



# 90CM & 100CM EVENTER CHALLENGE

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

The eventer challenge is a 'derby' style competition with a section of 8-10 show jumps leading to 6-8 efforts over portable and fixed cross-country fences and finishing over a show jump 10cm higher than the rest of the course. If you knock the final fence down you will incur 6 penalties. The maximum height of obstacles will be 95cm and 1.05m respectively with a maximum spread of 1.55m at the base.

Competitors will go straight from the show jumping into the cross-country phase. The optimum time is based on a speed of 375m/minute.

## **Penalties will be as follows**

	<b>Show jumping</b>	<b>Cross-country</b>
First disobedience	4 penalties	20 penalties
Second disobedience at same fence	8 penalties	40 penalties
Third disobedience	Elimination	Elimination
Knock down of obstacle	4 penalties	N/A
Knock down of final fence	6 penalties	N/A
Fall of horse	Elimination	Elimination
First fall of rider	8 penalties	65 penalties
Second fall of rider	Elimination	Elimination
Every second over optimum time	0.4 penalties	0.4 penalties
Exceeding time limit*	Elimination	Elimination
Error of course	Elimination	Elimination
Retaking obstacle already jumped	Elimination	Elimination

\*Time allowed is twice the optimum time.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**The competition is run under BE rules. We particularly draw your attention to the following:**

1. Horse/rider combinations must have qualified by completing a minimum of two BE90 or BE100 competitions and achieving a minimum of six foundation points at the relevant level between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017. All UK events hosting BE90 and BE100 competitions are qualifying venues.
2. Horses/riders must not have competed at either CIC2\*, CCI2\* or higher in the current or preceding season. Downgraded horses (Grade IV) may compete. Horses must not have won any BE points in the preceding two seasons.
3. Body Protectors are compulsory for this competition and must be a British Equestrian Trade Associate (BETA) approved and appropriately labelled level 3 body protector, manufactured in the year 2000 or after. All hats must be BE tagged and BE compliant cross-country kit must be worn. No jewellery is allowed.
4. All ponies and horses must be over 4 years of age and have current vaccination forms. Passports should be made available if requested. We reserve the right to carry out spot checks on passports.
5. Items of tack and saddlery must comply with British Eventing regulations. No stop watches allowed. Whips must not exceed 75cm in length.
6. The judges' decision is final and they may disqualify any rider at any stage in the competition for dangerous riding, inappropriate behaviour, misuse of whip or spurs, ill treatment of the horse or if in their opinion the horse is lame, sick or exhausted. See BE rules for definition of these terms.
7. The Organising Committee of Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials reserves the right to make any changes/amendments to the competition or rules.
8. **Estate rules: Any person found to be disobeying these rules will incur a minimum one year suspension.**
  - The Blenheim Estate is a World Heritage Site, please respect this.
  - All dogs must be kept on leads.
  - No horses may be left outside lorries unattended.
  - No hay nets may be tied to the outside of lorries.
  - All droppings must be removed from the lorry park before departure. Bins are provided.
  - When mounted, all competitors must use the designated horse walks. Failure to do so may result in elimination.
  - ID card must be clearly visible in lorry/towing vehicle window.
  - Parking is limited, so please follow instructions issued by the parking stewards at all times.
  - Abuse of volunteers and officials will not be tolerated.
9. Each competitor must be a fully paid up member of British Eventing (BE) on day of competition.
10. Entries open on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 and close on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Numbers accepted will be limited. Accepted entries and wait lists will be published on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017.
11. In the event of oversubscription, entrants will be limited to one class and one horse. If we are still oversubscribed entries will be accepted in order of BE foundation point merit.
12. Each entrant will receive one horse box/trailer pass, one competitor's pass and one groom/partner pass. These passes provide them with complimentary access to the event for the duration of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. All other friends and family over 12 years of age MUST purchase tickets and can do so in advance at a discount price of £8 via [www.blenheimhorse.co.uk](http://www.blenheimhorse.co.uk) or they will be charged full gate price on event.
13. In the case of withdrawal before 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017 a full refund will be given. Withdrawals after this date will incur a £10 administration fee if the competitor can be replaced from the waitlist. If not, no refund will be processed.

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