



Central TREC Group Winter League

TREC GB affiliated Arena TREC Competitions

This schedule applies to the following events:

Sunday 9 th Oct 2016	Twin Trees Equestrian Centre, Northill, Beds, SG18 9AG
Sunday 5 th Feb 2017	Milton Keynes Eventing Centre, Milton Keynes, MK19 7HQ
Saturday 18 th Feb 2017	Low Farm, Bozeat, Wellingborough, NN29 7NP
Sunday 5 th Mar 2017	Brooksby College, Melton Mowbray, LE14 2LJ
Sunday 19 th Mar 2017	Gracelands Equestrian Centre, Droitwich, WR9 0BE

CTG will also be holding PTV training sessions at Low Farm on Sun 23rd Oct 2016 and at Watt Meadow on Sun 11th Nov 2016. Full details and entry forms for these will be available via the website.

Entries must be received by the closing date as stated on page 3 and will be limited - please enter as soon as you can! If full, a waiting list will be kept. If not full, late entries may be accepted. Please phone or e-mail the Entries Secretary to enquire about available spaces.

TREC GB Winter Series

Arena TREC is an exciting competition, focusing on the Control of Paces and PTV obstacle phases of British TREC

An ideal introduction for anyone who would enjoy a taste of this friendly sport and a good training ground for young or inexperienced horses and ponies, this will give you something new to try before spring time!

TREC GB members gaining placings in the TREC GB classes will be awarded rosettes and points in the TREC GB Winter Series. Full details can be found on the TREC GB website, www.trecgb.com

All placings in any classes this year will count towards the Central TREC Group winter league (open to members only). All placings 1-3 will receive prizes and there are overall prizes for the league winners at the end of the season. All our arena competitions are included in the league.

Email: central@trecgroup.co.uk Visit our web site www.trecgroup.co.uk
For more information on TREC visit <http://www.trecgb.com/WhatIsTREC.html>.



CLASSES:

All classes are open to members and non members of Central TREC Group and TREC GB, but only placings achieved by members of the relevant organisation will count in the Central TREC Group and TREC GB leagues.

1. **Squworms TREC GB OPEN** - Open to any rider, any age, on any suitable horse or pony.
PTV obstacles equivalent to level 3-4.



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2. **TOP SCORE** – Pick your own route, round must include at least 3 different ridden obstacles and at least 3 different led obstacles. No obstacle to be completed more than twice (ridden and led count as 2 separate obstacles). Scoring: Ridden obstacles worth 10, Led obstacles (including Mount and Mount from Block) worth 20 (normal score achieved is doubled). No MA phase, just PTV.
3. **TREC GB INTERMEDIATE** – Open to horse and rider combinations who have not been placed 1st in more than 2 Intermediate classes or 1 Open class prior to 1 October 2016.
PTV obstacles equivalent to level 2-3.
4. **PAIRS** - Open to any two riders, any age, on any suitable horse(s) or pony(s). The first rider will complete obstacles 1 to 6, the riders will handover in the course of obstacle 7 and the second rider will complete obstacles 8 to 13. The course will be similar to the Novice courses. No MA phase, just 13 PTV obstacles.
5. **IN HAND** - An opportunity for young or inexperienced horses to have a go at TREC by completing a course of led obstacles (no MA). Also a chance for experienced competitors to brush up their In-Hand Obstacle techniques. The PTV Obstacle phase will have about 10 obstacles and will be judged and scored just like a normal class. Hats must be worn and a schooling whip is permitted (maximum length 50 inches). Saddles are optional, and horses can be led in either a bridle or headcollar. Open to horses that are 1 year old or older in 2016.
6. **TREC GB NOVICE HORSE** – Open to HORSES that have not been placed 1st in two or more Newcomers classes, or one Intermediate or one Open class, at Arena TREC competitions prior to 1 October 2016. PTV obstacles equivalent to level 1.
7. **TREC GB NOVICE RIDER** – Open to RIDERS that have not been placed 1st in two or more Newcomers classes, or one Intermediate or one Open class, at Arena TREC competitions prior to 1 October 2016.
PTV obstacles equivalent to level 1.

N.B. A horse or pony may compete in as many classes as the rider is eligible for, including Open, Intermediate and Newcomers levels, but can only take part once in each Individual class. However, a horse or pony may compete twice in the pairs class provided it completes the different sections of the course - this results in a pair of two riders being able to share the same horse or pony, or for the horse or pony to feature in two pairs entries, once as the first rider and once as the second rider.

Hors Concours entries may be considered, at the organiser's discretion.

The Organisers reserve the right to consolidate or divide classes.



We are pleased to have been able to keep our entry fees at the same level as the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons.

Entry fees	CTG members	Non-CTG members
TREC GB and Top Score Classes (class 1, 2, 3, 6, 7)	£12	£14
Pairs (class 4)	£16.00 (£8.00 each)	£18.00 (£9.00 each)
In-hand (class 5)	£10.00	£12.00

TREC GB winter League

TREC GB Winter league – points will be awarded according to placing in each Novice Rider, Novice Horse, Intermediate or Open class e.g. 10 points for 1st, 9 points for 2nd etc. at each level. The highest 4 scores by a horse & rider combination will count. At the end of the season there will be rosettes to the top 10 at each level. Any ties will be split by comparing the TOTAL PTV points accrued by the tied combinations.

Riders need to be TREC GB members before the end of the day of the competition for their scores to count.

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All placings 1st-3rd in the classes will receive prizes. CTG members will automatically be entered in the CTG Leagues – full details may be found on the website www.trecgroup.co.uk. Riders must be members of CTG before the end of the day for points from that competition to stand (both riders in the case of a pair).

CLOSING DATES

The closing date and Entries Secretary for each competition is shown below:

Date of event	Venue	Closing date	Entries Secretary
Sun 9 Oct 2016	Twin Trees, Northill, Bedfordshire	Wed 28 Sep 2016	Cath Anthony
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START TIMES and COURSE WALKING

Individual start times and course walk times will be available on our website www.trecgroup.co.uk from the Wednesday before the event. If you do not have access to the internet to view your start time, please phone Helen Martin for times on the Thursday before the event between 7:30pm and 9:30pm on 07979 594665.

If you are sharing transport, please state with whom on your entry form if you want compatible start times, although please note that it may not be possible to accommodate all requests.

REFUNDS

Refunds for withdrawals will be given at the organiser's discretion, but will take account of Central TREC Group's full refund policy, which can be found on our website www.trecgroup.co.uk under "About Us".



How do I take part?

The competition is open to all. Complete the entry form and return with your cheque to arrive no later than the closing date as stated above. If entering online, you may post a cheque or pay by BACS or PayPal. You will be given a start time and then come along on the day.

There will be two parts to the competition:

MA (Control of Paces) Phase: When it's your turn, you will canter as slowly as possible along a measured track (probably around the edge of the arena). You will then turn around and walk the same distance as you cantered, as fast as possible. The *slower* you canter and *faster* you walk, the more points you'll get. Canter is always first, with walk afterwards. Note – for arena TREC the maximum points available for each pace has been reduced to 15 (the score as detailed in the Rulebook is halved), in order to remove the imbalance in scoring caused by having fewer obstacles on the PTV.

PTV Obstacle Phase: A simple course of 10 to 13 straightforward obstacles, simulated to represent those you might meet out hacking, to test riding skills and the training and handiness of your horse or pony. Suitable for ALL levels of rider, and every kind of horse or pony, these might include: a footbridge, bending poles, leading, a small jump, mounting, opening and closing a gate, rein-back, riding through a corridor of poles on the ground or an S-bend.

The obstacles must be tackled in order within a time limit, and all obstacles are optional. You get points for completing each obstacle, plus bonus points for style, with a maximum of ten points on offer for each obstacle. If you want to miss an obstacle you just inform the judge before bypassing it.

Examples of obstacles can be found in the TREC GB Rulebook, along with an explanation of the way each obstacle is judged. Some obstacles will be adapted for use in an arena. Extra information will be displayed on the day, along with a course plan.

If you run out of time before finishing all the PTV obstacles, a whistle will be blown to tell you that you are out of time. You may finish the obstacle you are in when the whistle goes (if relevant) but will not score any more points and will be asked to leave the course. This helps us to run the day to time.

How are the placings decided?

The winner of each class will be the rider with the highest combined score from the MA (Control of Paces) and PTV phases. In the event of equality the highest score from PTV will take precedence.

What do we wear?

Safe and comfortable riding gear (there is no requirement for show jackets or plaiting up the horse) and your horse or pony's usual tack will be fine. Please read the rules.

PHOTOGRAPHER

There will be no official photographer on site, however one of the committee will aim to have a camera handy and photos will be loaded onto the CTG website.

Are you bringing along a supporter who could help CTG on the day? Please email central@trecgroup.co.uk if you can assist us. No experience is necessary – we are grateful for all offers of help and you will learn lots from the inside! We provide all helpers with refreshments and we also reward people with vouchers which are transferrable and can be redeemed against any CTG activities, clothing and events.

Please respect the facilities, do not muck out onto the parking areas. Refreshments will be available

Spectators welcome



HEALTH AND SAFETY

The event manager/organiser has taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the officials and stewards on the day. Trained First Aiders will be present at the event and should be summoned through an official in the event of an accident. Please take care to safeguard valuable tack and possessions. Young children must be supervised at all times. Neither the event manager/organiser nor the land/course owners can accept responsibility for loss or injury to persons or animals howsoever caused.

RULES

ALL DOGS must be kept on a lead at all times. Please pick up after your dog.

2016-17 TREC GB RULES – PLEASE READ: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE LATEST RULES. IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT, ASK AN OFFICIAL OR EXPERIENCED COMPETITOR FOR HELP.

Links to the latest rulebook, rule changes for 2015/16 and obstacle data sheets are available on the TREC GB website at www.trecgb.com/Rulebook.html.

- 1) TREC GB Competitions are open to all horses and ponies providing that they are a minimum of four years old.
- 2) Mares more than four months pregnant should not be competing.
- 3) Competitors must hold suitable third party liability & personal accident insurance or be a TREC GB red tier member or CTG member. Non member entry fees include day membership to Central TREC Group.
- 4) Clearly visible coloured tail wraps/ribbons should be worn to advise other riders of a potential hazard – Red = Kicker, Green = young/inexperienced horse, Blue = Stallion. If the horse/pony is a stallion then a stallion disc should be worn on both sides of the bridle.
- 5) Though not a requirement, riders may choose to wear a body protector. If they do so, it is strongly recommended that meets the BETA Level 3 standard.
- 6) No rider will be permitted to start any phase of the competition unless wearing a hard hat, which meets a standard currently listed in Appendix 3 of the TREC GB Rulebook. These are PAS 015, BSEN1384 (provided they are BSI kitemarked or SEI marked); all SEI, ASTM95, ASTM F1163, SNELL E2001, all SAI AS/NZS 3838 1998. [Please note that the BSEN 1384 standard will be removed from the approved list on 1st April 2017. Riders are advised not to purchase hats that comply with this standard only. Hats meeting other approved standards in addition to BSEN1384 will continue to be accepted.]
- 7) Riders must wear suitable riding footwear, or use suitable enclosed stirrups.
- 8) Standing Martingales and other fixed reins are forbidden. If using a running martingale you will need a head collar and lead rope or combi bridle with a lead rope for the led obstacles.
- 9) Whips must not exceed 75cms (1m for side-saddle). Spurs if worn must be rounded, not exceeding 3cms in length and be **pointed downwards**.
- 10) The decisions of the TREC GB Technical Delegate and the Judges are final and must be complied with at all times. An error of course on the PTV will result in a zero score for the phase. Competitors may be eliminated from the competition for any of the following reasons:
 - Excessive use of the whip
 - Dangerous riding
 - Abusive language/rudeness
- 11) **Fall Ruling**
 - a) CoP – A fall of rider/horse during either the canter stage or walk stage of this phase will result in a zero score for that stage only. A fall during this phase does not result in automatic elimination unless the official considers the competitor is unfit to continue.



- b) PTV – Competitors experiencing a fall as a result of an obstacle during this phase of the competition will be awarded 0 for that obstacle. If the same rider was then to become unseated for a second time this will result in elimination from the competition. If a rider becomes unseated/falls off not as a result of an obstacle, the competitor can remount and continue without being awarded any penalties. A rider may be given a ‘leg up’ after being unseated without the risk of being eliminated.

PTV – Horse fall – Any horse fall (a horse or pony is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and the quarters have touched the ground) during this stage will result in elimination from the competition.



**Central TREC Group Arena TREC competition
2016-17 season
Entry Form**

Venue _____ Date of event _____

Rider's Name _____

Are you a member of Central TREC Group? Yes / No Membership number: CTG _____

Are you a member of TREC GB? Yes / No Membership number: _____

Membership numbers MUST be quoted in order to be awarded league points. Non members can join on the day in order to receive any league points that they have earned. TREC GB membership numbers can be found in the My Membership area of the TREC GB website.

Address (if not a CTG member) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Horse Name _____ Horse Height _____

I am planning on wearing a body protector **yes/no**

Travelling/Pair with _____

I am bringing a helper, their name is _____ and they can be contacted on _____
(Please see page 4 for more details).

CLASS (please tick)

Class 1 –Squworms TREC GB Open

£14.00 (CTG members £12.00)

Class 3 –TREC GB Intermediate

£14.00 (CTG members £12.00)

Class 5 – In hand

£11.00 each (CTG members £10.00 each)

Class 7 – TREC GB Novice Rider

£14.00 (CTG member £12.00)

Class 2 – Top Score

£14.00 (CTG members £12.00)

Class 4 – Pairs

£18.00 (CTG members £16.00) per pair

Class 6 –TREC GB Novice Horse

£14.00 (CTG members £12.00)

If you are redeeming CTG vouchers please fill in the information below and enclose the vouchers with your entry form.

Amount being redeemed £ _____ Voucher number(s) _____

Cheque payable to **Central TREC Group** enclosed for £ _____.

BACS details: sort code 08 92 99, account number 65796977 [please note that this account number has changed since last winter]

PayPal: send your payment to paypal@trecgroup.co.uk (please include your name in the notes section if you are using an account in a different name to that on the entry form).



I have read, understood and agree to abide by the rules for the competition. I understand that non-member entry fees include day membership to Central TREC Group.

Rider's signature

Date

For competitors under the age of 16 a parent or guardian must sign.

Please send your entry form and cheque to the Entries Secretary for that event by the closing date listed below. There are a limited number of places which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We will attempt to accommodate late entries when possible however cannot guarantee it, particularly after the publication of start times.

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Cath Anthony, Twin Trees Equestrian Centre, Thorncote Road, Northill, Beds, SG18 9AG

Sally Ingram, 69 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, Worcs. WR10 2AP.

Sally Elliott, 91 Spinney Hill Road, Olney, Buckinghamshire, MK46 5AD.

Please take care when addressing your entry to ensure that you send it to the correct person. Central TREC Group cannot be held responsible for entries that are received by the wrong Entries Secretary and cannot guarantee that they will be able to be accepted.

TREC GB would like to keep you updated with TREC news and other events in your area by sharing your email with your local TREC club. Please tick this box if you do not want your email address passed on for this purpose.