

# OPEN MINI CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

The Fife Riding Club Showground – Glenrothes  
Sunday 12 May 2024

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2024**



## Incorporating a Course of Knockdown Fences Across Fields – Over Banks – In Woodland – Through Water

<b>CLASS 1</b>	<b>ADULT OPEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum height of fences – 0.90m</li><li>• For any horse/rider combination. Riders to be 16 years or above</li></ul>
<b>CLASS 2</b>	<b>JUNIOR OPEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum height of fences – 0.90m</li><li>• For any horse/rider combination. Riders to be 15 years or under</li></ul>
<b>CLASS 3</b>	<b>ADULT NOVICE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum height of fences – 0.75m</li><li>• For any horse/rider combination, which have never been placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in any Cross Country, ODE or SJ competition on more than two occasions at 0.90m or higher. Riders to be 16 years or above</li></ul>
<b>CLASS 4</b>	<b>JUNIOR NOVICE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum height of fences – 0.75m</li><li>• For any horse/rider combination, which have never been placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in any Cross Country, ODE or SJ competition on more than two occasions at 0.90m or higher. Riders to be 15 years or under</li></ul>
<b>CLASS 5</b>	<b>SENIOR NURSERY NOVICE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum height of fences – 0.60m</li><li>• For any horse or pony/rider combination, which have never been placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in any Cross Country, ODE or SJ competition on more than three occasions at 0.75m or higher. Riders to be 16 years or above.</li></ul>
<b>CLASS 6</b>	<b>JUNIOR NURSERY NOVICE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum height of fences – 0.60m</li><li>• For any horse or pony/rider combination, which have never been placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in any Cross Country, ODE or SJ competition on more than three occasions at 0.75m or higher. Riders to be 15 years or under.</li></ul>
<b>CLASS 7</b>	<b>SENIOR BEGINNERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum height of fences – 0.40m <b>CROSS POLES</b> (all fillers will be completely pulled out to the side).</li><li>• For any horse/rider combination, which have never been placed in any Cross Country or ODE; or at Secretary's discretion. Riders to be 16 years or above.</li></ul>
<b>CLASS 8</b>	<b>JUNIOR BEGINNERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum height of fences – 0.40m <b>CROSS POLES</b> (all fillers will be completely pulled out to the side).</li><li>• For any horse/rider combination, which have never been placed in any Cross Country or ODE; or at Secretary's discretion. Riders to be 15 years or under.</li></ul>

**Entry Fees:                      Non Members   £16.00                      FRC Members   £11.00**

**ONLINE ENTRIES ACCEPTED ONLY**  
<http://www.clubentries.co.uk/fiferc/index.php>

Approximate start times will be available from Friday 10 May, check the "Events" page on the website ([www.fife-riding-club.co.uk](http://www.fife-riding-club.co.uk)).

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

**IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING THIS ENTRY ON BEHALF OF OTHERS, PLEASE MAKE AWARE OF 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.

## **THE COMPETITION WILL BE RUN UNDER FRC RULES. PLEASE OBSERVE HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES AT ALL TIMES**

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 10, below) and that it be securely fastened at all times.
  - c) Horses must not be exercised, warmed up, cantered or galloped in the horsebox/car parking area.
  - d) Horses must not enter any area designated a safety zone.

### **3. Competition Rules:-**

- a) Knock down = 5 penalties
  - b) 1<sup>st</sup> refusal = 10 penalties
  - c) 2<sup>nd</sup> refusal = 20 penalties
  - d) 3<sup>rd</sup> refusal at same fences = elimination
  - e) 1<sup>st</sup> fall of rider = 30 penalties
  - f) 2<sup>nd</sup> fall of rider = elimination
  - g) Failure to complete the course elimination
4. Competitors may continue on the course after elimination but must not attempt fences more than three times or obstruct on-coming horses. Anyone abusing this relaxation may be banned from future Fife Riding Club Events.
  5. **Entries close on Wednesday 8 May.** All entries must be accompanied by the appropriate remittance. Make cheques payable to "Fife Riding Club". ENTRY FEES: - NON-MEMBERS - £16.00; FRC MEMBERS - £11.00. **There will be no refund of money after closing date.**
  6. **FRC Members:** In order to qualify for the discounted entry fee the competitor must be a member of Fife Riding Club. For the avoidance of doubt, the term "member" denotes a fully paid up RIDING, HONORARY or ASSOCIATE MEMBER of Fife Riding Club only.
  7. Approximate start times will be available from Friday 10 May. Check the "Events" page on the website ([www.fife-riding-club.co.uk](http://www.fife-riding-club.co.uk)).
  8. The course will be open to walk from 3pm on Saturday 11 May. The course walk will take approximately 20-30 minutes and can be walked on the day of the event if preferred.
  9. Any complaint must be lodged, within 30 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.**

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

**Hats** which meet the standards below must be worn with a harness properly adjusted and fastened. Skull caps must be worn with a silk. All Hats must be tagged with a pink tag from BRC, PC or BE. Fixed peaks are not permitted in any competition where cross-country is involved but are permitted for dressage and show jumping.

**British** PAS 015: 2011 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC Marked VG1 01.040: 2014-12 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC Marked

**European** EN1384: 2023 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC marked Section 2

**American** ASTM F1163: 2004a or 04a onwards provided they are SEI marked and SNELL E2016 or 2021 onwards

**Australian and New Zealand** AS/NZS 3838: 2006 onwards provided they are SAI global marked

### **Body Protectors**

A body protector is obligatory in all cross-country competitions and is strongly recommended in show jumping competitions. A BETA Level 3 displaying a Blue 2018 Label must be worn in competitions where a body protector is obligatory. From 1 Jan 2024, the BETA 2009 Purple Label will no longer be accepted. The ONLY exception to this requirement is that the Exo Body Cages will continue to be accepted, provided they have a BETA Level 3 Purple 2000 Label – the secretary must be notified so they can inform the paramedic they need an allen key.

### **Jodhpurs and Breeches**

White, cream, beige, black or any muted colour of breeches or jodhpurs may be worn.

**Boots**

Long riding boots designed for riding are to be worn. Short riding boots with gaiters of the same leather and colour may be worn. Suede half chaps may be worn providing they are of identical colour to the boots and have no decoration or tassels of any sort.

**Jackets and Shirts**

Competitors may choose to ride without jackets. Competitors can wear a fitted waistcoat in any conservative colour in a muted tone and should not be brightly coloured or have bold patterns, subtle pinstripes are permitted as are colours and contrast piping to collar, lapels, pockets and vents. A suitable long or short sleeved shirt of a solid colour is to be worn. Service dress is permitted as is a tweed jacket with a coloured stock or collar and tie. White stocks, white American collar or white shirts with collar and tie may be worn. At the discretion of the Official Steward, competitors may be permitted to ride without jackets or waistcoats in excessively hot weather. An American collar, correctly fastened stock or a suitable shirt that fastens at the neck with a tie must be worn. Suitable short sleeved shirts of a solid colour may be worn. Waterproof coats may be worn in wet weather.

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

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. drink cans, bandage tapes, straw, etc. are disposed of tidily or taken home.