**DRESS CODE FOR MINI ONE DAY EVENT AND OTHER BITS OF INFO**

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**DRESSAGE & SHOWJUMPING** – usual show or hacking jackets required with shirt & tie/riding shirt or shirt &stock. In warm weather short sleeves and waistcoats are allowed but **only with the judge’s permission.** Sleeveless is **not** allowed. Safety helmets must be worn; skull caps with silks are acceptable. Jodhpurs/breeches with long riding boots or short boots with matching leather gaiters. Gloves required for dressage but not SJ or XC. No boots or bandages allowed on the horse during dressage phase.

**Whips** – schooling whips ok for dressage but for SJ & XC the whip must be between 45 & 75cm long and be **padded**. **Use of whip** – BRC have introduced **new rules** on what is deemed “acceptable” use of whip. For more info please go to the “Home” page of the Fife RC Website (just Google Fife Riding Club); Failure to administer whip in accordance with guidelines will be deemed to be “abuse” and riders may be penalised by the judge (25 penalties OR in some cases elimination)

Spurs – permitted as long as these are short and blunt.

**PLEASE NOTE – DRESSAGE TESTS MAY BE COMMANDED** in this competition

**CROSS COUNTRY** – Cross country colours with skull cap/safety helmet (fixed peaks are not allowed) with boots etc as above. Padded whips are now mandatory

**Hats must be securely fastened at all times when riding.**

For more information on dress and tack go to the British Riding Clubs 2024 (pages 104-106) which can be accessed/downloaded via the BHS website.

**CROSS COUNTRY COURSE** –**. Please be aware that there are a number of designated no canter/trotting zones.** These include part of the woodland track/bridlepath etc where there may be pedestrians, part of the driveway and areas of uneven ground. **CHECK THE COURSE PLAN.** On completing the XC, riders should **walk back to** the lorry park, observing stewards’ directions if necessary. Eliminated riders must follow the route of the course ie must not retrace steps to avoid meeting other competitors head on.

**OVERTAKING** – Any horse being overtaken by a following **MUST** give way to the other horse; failure to give way may result in penalties or elimination. If your horse has caught up with a slower competitor and you wish to overtake you **MUST** shout out a warning to the other rider asking them to let you through. They can’t see behind them!

**OPTIMUM TIME** – **The XC phase** has an **optimum time** which will be advertised. The speed for the XC is relatively **modest** to reflect the fact that there are trotting zones and varied terrain.

The Optimum Time has a 15 second “window” below the time where no penalties are incurred. As an example say the OT is 5 minutes. The “window” is between 4m 45 sec and 5minutes. Horse A comes home in 5m 20 sec. Penalties are based on 0.4 penalties per commenced second over the OT – so 20 x 0.4 =8 penalties added; Horse B comes home in 4m 50 seconds. This is within the 15 second window so 0 penalties; Horse C comes back in 4m 30 seconds. This is 15 seconds below the OT “window”– so 15 x 0.4 =6 time penalties

In **Showjumping** there will be a **Time Allowed** based on the length of the track. There is no “window”. Any commenced second over the Time Allowed will incur 1 time penalty. Example: Time Allowed is 55 seconds. Horse A comes in at 45 seconds = 0 penalty; Horse B comes back in 62 seconds = 7 time faults added.

**BACK PROTECTORS** are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** for all jumping classes. **Anyone riding without a back protector does so at own risk.**

**BIBS**: Riders may opt to bring their own xc bibs if they wish but we will be issuing riders bibs on the day. PLEASE RETURN BIBS AFTER USE.

**COLLECTING RING/PRACTICE AREAS** – Max 8 horses in warm at any time. No members of the public are permitted in these areas – only stewards/officials

**PARKING** – Parking space is limited so please **PARK ONLY AS DIRECTED**. Anyone refusing to co-operate may be asked to leave the showground!

**COURSE WALK –** The xc course will be available to walk from 2.00pm – 6.00pm on Saturday but there will also be ample time to walk on the day of competition. The course plan will be posted on the Open Shows Facebook page/FRC Members Facebook page and the FRC Website ahead of competition. Competitors should use the course walk not only to find out where they are going but also to check the ground so they can pick the best line into the jumps.

The course plan for showjumping will be advertised in advance but there will be time to walk on the day. Riders should use this exercise to check the track, but also to note the position of any start/finish cones as failure to go through these may incur elimination/time penalties.

**CATERING** – We hope to have a caterer on site but will advise if this is not the case

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR LITTER** – there is a large waste bin beside the main gate – please use it to dispose of your rubbish

**TOILET** – on site

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**AWARDS -** Once results are worked out, dressage score sheets etc may be collected from the safe area – listen out for the PA announcements which will be made throughout the day. The results/prizes for later classes will be made approx. 15 minutes after the last horse has finished.

**WATER –** Unfortunately we have no water point on the showground so please ensure you bring enough water for your horse with you.

HOW TO FIND US: Our showground lies on the north side of Western Avenue, Glenrothes at the east end and at the junction of the A92 and B969 roads (traffic lights at junction). You can find us by googling “Fife Riding Club” or go to what3words///universes.knitted.prank. If all else fails phone organiser on 07740027427 (or any number on club website)