

The Badminton Ride

The Rules, Terms and Conditions 2021

All entries are to be online before the event, and there will be no entries, or cash, on the day. The Standard Rate (at £25 for riders aged 15 and over, and £20 for riders aged 14 and under) will be payable from Saturday 1st May to midnight on Sunday 25th July. The Late (previously the 'on the day') Rate at £35 for riders age 15 and over, and £25 for riders age 14 and under will then be payable from Monday 26th July to midnight on Tuesday 22nd September or until Ride capacity is met and entries close, whichever happens sooner. At this point all entries to the Ride will close and there will be no subsequent entries on the day.

Entry fees remain non-refundable under any circumstance except in the event the Ride Committee needs to make the decision to cancel the Ride owing to a further covid wave or restrictions. In the event the Committee cancels the event, riders will receive a refund less a £5 admin fee per rider.

Any change of rider will be subject to a £5 admin fee. No change of rider is permitted without written confirmation from the Entries Secretary that the change has been made.

Riders may book their preferred start time, in hourly slots between 10am and 2pm using the entry system. Once the capacity for each hour slot is reached that slot will close and no further entries will be permitted during that hourly slot. First registration at the Entries Tent is 9.30am LAST registration at the Entries Tent is at 1.30pm. The Start will be open from 10am to 2pm and the Starter will send riders off in groups and at short intervals as they get to him.

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 2021 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 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.

The Ride is not suitable for riders to undertake on the leading rein. Go Pro cameras are allowed but must be fitted correctly.

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, a vet and a farrier will be in attendance.

In case of cancellation or postponement notification will be on the website by Friday 17th September 2021.

The decision of the Committee is final at all times.