Open Team Relay:

Conditions of Entry:

Each team must consist of 4 riders and may be from any Hunt, Riding Club or Pony Club, at least 2 of the team members be active within their chosen Club / Hunt and have permission to go under their Team Name.

Rules:

- 1. Hard Hats It is the sole responsibility of riders to ensure that at all times whilst on horseback they wear correctly fitted riding hats which comply with the latest British Standard.
- 2. Teams will compete in drawn order, with two teams competing against each other over a separate identical course.
- 3. Teams must consist of four riders and four horses. No horse or rider may compete in two teams.
- 4. Team members must hand a whip to the next team member. If the whip is dropped, the competitor who is handing it over must dismount and pick up the whip, they may pass it over before remounting. (Hunting whips allowed but the lash must be taped and should be no longer than the solid length of the whip)
- 5. Five penalties (seconds) will be deducted from the total team time for each fence down.
- 6. Refusals and errors of course will not incur any additional penalties as long as they are corrected.
- 7. If a competitor misses out and jump / obstacle they will be sent back to retake it or they will be eliminated.
- 8. If a competitor has 3 refusals at any one fence they will be eliminated.
- 9. If a team member fails to complete the course either through elimination or as a result of retirement due to injury, the next member must complete that round from where the retirement / elimination occurred and then continue to jump their own round.
- 10. If the course is not ready to be jumped by the next competitor due to too many knock downs from the previous rider, the next competitor will be held by the steward until the course is ready and then will be released by the steward. Failure to comply with the steward will result in a team elimination.
- 11. In the event of a serious accident to either horse or rider and as long as safe to do so, the opposing team member will complete their round and then the clocks stopped for both teams. The next competitors will not be allowed to start until released by the steward; the next rider of the team involved in the incident will restart from where the incident happened while the opposing team will start from the start line.
- 12. Objections Any Team or Team Member with a grievance must make their protest in writing within 30 minutes of the completion of the class and pay a deposit of £20 to the Organiser.
- 13. The Organisers decision is Final.

It is strongly recommended that all horses should be shod with studs.