

B&BMH Ltd

BADSWORTH and BRAMHAM MOOR
HUNTER TRIALS

RULES

1. The Organisers reserve the right to:

- (a) Cancel any class.
- (b) Divide any class.
- (c) Refuse any entry without stating the reason

2. Hunting or cross country clothes must be worn, and this should include crash helmets. Blunt spurs without a rowel only may be used. No whip over 30 inches overall length is permitted and may not be weighted. Hats should comply with British Standard. PAS: 015 or EN1384 and it is recommended that 'level 3' body protectors are worn.

3. The courses will all be as natural as possible and will vary in length between 1 1/2 and 2 miles and contain between 15 and 35 obstacles

4. FLAGS

The rider must leave a red flag on his right and a white flag on his left. Direction markers are only used to show the general direction of the course and do not have to be passed on a particular side. All flags will be in position when the course is open for inspection.

5. PENALTIES

All scoring will be by penalties. There will be no bonus marks and no scoring for style.

<i>Knocking down a fence</i>	<i>10 penalties</i>
<i>First refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle</i>	<i>10 penalties</i>
<i>Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle</i>	<i>20 penalties</i>
<i>Third refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle</i>	<i>Elimination</i>
<i>Fall of horse and/or rider at an obstacle</i>	<i>60 penalties</i>
<i>Error of course not rectified</i>	<i>Elimination</i>
<i>Omission of an obstacle</i>	<i>Elimination</i>
<i>Retaking an obstacle already taken</i>	<i>Elimination</i>

6. DEFINITION OF PENALTIES

A horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle to be jumped. Stopping, provided that it is followed immediately by a standing jump, is not penalised. If the halt is sustained or if the horse steps back, even a single stride, this constitutes a refusal. If a horse that has already stepped back once, even a single

stride, is then re-presented at the obstacle and halts or steps back a second time, this constitutes a second refusal, and so on.

A horse is considered to have circled if it recrosses its original track from whichever direction, while negotiating or attempting to negotiate an obstacle. If a horse completes a circle in order to be re-presented at the obstacle after a refusal or a run-out, it is penalised only for the refusal or run-out.

A rider is considered to have fallen when he is separated from his horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.

A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground.

7. COMPETITOR IN DIFFICULTY AT AN OBSTACLE

Any competitor who is in difficulty before an obstacle and is about to be overtaken by the following competitor must quickly clear the way. If an obstacle is in need of repair, or is completely obstructed by a competitor in difficulty, subsequent competitors may be halted. The fence judge must record the length of time for which each competitor is held up. If, in attempting to negotiate an obstacle, a horse should be trapped to such a way that it is liable to injure itself or be unable to proceed without assistance, the fence judge shall decide if parts of the obstacle shall be dismantled or if any other assistance shall be given to extricate the horse. In such a case, the fence judge will first instruct the competitor to dismount. The competitor is then penalised as for a refusal and for a fall and must in any case retake the obstacle. The judge will give the order to the competitor to retake the obstacle when it has been rebuilt.

8. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

Outside assistance, whether solicited or not, is forbidden under penalty of elimination. Catching a loose horse, helping a rider to remount or adjust his saddlery after a fall is permitted.

9. FALLS.

ANY FALLS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY ON COMPLETING THE COURSE.

10. INSURANCE

ALL COMPETITORS MUST HAVE PERSONAL & PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE