# FESTIVAL OF HOUNDS

## **INTER HUNT TEAM RELAY**

### Wednesday 17th July 2023

East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE

#### Senior Team Relay

Team Relay Competition to commence at 9.30am

Course Builder: Mr D Cole

Fence Height: Approximately 1 metre

**Rosettes awarded to 8th place;** *and all other teams forward will receive Special Rosettes* The Mollie Reynolds Trophy will be awarded to the winning Relay Team

Entry Fee: £100.00 - this includes First Aid Cover

#### THE COMPETITION IS LIMITED TO 32 TEAMS - ENTRIES CLOSE 1st JULY 2024

The first 32 teams to enter are given priority, all other teams will be held on a waiting list. Teams must present in Competition Drawn Order for the Team Relay

#### **Requirements of Entry**

Each team of four must include one subscriber (in 2023/2024 season) to the Hunt they represent along with the following:

- One member to be over 35 years of age
- One member to be under 25 years of age
- One member weighing 13.7 stone (87kg) weighed in Hunting Attire with Saddle

Scales are available on the day, lead weight allowed to make the weight (team to provide)

One member of the team represent more than one qualification i.e. a member aged over 35; weighing in at 13.5 stone (87kg) would allow any other members of the Hunt to fill the remaining criteria.

Age as of the 1st of January

Junior Team Relay

Team Relay Competition to commence at 2.30pm Course Builder: Mr D Cole Prizes: 1st - 4th: Prizes in kind

Fence Height: Approximately 0.80 metre

Rosettes awarded to 8th place; and all other teams forward will receive Special Rosettes

Entry Fee: £70.00 - this includes First Aid Cover

#### Junior Team Qualification

Team of four who hunt regularly or are members of the Pony Club they represent.

- All members to be under 25
- Two members to be under 16 years of age
- Age as of the 1st of January

#### Entry Passes

N.B. Each team will receive one entry and vehicle pass per horse, and one Chef d'Equipe entry and vehicle pass - Junior teams will receive one additional ticker per rider.

NO HORSE OR TEAM MEMBER MAY COMPETE IN BOTH A JUNIOR TEAM AND A SENIOR TEAM OR TWO TEAMS AT THE SAME TIME.

IN THE EVENT OF INSUFFICIENT ENTRIES BY CLOSE DATE THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ALLOW RIDERS TO FORM TEAM FROM MIXED HUNTS.

Additional tickets may be purchased online - Full details available on

www.festivalofhounds.com

#### Ever thought about supporting the Inter Hunt Relay?

Our course will have approximately 8 fences/obstacles - How about associating your family or Business with a fence and getting a mention in the official Festival of Hounds programme in return. Email: <u>foh@eastofengland.org.uk</u> for further information

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 Prizes:
 1st - £1000
 Prize money paid

 2nd - £350
 3rd - £150
 directly to the

 4th - £100
 winning Hunt
 directly to the

#### **INTER HUNT TEAM RELAY RING**

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#### **ENTRY CONDITIONS**

Each team of four must have at least one subscriber that hunts regularly with the Hunt (and or Pony Club) they represent. Teams must be correctly dressed for a day's hunting<sup>\*</sup>. A £20.00 deposit will be levied on all teams for the use of the Competition Bibs – this will be refunded upon return of the complete set of Bibs.

PLEASE NOTE: Teams MUST return all four bibs to the Secretary's Office within 30 minutes of their last relay and in all cases within 30 minutes of the end of the competition otherwise deposits will be forfeited.

#### IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT HORSES SHOULD BE SHOD AND WEAR STUDS.

#### **RULES**

**1. HARD HATS** – It is the sole responsibility of riders to ensure at all times whilst on horseback correctly fitted protective headgear with a 3 POINT HARNESS which complies with the latest British Standard is worn. The Society accepts no responsibility for any injury arising from a failure to comply with this regulation.

**2\*.DRESS** – Teams must be correctly dressed for a day's hunting. In the event of extreme heat and subject to relay judges approval, riders may compete in the relay section in either 'Ratcatcher' or a LONG SLEEVED SHIRT - however, for reasons of safety MUST have long sleeves and be correctly fastened at the cuff.

#### 3. SIDE SADDLES are permitted.

**4.** The competition is a Drawn Order, against the clock with two teams at a time jumping a mirror image course. In the event of insufficient entries the organisers may decide to take the fastest 16 teams only from round one forward to round two which will then revert to a knockout competition to determine placings. Time penalties of five seconds will be added for each fence down. Refusals and errors of course will increase the time taken to complete the course.

**5. HUNTING WHIP** - Each team to provide their own Hunting whip, the lash must be either taped up (no longer than the solid length of the crop) or removed and must be carried during each round before being handed to the next competing member of the team. If dropped, the rider handing over must dismount and may from the ground hand to the next member, however in all cases all obstacles carrying the whip – penalties will not be incurred for riders re-jumping a fence to rectify an error as failure to rectify will result in elimination. Change-over must be carried out by fence one, penalties will not be added if the rider handing over jumps the first fence again but the receiving rider must have the whip in hand when jumping the first fence. No other whip is to be used or carried.

**6. A HOLDING AREA** - will be included within the course, team members must stay inside the area and remain mounted at all times. Five penalties added for team members not inside the area unless they are the rider awaiting changeover - this is the only combination permitted at the start line. Outside assistance from team members at the start is not permitted. On completion of their round the combination must return to the holding area – failure to do so will incur further penalties.

7. If a team member fails to complete the course either through retirement due to injury or a horse having three refusals, the next member must complete the rescue round from the point of retirement before commencing their own round. A rescue is only to be made if the member has had three clear refusals on the course or have retired from injury. In the event of a serious accident to either horse or rider, a bell will sound and clocks stopped for both teams. Competitors cannot restart the course until the injured rider/horse have left the arena, judges will then sound a bell and the competition will recommence from the point stopped.

**8.** FALLS - If a competitor falls from their horse, whether during competition or not they must be seen by the on-site Doctor/Paramedic before they are permitted to re-mount or leave the event. If the horse and/or rider are ruled un-fit to continue, the team may remain in the competition but one team member must complete the course twice - each time with the appropriate change of whip. The judge must be notified before the start of the round and a 10 second time penalty will be imposed on the team.

**9. OBJECTIONS** - Any team or team member with a grievance must make his protest in writing within 30 minutes of the completion of the class and pay a deposit of £50.00. An appeals tribunal will consider the objection and the person making the objection must be available to attend. The decision of the appeals tribunal shall be final and if the protest is not substantiated the deposit may be forfeited.

**10. STALLIONS** - No person may bring a stallion to compete without ensuring, at all times competitors, ponies/horses and members of the public are not put at risk. A stallion disc should be displayed on each side of a stallion's bridle and they must be lead from a bit.

**11. REFUNDS** - are at the organiser's discretion – withdrawal refunds only be given a refund if a replacement team found.

12. The Chief Steward's decision is final.

