00pm - £100; arrival between 10.00am and 12.00pm - £200; arrival before 10.00am - no admittance. These measures are not implemented to charge you unnecessarily, but are for the extra staffing needed to ensure safety.

Showground for Spectators: Entrance for spectators vehicles, post code BN6 9NS.

Competition & Warm-Up Arenas: Wednesday: no access to warm-up arenas; Thursday - Sunday; 7.00am until end of competition.

Secretary & Show Office: Show days from 7.00am-7.00pm.

Showground Catering: Showground catering open daily Thursday - Sunday; Clubhouse open Wednesday evening and Thursday - Sunday.

NEW! Bicycles, Scooters & Mobility Vehicles:

ANYWHERE at Hickstead: Electric scooters are strictly forbidden. Persons found to be using a battery charged scooter will have the scooter impounded until departure.

SHOWGROUND at Hickstead: Mobility vehicles and pushchairs are permitted on the showground. Bicycles, personal scooters or other wheeled vehicles are not permitted. Pull-along trolleys are permitted.

PARKING & STABLING FIELDS at Hickstead: Mobility vehicles and pushchairs 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 is permitted, provided they are used in horse friendly manner and do not cause nuisance to others. **Personal electric scooters are FORBIDDEN.** 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 issued on arrival at the show.** All vehicles must display a valid parking pass, with vehicle registration number.

Accompanying cars, including grooms and supply vehicles park separately 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 or immobilised with a fine to pay for release.

Parking or camping with friends is **only** 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 'Stabling & Camping'.

DECLARATIONS & BRIDLE / COMPETITOR NUMBERS

Declarations are taken at ringside for show jumping, eventers challenge and showing and at the warm up arena for dressage. 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.

Bridle / Competitor Numbers: All horses **MUST** display their bridle number, **AND wear a bridle**, 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 £6.00. 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 3rd September 2025.**

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.



Jade Ploude Equestrian

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Stabling & Camping at Hickstead

DAYTIME STABLING

Day Stables: Subject to availability, £28.00/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 5.00pm; later occupancy sometime possible, subject to availability - check with Stable Manager.

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

OVERNIGHT STABLING

Overnight Stabling: £56.00/night for temporary; £62.00/night for 'old' brick; £72.00/night for NEW internal barn stabling. Early booking discounts for duration stabling apply. Check-in with the stable manager on arrival, you must present your horses' passports.

Occupancy & Arrival Times: Wednesday: earliest occupancy is 2.00pm, latest check-in is strictly 10.00pm. Early occupancy fees apply - details in 'Admission, Access & Opening Times' on previous page. Late arrivals only permitted by arrangement for emergency reasons. Thursday - Saturday from 6.00pm on night of booking, until 5.00pm the following day. Sunday, vacate by 8.00pm. If you are arriving earlier in the day (Thurs, Fri or Sat), 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 Type: Temporary - 3mx3m; Brick - size varies; Barn - internal stabling with covered walkways and washdown area, 3mx3m.

Stabling Together: Stabling is allocated on arrival. Although you cannot prebook stabling together, it is usually possible to stable with friends **provided 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 and may have some bedding left in, but the coverage varies. Your stable should be reasonably clean and in a fair but used condition when you arrive. Any issues should be reported **immediately** to the Stable Manager. Stables may be 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 - £20.00 cash deposit required per stable on arrival. You MUST retain your booking slip to reclaim your deposit. NO BOOKING SLIP = NO DEPOSIT RETURN. Your stable must be left clean in order to collect your deposit on departure. You will be required to show proof of stable condition and **return your stable allocation slip (issued on arrival).**

CAMPING

Camping overnight: people staying in a competitors' horsebox/trailer is **FREE!** Your parking slot includes 3m 'soft' camping space beside your horsebox/trailer. Soft camping can include a gazebo or tent, but not an additional vehicle, trailer or hard structure.

Additional camping bookings: Additional caravans, campervans, separate horseboxes, cars or tents can be booked at £30.00/night (may not be available with electric hook-up). You can **ONLY** camp together if you arrive together.

Electric Hook-Up: Booking is valid from 6.00pm on day of booking until 5.00pm the following day, £44.00/period. Discounts for duration bookings apply from 10th to 13th August. 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, trailer or tent and cannot be split between all your friends!! Bookings without hook-up **cannot** park next to or near to electric hook-up bookings. Your hook-up point may be distant from your parking space, so 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 may be 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 horse washdown in each barn stabling block and at the top of the main stable field - fair use policy applies, please be quick at busy times.

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 3rd September 2025.**

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.

BOOKINGS & PRICES

Stable Bookings: Online at sunshinetour.co.uk/enter from 2.00pm Sunday 10th August to Wednesday 3rd September; you will know immediately if your entry is successful.

Post from Monday 11th August to Wednesday 3rd September; download entry form at sunshinetour.co.uk/enter.

Recorded delivery is recommended; there is an admin fee; you will not know if your entry is successful until confirmed by Sunshine Tour.

Prices: Temporary stable overnight £56.00/night; Brick stable £62.00/night; Barn stable £72.00/night. Discounts for duration bookings apply from Sunday 10th to Wednesday 13th August. Temporary stable daytime £28.00/day; Additional overnight vehicle/camping space £30.00/night; Electric hook-up £44.00/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. Information can be found in Appendix 5 of the [British Riding Clubs Handbook](#), pages 92 - 96.

Whips: only padded baton whips are permitted, 45cm - 75cm in length. **Spurs:** only blunt ended spurs are permitted, max. 4cm length for seniors, 2.5cm length for juniors. Further details and a visual guide can be found in the [British Showjumping Padded Baton & Spurs Rule](#). **NEW! whip can only be used according to BS rules: Only** to encourage forward movement or support the shoulder; **never** severely or to punish. **Cannot** be used before start of round, after elimination, as punishment after a refusal or from the ground. Use behind the leg - maximum 3 strikes; use on shoulder - both hands on the reins. Details on use of whips and spurs, see [British Showjumping Handbook](#).

Body protectors and non-fixed peak protective headgear are compulsory in all Arena Eventing & Eventers Challenge classes. Long sleeves are strongly recommended.

Format and Scoring of Eventers Challenge: See page 12 for details of format and scoring. **Safety Checks:** Spot checks may be carried out at ringside, competitors not complying with safety rules for tack or dress may be eliminated.

Competitor number is necessary. As long as it is CLEARLY visible, you can display on 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 **one** 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 show jumping cannot compete in other Tours. You can compete higher than your original qualification, but not lower. 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 your 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 junior and senior riders.

START TIMES, COMPETITION ARENAS & WARM-UP ARENAS

Class start times are published from 2nd September. Please allow yourself plenty of time to arrive, park and make your way to the warm-up arena, it can take considerably longer than a day-to-day show. We make every 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. 2½ to 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 within 48 hours of publication of drawn orders.

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.

If you are riding more than one class on the same day, there can be several hours between your rounds. Day stables may be available to book on the day at £28.00/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 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, subject to availability.

Additional classes are available on Thursday and Friday. Additional classes and clear round are only open to Sunshine Tour competitors taking part in a Championship class (any discipline).

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

PRIZES & PRESENTATIONS

Prizes: Championships: Fabulous championship rosettes to 10th place, goody bags to 4th, sash to winner & reserve and championship saddle cloth to winner. Additional Classes: Rosettes to 10th place, prizes according to sponsorship.

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!!



ALL DISCIPLINES & CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunshine Tour Championships are for AMATEUR competitors, professionals are excluded from competing in the Sunshine Tour. **Our definition of a 'professional' is someone who earns money from:**

- Training, schooling, breaking, producing for competition or sale, or competing horses/ponies for clients, owners or a business.
- People who work with horses solely for care, e.g. grooms, vet nurses and only participate in exercising of horses, e.g. hacking & lunging for exercise but not schooling, training, competing or breaking client's horses can qualify.
- Buying, selling or breeding horses for sale or profit.
- Teaching and/or training riders/handlers. Instructors who only teach in a riding school with riding school horses/ponies and do not teach people on their own horses can qualify.
- Judging affiliated classes in the same discipline as your competition (paid or unpaid).

EVENTERS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each Eventers Challenge Qualification Code allows you to enter ONE eventers challenge championship class:

At the same height as qualification **OR** above your qualification height. Note! 5cm flexibility to compete 5cm below original qualification has been discontinued.

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.

TOURS are just 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. You can compete in both Small Tour and Grand Tour, if both the horse and the rider comply with the Small Tour restrictions. If you are outside the restrictions for the Tour that you qualified in, you can voluntarily move up to compete in a higher Tour.

SMALL TOUR: 50cm – 75cm. **GRAND TOUR:** 80cm – 1m.

EVENTERS CHALLENGE RESTRICTIONS

SMALL TOUR - COMPETITOR	GRAND TOUR - COMPETITOR
Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to be 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.	Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to be competing at 1.10m or above in any official British Showjumping or British Eventing competitions, or in Area, Regional or Championship Pony Club or Riding Club competitions are not eligible.
Competitor cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping.	Competitor cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping.
Competitors who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1 st January 2023 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.	

SMALL TOUR – HORSE	GRAND TOUR – HORSE
Horse/pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 60 BS points or any British Eventing or Foundation points.	Horse/pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 90 BS points or any British Eventing points; Foundation points are permissible.
If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but NONE earned during the period 1 st January 2023 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.	

Competitor AND horse must comply with restrictions of the Tour to be eligible to compete in that Tour.

SUNSHINE TOUR EVENTERS CHALLENGE

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 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.

Outside assistance is not permitted during a round, including via electronic communication devices.

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 or below 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
Obstacle disturbed by disobedience	6 second penalty

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 or worn as a cross country style bib.
Back protectors and not-fixed peak approved protective headgear compulsory.

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SUNSHINE TOUR TIMETABLE

SHOW JUMPING & EVENTERS CHALLENGE

- This timetable is only for GUIDANCE of the flow of the day. Classes may change arena, final arena allocation and start times are published from 2nd September onwards.
- Qualifying period ends 31st July. Full schedule is published in June, entries open 10th August. Qualification is not a guarantee of entry availability.
- Juniors are 16 years & under on 1st Jan 2025; seniors are 17 years & over on 1st Jan 2025; veteran riders are 45 years & over on 1st Jan 2025.
- 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 11 th September				Friday 12 th September			
Ring 3A	Ring 3B	Ring 4		Ring 3A	Ring 3B	Ring 4	
Starting not before 7.30am J53 Clear Round 40cm	Starting not before 7.30am J26 Senior Horse & Pony 45cm Championship S-phase	Starting not before 7.30am E1 Eventers Challenge Clear Round 60cm		Starting not before 7.30am J57 Clear Round 60cm	Starting not before 7.30am J32 Senior 70cm Championship	Starting not before 7.30am E4A&B Eventers Challenge 50cm & 60cm Open	
J54 Clear Round 50cm	to follow J27 Senior Horse & Pony 50cm Championship	(water splash not included) to follow E2A&B Eventers Challenge 60cm & 70cm Open		to follow 65cm	Single-phase	Single-phase with optimum time	
to follow J34 Veteran Rider 50cm Championship Two-phase	to follow J28 Senior Horse & Pony 60cm Championship	Single-phase with optimum time		to follow 70cm	to follow J33 Senior 75cm Championship	to follow	to follow E8 Eventers Challenge 50cm Championship
J35 Veteran Rider 60cm Championship	Single-phase	to follow E5 Eventers Challenge 70cm Championship		to follow J58 Clear Round 50cm	to follow	to follow	to follow E9 Eventers Challenge 60cm Championship
to follow J55 Clear Round 60cm	to follow J29 Senior Horse & Pony 65cm Championship	Single-phase with optimum time		Two-phase	J51 Open 70cm	Single-phase with optimum time	
J56 Clear Round 70cm	Single-phase	to follow E3 Eventers Challenge 80cm Open		to follow J50 Open 60cm	Single-phase	Single-phase with optimum time	
to follow J36 Veteran Rider 70cm Championship	to follow J30 Senior Horse & Pony 70cm Championship	Single-phase with optimum time		Two-phase	to follow J45 Accumulator 70-80cm	to follow	to follow
Two-phase		to follow E6 Eventers Challenge 80cm Championship		to follow J59 Clear Round 75cm & 85cm	J46 Accumulator 80-90cm	Single-phase with optimum time	
to follow J37 Veteran Rider 75cm Championship	to follow	Single-phase with optimum time		to follow	to follow	to follow	to follow
Two-phase	to follow J31 Senior Horse & Pony 75cm Championship	to follow E7 Eventers Challenge 90cm Championship		J43 Horse & Hound 50cm	J52 Open 80cm & 90cm Single-phase	to follow	to follow E11 Eventers Challenge 80cm Championship
	Single-phase	Single-phase with optimum time		J44 Horse & Hound 70cm		Single-phase with optimum time	

SUNSHINE TOUR TIMETABLE

SHOW JUMPING & EVENTERS CHALLENGE

- **This timetable is only for GUIDANCE of the flow of the day.** Classes may change arena, final arena allocation and start times are published from 2nd September onwards.
- Qualifying period ends 31st July. Full schedule is published in June, entries open 10th August. Qualification is not a guarantee of entry availability.
- Juniors are 16 years & under on 1st Jan 2025; seniors are 17 years & over on 1st Jan 2025; veteran riders are 45 years & over on 1st Jan 2025.
- 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.

Saturday 13 th September				Sunday 14 th September			
Ring 3A	Ring 3B	Ring 4	Ring 1 or Polo Arena	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	Starting not before 7.30am	Starting not before 7.30am	Starting not before 7.30am	
U5 Junior Pony 50cm Championship	J60 Clear Round 50cm	J38 Senior Horse & Pony 80cm Championship	J61 Minis Clear Round 30cm & 40cm	J11 Junior Pony 50cm Championship	J24 Junior Horse 75cm Championship	J62 Clear Round 90cm	
Single-phase	to follow	Single-phase		Single-phase	Single-phase	to follow	
to follow	J20 Junior Horse 50cm Championship S-Phase	to follow	to follow		J25 Junior Horse 80cm Championship	J41 Grand Tour Horse & Pony 95cm Championship	
to follow	to follow	J39 Senior Horse & Pony 85cm Championship	J1 Mini Tour Junior Pony Lead Rein 30cm Championship	to follow	Single-phase	Single-phase	
U6 Junior Pony 55cm Championship	J21 Junior Horse 60cm Championship	to follow	to follow	J12 Junior Pony 55cm Championship	to follow	to follow	
Single-phase	Single-phase	Supreme Championship	Judged on faults & style	Single-phase	Supreme Championship	J42 Grand Tour Horse & Pony 1.0m Championship S-Phase	
to follow	to follow	to follow			to follow	to follow	
Supreme Championship	Supreme Championship	to follow	to follow	to follow	J48 Pairs Jumping Open - 70cm & 85cm	Supreme Championship	
to follow	J47 Ride & Run Open - 60cm & 75cm	J40 Senior Horse & Pony 90cm Supreme Championship	J2 Mini Tour Junior Pony 30cm Championship	Supreme Championship	Fancy Dress encouraged!! Prize for best fancy dress pair.	J17 Junior Pony 80cm Championship	
to follow	Open - 60cm & 75cm	One round against the clock.	to follow	to follow		Single-phase	
J7 Junior Pony 60cm Championship		J9 Junior Pony 70cm Championship	Can be assisted	J13 Junior Pony 60cm Championship	to follow	to follow	
Single-phase	to follow	Single-phase	Judged on faults & style	Single-phase	J15 Junior Pony 70cm Championship	to follow	
to follow	J22 Junior Horse 65cm Championship				Single-phase	J18 Junior Pony 85cm Championship	
to follow	Single-phase		to follow	to follow		Single-phase	
J8 Junior Pony 65cm Championship	to follow	to follow	J3 Mini Tour Junior Pony 40cm Championship	J14 Junior Pony 65cm Championship	to follow	to follow	
Single-phase	J23 Junior Horse 70cm Championship	J10 Junior Pony 75cm Championship	Single-phase. Can be assisted	Single-phase	J16 Junior Pony 75cm Championship	Supreme Championship	
to follow	Single-phase	Single-phase	to follow		Single-phase	J19 Junior Horse & Pony 90cm Supreme Championship	
Supreme Championship	to follow	to follow	J4 Mini Tour Junior Pony 45cm Championship S-Phase	to follow	to follow	One round against the clock.	
Supreme Championship	Supreme Championship	Supreme Championship	Championship S-Phase	Supreme Championship	Supreme Championship		



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EVENTERS CHALLENGE CLEAR ROUND & ADDITIONAL CLASSES

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th September 2025



KEY INFORMATION

Rules, Format & Scoring: Scoring and penalties are Sunshine Tour rules (see page 12). Additional classes and clear round are only open to Sunshine Tour competitors taking part in a Championship class (any discipline).

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. If a horse/pony is deemed not fit enough to safely compete in another class, competitors can be required to withdraw from further competition on the same day - at the judge's discretion.

Tack & Attire: Not-fixed peak headgear, compliant with current safety standards and body protectors are compulsory. Cross country rider attire is advised. **Whips:** Only padded baton whip permitted, 45cm - 75cm. **Blunt spurs** are permitted. **NEW! Rules apply for use of whips & spurs.** See Eventers Challenge Information on page 10 for further details and links to rule books.

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 (usually available 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.

Prizes: Championships - fabulous championship rosettes awarded to 10th place, goody bags to 4th, sash to winner & reserve, championship rug or jacket to winner. Additional classes - rosettes awarded to 10th place. Prizes according to sponsorship.

Entry Fee: Championships £38.00; Additional classes £32.00; Clear round £24.00.

SEE EVENTERS INFORMATION on page 10 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.

EVENTERS CHALLENGE & CLEAR ROUND

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Class E1 Thursday	Clear Round Eventers Challenge - 60cm 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. Water splash is not included in clear round.
Class E2 A&B Thursday	Eventers Challenge 60cm & 70cm 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. A: 60cm; B: 70cm
Class E3 Thursday	Eventers Challenge 80cm 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 E4 A&B Friday	Eventers Challenge 50cm & 60cm 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.



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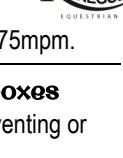


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EVENTERS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Class E5 Thursday	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 70cm - kindly sponsored by ICE Horseboxes 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 1 st section, 2 nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 325mpm. Cross country speed: 350mpm.	
Class E6 Thursday	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 80cm Open 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 1 st section, 2 nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 350mpm. Cross country speed: 375mpm.	
Class E7 Thursday	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 90cm - kindly sponsored by Rhinegold Equestrian 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.	
Class E8 Friday	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 50cm - kindly sponsored by Bloomfields Horseboxes 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.	
Class E9 Friday	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 60cm Open to junior and senior 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. Small Tour restrictions apply. Time allowed in 1 st section, 2 nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 325mpm. Cross country speed: 350mpm.	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.
Class E10 Friday	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 70cm - kindly sponsored by Monarchy Equestrian 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 1 st section, 2 nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 325mpm. Cross country speed: 350mpm.	
Class E11 Friday	Sunshine Tour Eventers Challenge Championship 80cm Open 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 1 st section, 2 nd section with optimum time. Show jumping speed: 350mpm; Cross country speed: 375mpm.	

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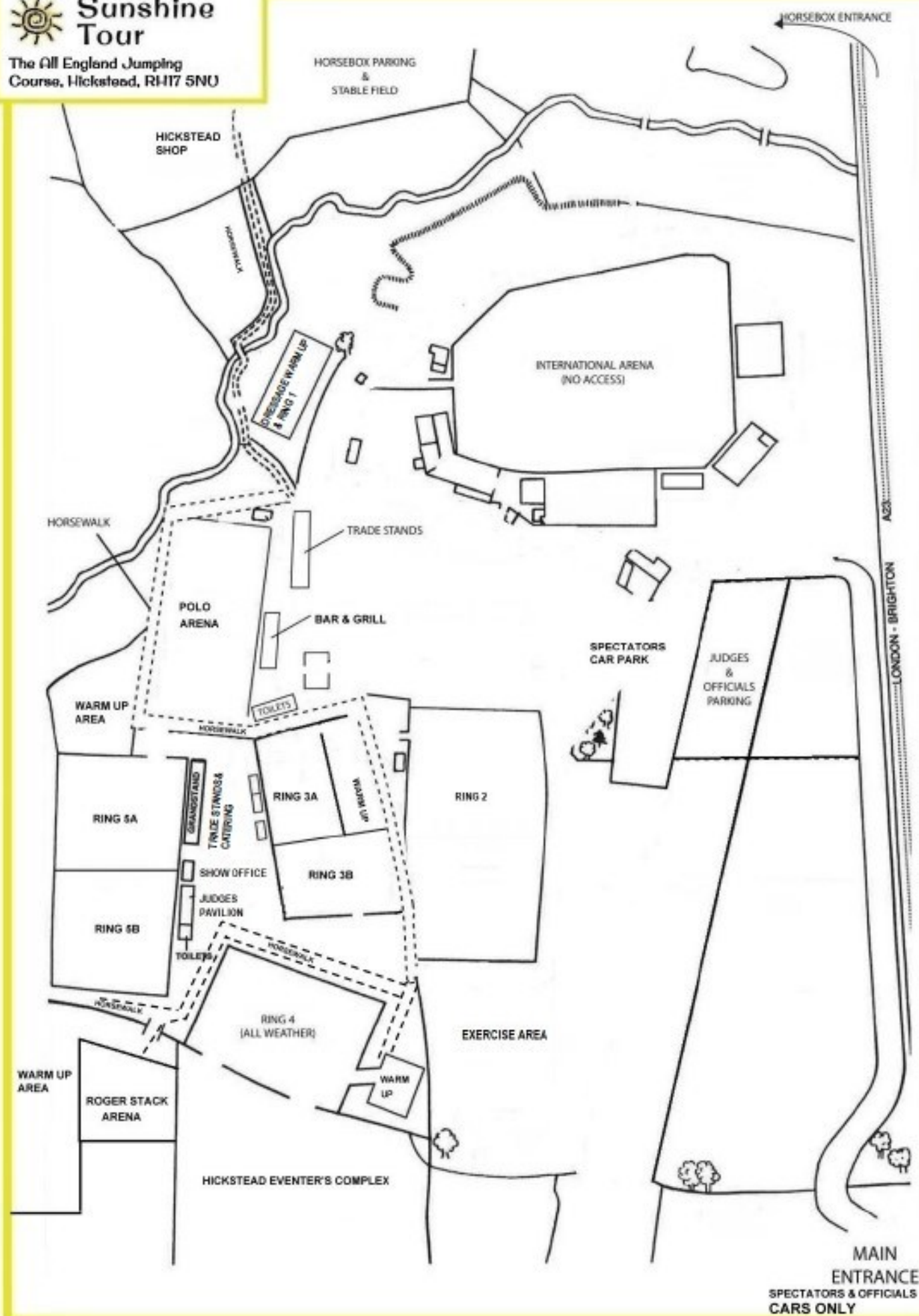
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the difference between Mini Tour, Small Tour and Grand 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 is for more experienced. Before you enter, make sure that you check the rules & restrictions at sunshinetour.co.uk/championships/rules/ 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. **Showing:** you can enter one championship per qualification number.

Maximum Number of Championships: You can enter 6 championships in dressage and show jumping, 3 in eventers challenge and a sensible number, with due consideration for the health of your horse/pony in showing.

In all disciplines: you must have qualified during the current qualification period, submitted your results and received qualification numbers before entering into a championship class. If you've qualified for more levels than you can take part in, then you must 'drop' the lowest level. All championship 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 other Tours in the same discipline. Small and Ground Tour - you can enter both Tours. If you compete in the more restricted class (i.e. Small Tour), you and your horse 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, provided you have the correct qualification numbers. Please observe the 'spirit of competition' and don't compete below your 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 enter more than one championship class at the same level or swap for a higher level class 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 at sunshinetour.co.uk/championships/rules/) 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 Prelim restrictions, then you can enter the Novice instead. You can't downgrade from your original qualification.

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 non-championship 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 less than 10 days before the start of the show.

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. 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. Separate accompanying cars park in a different field. 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, campervans, oversize tents, extra horseboxes pay 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!

SUNSHINE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

By entering a competition or attending the showground, you are deemed to be agreeing to the 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 will not be tolerated, including use of force or misuse of equipment, by any person. Any whip, spur, bridle, boot or other equipment used anywhere on the showground must comply with the relevant discipline's rule book and not be modified or misused. 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 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.
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 videos 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 are 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.

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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, physios or other health professionals is not accepted.
4. Notice of withdrawal or cancellation of entries, stabling, camping and/or fodder 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, WhatsApp messages or phone calls are not accepted as official withdrawal notification. Medical evidence to apply for a partial refund must be received by 30th September following the current show.
5. Refunds: Only acute and recent medical conditions, traumas or illnesses will be accepted in applications for any refund. 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 time limits: From close of entries Week 1 - Weds 14th to Tues 20th August up to 75% refund; Week 2 - Weds 21st to Tues 27th August up to 50% refund; Week 3 - Weds 28th August to Tues 3rd September up to 25% refund; Week 4 - Weds 4th September onwards no refund for any reason.
6. 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 on the 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 £50.00 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 upon arrival, at any time if requested by security or show staff in the parking area.
3. Horses/ponies must have an up-to-date annual equine influenza vaccination or have completed at least TWO initial vaccination injections. In either case, the last injection/booster must not be given less than 10 days before competition.
4. Horse Walks: only walking allowed in the horse walk. No holding horses or stopping to chat with friends! No trotting or cantering.
5. 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.
6. 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!
7. 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 9.00pm and 6.00am).
8. 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.

Bicycles, Scooters & Mobility Vehicles

1. **Electric scooters are strictly forbidden anywhere at Hickstead.** Persons found to be using a battery charged scooter will have the scooter impounded until departure.
2. Mobility vehicles, pushchairs and pull-along trolleys are permitted on the showground and in the stable field. Bicycles are permitted in the stable field but not on the showground.

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 11.00pm and 6.00am. 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 11.00pm 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.
7. £20.00 cash deposit per stable is required upon arrival. Deposit will be returned on departure provided stable has been mucked out and your booking slip returned. Your stable may be inspected or you may be asked to provide proof. If your stable is not mucked out when you arrive, inform the stable manager immediately.
8. The amount of bedding left in stables by the previous occupant varies, some stables may be deep litter and under bedding may be damp in temporary stables. You are advised to bring or pre-purchase some bedding to freshen up / add depth to the bed. Shavings or flax bedding only.