

18. The organisers do not accept LIABILITY, other than that stipulated by law, for any accident, loss, damage or injury to horses, persons or property. Vehicles are parked on the grounds at their owners risk. It is participants' own decision whether or not to compete. Competitors and attendants should exercise due care and attention, and take responsibility for their own, and their dependant's, safety and must show due regard for the safety of third parties.

29. For all classes it is a requirement that all participants carry THIRD PARTY INSURANCE for not less than £5m. It is strongly recommended that all participants have Personal Accident Insurance (Third Party Insurance is covered by Countryside Alliance Membership)

20. DOGS must be on short leads at all times; please clear up your dogs' mess promptly. CHILDREN must be kept under the supervision of a responsible adult. No unofficial CARS are allowed on the course under any circumstances.

21. The COURSE will be open for inspection on Friday 18th April between 14:00 and 17:00 hours. Gates will be locked until 08:00 on Saturday 19th April.

22. The Entry Fee for each team in all classes includes a £5 levy that will be passed on to the MFHA.



AVON VALE HUNT TEAM CHASE

**Open Qualifier for
2015 Championships**

Saturday 19th April 2014

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Abbottswood Farm, Bromham, SN15 2JJ

by kind permission of Mr T and Mr S Radbourne

Grid Reference ST 957 647 - Signs from A342 and A3102

Commencing at 10.00am

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Postal entries close on Wednesday 16th April

Times for all classes will be available on www.avonvalehunt.co.uk from
18.30hrs on Thursday 17th April – please do not call the secretary for times.

For information on other events, please
visit the AVH website at
www.avonvalehunt.co.uk

Class 1 NOVICE

Teams – Riders over 12yrs
Fences will not exceed 2'9". Time – Optimum (475m/ minute)
Entry fee: £100.00 Prizes: In kind & rosettes to 6th place.

Class 1a GATE JUMPING – we will run a gate jumping comp, starting at 2'6" and FREE TO ENTER for all those entered in other classes. 1st prize £100.00

Class 2 OPEN - **QUALIFIER FOR 2015 CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

Teams – Riders over 16yrs
Horses - over 148cms
Fences 3'9" Time - speed
Entry Fee £120.00 Prizes: 1st £400, 2nd £200, 3rd £100 4th £50
Rosettes to 6th place

Class 3 INTERMEDIATE – (SPEED)

Teams – Riders over 16yrs
Horses – over 148cms
Fences - 3'3" Time - Speed
Entry fee: £115 Prizes: 1st £160; 2nd £80; 3rd £40
Rosettes to 6th place.

Class 4 INTERMEDIATE (OPTIMUM TIME)

Teams – Riders over 16yrs
Horses – over 148cms
Fences - 3'3" Time – Optimum (520m/minute)
Entry fee: £115 Prizes: In kind & rosettes to 6th place

Due to the costs of emergency services, a £3 donation per competitor is required for First Aid cover.

RULES and CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. MFHA TEAM CHASE RULES APPLY for ALL Classes. These may be viewed on www.teamchasing.co.uk and in the Secretaries tent on the day. Some of these rules are mentioned below, along with the Avon Vale Hunt Rules.
2. HORSES may not compete twice in a class. Horses may not run in two Team Chase Classes.
3. For TEAM CHASE CLASSES (C, D, E, F) each TEAM is to consist of a maximum of FOUR HORSES AND RIDERS and at least three must complete the course to finish. Team members are started together. First horse starts the clock and the time of the third horse to finish, will be the finishing time for the team. In the event of a tie the fourth horse to finish will decide.
4. In class 4, the closer to the Optimum Time (OT), the less time faults incurred. The OT is calculated from the speed declared, over the course for each Class. A slower time away from the OT will be placed higher than a faster time away from the OT.
5. COURSE LENGTHS and NUMBER OF FENCES, stated in the schedule, are approximate. FENCE HEIGHTS refer to the maximum height of fixed rails.
6. In ALL CLASSES competitors must JUMP every fence on their course only, in order, and pass between all designated flags.
7. PENALTIES in TEAM CHASE CLASSES (C, D, E, F), will be scored as follows: REFUSALS will not be penalised, but a competitor who has more than three refusals at any one fence, or five in total, will be eliminated and must leave the course. The team will be disqualified for abuse of this rule by any individual member. A single FALL OF ANY RIDER will not be penalised. Three horses must be within the PEN at one time or 20 second time PENALTIES will be awarded.
8. When a HORSE FALLS during any class, it is immediately eliminated and may not continue on the course. A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground, or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself. This does not prevent horses which stumble or refuse, thus unseating the rider, from being re-mounted to continue.
9. In all classes, after TWO FALLS BY A RIDER, which are not horse falls, the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire.
10. Team members, officials, or attendants are permitted in any class to retrieve and return a loose horse to its rider; they may ASSIST a rider to RE-MOUNT at his request, as long as it is safe to do so and no injury has been sustained.
11. Each Team will be given a STARTING TIME. Any team missing its correct time may be fitted in at the end of the Class, if possible.
12. Each Team / Competitor must report to the COLLECTING RING Steward 10 minutes before their actual starting time.
13. All competitors will be given NUMBER BIBS. Team Captains shall be responsible for the collection and the return of these. Competitors are asked to ride in the correct colour and to notify the Secretary of any team changes. There will be a deposit required for team numbers.
14. Competitors may exercise their horses beforehand only in the area provided, which includes a PRACTICE jump.
15. All competitors must wear HEADGEAR and a BACK PROTECTOR to current British Safety Standards (see MFHA rule 7.) Team Chase competitors must report to the Secretary, with their helmets if they have not previously received a Hat Tag. Anyone mounted must wear a safety helmet. Hunting, cross country or team dress to be worn.
16. The ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHTS to: Withhold or amend any prize or cancel any class because of insufficient entries; Alter the advertised times; Refuse any entry with or without stating reasons; Alter the course or leave out any obstacle before or during the competition; Split a class if there is significant change in course; Eliminate any competitor not adhering to the rules; Eliminate any horse they consider to be exhausted; Eliminate any competitor for excessive use of the whip.
17. No refund of entry fees will be made if the event is POSTPONED due to bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances; team chase entry fees will be carried forward to the next date the team or individual is able to compete, but within 13 months of the event. In the event of ABANDONMENT, after the start of the event, refunds of 30% of Entry Fees may be offered on receipt of a SSAE from individual competitors to the Secretary. If the event is CANCELLED, 75% of entry fees will be returned.