**OPEN MINI HORSE TRIALS** 

**SUNDAY 9 JULY 2023**

Club Field, Western Avenue, Glenrothes from 9.30am

The format of this competition will be similar to our Mini Cross Country and will incorporate dressage, showjumping and course of ***KNOCK DOWN*** cross country fences over a track which may include woodland, banks and water.

**Class 1 – 50cm approx. – simple jumps/some cross poles/no fillers**

**Class 2 – 60cm approx. – simple jumps, fillers to side**

**Class 3 – 70cm approx.**

**Class 4 – 80cm approx.**

**Class 5 – 90cm approx.**

**Dressage Test to be ridden in all classes – BE90 Dressage 91 (2009).**

**Important Note**: *Due to limited space on the showground, entries may be restricted.*

**Closing date for entries** – **SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023** at midnight. In the event of oversubscription, riders may be balloted out. The **Russell Pollock Smith Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed FRC member on the day. The **Colonial Rule Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed FRC member in Class 1.

Rosettes to 6th place in all classes

Open to juniors (who must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

**ENTRY FEE: - FRC MEMBERS - £30; NON-MEMBERS - £36**

**All entries via clubentries.com**

**THE COMPETITION WILL BE RUN UNDER BRC RULES. PLEASE OBSERVE HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:**

***RULES***

1. The organisers reserve the right to cancel, alter advertised times or refuse entry where necessary.

2. It is a condition of entry that: -

a) All competitors must comply with stewards/judges instructions at all times.

b) Any person, when mounted, must wear a riding hat to the minimum standard (see below) which must be securely fastened at all times when mounted.

c) Horses must not be exercised, lunged, warmed up, cantered or galloped in the horsebox/car parking area.

d) Horses must not enter any designated safety zone.

3. Competition Rules***(Cross country phase):-***

a) Knock down = 5 penalties

b) 1st refusal at a jump= 10 penalties

c) 2nd refusal at same jump= 20 penalties

d) 3rd refusal at same jump = Elimination

e) 4th cumulative refusal on course = Elimination

f) Fall of horse or rider = Elimination

h) Failure to complete the course/exceeding time allowed = Elimination

Competitors may continue on the cross country course after elimination but must not attempt any fence more than three times or obstruct on-coming horses. Anyone abusing this relaxation may be banned from future Fife Riding Club Events.

**The dressage & showjumping phases will be marked as per “normal” Horse Trials**

4. Entries close on **Sunday 2 JULY**. All entries must be made online via **clubentries.com.** There will be normally be no refund of money after closing date unless accompanied by a vet’s certificate.

5. FRC “Members”: For the avoidance of doubt, the term “member” denotes a fully paid up RIDING, HONORARY or ASSOCIATE MEMBER of Fife Riding Club only (as at close of entries). Junior riders (under 16) MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult.

6. ***Approximate***start times will be available from **Friday 7 JULY** by phoning 07740027427 between 7 and 9pm ONLY. Alternatively check the “Events” page on the **club website** ([www.fife-riding-club.co.uk](http://www.fife-riding-club.co.uk)) or see the **Fife Riding Club Members Facebook** page or the **Fife Riding Club Open Shows Facebook** page. *Actual start times may vary on the day.*

7. The course will be open to walk **between 2.00pm and 6.00pm on Saturday 8 JULY** or on the day of competition. Under no circumstances will the course be walked before that time. There should be ample time to walk the courses on the day. Due to space restrictions the showjumping course will only be available to walk on the day of competition; however course plans will be made available earlier.

8. Any complaint must be lodged, prior to the Prize giving of that class within 20 minutes of the incident, in writing accompanied with a £20 deposit to the Secretary. The deposit will be refunded if the complaint is upheld or at the discretion of the Organiser. This decision is final.

**9. *Compulsory equipment to be worn at all times when mounted:***

a) Hats complying with BRC Hat Rules 2023 **must** be worn. Skull caps are recommended for the cross country phase. Hats must be securely fastened at all times when mounted. Cross country colours are fine for the cross country phase, jackets with shirts for dressage & showjumping as normal. Full length Riding Boots, Jodhpur Boots or Gaiters with matching boots in all phases. Contact organiser if you need more info. **Padded whips are now compulsory for jumping phases.**

**Warning:** You will not be allowed to compete should you fail to wear the above compulsory equipment.

*Riders are* ***strongly******recommended*** *to wear back protectors during jumping phases*

11. All horses or ponies must be 5 years old or over and no horse or pony may compete more than once.

12. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads at all times.

13. Please ensure that all litter and general debris, i.e. horse poo, drink cans, bandage tapes, straw, etc. are disposed of tidily or taken home. Waste bins on site.

14. Due to space constraints and Health & Safety matters, competitors **MUST PARK WHERE DIRECTED** by steward. Anyone failing to park as directed will be asked to leave the showground.

15. If Covid rules are still in force, the FRC Covid Protocol must be followed at all times. The Covid situation is subject to change and we will keep competitors advised nearer to the date of competition.

**It is a condition of entry that all competitors agree to abide by the above rules**

**Handling and Riding horses is inherently risky.** All competitors take part at **own risk**. Whilst BRC members are insured at BRC-organised shows, **Non-Members are NOT insured and should arrange their own Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance** e.g. BHS Gold Membership. Everything reasonably practicable is done to ensure health, safety and welfare of those attending the event but ultimately, **everyone is responsible for their own Health & Safety and for that of all other field users.**

**IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING THIS ENTRY ON BEHALF OF OTHERS, PLEASE MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE RULES & THIS STANDARD DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor the British Horse Society, nor any agent, employee, nor representatives of these bodies accepts liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders, spectators, land or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract in any way whatsoever.