



PONTISPOOL

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PONTISPOOL HORSE TRIALS

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THE COTSWOLD CUP QUALIFIER

16th & 17th May 2026

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PONTISPOOL EQUINE SPORTS CENTRE

NORTON FITZWARREN • TAUNTON • SOMERSET • TA4 1BH

CLASSES AT 70cm, 80cm, 90cm & 100cm

BS standard SJ and BE standard XC courses

Entries open: 27th March 2026

Entries close: 6th May 2026 or when full

Enter online at www.pontispool.com

All classes are open to everyone

Cross country courses designed by Lucy McCarthy and Tim Cheffings



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Day	Height	Dressage Test	Entry fee	Booking fee
Sunday	70cm	CC81 Dressage Test (2022)	£99	£3
Saturday/Sunday	80cm	CC82 Dressage Test (2022)	£103	£3
Saturday/Sunday	90cm	CC91 Dressage Test (2022)	£103	£3
Saturday	100cm	CC102 Dressage Test (2022)	£105	£3

Dressage tests can be found at <https://cotswoldcup.co.uk/dressage-tests/>

Show Jumping is on an all-weather surface and dressage and cross country on permanent pasture which will be aggravated if necessary.

Class running order will be dependent on number of entries.

In the event a class is over-subscribed, we reserve the right to change the day or add an additional day.

Competitors must be at least 10 years old on the day of competition (12yrs old for 100cm classes).

There is a Senior and Junior section in the 80cm, 90cm and 100cm. Junior will be competitors under 18 years of age on 1st January 2026.

Combinations may *not* compete in two classes on the same day. 80cm and 90cm combinations may compete in BRC Qualifiers on one day and Cotswold Cup Qualifiers on the other day.

***Competitors will be required to print their own A4 size numbers prior to the event.**

Entries:

Entries Secretary – Ros Burridge e-mail: ros.burridge@gmail.com phone: 07876 21121

Enter Online at www.pontispool.com

Entries are inclusive of VAT. Pontispool Ltd VAT registration number: 202 5954 27.

Please advise us of any timing requests at entry. We will do our best to meet them but cannot guarantee that we will be able to action them.

Start fee:

There is no additional start fee.

Entries close 6th May 2026 or when full.

Entries after 6th May may be accepted online if classes are not full at a cost of an additional £8.00.

Volunteer:

If you can provide a volunteer for either day of the event this would be hugely appreciated. Thank you!!

Please sign up via our website <https://www.pontispool.com/volunteer>

Course Walking:

The course will be ready for walking from 2pm on Friday 15th May 2026. Please DO NOT arrive before this time. Dogs MUST be kept on leads at all times.

Bad Weather:

Follow us on social media or check the website for regular updates.

Number Bibs:

These are not provided. A4 paper inserts to be printed at home ahead of the competition.

Start Times:

Times will be available from Thursday 14th May 2026 after 6pm at www.eventingscores.co.uk

Dressage Sheets

Available for collection at the event or leave SAE with the secretary. A photo of your sheet can be emailed to you after the event – contact info@pontispool.com to request this.

Prizes and Rosettes:

Results will be published online following completion of the competition www.eventingscores.co.uk.

Any queries should be raised as soon as possible. Rosettes will be awarded to 10th place.

Prizes in kind for all junior sections and the 70cm senior sections are kindly provided by Connolly's Red Mills, Carr & Day & Martin and Foran Equine. Prizes must be collected at the event. Prize money for 80cm, 90cm & 100cm senior sections will be paid by BACS within 7 days of the cut-off date for returning forms, and on receipt of a completed prize money claim form. The cut-off date for returning prize money forms is 16th June 2026. If your form is received after this date, you will not be paid your prize money.

Prize money will be distributed as follows:

1st: £50

2nd: £45 (paid to over 11 starters)

3rd: £40 (paid to over 17 starters)

4th: £35 (paid to over 23 starters)

5th: £30 (paid to over 29 starters)

6th: £25 (paid to over 35 starters)

Stabling & Accommodation:

On site stabling (£38 per night) and accommodation (from £30 per night) is available. Please book via the website www.pontispool.com.

Protective Headwear & Body Protectors:

All protective headwear (Jockey Skull) and body protectors must conform to the current British Safety standards. Hats will be checked for compliance by an Official and then appropriately tagged with a visible current 'hat tag'.

All competitors must wear a body protector meeting the British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) 2018 Level 3 standard (blue and black label). A body protector of this nature is also required when competitors are wearing air jackets of any make. Since 1 January 2024 body protectors meeting the BETA 2009 standard are not permitted for use (purple labels). The BETA 2018 label will be the only accepted standard and spot checks will be made.

Substitutions:

If substituting either a horse or rider there is a £5 administration fee each time a change is made.

Substituting a horse and rider combination in its entirety constitutes a new entry thus the entry needs to be withdrawn and a full entry fee must be paid.

Withdrawals:

Must be registered with the entry's secretary in writing via email to ros.burridge@gmail.com. Phone calls and social media messages will not be accepted as a formal withdrawal. You must notify the on-site secretary if you wish to withdraw during the event.

Withdrawal Policy:

1. Withdrawals for whatever reason **prior** to 12 noon on 6th May 2026 will receive a full refund minus a £12 administration fee.
2. Withdrawals for whatever reason **after** 12 noon on 6th May 2026 and before 12 noon on 11th May 2026 will receive a full refund minus a £12 administration fee **ONLY** on receipt of a veterinary or doctor's certificate that must be presented prior to 12 noon on 11th May 2026.
3. Withdrawals made after 12 noon on 11th May 2026 are non-refundable.

General Terms and Conditions

1. The horse trials will be run under national guidelines unless otherwise stated.
2. It is compulsory that ALL riders wear hats/helmets up to British Standard Riding Hats conforming to All PAS 015, VG1 – provided they are BSI Kitemarked, European VG1 – provided they are Kitemarked American, All SEI ASTM F1 163 04a onwards and SNELL E2001 Australian and New Zealand – AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards. (PAS 015 must now be 2011 and SNELL must be 2016). All hats must carry a current Cotswold Cup Tag or current British Eventing/Pony Club or Riding Club tag.
3. Riding is a risk sport and it is compulsory that all riders wear a body protector to the latest BETA standards. You are not allowed to wear a BETA Level 3 body protector with a 2009 label. Air Jackets may be worn but in conjunction with a body protector.
4. It is compulsory that every person entering the Horse Trials under 18 years of age is accompanied by a responsible adult.
5. Event stopwatches are permitted.
6. If dogs must come they should remain on short leads at ALL times. If any dogs are found off a lead, owners will be fined £25 which will be donated to the Air Ambulance.
7. Horseboxes must NOT be mucked out on site and anyone caught doing so will be fined.
8. The Owner and Organiser of the event reserve the right to remove anyone from the event site at any time without giving a reason.
9. A Doctor and paramedic team will be in attendance at the event.
10. A vet and farrier will be in attendance at the event.
11. Horses must be 5 years of age. Age will be calculated from the 1st January in the year in which it was foaled.
12. If the event is cancelled before 6th May, entries will be refunded minus a £12 administration fee. If the event is cancelled after 6th May, a £25 administration fee will be retained.
13. You accept our withdrawal and cancellation policies as stated on the schedule.
14. Any complaints or queries must be given in writing to the secretary within 30 minutes of the scores being posted with a fee of £20 which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.

15. The fall of a competitor in any phase of the event results in elimination. Any rider who falls must present themselves to the Medical Officer prior to leaving the site.
16. Outside assistance is forbidden and will result in elimination.
17. If a competitor is travelling on their own, details of an emergency contact should be left with the secretary in case of an accident.
18. Anyone on the event site must expect to have their photograph taken and we reserve the right to publish suitable photographs along with names if relevant. If you do not wish for your photograph to be taken please inform the secretary. Jayphotos are the official event photographer – no other commercial photographers are permitted.
19. Competitors must be at least 10 years old on the day of competition (12yrs old for 100cm classes). For competitors in the under 18's sections, riders age will be taken as per 01/01/2026.
20. Horses with novice or above BE points cannot qualify for Cotswold Cup championships as per published rules on the Cotswold Cup website.
21. Please refer to <https://cotswoldcup.co.uk/> for qualification rules for Cotswold Cup Championships.
22. All competitors should adhere to the rules set out on the Cotswold Cup website <https://cotswoldcup.co.uk/rules/>
23. **Safeguarding & Code of Conduct:** We take this seriously at all Competitions. Please see our Policy available online.
24. **GDPR:** When entering, you agree to your personal data being shared to the Cotswold Cup and any other reasonable supplier connected to the series (e.g. Eventing Scores).

Vaccinations:

All horses/ponies should have received a flu vaccination within 12 months of the date of the competition having already received their initial course of injections. There must be six clear days between the last vaccination and the date of the competition. Random passport checks will be taking place.

Horse Name:

All horses must be entered in their passport name.

Personal Injury and Insurance:

The event site owner and organisers do not insure the rider, your horse, your tack or your equipment. You are strongly advised to have in place your own adequate insurance at all times.

The venue, nor anyone included in the organisation of the event will not be held responsible for ANY accident, injury or loss to any person or their property however this may be caused.

Riding horses is a high-risk sport and riders taking part in this event acknowledge this and do so at their own risk and that the organisers and landowners will not be accountable or responsible for any loss, damage or injury to rider, horse or equipment however caused, including Covid-19.

Health and Safety:

The organisers of this event have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and to prevent accidents occurring and must obey the rules and instructions of the organisers, stewards and officials.



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