

The Badminton Ride

The Rules, Terms and Conditions 2025

All entries are to be online before the event, and there will be no entries, or cash, on the day. The Standard Rate at £30 for riders aged 15 and over, and £20 for riders aged 14 and under will be available from Thursday 1st May to midnight on Thursday 31st July. The Late (previously the 'on the day') Rate at £40 for riders age 15 and over, and £25 for riders age 14 and under will then be payable to midnight on Wednesday 24th September or until Ride capacity is met and entries close, whichever happens sooner. At this point all entries to the Ride will close and there will be no subsequent entries on the day.

Entry fees remain non-refundable under any circumstance except in the event the Ride Committee needs to make the decision to cancel the Ride for whatever reason. In the event the Committee cancels the event, riders will receive a refund less a £5 admin fee per rider. Any change of rider will be subject to a £5 admin fee. No change of rider is permitted without written confirmation from the Entries Secretary that the change has been made. Riders may book their preferred start time, in hourly slots between 10am and 2pm using the entry system. Once the capacity for each hour slot is reached that slot will close and no further entries will be permitted during that hourly slot. First registration at the Entries Tent is 9.30am LAST registration at the Entries Tent is at 1.30pm. The Start will be open from 10am to 2pm and the Starter will send riders off in groups and at short intervals as they get to him.

Riders are **STRONGLY ADVISED** to wear hard hats that conform to current safety standards (PAS 015:1998 or 2011 with BSI Kitemark, VG1 with BSI Kitemark, Snell E2001 with official Snell label and number, ASTM-F1163 2004a with SEI mark, or AS/NZS 3838 1998, 2003 or 2006) with chin strap done up at all times when mounted. In any event a hard hat designed for riding, in good condition and correctly fitted **MUST** be worn, and any riders not so complying will be turned away.

It is advisable for riders under 15 years to wear a body protector that complies with current safety standards (BETA 2009 Level 3), and for medical armbands to be worn.

The 2025 Ride will follow the current British Eventing policy on Equine Flu Vaccinations: There will be an amnesty on the requirement for a vaccination within 6 months prior to the date of the Ride, and instead horses must have had an annual vaccination within 12 months of the date of the Ride. If a horse has missed its annual vaccination renewal and so cannot meet this requirement, it will need to restart a course of injections again before the Ride. In this case the horse must have had a first and second vaccination within no less than 21 days of each other and 7 clear days after the second vaccination before the date of the Ride. This policy affects all horses coming to the event for any reason. Please bring all entrants' horse passports or vaccination certificates with you, and expect these to be subject to spot check on arrival at the gate. If your horse is found to not be correctly covered, it plus any others on the same transport will, with regret, be turned away and not be allowed to enter the site or take part in the Ride.

Riders aged under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult (defined as someone aged 18 years or over). If the escorting adult withdraws the child must also withdraw. Horses and ponies must be aged 4 years or over. All riders **MUST** report to the Starter at the beginning of the Ride and the Finish Steward at the Finish. Riders may retire early or take the shorter route but **MUST** report the fact to the next Steward passed.