

The Kelly Marks Perfect Partners BHS TREC Winter Series



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BHS Gloucestershire KM PP Winter Series Indoor TREC Sunday 30 March 2014

Cerney Equestrian Centre

Cirencester Road, South Cerney, GL7 6HU
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SCHEDULE

The Perfect Partners BHS TREC Winter Series, sponsored by Kelly Marks

Kelly Marks <http://www.intelligenthorsemanship.co.uk/> is a great supporter of this type of indoor competition; it focuses on the Control of Paces (CoP) and Obstacle (PTV) phases, and is an ideal introduction for anyone who wishes to try BHS TREC. The Series runs from 1st October to 31st March, with Newcomers, Intermediate and Open classes, and league points are accrued.

For more information on BHS TREC and the Kelly Marks Perfect Partners BHS TREC Winter Series visit www.bhs.org.uk and click on Competitions/Events or contact the BHS Competitions Office Tel: 08701 202244 or Email: competitions@bhs.org.uk

The competition is open to all riders, including juniors, but those who are not BHS Gold or BRC members must include proof of 3rd party liability insurance with their entries, and juniors must include a signed parental consent form.

There are two phases:

Control of Paces Phase – the rider canters as slowly as possible along a measured track around the edge of the arena, then returns in walk along the same track as quickly as possible, both without breaking gait or deviating off the track. The *slower* the canter and *faster* the walk, the more points awarded, to a maximum 30 points for each gait.

Obstacle Phase - a course of 10 obstacles, simulated to represent those which might be met out hacking, to test riding skills and the training and handiness of the horse or pony. Suitable for all levels of rider and every kind of horse or pony, these might include: a footbridge, bending poles, leading, a small jump, mounting, opening and closing a gate, rein-back, riding through a corridor of poles on the ground or an S-bend. The obstacles must be tackled in numerical order within a time limit of 5 minutes, and all obstacles are optional. Effectiveness points are awarded for completing each obstacle, plus points for style, with a maximum of 10 points for each obstacle. Examples of obstacles can be found in the BHS TREC Rulebook, together with an explanation of the way each obstacle is judged. Some obstacles may be adapted for use in an arena. Information and a course plan will be displayed on the day.

Classes:

Newcomers – restricted to horse+rider combinations who have not been placed first in any Winter Series TREC competition before 1st Oct 2013.

Intermediate – To be eligible for the intermediate class, a horse+rider combination must not have completed any full BHS TREC at Level 3 or 4, nor have won more than three Winter Series Intermediate classes, nor any Open class, before 1st October 2013.

Open – Open to any rider on any suitable horse or pony.

A horse or pony may only be entered once in each class.

Results of the above classes will count towards the Kelly Marks Winter Series League.

Unaffiliated Pairs – Open to any pair of riders, on any suitable horse or pony.

If sufficient entries, will be split into Newcomers / Open.

To be eligible for Newcomers Pairs, both riders must be Newcomers, as defined above.

A horse or pony may only be entered once, but may be ridden (shared) by the two riders entered as a Pair.

Both riders are in the arena at the same time, though only one is on the course, and each time they swap, they must touch hands. One rider rides the Control of Paces canter phase, the riders swap by touching hands and the second rider then rides the walk phase. One of the riders then rides the first five obstacles, followed by the other riding the last five obstacles. Depending on entries, the Organisers may require the four elements (canter, walk, obstacles 1 to 5 and obstacles 6 to 10) to be ridden in an alternative set order.

Entry fee: £13.00 per horse+rider per class for Newcomers, intermediate and Open classes,

£7.00 per rider for the Unaffiliated Pairs class.

Refunds for withdrawals after the closing date will be given on production of a Vet's or Doctor's certificate

Start times will be sent by e-mail or post a week before the competition.

Parking is limited, so please share transport if possible.

A caterer will be present.

The course will be open for walking, exact times will be dependent on entries and will be published with the start times. Riders who start early in a class and wish to walk the course should please warm up the horse before walking the course, so as to be ready at the allotted start time. An outdoor arena will be available for warming up.

The winner of each class will be the rider or pair with the highest combined score from the two phases. In the event of equality, the higher Obstacles score will take precedence.

There will be prizes for class winners and rosettes to 6th place.

The Organizers hope to have results available shortly after the end of each class; riders who do not wish to wait should leave £1.00 to have their score sheets and any rosette sent on.

All competitors' scores will be converted to a percentage achieved (as per dressage).

Rankings tables of best percentages for Newcomers, Intermediate and Open will be maintained and published on the BHS website. At the end of the Series, the overall winner in each section (individual top percentage score) will receive a trophy from the BHS, and the 10 top ranked riders will receive rosettes. A competitor+horse/pony combination will only be listed once on the rankings tables, as per their highest percentage result.

Competitors should wear safe and comfortable riding gear (there is no requirement for show jackets or plaiting up!) with the horse or pony in its usual tack, as long as it is within normal TREC rules. Please read the rules below!

Rules

Rules are as per the current BHS TREC Rulebook, and general rules detailed below and elsewhere in this schedule. The BHS TREC Rulebook can be downloaded from the BHS website www.bhs.org.uk TREC pages, or is available from the Competitions Office, The British Horse Society, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2XZ. Email: competitions@bhs.org.uk .

1. This competition open to all horses/ponies providing that they are a minimum of 4 years old in 2014 (i.e. a horse born in 2010 may compete in TREC in 2014).
2. Riders of any age may enter, juniors may ride horses and seniors may ride suitable ponies.
3. No rider will be permitted to start any phase of the competition unless wearing a hard hat which meets a standard currently recommended by the BHS (PAS 015, EN1384 or ASTM F 1163, and bearing the kite mark or SEI).
4. Riders may choose to wear a body protector during any phase of the competition. If worn, Beta 3 standard is strongly recommended.
5. Riders must wear suitable riding footwear.
6. Standing martingales and other fixed reins are forbidden.
If a running martingale is used, the horse must be led from a headcollar (or combination bridle) and leadrope for led obstacles.
7. Whips must not exceed 75cms. Spurs, if worn, must be rounded, not exceeding 3.5cms in length, and pointed downwards.
8. The decisions of the Officials and Judges are final and must be complied with at all times. Competitors may be eliminated from the competition for any of the following reasons:
 - Excessive whip use
 - Abusive language
 - Dangerous riding
 - Uncorrected error of course

Health and Safety

The event manager/organiser has 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 prevent accidents occurring, and must obey the instructions of the officials and stewards on the day. Trained First Aiders will be present at the event and should be summoned through an official in the event of an accident. The event manager/organiser will have contact telephone numbers for emergency veterinary service. Please take care to safeguard valuable tack and possessions. Young children must be supervised at all times. Neither the event manager/organiser nor the owners of the equestrian centre can accept responsibility for loss or injury to persons or animals howsoever caused.

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