

**TREC GB SUMMER COMPETITIONS 2024**

Cordell Country TREC

**British TREC competition**

Qualifier for the TREC GB National Championship 2025

# In aid of

DPJ Foundation and Wales Air Ambulance

Organised by Red Kite TREC Club

Sunday 4th August 2024

# To be held at

Former Car Boot Field, Gofilon, Abergavenny, Mon. NP7 9PT

By Kind permission of Mr. Robert Davies

Technical Delegates – Julie Brand and Cath Cromarty

*Level 2 Affiliated British TREC Competition – Everyone welcome.*

*This competition gives you the chance to ride across picturesque countryside along a route that has been checked for accessibility. The competition will take place on quiet lanes and track and open hillside. There will be steep sections and some short stony sections. It will be a short level 2, but a fit horse will be required for the terrain. Classes for individuals and pairs .*

***All classes carry points for the TREC GB Summer League***

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**Entries & Entry Enquiries** – Julia Hewerdine, 07818 743318, juliaRKTG@gmail.com

**Ride Information:**

Throughout this ride you will see relics of the world’s largest ever ironworks operating between 1789-1905. Modern steel-making was invented here. The town of Bleanavon (just south of the ride) was of international importance in the industrial revolution and is now a UNESCO world heritage site. Welsh coal was transported all over the world and Welsh iron was used for railways everywhere. The lives of the workers living in these hills has been immortalised by Alexander Cordell in his marvellous novel Rape of the Fair Country which we thoroughly recommended reading (or listen on audible – even better!) before you come.

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**Entries:** Opening date for entries will be 16/06/2024. Entries will close when competition is full, on or before 9pm 21/07/2024.

Entries will only be accepted via the on-line form, a link can be found below and on the Red Kite website [redkitetrecgroup.uk](http://www.redkitetrecgroup.uk) . Any person who is not able to enter on-line, please contact Julia Hewerdine on 07818 743318 who will aim to facilitate an alternative method.

Entries are not deemed accepted until all details, flu vaccinations, parental consent form (if applicable) and payment have been received and checked. Late entries maybe accepted at the discretion of the organiser and may be subject to a surcharge. Please enter early as places will be limited. In the event the competition is full, a waiting list will be kept.

**Entry Secretary: Julia Hewerdine 07818 743318 juliaRKTG@gmail.com**

**Enter using the live link here:** [**ENTRY LINK**](https://forms.gle/nNboL4VRFJAiNXgS7)

**If unable to enter online please contact Julia Hewerdine on 07818 743318 to facilitate or provide an alternative method.**

**This link and schedule can also be found on the Red Kite website** [**redkitetrecgroup.uk**](http://www.redkitetrecgroup.uk)

**and through the TREC GB website** [**trecgb.com**](http://www.trecgb.com)

**Equine Flu Requirements:** TREC GB requires that all equines must be vaccinated against Equine Influenza and that organisers of any events, involving equines, insist that vaccinations are up to date (12-month cycle) and check passports before horses are unloaded. Full details of the TREC GB Equine Flu Vaccination requirements are available on the website (<https://trecgb.com/trec-gb-equine-flu-requirements/>)

Your horse can be registered on the TREC GB central register by sending a copy of the full vaccination record and horse registration details from the passport to admin@trecgb.com. Alternatively, your horse will be registered by the Entries Secretary for this event, please include a copy of the vaccination certificate and horse registration details when sending your completed entry in.

# Classes:

Class 1 **Level 2 Individual**

Class 2 **Level 2 Pairs**

POR route length up to 20km, PTV Obstacle height up to 70cms

Classes 1-2 will count towards the 2024 TREC GB Summer League. Full details about eligibility and the calculation of league placings can be found at [www.trecgb.com](http://www.trecgb.com/).

To be eligible for the league points or L2-4 qualification places, riders (both riders in the case of a pair) must be Red or Blue tier TREC GB members before the start of the event. To join TREC GB please visit the TREC GB website and join online or download a membership form.

**Riders who are under the age of 14 must ride in one of the pairs classes, with a pair who is over 18 on the day of the competition.** Parents/guardians of competitors under the age of 18 on the day of the competition will be required to complete a Parental Consent Form (available on the TREC GB website: <https://trecgb.com/parental-consent-form/>

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| **Entry fees (per rider):** | ***Club* members** | **TREC GB Red members/ members of any other TREC GB club** | **Non-members (must have 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance)** |
| Classes 1 and 2 | £40 | £40 | £50 |
| Payment Details:BACS only. If unable to pay by BACS please contact entries secretary  | Red Kite TREC GroupSort code: 40-34-02Account Number: 91431668Reference: Cordell 040824  |

**All competitors (including TREC GB Blue Members) must have 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance cover, or be members of a TREC GB Affiliated club (if they do NOT have 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance cover elsewhere) or be RED members of TREC GB itself.**

**Only current Red or Blue members of TREC GB will have their scores counted in the TREC GB Summer League.**

All entries must be on the electronic form and accompanied by the correct entry fee. All classes are subject to sufficient entries and the organisers reserve the right to cancel or amalgamate classes, as necessary.

Entries will NOT be taken before the opening date on 16/06/2024 and the entry form with correct details and payment must be received to secure a place. Entries will be on a strictly first come basis, so enter early to secure a place. If entries are full before the closing date, a waiting list will be held based on the date the entry was received. All valid entries will be treated equally.

Your name, membership number (or club and membership number) and contact details will be passed to TREC GB. TREC GB may contact you but they will not share your details with other organisations (unless for instance an insurance claim is made). Please contact TREC GB if you do not wish your details to be kept by them.

## Entry closing dates and refunds/withdrawals

Entries close at 9pm on 21/07/24 or before, if full. Withdrawals up to this date will receive a full refund.

Any refunds for withdrawals after the closing date will be entirely at the discretion of the organiser. Any eligible refunds will not be made until after the competition.

## Start times and directions

## These will be emailed directly to you by the Wednesday before the event. They will also be available on the Red Kite TREC Group website. If you do not have access to the internet, please make alternative arrangements at time of entry. [Please only telephone for times if you have not received them by the Thursday immediately before the event, in which case call the organiser on 07968 334501]

**Camping and corralling**

Ground conditions permitting, overnight parking and corralling are available on Saturday night only at the venue at a cost of £5 per horse per night including a vehicle/tent used for human accommodation. Please book in advance. Please note that you must provide your own electric fencing and must be labelled with your contact details.

If your horse is corralled and you are leaving the site, you must organise someone to keep an eye on your horse while you are away and must include this person’s contact details on the label too.

Tents being used as overnight accommodation must be pitched in the separate area provided for health and safety reasons. Any person found to have pitched a tent in the corralling field will be asked to move it

immediately.

**Toilets and showers**

There will be toilets but no showers on site.

**Water provision**

Water for horses/ humans will be available on site.

**Catering**

There will not be a caterer on site but there is a pub very close to the venue and a shop in easy walking distance.

Those corralling on Saturday night who wish to book a meal at the pub should call the Bridgend Pub, Gofilon on 01873 830720 www.bridgendinngovilon.co.uk

Judges/ stewards will be provided with a free packed lunch.

**Farrier**

 There will not be a farrier on call

**Vet**

The local veterinary practice Abbey Equine Centre at Abergavenny will be on call in case of emergency. Their number is 01873 840069, and the organiser should also be informed if the vet is required during the event.

**Photographer**

Anne Seymour Photography will attend the event on Sunday. Photographs may be purchased on site / via their website at [annseymour.co.uk](http://www.annseymour.co.uk)

**Dogs**

Dogs on leads and ALL mess MUST be cleared up immediately. It is the dog owners responsibility to ensure the dogs are suitably supervised at all times.

**Outline timetable**

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| Day | Time | Event | Location |
| Saturday |  |  |  |
| 3 pm | Venue open. Please contact the organizer if you wish to arrive before. |  |
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| Sunday |  |  |  |
| 08.30 | Judges’ briefing |  |
| 9.30 | MA and PTV  |  |
| 10.30 | POR |  |
| 5 pm | Prize giving |  |

# Helpers

All TREC competitions rely on the support of volunteer judges and helpers. Can you or anyone coming with you lend a hand?

If competitors are able to bring a helper please note this on the on-line entry form.

If you are able to help but not coming with a competitor please contact the organizer on 07968 *334501* or *anscombej1@gmail.com*. Competitors can also help us with setting up, clearing equipment away, collecting scores etc. No judging experience necessary – we are grateful for all offers of help and you will learn lots from the inside!

## Health and Safety

The event manager/organiser will take 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.

Competitors are asked to safeguard valuable tack and possessions- there is a public footpath running through the corralling field. Young children must be supervised at all times. Neither the event manager/organiser nor the land/course owners can accept responsibility for loss or injury to persons or animals howsoever caused.

TREC GB has adopted a Safeguarding Policy and expects every adult working or helping at, or taking part in, TREC GB events to support it and comply with it. The TREC GB Safeguarding Policy is available at <https://trecgb.com/wp-content/uploads/TREC-GB-Safeguarding-Policy-V1.1.pdf>

The Designated Safeguarding Officer *Molly Watts* or the TREC GB Designated Safeguarding Lead can be contacted by email safeguarding@trecgb.com or telephone 07926 980022

# What is TREC?

**TREC** is a fun riding event usually comprising three phases. The competition involves the skills and situations a rider might encounter on a hack, including map reading (usually using Ordnance Survey maps usually 1:25 000 scale)

**For more information about TREC, please visit the TREC GB website** [**http://trecgb.com/**](http://trecgb.com/)

# Competition Rules

All competitors must comply with the TREC GB Rules as per the 7th edition TREC GB rulebook (plus subsequent amendments), which can be found at https://trecgb.com/rules/

In addition, pay particular attention to the following:

1. Horses must be a minimum of four years old to compete at Level 1, 2 and 2A and five years old to compete at levels 3 and 4 (i.e. for levels 1, 2 and 2A, a horse born in 2019 may compete in 2023). Mares more than four months pregnant may not compete.
2. The welfare of horses competing in British TREC competitions is paramount. No horse may compete if it is unsound or unfit to carry the rider for any reason. Any rider who continues on a horse that they know to be unsound or that has been definitively stopped by the veterinary surgeon or designated competent official on fitness and/ or welfare grounds will be eliminated from the competition.
3. Riders under the age of fourteen on day of competition may only compete in Pairs classes and must be accompanied by a rider of **18 years or older**. Pairs ride together for POR and separately for the MA and PTV. Parents/guardians of competitors under the age of 18 on the day of the competition will be required to complete a Parental Consent Form (available on the TREC GB website: <https://trecgb.com/parental-consent-form/>
4. All competitors (including TREC GB Blue Members) must have 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance cover, or be members of a TREC GB Affiliated club (if they do NOT have 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance cover elsewhere) or be RED members of TREC GB itself.
5. Clearly visible coloured tail wraps/ribbons should be worn to advise other riders of a potential hazard – Red = kicker, Green = young/inexperienced horse, Blue = stallion. If the horse/pony is a stallion then stallion discs must also be worn on both sides of the bridle.

**It is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the basic rules. The TREC GB Rulebook (7th edition issued in 2024 and the changes to it) can be found on the TREC GB website,** https://trecgb.com/rules/

# Required Equipment

Tack and equipment will be checked. Please see Appendix 3: Equipment List starting on page 61& 62 in the 7th edition TREC GB rulebook.

**Safety Helmet Standards**

A safety helmet conforming to one of the following standards must be worn, with the chinstrap fastened, at all times when mounted.

The approved standards for British TREC are

* PAS 015 (2011) provided it has a BSI Kitemark OR an Inspec IC Mark
* VG1 01.040 (2014-12) provided it has a BSI Kitemark OR an Inspec IC Mark
* SEI ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards), providing it has an SEI mark
* SNELL E2016 (or later), providing it has a SNELL label and number
* AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), providing it has an SAI Global mark
* EN 1384 : 2023 (provided it has a BSI Kitemark OR an Inspec IC mark
* Any hat used must conform to one or more of these standards.

**Hat cameras**

A camera **may not** be worn on the hat when mounted. Body cameras may not be worn on the MA or PTV phases. A camera may be worn on the body for the POR, for safety purposes only

## Body protectors

## There will be no fixed obstacles on the PTV so body protectors will not be compulsory for the PTV phase.

The approved standard for body protectors for British TREC is BETA Level 3 **turquoise/ blue 2018 label**.

It is recommended that body protectors are replaced every 3-5 years, even if they are apparently undamaged

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