



Endurance GB

Competitive long distance horse riding

RULES FOR RIDING CLUB TEAM ENDURANCE REGIONAL QUALIFIERS & NATIONAL FINAL

1. Introduction

This document sets out the Rules that will apply to the Riding Club Team Endurance Qualifiers and National Final. It also confirms the Entry Fees that will be due and describes the Awards that will be made.

There will be Regional Qualifiers held throughout the country, with the top teams then competing in a National Final.

2. Rules

The Endurance Performance Formula will be used to arrive at a score for each horse in the team as follows:

$$\text{Score} = (2 * \text{Actual Speed} - \text{Minimum Speed}) * 100 / \text{Final Pulse}$$

where the best three scores from each team are counted. The minimum and maximum speeds will be 8 kph (approximately 5 mph) and 15 kph (approximately 9.4 mph) respectively. A team member will be eliminated if they do not complete the course within these speeds, or if at the final veterinary inspection the final pulse exceeds 64 bpm (beats per minute) or if the horse is lame. The final veterinary inspection is made no later than 30 minutes after completing the course of between 30 and 35 km, depending on the length of course available at the relevant ride.

The Performance Formula encourages careful and tactical riding as the final pulse tends to increase with speed ridden, depending on the fitness level of the horse. The disadvantage of the Performance Formula is that it does favour horses with naturally low pulses.

Each Riding Club will be able to put forward a squad of a minimum of three combinations and a maximum of six. The squad can then declare a team of 3 or 4 combinations with 1 or 2 combinations riding as individuals. The team of 3 or 4 must be declared by the closing date of the ride. A team member can be replaced by one of the individuals in the squad any time up to and including the day of the ride. However the Riding Club cannot add to the squad after the closing date of the ride.

Two of the team members at the Regional Qualifiers must compete in team in the National Final (if the Club qualifies).

A maximum of two Endurance GB members are permitted in each squad.

Some squads may also elect to appoint a Team Manager, who can also be a member of Endurance GB.

A Riding Club may enter as many squads in the Team Endurance Event as they wish.

Although squads are encouraged to enter the Qualifier for their Region, they are at liberty to enter any Qualifier. However, any one squad can only enter one Qualifier.

Juniors (that is a young person between the ages of 8 and 13 on the day of the event) may be part of a squad provided that they are accompanied by a nominated mounted adult (18 years old or over on the day of the event) who is also part of the squad. An adult may accompany no more than two junior riders.

3. Entry Fees

The Entry Fees are as follows:

- i. £28 per combination
- ii. A 10% discount will be given on the standard entry fee per combination for a squad of more than four
- iii. Crossed cheques should be made payable to "Endurance GB"

The competition will be held over a standard Novice Competitive Ride of between 30 and 35km, depending on the length of the course available at the relevant ride.

4. Awards

The following awards will be made:

- i. Team placing rosettes to third place in the Regional Qualifiers (to include the individuals)
- ii. Team completion rosettes to all teams that complete (to include the individuals)
- iii. Grading rosettes according to the standard EGB grading

A team is deemed to have completed if three nominated team members finish the ride successfully and pass the final vetting.

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5. National Final in 2010

Teams who do well in the Regional Qualifiers in 2010 go forward to a National Final at the Robin Hood Challenge at Southwell Racecourse on 5 September 2010.

Please note that up-to-date Flu Vaccination Certificates will be required at the Final and some other venues. Further details will be published on the website.

The basis on which teams will qualify for the Final will be as follows:

- i. Five teams or less in the Qualifier, then the first two teams will go forward to the Final
- ii. Six or more in the Qualifier, then the first three teams will go forward to the Final

There is also an opportunity to award a special prize for the best turned out squad, both at the Regional Qualifiers and at the National Final.