



Welcome to Cumbria Horse Trials Eventer Derby

What is an Eventer Derby?

A show jumping and cross-country competition, run by Cumbria Horse Trials.

Show Jumping Phase.

The show-jumping phase is designed to be flowing and to encourage forward riding as a preparation for the cross-country phase. The distance has been wheeled in accordance with general convention and the fences measured vertically at the front and back of the fence. As with all show-jumping on grass arenas, there is a tolerance of 5cm in measurement for each class. An optimum time will be published.

Transition Phase.

You will be allowed a transition between the end of your Show Jumping round and the Cross-country Starter calling you "under orders"; with the countdown to begin. This "transition" phase enables you – and your support team - to review you and your horse's fitness to continue, as well as checking your girth, tack and saddlery, together with your personal safety equipment, before going cross-country. This is important!

Cross-country Phase.

The cross-country phase is designed to reward well-balanced, controlled and forward riding and will incorporate a range of obstacles including ditches, steps and timber fences laid out across the natural terrain. The distance has been wheeled in accordance with general convention and an optimum time published. Cross-country fences are measured from the point at which the normal horse might be expected to take off. Some tolerance in heights should be expected due to terrain, slope etc., but no obstacle measured in this way should exceed the class height by more than 10%.

How the Scoring Works

Show Jumping

- Jump penalties are –4 for a knock down, 4 for 1st refusal, 8 for the 2nd refusal, elimination on the 3rd.
- If you are over the optimum time then you are given penalty points per second over (e.g. 1 penalty per second). If you are over the maximum time then you are eliminated. Maximum time is x2 the optimum time.
- If you are eliminated due an error of course you may be permitted to go cross country at the discretion of the judge and organiser.
- Your show jumping score is your time and jumping penalties added together.

Cross Country:

- Jump penalties, 20 faults for the 1st refusal, 40 for the 2nd refusal and elimination on the 3rd.
- If you are more than 15 seconds under the optimum time then you receive 1 penalty per second
- If you are over the optimum time then you are given penalty points per second over, 0.4 penalty per second.
- Competitors may ONLY have 3 refusals at any single numbered obstacle (elimination) & a max. of 6 across the entire course after which they will be compulsorily retired & must leave the course at a walk.

If you or your horse have a fall in the show jumping or cross country you are eliminated and are not able to continue.

Scores will be published on Cumbria Horse Trials Website. Your final score is your show jumping score and cross country score added together. In the case of the tie, it is the person closest to the optimum times.

Rosettes and prizes

- Rosettes will be awarded for double clears and down to 6th place.
- Prizes and rosettes can be collected from Lucinda half an hour after the scores are shown on the website.
- Any objections to scores please contact Lucinda directly within the half hour the scores are displayed.

Things to remember for the competition:

- Check your time on the website which will be up on Thursday evening. <http://cumbriahorsetrials.com/results/> . We do aim to run to time.
- On arrival come and see Lucinda, at the Information point to confirm that you are running.
- Collect your number from Lucinda. If you do not have a bib for your number you can borrow one.
- Have an appropriate body protector and crash hat (no fixed peaks please).
- The course is available to walk from 8.30am on Sunday.
- The Wood Fired Pizza Company will be with us all day from 9am serving hot drinks, bacon butties and their delicious pizzas.
- John Grossick photography will also be with us all day.
- If you get eliminated in the show jumping we might let you go cross country at the discretion of the Show Jump Judge and Cross Country Starter.
- Dress Code: wear what you would like to do cross country in and have your horse prepared for cross country.

Conduct, Safety & Welfare.

Please behave appropriately in relation to national covid guidance, 2 support members are permitted per each rider.

We pride ourselves in promoting a friendly atmosphere at all our competitions, and we expect all participants and their connections to behave in a responsible, polite and sporting manner at all times. Occasionally, we do have to make unpopular decisions – but we trust that these will be accepted with good grace, remembering that ultimately, our decision will be final.

Competitors are responsible for ensuring that they and their horses/ponies are fit to compete in their chosen class. If competitors have any doubts in respect of the competency, ability or fitness of themselves or their horse/pony, they should not take part in the competition.

Competitors who do participate are responsible for ensuring that they are properly equipped with the appropriate attire, including headgear and body protector (both complying with our published standards). These requirements are for your own safety and protection – please comply!

You will be expected to know the Rules of the competition and to act responsibly at all times.

If you have any concerns regarding the health or welfare of you or your horse during the day, please come and see us immediately. Paramedics are at the event.

Directions

Frenchfield CA11 8TZ

The event is located on the A686, Penrith to Alston Road, about 1.3 miles from the Penrith Kemplay roundabout. Please note the postcode is only approximate, follow the event signs from the roundabout.

With best wishes,

Lucinda and Douglas