



THE GOLD CUP

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6th May 2024

at Ashwood Head Farm, Stafford Road, Knightley, Staffs. ST20 0JR

THE GOLD CUP is a 3-phase event from 50cms to 1.00m.

THE GOLD CUP COMPETITION

Class	Fence Height	Dressage Test	Entry Fee	Prizes**
1	50 cms	BE TEST 92 (2009)	£42	ROSETTES TO 10th PLACE 1st £50 2nd £25 3rd £10 **prizes awarded according to the number of entries in the class.
2	60 cms			
3	70 cms			
4	80 cms			
5	90 cms			
6	100 cms			

Competitors must compete in all 3 phases

Phase 1 - Dressage. A British Eventing Test will be used.

Phase 2 - Arena Trial. The Course will consist of a mixture of Rustic and XC style fences, making use of the surfaced area and grass track, including a timed section. The time taken thru the timed section will be added to your penalty score, therefore a faster time will incur less penalties! Elimination in Phase 2 will incur 150 penalties.

Phase 3 - Show Jumping. Competitors will jump in reverse order using penalties incurred from Phases 1 & 2. Judged on one round with a time allowed. Penalties will be incurred for exceeding this time. There will be an alternative final joker fence, attempt it and jump clear to deduct 10 penalties from your score but knock it down or refuse and you will add 20 penalties! Elimination in Phase 3 will incur 100 penalties.

Penalties incurred in all 3 phases will be added together with the winner being the one with the lowest score (least number of penalties)

In the event of a tie, the fastest thru the timed section in Phase 2 will determine the winner, if there is still a tie the fastest show jumping time will determine the winner.

ENTRIES	Entries in advance online via ashwoodequestrian.com . CLOSING DATE MIDNIGHT Monday 29th May. Late entries, if available, at extra fee.
STABLING	Overnight & day stables available at £30 per day.
TIMES	Times available 2 days before the event ashwoodequestrian.com/times
COURSE WALK	The courses will be available for walking from 2pm - 9.30pm on Sunday 5th May 2024. The course will not be ready before this time. The course may be walked on the day of the event at designated course walk intervals. There will be no course walk once the class has started. DUE TO DOG FOULING ON COURSE - ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY COURSE WALKERS
DRESS CODE	Correct dress please, with the exception of Show Jackets during inclement weather. Hard hats conforming to the current British Standard must be worn at all times when mounted. Dressage:Tack as BD Rules 2024. Arena Trial:XC Colours, Body protector and non fixed peak hat upto current standards mandatory.SJ: Show attire.
WITHDRAWALS, REFUNDS & SUBSTITUTIONS	Withdrawals before close of entries can be taken as credit or refund less £5 admin fee. After this time withdrawals will only be considered if the event is full and your entry can be replaced. Substitution of horse or rider is possible. Changing both horse & rider in the same entry qualifies as a whole new entry & must be paid in full.
PRIZES	Premier Rosettes are awarded to 10th place in each class; prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entries in the class.
CATERING	Hot and cold food will be available throughout the event.

GENERAL RULES

- The Event will be run in conjunction with BE Rules 2023 unless stated in this schedule.
- All classes are open to juniors or seniors riding horses or ponies.
- Riders may only enter a maximum of 3 horses per day.
- Horses/Ponies must be 4 years old or older.
- Hard hats upto the current British Standard must be worn at all times when mounted. No fixed peaks allowed.
- Body protectors, to the current standards as per BE Rule Book 2023 are compulsory. Air jackets may be worn over a body protector. Medical armbands strongly advised.
- Any horse/pony considered to be unsound, unfit or unhealthy by a Judge, the Organiser or the Technical Advisor will be excluded from the competition without refund of entry.
- No horseboxes to be mucked out on site.
- Scoring will be worked out on penalties. There will be an optimum time on the cross country course, penalties for which will be included in the score.
- It is compulsory that every person at the venue who is under the age of 18 years of age is accompanied by a responsible adult.
- No dogs will be allowed in or around any of the arenas or on the cross country course, they must stay in the lorry park or preferably remain at home. Please clean up after you dogs AND TAKE YOUR POO BAGS HOME.
- The Organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry and to remove anyone from the course at any time without giving a reason.
- The event may be cancelled without notice due to adverse weather. In the event of adverse weather it is recommended that you check the website www.ashwoodequestrian.co.uk for any announcements. In the unlikely event of abandonment, entries may be carried over to a future event or refunded minus £5 admin fee.
- The judges decision is final.

OBJECTIONS ~ Anyone wishing to make an objection must do so in writing within 30 minutes of the incident happening along with a £50 deposit. The deposit will be forfeited if the objection is not sustained.

HEALTH & SAFETY ~ The organiser of this event has taken every reasonable precaution to ensure the health and safety of every person 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 organiser

and all officials and stewards connected with this event. The organiser does not insure the rider, your horse or your tack and equipment. You are strongly advised to have in place your own adequate personal accident insurance at all times.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY ~ Save for death or injury by the negligence of the organiser or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, Ashwood Equestrian Ltd, for themselves, their servants, agents, employees and all those connected with the Horse Trials do not accept liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury, illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, vehicles, their contents and accessories or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or statutory duty in any way whatsoever of themselves, their servants, agents, employees and all those connected with the Horse Trials or otherwise.