**Updated Competitor Information 30.3.2021**

Due to the change in legislation, we can confirm that Friday’s show will run in the outdoor arena.

This means the following changes:

**Warm Up –** The warm-up will now take place in the smaller outdoor arena. This has a maximum of 8 horses allowed in. Please do not try to jump in ahead of your time as we will run to a strict order. Until 1pm, BCA have allowed us to use the field on the righthand side of the lorry park as a warm-up overflow. There will be horses turned out all around this field, so please keep well away from the other fields and please only walk and trot in this area. **This overflow will not be marshalled**, so it is your responsibility to get to the warm-up in time. You can see the warm-up arena from the gate, so it should be fairly straightforward.

**One Way System –** We will operate a one-way system with horses entering the competition arena at the top end and exiting at the bottom end (nearest the indoor school). Once you have jumped, you will need to walk down the left-hand side of the indoor school and back to the lorry park that way. Please note, there will be cars belonging to college students parked at the far end of the school. Please give them a wide berth!

The walkway down the side of the arena (between the arena and indoor school) will be a pedestrian walkway with no horses permitted.

Finally, I have had various class changes and withdrawals, so your jumping time may change by a few minutes within the week. Please double check your time again on Thursday as that will reflect any changes.

Thanks,
Bryony

Sent out on 28.3.2021

Hi all,

Please find the times for Friday on My Riding Life or on our website:

I apologise for the length of this email – there are quite a lot of important things to share with you all.

1. Handy Cross Roundabout will be closed for the entire Easter Weekend. (I believe it will be open to local traffic/A40/A4010 etc, but please don’t quote me on that.) Please prepare to find an alternative route if this will affect you.
2. The Government announced a change in legislation on Friday, which restricts grassroots competition taking place in an indoor school. BEF are disputing this sudden rule change, but this would obviously affect our show. We have permission from BCA to run in the outdoor school if required, so we will be able to run regardless of whether the legislation changes or not. However, please note, the instructions below are based on running on the indoor school. We will need to wait until Tuesday to see if the legislation will change and also, do a site visit to BCA to establish how the new process will work. As soon as we have the go ahead to run outdoors, we will email you to update the running procedures below.
3. Covid and EHV guidelines – as I’m sure you appreciate; we are having to run under stringent guidelines. This includes completing and returning an EHV form 24 hours before the show.

Due to Covid guidelines and the threat of Equine Herpes, we will be running to strict guidelines. Please read the email thoroughly and ensure you are familiar with them. If the rules are not followed, we risk being allowed to run any other competitions, so please do take them seriously.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**In a further step to minimise any spread of EHV, the EIDAG has recommended the implementation of a new**Equine Health Self-Certification process** for riders to declare that their horses are healthy and have not been in contact with any others showing signs of infectious disease.
The form attached below is to be completed for each horse attending any show, training or activity run under the affiliation and rules of any British Equestrian member body between 29 March and 12 April 2021. **This is a required form from the British Horse Society, so please do take the time to complete it.**

Due to EHV, please do not stray onto the yard or other areas aside from the competition area.
Do not allow your horses to graze or drink from troughs.
Do not allow your horses to be in close contact with other horses with the exception of those travelling together.
**Essentially, please ask your horses to be socially distant and maintain 2m as you would yourself!!**

**How we will run on Friday**

We really look forward to seeing everyone and having a safe and successful show! Please respect our rules to allow us to run safely.

Please ensure that you leave at least 3m between lorries/trailers when parking. Parking will be limited, so please follow the instruction of our parking attendant.  In line with EHV guidelines, please do **not** tie your horse up on the side. Please keep your horse in your lorry/trailer when not competing. Please arrive in time to compete and leave as soon as you have ridden, in order to minimise numbers on site. **Please clear up any droppings that your horse leaves in the lorry park.**

Numbers are listed on your times, please print your number, and bring it with you to wear. You can use a bridle number, a number on your saddle pad or a XC number bib, as long as the number is visible.

**Warm Up**

The Warm-Up arena will be split into two sections, with the first area being a flat warm up, before being allowed to move into the jumping warm up. You will only be allowed in 30 minutes in advance and there will be a limit to 5 people in the jump warm up and 6 in the pre warm up area, so please be aware that we will run in strict time order. **Please note that you will not be allowed anyone on foot in the warm-up area. We will have a steward who will put jumps up and down for you.**

**The Arena**

Please note the upstairs balcony will be closed. There will be a strict limit of 7 spectators in the downstairs viewing area. Please wear a mask and maintain a social distance in this area. Please also be mindful of not staying inside too long to allow others in to watch.

There will be a limited number allowed to course walk at once, so please only competitors to course walk. Juniors may have 1 adult accompany them. **Please wear a mask to course walk**and do so as quickly as possible to allow the next group in. During classes 2, 3 and 4, we will operate a second course walk half-way through the class.

We will operate a one-way system; you will be let back out of the arena at the far end after jumping, please make your way straight back to your lorry/trailer.

We will not have an official prize giving for each class to avoid crowds/congestion. However, you may come and collect your rosette from us if you are still on site at the end of the class. (Please ask the steward on the Arena gate). Otherwise, we will contact you to post them out after the event.

We will have Track and Trace barcodes around the area - please do check in via the NHS app. Please maintain social distancing whilst on the showground - please be aware of leaving 2m spectating around the warm up area/where people tend to crowd around. Please only bring one person with you to help and do not allow anyone else who is not competing to attend.

We will not have an on site secretary to avoid contact/paper contamination. However, I will be on site all day, so if you have any queries or problems, please call me on 07787 283781.

We will have a caterer in the lorry park and Catch it Quick photography will be taking photos on the day, so we hope you have everything you need! Charmaine from Catch it Quick will not be able to sell photos on the day due to Covid guidelines, but they will be available on her website afterwards.

We have a very busy day on Friday, so there will be no extra entries (including Clear Round) to be taken on the day. If your plans change and you no longer wish to attend, please do drop me an email or a text message to withdraw to allow us to get through the day a little quicker.

Wishing everyone the best of luck - and look forward to seeing you all after such a long break from shows!

Thanks,

Bryony

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