

## **THE BADMINTON RIDE**

### **The Rules, Terms and Conditions for 2020**

All entries are to be online before the event, and there will be no entries, or cash, on the day. The Advance Rate (at £20 for riders aged 15 and over, and £15 for riders aged 14 and under) will be payable from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July to midnight on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Advance entry fees remain non-refundable under any circumstance. The Standard (previously the 'on the day') Rate (at £30 for riders age 15 and over, and £20 for riders age 14 and under) will then be payable from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September to midnight on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. At this point all entries to the Ride will close and there will be no subsequent entries on the day.

On arrival at the event riders must report to the Entries Tent to confirm entry and 'In Case of Emergency' (ICE) details, and thereafter collect and wear their number bibs. Riders aged under 18 must be signed in by an adult (defined as someone aged 18 or over).

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.

The 2020 Ride will follow the current British Eventing policy on Equine Flu Vaccinations: There will be an amnesty on the requirement for a vaccination within 6 months prior to the date of the Ride, and instead horses must have had an annual vaccination within 12 months of the date of the Ride. If a horse has missed its annual vaccination renewal and so cannot meet this requirement, it will need to restart a course of injections again before the Ride. In this case the horse must have had a first and second vaccination within no less than 21 days of each other and 7 clear days after the second vaccination before the date of the Ride. 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.

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 (if encouraged, nearer the time), they should not plan on undertaking or escorting riders along the whole Ride on foot.

Dogs (if allowed to be brought, nearer the time) 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**The decision of the Committee is final at all times.**