British Eventing

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Open Eventer Challenge

Classes: 60cm, 70cm, 80cm, 90cm, & 100cm

Including Qualifiers for BE Bates Saddles Arena Eventing Series 2026/27

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2026

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ENTRIES CLOSE 12 NOON ON MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2026

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

Course Designer: Tim Cheffings

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

On-site Catering

Pontispool Ltd., Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, Somerset, TA4 1BH.
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Approx 8am start

The Course is made up of SJ & XC fences with an optimum time & no style marks. Riders will jump a series of show jumps and then proceed immediately into the XC phase which is run on an optimum time of 325 - 400m/m.

The course will be run in the all-weather arena and will be made up of approx. 16 – 18 fences with permanent banks, ditches, water and portable fences. The course will finish over a slightly higher joker Show Jump. If you knock the joker fence down you will incur 6 penalties.

CLASS	Entry Fee for all classes = £41.50 per rider per round (Includes VAT + Medical Cover + booking fee) ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY Rosettes to 6th place Prizes in kind
1	60cm Open (optimum time for XC phase only - speed 325mpm)
2	70cm Open (optimum time for XC phase only - speed 350mpm)
3	80cm Open *incl. Qualifiers for BE Bates Saddles Arena Eventing Series* (optimum time for XC phase only - speed 375mpm)
4	90cm Open *incl. Qualifiers for BE Bates Saddles Arena Eventing Series* (optimum time for XC phase only - speed 375mpm)
5	100cm Open *incl. Qualifiers for BE Bates Saddles Arena Eventing Series* (optimum time for XC phase only - speed 400mpm)

Entries and Times

1. Entries close at 12 noon on the Monday prior to competition 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 £3 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 closing date will receive a refund of the entry with a £6 admin fee deducted.
6. No refunds will be given after the closing date.

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 5 pm on Thursday 6th November.

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 and water complex. There will be a section of show jumps leading to a course of portable and fixed cross country fences. The competitors will go straight from the show jumping into the cross country phase and all classes will be judged against an optimum time for the XC phase only. Stopwatches are not permitted. The SJ phase is judged under SJ Rules (but without time) and the XC phase is judged under XC rules (with an optimum time). In the event of equality, the winner will be the competitor with the best jumping result and then the nearest to the Optimum Time. The course will finish over a slightly higher joker Show Jump. If you knock the joker fence down you will incur 6 penalties.
2. Penalties will be as follows:

Knockdown of SJ fences	4 penalties
SJ 1st Refusal	4 penalties
SJ 2nd Refusal at same fence	8 penalties
SJ 3rd Refusal	Elimination
Knockdown of joker fence	6 penalties
XC 1st Refusal	20 penalties
XC 2nd Refusal at same fence	40 penalties
XC 3rd Refusal	Elimination
Fall of rider or horse	Elimination
Jumping 'L' fence	2 penalties
Error of course/Outside assistance	Elimination
Every commenced second in excess of the optimum time	0.4 penalties
Every commenced second in excess of 5 seconds under the optimum time	0.4 penalties
Exceeding time limit (time allowed is twice the optimum time)	Elimination
Please note – A horse which crosses its tracks in Show Jumping will be awarded penalties. In the Cross Country phase, 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 either full Cross Country colours or Show Jumping attire 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 £20 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 short lead at all times.
14. COURSE WALKING available from 2pm on Friday 6th November and on Saturday between classes or before competition.
    Check www.eventingscores.co.uk website for course walk times and updated information.
15. BE Qualifiers: Combinations in the 80cm, 90cm and 100cm classes can qualify for the BE Bates Saddles Arena Eventing Series Championships to be held at Aston Le Walls in February 2027. Qualified combinations will be identified via email following receipt of qualifying competition results from the qualifying venues. Upon receipt of the qualification email from BE, competitors will have 14 days to become a member (minimum PAYG) of BE to retain their qualification. Failure to do this may result in the qualification being passed down the line to the next placed combination that has not already qualified.

*Data protection: By entering, you agree that the information you have provided in connection with your entry will be disclosed to British Eventing. Should you receive an injury as the direct result of an accident occurring whilst you are participating in any event organised by an affiliated event organiser, any medical reports relating to your condition will be passed to British Eventing. Any medical reports passed to British Eventing will be held on your records and passed in confidence to the UK Transport Research Lab for the purposes of safety analyses. The competitor confirms that they have appropriate third-party insurance cover in place for the day of the competition for which they are entering. The competitor agrees to comply with all the relevant BE rules as detailed in the BE Rules and Members' handbook, including those relating to vaccinations & BEFAR (BEF Anti-Doping Rules). By entering, you acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions and those relating to entries detailed in the Rules and Members' Handbook and to give consent for the organiser to share contact details with British Eventing.

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