

The Farmers Bloodhounds 2018 Challenge Ride Rules and Regulations.

This Challenge ride is not run under BHA regulations

The FBH are intending to run a Challenge Ride at our Point to Point meeting on Saturday 28th April 2018 at Edgcote.

The Challenge ride will be after the last race on the P2p card with the start time of 5.45pm.

Please read the following conditions of this Challenge Ride and we are hoping it will attract a good number of FBH followers and provide a good spectacle and fun for all participants and spectators. A safety factor of 16 runners is in place therefore the first 16 entries received, will be allowed to participate. So enter early to avoid disappointment.

A waiting list will be used in case of any withdrawals.

Horse

All horses must have been hunted with the FBH at least four times during the 2017/18 season.

The hunting season finishes on 18th March 2018 so make sure you are qualified to run.

Horses must be 5 years and over and not over 18 years of age.

Horses must have an up to date vaccination for equine flu. (This will be checked)

Horse passports must be available on the day for inspection.

Hunting tack is acceptable and will be checked by a paddock steward before the Challenge Ride.

A number cloth will be worn on each horse, to be collected from the weighing room.

Riders

All competitors enter the Challenge Ride entirely at their own risk.

Riders must have hunted with the FBH at least four times during the 2017/18 season. Acceptance or refusal of entry will be at the discretion of the Senior Master Mr Brian Temple.

Riders are required to have personal insurance in order to participate in this ride.

Horses can be ridden astride or side saddle.

Riders must be 16 years and over on the day of the ride.

Riders must not have ridden in a race under rules of any recognised turf authority, P2P included. A hunt members race accepted since 1st November 2017.

There will be no weight restrictions.

The following will be checked on the day.

Body protectors must be worn. Level 3. Air jackets can be worn but must be worn with a body protector.

Safety helmets must be worn, with standard PAS 015,1384

The Challenge Ride

Entries + race entry fee of £25.00 must be received by Jenny Haycock on or before Wednesday 11th April 2018.

The Challenge ride will be run over the Edgcote race course.

The Challenge Ride safety factor is 16 participants.

Declarations to run must be lodged in the declarations tent before 3.30pm on the day of the ride.

The Challenge Ride distance is 1.5 circuits i.e. 1 mile 6 furlongs approximately.

11 fences to be jumped including the open ditch.

Details of both horse and rider including colours worn will be published in the official P2P race card.

An optimum time for hunters only will be set for the Challenge Ride. This will be set at a good FBH hunting pace. Thoroughbreds entered will take a prominent position at the start and will run on a faster optimum time.

The optimum time is an important parameter, as this is the key differential between a Challenge Ride and the first past the post P2P race.

The participants, who complete the course closest to the optimum time in both sections, will be presented with a FBH trophy, mementos will be awarded to third place.

No money prizes allowed but vouchers from hunt sponsors for 1st 2nd 3rd will be presented to both sections.

Entry fee £25.00 which will be donated to the Northamptonshire/Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

No official betting is allowed on this race.

Any further information on any of the above required please contact. Chris Loggin.

Telephone 01869 810594 or Garth Whisker Mobile 07711 12706.

Any horse and rider intending to enter the challenge ride and would like to school over fences beforehand please contact Chris Loggin, Hinton in the Hedges, Brackley. Telephone 01869 810954.

Cost will be £10.00 per horse. Schooling monies will be donated to a charity of Chris's choice