

The Combined Challenge Sunday 10 April 2022

Prior to the event

Declaration and Entry forms:

Area	Dec forms	Hat Tagging	Flu Vacs
A11 (Surrey)	Team Managers to send in advance to A11 representative – and bring paper copy on the day	See A11 rep on the day. Body protectors should also be checked.	Competitors MUST declare on the day to the Area Rep who will be positioned near the Secretary/Control Centre before competing
A6	N/A	To be done in advance or see Area Rep on the day	To be checked by Area in advance of the day
A13	Team Managers to send in advance to A13 representative – and bring paper copy on the day	See Area Rep on the day	Competitors MUST declare on the day to the Area Rep who will be positioned near the Secretary/Control Centre before competing
A10	Team Managers to send in advance to Organiser and bring copy on the day for checking by Area 10 Rep Jean Bywater positioned near Secretary/ Control Centre before competing	All hats not tagged with Aqua coloured tag to be brought to Area 10 Rep Jean Bywater positioned near Secretary/Control Centre before competing. All body protectors to be brought to Area 10 rep with passports and flu vacc records	Competitors MUST declare on the day, with passport and flu vacc record to the Area10 Rep Jean Bywater who will be positioned near the Secretary/Control Centre before competing. Passports and flu vacc for checking against Area 10 flu vacc database.

****Team Managers:** Please check all your competitors horses Flu Vacs and Passport prior to the event and ensure that the name of the entered horse matches with the name on the horse's Passport. No changes will be allowed on the day in the event of Flu Vac failures. For full vaccination rules please refer to your BRC handbook or visit <http://www.brcarea11.org.uk/Area11/flu-vacs-info/>. All Riders must declare on the day to their relevant Area Representative or Official Steward located by the Secretary area to have their passport/flu vaccination record checked prior to competing. Please allow sufficient time on the day for this check.

Times and course walk: Will be issued On or before Thursday 7 April via the Area 11 Facebook page and will be sent to all Team Managers/Area Representatives by email. The FULL course may be walked from 2pm until 6pm on Saturday 9th April. There will be short, designated course walk times

on the day – anyone walking the cross country must keep out of the way of competitors at all times and keep off the course. You may not be able to directly walk your ‘lines’ on the day as consequence.

Volunteers: All Volunteers will be notified of their jobs and times the day before the event – they should report to the ‘Volunteer co-ordinator’ at the secretary’s control centre on the day 15 mins before their allotted start time.

Rules for the event: See page 75-81 on the BRC Handbook – Section 2

On the Day:

Competitors must supply their own number bibs (and numbers!). Everyone mounted, whether competing or not, must wear an appropriate hard hat (to comply with current BRC Rules). All hats must have a visible aqua BRC/BE/PC hat tag in place (available from Secretary at the event) before they are worn on the showground to show that they meet the current safety standards. There will be a trained official available on the day to do this for you if your hat does not currently have one. For up-to-date hat rules please see the current BRC Handbook. A body protector is obligatory in all cross-country competitions. Please see the current BRC Handbook for details on up-to-date standards. <https://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook>

A Tack check and a ‘dress’ check will take place by a steward at entry to the warm-up arena prior to competing.

Passports: Please see the above table on how your Area will deal with Flu Vacs and passport checks on the day.

Catering & Facilities: The Nosebag catering will be present on the day along with limited trade stands. There will be some toilet facilities on site. Dogs must be on leads at ALL Times. The Lorry parking may be a walk from the competition area so please leave extra time.

Paramedics will be on the cross country course and the show jumping arena and a Vet will be on site all day.

Layout of the event:

The Secretary Control room will be between the lorry park and the warm up area. Competitors should report to their Area Representative with their passport and hat (if tagging is required). Body protectors may be checked by the Area Rep or by the Tack check steward. All Area Representatives will be parked up and available by the Secretary/Control room area. Please leave time to walk from the Lorry park to this area on the day – it may take you 5 minutes!

After ‘declaring’ to your area representative competitors should report to the steward at the warm up area. At this point there will be a tack check and you can warm up over a set of show jumps and limited cross country fences. The steward will then call you to move up to the show jumping arena – this again may be a few minutes walk so please be ready when you are called forward. The Show Jumping steward will be expecting you and will let you into the arena on arrival – you should enter the start box as soon as possible after the bell rings and make a standing start – Timing starts as soon as you pass through the ‘start box’ (or equivalent construction). You will then jump a round of 6-10 jumps and you must pass through the Finish line and exit the arena at the designated area. The

'controller' at this point starts your timing for the Cross country phase and you will head straight out to the 1st jump and onto the course. The course will be up to an additional 12 jumping elements.

There will be fence judges on course and competitors must adhere to what these judges say on course on the day – you may under specific circumstances be held on course. On completion of the course competitors must pass through the 'Finish' flags and a steward will direct you to the way out off the course towards the lorry park and warm up arena. There will be a strict one way system in place to avoid overcrowding on the day.

Scores, times and penalties will be shown on scoreboards up by the secretary/control room at the completion of each class or section (please note due to the number of competitors and the complexity of the competition this could take up to an hour). The rules on 'penalties' etc will be made available at that time.

Objections: Protests must be lodged, in writing, by a representative of the competing Riding Club, or by an individual member in the case of Centre or individual membership. They must be addressed to the competition organiser (Julie Johnson) and must be accompanied by a £20 deposit. Rules on objections are in line with the BRC Handbook page 151.

We very much want all competitors to have a great day out – please can we ask everyone to respect the stewards at all times and act with common courtesy to all organisers and fellow competitors on the showground throughout the day. Finally, please leave the carparking area, and other areas of the site in the state you found it – we are lucky to be holding this event at such a wonderful local venue we ask all of you to take litter, horse droppings, hay etc home – in general treat Heath Farm like it's your own home for the day!