

Park Farm 2021– competitors' information

Please read all of these points there are some unusual items

Special COVID regulations

- 1, You should carry with you a mask and hand sanitiser, these will be part of your compulsory equipment. You do not need to wear your mask whilst riding but please have one to hand in case you are unable to socially distance. Eg if someone has a fall and needs assistance. The hand sanitiser should be used if you need to open or close a gate or touch anything that is not yours. Please bring these with you. A small number will be available to purchase if you forget, but if these are all gone you may not be able to compete.
- 2, You will have 10 minutes Level 1, or 13 minutes Level 2, to copy the route onto a map. Once this is over place your map in your map case and leave it where instructed. You then have time to tack up your horse and warm up for the MA, which immediately proceeds the PTV. Once you have completed your PTV you will need to put your hi-viz and POR equipment on, to you and your horse, and collect your map before arriving at the start.
- 3, You will be given a record card with your map. You will need to fill this in yourself, if you are not sure how this should be done ask the map room or checkpoint judge. You will not hand the record card to the checkpoint judge. They will record your times etc on their sheet. Please leave your record card in the box provided at the finish.
- 4, Toilets are available, although please use your own if you have them. If you use the toilets at the venue, there will be wipes available to clean down all the surfaces, including door handles, before and after use. Place these wipes in the bin provided, **DO NOT FLUSH THEM DOWN THE LOO**, we do not want to block the drains.
- 5, You must not become part of a group of more than 6, including checkpoint judges. If you do start to bunch up please give way to faster horses and make a note of how long you waited for, record this on your record card and tell the checkpoint judge, at the next checkpoint. Because of this it may be necessary to hold you for longer at the start, or for less time at a checkpoint. We will endeavour to stick to the timetable, but your safety must come first, so please follow all instructions given to you by any official or checkpoint judge.
- 6, Unfortunately we are unable to provide any refreshments, please bring your own food and drink.
- 7, You will be able to walk the PTV course, on Saturday morning and there will be a course plan available.
- 8, We will not be asking you to wear your number bib either for the POR or PTV. A bridle number will be provided, please put this on the nearside of your horse's head, so that the judges can see it easily.
- 9, There will be no ridden fixed obstacles on the PTV therefore you do not need to wear a body protector. Although we do recommend the use of body protectors.

10, We will attempt to issue some scores on the day. However, because of social distancing we will endeavour to publish these via the competitors' Whatsapp group. Please ensure that you are registered for this. This can be joined using this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/liUEQCgnG1a337RbeQRTTp>

Competitors' Briefing

Because of the COVID restrictions we are not planning on holding a competitors' briefing. If you are unsure of any requirements please ask the TD or Organiser.

Normal info.

You may arrive at the venue after 4.00 pm. There is corralling available for the weekend, and small day corrals may be used.

Please leave the corralling field clean, there will be a trailer for droppings. We like to be welcomed back to this venue.

Horse water is available, including wash down facilities, however, there will be other people using the facilities at Park Farm so please be aware that they may also wish to use the wash down area. There is no human water available.

There will be some PTV obstacles on the POR route. These will be published along with the course plan at the venue.

The venue is a working farm please respect the land and take all your rubbish home with you. Only ride on the marked route, we do have some permissions for access where you would not normally be allowed to ride. In any event do not ride on any growing crops and ensure you ride slowly past farm animals.

The farm buildings are strictly off limits, due to the COVID regulations, except for access to the toilet facilities.

The horseflies are particularly bad this year, please bring plenty of fly repellent and/or fly rugs.

Photographer

Ruth, from IndiePics will be at the competition. We will find her a very picturesque spot to take photos, please support our photographer.

Directions - Do not follow SatNav, there have been major changes to the M1/M6/A14 junction which may not be reflected in your SatNAV.

The best way to get to Park Farm if you are in a horse box or towing is to take the A14 to Junction 1,

Turn onto the A5199 towards Welford and Leicester

After approx. 1 mile take the first left towards South Kilworth and almost immediately turn left towards Cold Ashby/Stanford

After about 1 mile you come to a T junction, turn right

Follow that road, for about 2 miles, over the A14 bridge and the venue is shortly after a narrow canal bridge on the left.