PONTISPOOL

EQUINE SPORTS & HOLIDAYS

Open Arena Hunter Trial

Cross Country on the all-weather arena including permanent banks, ditches, water and portable fences.

Course Designer: Lucy McCarthy

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SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2026

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY AT WWW.PONTISPOOL.COM

ENTRIES CLOSE 12 NOON ON MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2026

Course walking from 2pm the day before competition and between classes

On-site Catering

Photographer on site: www.jayphotos.co.uk

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CLASS	Entry Fee for all classes = £38 per rider per round (Entry fee £35 including VAT + Medical Cover £3) ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY Rosettes to 6th place Prizes in kind
1	60cm Open (optimum time - speed 325mpm)
2	70cm Open (optimum time - speed 325mpm)
3	80cm Open (optimum time - speed 350mpm)
4	90cm Open (optimum time - speed 375mpm)
5	100cm Open (optimum time - speed 400mpm)

Entries and Times

1. Entries close at 12 noon on Monday 9th February 2026 or earlier if full.
2. Entries will be limited and will be on a first come, first served basis and will close when full. Late entries may be accepted if space permits but will incur a £3 surcharge. No entries will be accepted on the day of the competition.
3. Any alterations to entries will incur a £6 admin fee.
4. In the event of cancellation or abandonment a minimum of 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.
5. Withdrawals made prior to 12 noon on Monday 9th February 2026 will receive a refund of the entry with a £6 admin fee deducted.
6. No refunds will be given after 12 noon on Monday 9th February 2026.
7. Please refer to full T&Cs on our website www.pontispool.com.
8. Times will be published on the website www.eventingscores.co.uk from 5pm on Thursday 12th February.

Disclaimer

Pontispool Equine Sports Centre and all those connected with the Equestrian facilities do not accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grooms, spectators, dogs or any other persons or property whatsoever whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or statutory duty of themselves, their employees or those connected with the Equestrian facilities or otherwise howsoever.

The Competition and Rules

1. This competition will take place on the all-weather arena including permanent banks, ditches, water complex, and portable and fixed cross country fences. All classes will be judged against an optimum time, under XC rules. Stopwatches are not permitted. In the event of equality, the winner will be the competitor with the best jumping result and then the nearest to the Optimum Time.
2. Penalties will be as follows:

XC 1st Refusal	10 penalties
XC 2nd Refusal at same fence	20 penalties
XC 3rd Refusal at same fence	Elimination
5 Refusals XC	Elimination
Fall of rider or horse	Elimination
Jumping 'L' fence	2 penalties
Error of course/Outside assistance	Elimination
Where the Optimum Time is 120 seconds or less, for every commenced second in excess of 10 seconds under the optimum time	1 penalty
Where the Optimum Time more than 120 seconds, for every commenced second in excess of 15 seconds under the optimum time	1 penalty
Exceeding time limit (time allowed is twice the optimum time)	Elimination
Please note – a horse will only be penalised if it has been presented at a fence, except when going through a combination marked A, B, C.	

3. Horses/ponies must be 5 years of age or older.
4. The judges' decision is final and they may disqualify any rider at any stage in the competition for dangerous riding, inappropriate behaviour, misuse of whips or spurs, ill treatment of the horse or if in their opinion the horse is lame, sick or exhausted.
5. The organiser reserves the right to alter the schedule, refuse any entry, eliminate any competitor not adhering to the rules, alter the course before or during the competition, alter the advertised times and to cancel any class.
6. Correct riding attire must be worn at all times. Riders MUST dress in full Cross Country colours and wear skull caps and body protectors to the current British Safety Standard (hats with a fixed peak are not permitted), as per British Eventing rules. Competitors who do not conform to this rule will not be allowed to start and may be eliminated.
7. Numbers – it is the responsibility of competitors to provide their own number bibs and to print their own paper numbers (template provided with the start times).
8. All competitors take part at their own risk and are expected to exercise due care at all times and obey all notices placed for their control.
9. Practice jumps must be approached from the direction indicated (red flag on right). Maximum of 5 horses will be permitted in the collecting ring at any one time.
10. Objections must be made in writing to the Judge's Box with a £10 deposit and within 15 minutes of the incident. The deposit will be refunded if the objection is sustained.
11. Horses may compete in no more than two classes.
12. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
14. COURSE WALKING available from 2pm on Friday 13th February and on Saturday between classes or before competition. Check www.eventingscores.co.uk website for course walk times and updated information.