



Equisafety Summer Series 2017



PARK FARM

British TREC competition

In aid of

Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance

Organised by Central TREC Group

On Monday 1 May 2017

To be held at

**Park Farm, Stanford-on-Avon
Leicestershire, NN5 6JS**

By Kind permission of Park Farms Ltd

Technical Delegate – Claire Pollard

Organiser – Trish Donnelly

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Level 1 / 2A Affiliated British TREC Competition – Everyone welcome.

This competition gives you the chance to ride across picturesque countryside along a route that has been checked for accessibility. The competition will take place almost entirely off road. Classes for individuals and pairs.

There are classes available to those who have little or no TREC experience

Competitors at Level 2A may be asked to navigate using bearings or grid references only.

All classes carry points for the SEIB Summer League, kindly sponsored by SEIB Insurance Brokers
<http://www.seib.co.uk>

Enquiries – Claire Pollard Tel: 07703 647472, email: claire@pollardltd.co.uk

Entries must be received by 20 April 2017 late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organiser and may be subject to a surcharge. Please enter early as places will be limited. If full a waiting list will be kept.

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

For more information visit our website www.trecgb.com / www.trecgroup.co.uk

Sponsors:



TREC GB is proud to be sponsored by **Equisafety** for the **2017 Summer Series**, which will culminate in the prestigious Equisafety National TREC GB Championships on 8th to 10th September 2017 at Springhill Farm, Selattyn, Nr Oswestry SY10 7NZ. Equisafety is generously providing rosettes for the 1st-3rd prize winners in each class at every full TREC competition in 2017.

TREC GB is proud to be sponsored by **SEIB Insurance Brokers** for the **2017 Summer League**. SEIB are generously providing rosettes and prizes for the 1st-10th prize winners for each level in the league.



Classes:

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| Class 1 | Level 1 Individual , suitable for first timers |
| Class 2 | Level 1 Pairs , suitable for first timers POR route length 10-15km, PTV Obstacle height up to 60cms |
| Class 3 | Level 2A Individual |
| Class 4 | Level 2A Pairs POR route length 15-25km, PTV Obstacle height up to 70cms |

Competitors at Level 2A may be asked to navigate using bearings or grid references only.

Riders who are under the age of 14 must ride in one of the pairs classes, with a pair who is over 18 on the day of the competition

Classes 1-2 will be qualifying classes for the 2017 National Level 1 Championship (Riders DO NOT have to be a TREC GB member at time of qualification, but will be required to join as a Red or Blue member before the closing date of the Championships). Full details about eligibility and qualification criteria can be found at www.trecgb.com.

Classes 3-4 will be qualifying classes for the 2017 Equisafety National TREC GB Championships. Full details about eligibility and qualification criteria can be found at www.trecgb.com.

Classes 1-4 will count towards the 2017 SEIB TREC GB League. Full details about eligibility and the calculation of league placings can be found at www.trecgb.com.

To be eligible for L2A qualification places or the league, riders (both riders in the case of a pair) must be Red or Blue tier TREC GB members before the start of the event. To join TREC GB please visit the TREC GB website and join online or download a membership form.

| Entry fees (per rider): | CTG members | TREC GB Red members/ members of any other TREC GB club | Non members |
|-------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|
| All classes | £30 | £35 | £40 |

Non-member entry fees include day membership to Central TREC Group. TREC GB Blue members must quote a TREC GB club membership number or pay the non member rate.

Non members – why not join Central TREC Group and save up to £10? Membership form available at www.trecgroup.co.uk

All entries must be in writing and accompanied by the correct entry fee. All classes are subject to sufficient entries and the organisers reserve the right to cancel or amalgamate classes as necessary. Entries are on a strictly first come basis, enter early to avoid disappointment.

Entry closing dates and refunds/withdrawals

Entries close on 20 April 2017. Withdrawals up to this date will receive a full refund.

Any refunds for withdrawals after the closing date will be entirely at the discretion of the organiser but will usually follow Central TREC Group's Refund and Withdrawals Policy (available on the CTG website under About Us).

Start times and directions

These will be available on www.trecgroup.co.uk by the Wednesday before the event. If you do not have access to the internet please enclose a first class SAE with your entry. Please only telephone for times if you have not received them by the Thursday immediately before the event, in which case call the organiser on 07703 647472.

Camping and coralling

Ground conditions permitting, overnight parking and coralling are available on Sunday night at the venue at a cost of £5 per horse per night including a vehicle/tent used for human accommodation. Please book in advance. Please note that you must provide your own electric fencing and charger.

Tents being used as overnight accommodation must be pitched in the separate area provided. This is for health and safety reasons. Any person found to have pitched a tent in the coralling field will be asked to move it immediately.

Toilets and showers

There will be toilets but no showers on site.

Water provision

Water for horses will be available on site. Please bring your own drinking water.

Catering

There will be a caterer on site on Monday.

Vet

The local veterinary practice Town & Country Vets at Market Harborough will be on call in case of emergency. Their number is 01858 465668, and the organiser should also be informed if the vet is required during the event.

Outline timetable

| Day | Time | Event | Location |
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| Sunday | 4.00pm | Venue open. Please phone the organiser if you need to arrive before this. | |
| | 6.00pm | Judges' briefing | Map Room/ Secretary's tent |
| Monday | | | |
| | All day | PTV & POR for both levels | |
| | | Caterer on site | |

Helpers

All TREC competitions rely on the support of volunteer judges and helpers. Can you or anyone coming with you lend a hand?

Please contact Trish Donnelly on 07891 106425 or by e-mail: trishydonn@gmail.com if you can assist us with judging or stewarding on the day. Competitors can also help us with setting up, clearing equipment away, collecting scores etc. No judging experience necessary – we are grateful for all offers of help and you will learn lots from the inside! Even a couple of hours' help can make a difference and there are lots of jobs suitable for non-horsey mums/dads/partners. We provide all judges with free refreshments and a thank you voucher.

What is TREC?

TREC is a fun riding event usually comprising three phases. The competition involves the skills and situations a rider might encounter on a hack, including map reading (using Ordnance Survey maps usually 1:25 000 scale)

The three phases:

POR (mounted orienteering)

You are provided with a map, onto which you copy the route. Then you follow the route at pre-determined speeds (usually between 6 and 12 kph). Along the route there are checkpoints, where you are likely to be given a change of speed. There also may be markers, or tickets, to be noted on your record card, which is also provided. Riders usually start at 5 minute intervals. In Pairs classes this phase is ridden as a pair, with MA and PTV ridden separately.

MA (control of paces)

This is a test to determine the rider's control of the horse's paces. Canter as slowly as possible and walk as fast as possible. This will be timed over a marked corridor, up to 150 meters long.

PTV (cross country trials)

A timed course involving up to 16 obstacles aimed to simulate what you may meet on a hack. Some of the course may take place dismounted. You can decline to do an obstacle without being eliminated but must stop and tell the judge at that obstacle.

After the three phases the points gained by the individual/ pair are totalled and the highest total wins.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Tack and equipment will be checked. The following should be carried on the POR phase.

POR Compulsory Equipment (for all riders) Riders will not be permitted to start the POR without carrying ALL the items on this list:

- Approved hard hat. (**Hat approval changed 2017 please check current required standard**)
- Headcollar and lead rope or combination bridle
- Medical armband with emergency phone numbers for the event
- Horse ID with rider details and emergency phone numbers for the event
- First aid kit for horse and rider **Human kit to be carried on the rider**.
- Torch (suitable for riding after dark. A head torch or similar to read the map and a light to make you and your horse visible to car drivers/walkers are recommended.)
- High vis clothing (minimum of fluorescent strips on the rider's torso)
- Whistle (for use in emergencies) **to be carried on the rider**.
- Level 3 & 4 riders: correctly sized hoof boot or similar and (for shod horses) a set of emergency farrier's tools suitable for the removal of a shoe. Level 1 & 2 competitors are advised to carry these but it is not required.

POR Additional Equipment (for all riders) Failure to have these items incurs a 2 point penalty for each item up to a maximum of 10 penalty points:

- Compass
- Hoof pick
- Pens (for map marking – ideally two colours, permanent ink with thin nibs, red and fluorescent orange are popular for route marking and black or blue for notes)
- Waterproofs
- Mobile phone – If a rider chooses to carry a mobile phone must **it must be carried on the rider**.

Every competitor whether competing as an individual or as part of a pair should carry all of the equipment listed except the farrier tools (one between the pair is sufficient).

Helpful equipment for the POR phase

Map case, Drink/snack for rider, Coins for emergency phone call, Digital watch (or stopwatch).

*Hard hat and medical armband are required for ALL phases of the event. Tack used must remain the same for all three phases. Hard hats must comply with one of the standards listed in the TREC GB Rulebook (3rd edition).

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The event manager/organiser will take 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. The event manager/organiser may provide contact telephone numbers for emergency veterinary and farriery services.

Competitors are asked 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.

TREC RULES

Rules as per the 3rd edition TREC GB rulebook, which can be found at www.trecgb.com/Rulebook.html.

- 1) Horses must be a minimum of four years old to compete at Level 1, 2 and 2A and five years old to compete at levels 3 and 4 (ie for levels 1, 2 and 2A, a horse born in 2013 may compete in 2017). Mares more than four months pregnant may not compete.
- 2) The welfare of horses competing in British TREC competitions is paramount. No horse may compete if it is unsound or unfit to carry the rider for any reason. Any rider who continues on a horse that they know to be unsound or that has been definitively stopped by the veterinary surgeon or designated competent official on fitness and/ or welfare grounds will be eliminated from the competition.
- 3) Riders under the age of fourteen on day of competition may only compete in Pairs classes and must be accompanied by a rider of **18 years or older**. Pairs ride together for POR and separately for the MA and PTV. Parents/guardians of competitors under the age of 16 will be required to complete a Parental Consent Form (available on the TREC GB website).
- 4) All riders competing must be members of either Central TREC Group, TREC GB or a GB TREC Club. Non members will pay an additional £5 to become members of Central TREC Group for the duration of the competition.
- 5) 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 stallion discs must also be worn on both sides of the bridle.
- 6) No rider will be permitted to start any phase of the competition unless wearing a hard hat, which meets a standard currently approved (listed in Appendix 2 TREC GB Rulebook). The appropriate hats should have the BSI 'KITE' mark and/or Inspec IC Mark and/or the American equivalent, the 'SEI' mark securely (non-removable) attached to the hat. Medical armbands must also be worn for all phases.
- 7) Riders must wear a BETA level 3 standard body protector (Purple Label) for the PTV phase. **From April 1st 2017 An approved body protector must be worn for the PTV at all levels unless the course includes no ridden fixed jumps. The definition of a fixed jump includes jumps such as hedges, path crossings, steps up, steps down and tree trunks which cannot be knocked down.** Body protectors are recommended on the PTV phase even when no fixed jumps are used.
- 8) Riders must wear clothing that is suitable and practical for riding out in the countryside. Horses must wear the same tack (saddle and bitting arrangement) for all three phases.
- 9) Horses may compete shod or unshod. Horses with loose or badly fitting shoes will not be allowed to compete. The state of shoeing will be noted at the vetting or tack check and this will be considered the minimum shoeing for the POR for that horse. If a horse loses a shoe on the POR and no hoof boot/ similar is available to replace it then the rider will be eliminated and the horse must be led/walked back to the venue by the shortest route or transported in a horsebox/trailer.
- 10) Standing martingales and other fixed reins are forbidden. For led PTV obstacles the horse must be led using the reins taken over the head or a headcollar and leadrope. If a horse is ridden in a running martingale it must be led from a headcollar and rope for any led obstacles on the PTV, unless the martingale can be unclipped from the neckstrap so that the reins can be taken over the horse's head.
- 11) Whips must not exceed 75cm (1m for side-saddle) overall length (including any thong or tassel). Spurs, if worn, must be rounded, not exceeding 3cm in length and **point downwards**.
- 12) Mobile phones may be carried for use in emergency but must be declared prior to start of POR and be switched off. Level 1 competitors may be asked to ride with their phones turned on and provide their mobile number to the organisers at the tack check.
- 13) During the POR phase riders must wear fluorescent/reflective hi-vis clothing. The minimum requirement is clearly visible fluorescent strips (or garment) on the rider's torso. It is strongly recommended that this is also reflective, and is supplemented by a fluorescent/reflective hatband and fluorescent/reflective hi-vis on the horse.
- 14) Medical armbands and ID are compulsory and must be worn for all three phases of the competition. The medical armband should include basic information to help any First Aid staff to assist you and should be easily visible. Information should include: name, address, next of kin with contact details, competitor number, emergency telephone number for event and any relevant medical information (such as allergies, any current medication).
- 15) If a rider / pair returns to the venue without having passed through the finish checkpoint (ie still in possession of their record card) they must report to the map room or an official immediately.

It is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the basic rules. The TREC GB Rulebook (3rd edition 1 February 2017) can be found on the TREC GB website, www.trecgb.com/Rulebook.html.

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Competition Entry and Membership Form, Monday 1 May 2017

Class Level (please circle) 1, 2A, Individual / Pairs (Pairs partner

Rider's name: D.O.B:

Address:

..... Post code.....

Email:..... Telephone.....

I am / am not a Central TREC Group member (please circle) Membership No.....

I am / am not a member of another TREC GB club (please circle)

Club Membership No.....

I am / am not a TREC GB member (please circle) Membership No.....

Your TREC GB membership numbers MUST be quoted in order for qualification and league points to be awarded.

Horse name:..... Horse Age:.....

Height:..... Breed:.....

| | | FEE £ |
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| All classes | Central TREC Members £30 TREC GB Red or club Members £35 Non Members £40 (includes day membership of Club) | |
| Correlling Sunday night | £5 per horse | |
| | Donation to Air Ambulance | |
| Total | | |

TREC GB will keep your personal information and may contact you. TREC GB will not share your details with other organisations. Please tick the box if you do **NOT** want TREC GB to hold your information.

I enclose a cheque for £..... **made payable to Central TREC Group**, for entry fees & correlling.
BACS details: sort code 08 92 99, account number 65796977 [please note that this account number has changed since last spring] 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 and understood the rules and agree to abide by them.

SIGNED:

If the competitor is under 16 a parent or guardian must sign. A parental consent form must also be sent for any riders under 16. The form is available on the TREC GB website.

Please send your entry form and cheque to the Entries Secretary by the closing date (20th April 2017). 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.

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

Central TREC Group has a number of Entries Secretaries, 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.

Start times and full directions will be on the Central TREC Group web site (www.trecgroup.co.uk) by the Wednesday prior to the competition. If you do not have internet access please enclose a SAE with your entry for this information. If you have not received your info by Thursday 27th April please phone Trish Donnelly on 07891 106425.

To help us with planning and catering if you are bringing a helper with you please give their details below:

Name Level of experience.....

Email address Mobile

Will have a vehicle available (please circle) No Car 4x4

Any special dietary requirements