



The Rules, Terms and conditions

- Online (preferred) and postal (not preferred but possible) entries in advance of the event will be accepted up until 6pm on Monday 16th September 2019. Thereafter riders must enter on the day of the event. Advance entry fees are non-refundable under any circumstance, even in the unlikely event of the cancellation of the Ride.
- The cost of advance entries is £20 for riders aged 15 and over, and £15 for riders aged 14 and under. The cost of entries on the day is £30 for riders aged 15 and over, and £20 for riders aged 14 and under.
- On arrival at the event riders must report to the Entries Tent to confirm entry, payment and 'In Case of Emergency' (ICE) details, and thereafter collect and wear their number bib. Riders aged under 18 must be signed in by an adult (aged 18 or over). All sponsorship details and money raised should be handed in at this time.
- Riders are **STRONGLY ADVISED** to wear hard hats that conform to current safety standards (PAS 015:1998 or 2011 with BSI Kitemark, VG1 with BSI Kitemark, Snell E2001 with official Snell label and number, ASTM-F1163 2004a with SEI mark, or AS/NZS 3838 1998, 2003 or 2006) with chin strap done up at all times when mounted. In any event a hard hat designed for riding, in good condition and correctly fitted **MUST** be worn, and any riders not so complying will be turned away. It is advisable for riders under 15 years to wear a body protector that complies with current safety standards (BETA 2009 Level 3), and for medical armbands to be worn.
- Equine Influenza. Following a review of Ride policy in response to updated information on the equine influenza situation, and following recent advice from a local vet and in line with other similar events, The Badminton Ride now requires all horses entering the Ride to have had an equine influenza vaccination within 6 months of the date of the Ride (22nd September 2019), so to have been vaccinated on or after 22nd March 2019.

This policy affects all horses coming to the event for any reason. Please bring all entrants' horse passports or vaccination certificates with you, and expect these to be subject to spot check on arrival at the gate. If your horse is found to not be correctly covered, it plus any others on the same transport will, with regret, be turned away and not be allowed to enter the site or take part in the Ride.

We do hope you understand the reason for this review, and that you agree that we should do all we can to protect the health of every horse that enters. Those riders who have already entered the Ride online but who do not have vaccinated horses, and who still want to take part in the Ride, now have over 5 weeks in which to get their horses vaccinated and the paperwork in order.

- Riders aged under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult (defined as someone aged 18 years or over). If the escorting adult withdraws the child must also withdraw.
- Horses and ponies must be aged 4 years or over.
- All riders MUST report to the Starter at the beginning of the Ride and the Finish Steward at the Finish. Riders may retire early or take the shorter route but MUST report the fact to the next Steward passed.
- Riders may start the course anytime between 10am and 2pm. LAST registration at the Entries Tent is at 1.30pm. No start times will be given, but the Starter will send riders off in groups and at short intervals as they get to him.
- Riders are asked to respect landowners' generosity in giving access to the land for the Ride, must comply with any instructions given by Stewards, and must follow all direction signs and markers. Overtaking other riders is allowed but must be done sensibly at an appropriate (slow) speed and distance. In general good riding manners are required throughout, and will be enforced by Stewards. Failure to carry out the instructions of a Steward may lead to a rider's removal from the Ride.
- All jumps are optional but ONLY THREE attempts are allowed at each, at Stewards' discretion. There is a way around every jump. Where there are sets or series' of jumps alongside each other, these again are options and riders are encouraged to take the set that is within their capability and that of their horse or pony.
- Any rider without a number (implying non payment of entry fee) may be removed from the course by a Steward.
- This is a Ride not a walk and whilst of course spectators and supporters are welcome they should not plan on undertaking, or escorting riders along, the whole Ride on foot.
- Dogs MUST be on a lead at ALL times.
- **The Duke of Beaufort's Hunt, The Charities, The Organising Committee, The Land Owners, all persons and all organisations involved in the Ride disclaim all liability for any damage to any person or property, howsoever caused, whether by negligence or otherwise. It is up to participants and spectators to make their own insurance arrangements.**
- Paramedics, Doctors, a vet and a farrier will be in attendance.
- In case of cancellation or postponement notification will be on the website by Friday 20th September 2019
- **The decision of the Committee is final at all times.**