



ALCONBURY & TUR LANGTON split TREC

British TREC competition

Organised by Central TREC Group

On 5th August PTV/MA

30th September POR

To be held at

Home Farm, Alconbury, Cambs (PTV/MA)

By Kind permission of the Ayres family

Tur Langton, Leics (POR)

By Kind permission of Mary Weston

Technical Delegate – Helen Martin

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Level 1 / 2 / 2A Affiliated British TREC Competition, plus PTV/MA only classes at Alconbury (5 August) and POR only classes Tur Langton (29 September) – 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 largely off road and contains some 'permissive access'. Classes for individuals and pairs.

Classes 1&2 are available to those who have little or no TREC experience

Competitors in classes 5&6 (L2A) may be asked to navigate using bearings and/or grid references only.

Classes 1-6 full TREC carry points for the Summer League, kindly sponsored by V-Bandz Ltd

<http://www.v-bandz.co.uk>

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Entries must be received by 25 July 2018 (full trec & PTV/MA) and **19 September** (POR only) 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 and schedules on CTG website and from: email: entries@trecgoup.co.uk

For more information visit our website www.trecgroup.co.uk

Classes: FULL TREC BOTH VENUES (you can enter just ptv/ma phase to start with and then enter POR after the first part is complete or just enter POR phase only)

- 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 2 Individual**
Class 4 **Level 2 Pairs**
Class 5 **Level 2A Individual**
Class 6 **Level 2A Pairs**
 POR route length 15-25km, PTV Obstacle height up to 70cms

Classes: PTV/MA only Alconbury – 5 August unaffiliated classes will run following the equivalent affiliated class. For full Trec competitors you must not complete any other class, before you have completed your affiliated round. You can do as many as you want after.

- Class 7 **Newcomer Pairs** suitable for first timers BOTH riders ride course together – first rider rides first 8 obstacles, second rides the last 8 obstacles.
Class 8 **Novice** – obstacle height up to 60cm
Class 9 **Intermediate** – obstacle height up to 70cm
Class 10 **Open** – obstacle height up to 80cm

Competitors at Level 2A (Classes 5&6, 15&16) may be asked to navigate using bearings and/or grid references only.

Rosettes will be awarded for PTV/MA phase and POR phases separately with additional rosettes for those who complete all three phases. Only those completing all three phases are eligible for league points.

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 2019 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 3-6 will be qualifying classes for the 2019 SEIB National TREC GB Championships. Full details about eligibility and qualification criteria can be found at www.trecgb.com.

Classes 1-6 will count towards the 2019 V-Bandz Ltd TREC GB League. Full details about eligibility and the calculation of league placings can be found at www.trecgb.com.

To be eligible for L2 or 2A 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

Sponsors



TREC GB is proud to be sponsored by **SEIB** for the **2018 Summer Series**, which will culminate in the prestigious SEIB National Level 1 Championship on 17th to 19th August 2018 at Hamley Hagg Farm, Appleton Le Moors, York YO62 6TG and the SEIB National TREC GB Championships on 14th to 16th September 2018 at Treborough Hill, Treborough, Somerset, TA23 0QW. SEIB is generously providing rosettes for the 1st-3rd prize winners in each class at every full TREC competition in 2018.



TREC GB is proud to be sponsored by **V-Bandz Ltd** for the **2018 Summer League**. V-Bandz Ltd are generously providing rosettes and prizes for the 1st-10th prize winners for each level in the league.

Classes will run in the order below at Alconbury.

Class & entry fees	Alconbury (PTV/MA) £20 (Ctg), £22 TREC GB, £25 non member	Tur Langton (POR) £30 (Ctg), £33 TREC GB, £35 non member	BOTH £50 (Ctg), £55 TREC GB, £60 non member
7 newcomer pairs*		-----	-----
1 level 1 individual			
2 level 1 pairs			
8 novice		-----	-----
3 level 2 individual			
4 level 2 pairs			
5 level 2a individual			
6 level 2a pairs			
9 intermediate		-----	-----
10 open		-----	-----

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.

*newcomer pairs entry fees £15 CTG, £16 TREC GB & £17 non-member per rider.

Entries, closing dates and refunds/withdrawals

Entries may be made [online](#), by email or post. Payment may be made by Paypal, BACS (08-92-99 A/c 65796977) or cheque to **Central TREC Group**

Entries close Alconbury PTV/MA 25th July

Entries close Tur Langton POR 19th September

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.

Start times and directions

These will be available on the club website 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 07818 434958]

Camping and corralling

Ground conditions permitting, overnight parking and corralling are available on Saturday night at each venue at a cost of £5 per horse for the weekend 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 corralling 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. **There will not be water for Human consumption available at the venue.**

Catering

There will be no caterer on site at Alconbury, however there will be home made cakes available to purchase.

Tur Langton

There will be no caterer on site at Tur Langton, there may be some refreshments available to purchase, further details in competitors information.

Farrier

A farrier will be on call. Riders needing the services of the farrier should contact the organiser to confirm where and when he will attend. Riders must pay the farrier for any required shoeing at the time. [Please note – it is advisable to have suitable shoes for your horse with you if possible, particularly if your horse wears an unusual size or type. A set of shoes that has some wear left in them when they are removed is ideal to keep as an emergency set.]

Vet.

Town & Country, Market Harborough will be on call

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 *the organiser* by e-mail 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 *voucher towards future Central TREC Group events*.

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 leadrope 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.**

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 **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

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. For 2018 hard hats must comply with one of the standards listed below.

PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided it has a BSI Kitemark OR an Inspec IC Mark
VG1 01.040 (2014-12) provided it has a BSI Kitemark OR an Inspec IC Mark

SEI ASTM 95

ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards), providing it has an SEI mark
SNELL E2001 OR E2016, providing it has a SNELL label and number
AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), providing it has an SAI Global mark
Any hat used must conform to one or more of these standards

PTV Equipment

For 2018 Riders must wear a BETA level 3 standard body protector **Purple label, body protectors must have a label dated 2009** or later for the PTV phase. **From April 1st 2018 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.

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 4th 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 2014 may compete in 2018). 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 with a purple label dated 2009 or later for the PTV phase 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. It is recommended that body protectors are replaced every 3-5 years, even if they are apparently undamaged.
- 8) Riders must wear clothing that is suitable and practical for riding out in the countryside. Horses must wear the same tack (saddle and biting 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 **must not point upwards**.
- 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 (4th edition 1 February 2018) can be found on the TREC GB website, www.trecgb.com/Rulebook.html.