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Dear Competitor,

Thank you for entering **The RoR Goffs UK National Championships 2019**.

Your entry has been added to our system and your payment has now been processed. Entries are now closed and amendments cannot be made to entries at this stage.

Here are a few points about the Show, which we hope will help, **please take the time to read:-**

Location

- Aintree Racecourse is located on the A59, just one mile from the M57 and M58, which link the M62 and M6. Follow the A59 to Liverpool and the AA brown racecourse signs as you approach the racecourse. Postcode L9 5AS.

If you are coming from the M57/M58, please follow Ormskirk Road (A59), past Asda, McDonalds and the Industrial Estate. Please take the left turn at the traffic lights for the racecourse, just after KFC and by The Rocking Horse (Toby Carvery) Pub. To enter the racecourse, go underneath the barriers, turn left at the mini roundabout for the Equestrian Centre and right if you are heading to the Stables first.

Stables

FLU VACCINATIONS

- All horses stabled **must** have up to date vaccinations and be able to present a full history of this. Passports will be inspected on arrival by the Stable Manager (Amy Martin), before horses are unloaded off the lorry. Please ensure you bring passports with you or you will not be permitted into the stables.
- Every horse attending this event (including travelling equine companions) must be accompanied by their own current and undeniably valid passport with up to date records of vaccinations for Equine Influenza, completed, signed and stamped on each line by a Veterinary Surgeon, who is not the owner of the horse.
- Horses stabling on site - passports must be presented to the Stable Yard Manager for inspection before horses are unloaded.
- Equine Flu: a Health Declaration Form must be filled in and presented with the passport for inspection prior to unloading. This form is attached to this email and must be brought to the show.
- Horses not stabling on site – passports must be presented at the Show Office before being unloaded.

- NO VALID PASSPORT – NO ACCESS AT ALL
- Horses will be scanned for microchip identification.
- Due to recent EI outbreaks and the evolving nature of the situation, the guidelines regarding vaccination requirements for entry to the Racecourse, the Racecourse Stables and the Equestrian Centre are being regularly updated. The current requirements for horses attending/competing are: all horses must have had an annual booster, (or if starting a new course in this period – TWO injections for PRIMARY vaccination against EI given no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart). For horses stabling a booster vaccination must have been administered in the 9 month period (less 6 days) prior to arriving. In all cases horses must be 6 days clear of any vaccination prior to arriving. Admittance is permitted on the 7th day.
- Owners, grooms, riders and all personnel to heed any bio-security rules and recommendations in place and must take all reasonable precaution to avoid unnecessary cross-contamination.
- Arrival for stabling on Wednesday 21st is after 2pm and no earlier.
- Stable arrivals are permitted daily from 10am on your specified arrival day and departures is by 6pm on your specified departure day. This will then give us time to turn stables around for the next competitor. We appreciate you working with us on these times and if you have any issues, or think you require an extra night, please EMAIL info@aintreeequestriancentre.co.uk ASAP. Due to competitors not knowing whether they will be required to stay for the Evening Performance on Saturday until the day, the 6pm rule will be relaxed so that horses can be stabled for the evening. Please ensure that you inform the stable manager if you do require your stable longer on Saturday.
- We will require prior notification of any changes to your arrival plans. Failure to inform us may result in you not having a stable.
- 30 stables have had to be hired in for this show. Permanent stables have been allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you entered in the last few days before entries closed, it is likely you will be in a hired in stable. These stables are located next to the main wooden yard and will be secured at night.
- A £20 stable deposit will be required on arrival. Your stable maybe required to be emptied or mucked out before you leave, please check with the Stable Manager before you depart.
- We do have some tack/storage lockers near the stables which are available to hire for £5 each. (cash only) The key deposit for these is £5 and they are on a first come, first served basis. £5 will be returned to you when you return your key. Please ensure that your locker is completely emptied before you leave.
- All stables will have two bales of bedding when you arrive. Further bedding can be bought from the Stable Manager at £9 per bale (cash only).
- Please ensure you bring your own feed. There is no feed store at Aintree. Hay and small bales of haylage can be purchased from the Stable Manager's office at £9 per bale (cash only).
- We only have a very limited amount of mucking out equipment and wheelbarrows, so please ensure you bring your own equipment and wheelbarrow with you.

- Please provide your own water and feed buckets.
- Strictly NO SMOKING in the stable complex or in any building on site.
- Due to BHA rules, **Dogs must not enter the stabling area or be walked on the racetrack itself** and must be kept on a lead at all times. We also ask that all dogs are cleaned up after they foul. **This is an increasing problem at Aintree and people will be asked to leave if they are seen not to adhere to this rule and dogs will no longer be allowed to come on site.** We also request that dogs are kept out of the café area (Tophams) but are permitted in the arena. There is CCTV everywhere!
- We have numerous wash down facilities and a solarium which competitors can use. If you would like to use the solarium, please let the Stable Manager know.
- The route to the Equestrian Centre from the stables is along the rubberised walkway in front of the grandstands along the side of the racecourse. Passing places will be put in place along this walkway. **All horses MUST use this route at all times and not use the back of the Grandstands or the tarmacked area.** Access to the outdoor dressage arena is along the same route but you turn right to cross the course or left to go to the Equestrian Centre.
- The Equestrian Centre is about a 5-10 minute walk from the stables, so ensure you allow plenty of time for your journey before your class.
- The stables have a 24 hour manager on site and they will be located in the Stable Manager's office by the entrance to the stables.
- The stables will be closed at 11.00pm at night and the Stable Manager will do regular walk rounds during the night. We request that competitors avoid going into the yard after this time to allow the horses to settle and rest. The stables will be back open at 5am but we request that the noise is kept low, due to local residents who are overlooking the stable yards.
- Entry to checking into the stables will be available on the days you have booked from 7AM to 9PM. If you plan to arrive before 7AM or after 9PM you will need to let Aintree aware, for security purposes.

Hook ups, Accommodation and Showers

- Hook ups and accommodation are now sold out. Please advise the Stable Manager when you arrive that you have booked a hook up or accommodation.
- All Hostel rooms keys require a £5 key deposit, per key (cash only).
- There are communal showers based in the hostel for all competitors to use. These will be cleaned twice a day, but if you feel they need freshening up, please let the Stable Manager know.
- Each hostel room has four beds in a room and there is bedding provided. In the past people tend to bring their own bedding for a bit of home comfort! We recommend that you bring your own pillows.
- **Under no circumstances is cooking permitted in the hostel rooms.**
- Those who have booked hook ups, will need to bring their own adapters. Aintree do not provide any adapters or leads.

- Please ensure that your hook up equipment is in full working order. The electricity supply at Aintree is checked regularly and is in full working order. If your hook up equipment does not work or trips the supply, we may not be able to give you this service.
- The Stable Manager will direct you on where to park when you arrive. Please ensure that you park within the white lines, as space is at a premium. If you allow too much space we will ask you to move.
- There are bins located around the stable yard and also in the lorry park. Please ensure that you help keep Aintree tidy. We are renowned for having a tidy racecourse and like to keep it that way! There will be prizes for the best kept stable area during the Championships which our Stable Manager will be judging.
- If you are camping with us, there is a small grass area at the bottom of the lorry park by the stables which can be used for camping. Let's hope we have nice weather for you!
- Bechers Lodge lounge area will be open during the show if you need some down time, this is located by the hostel. The café will not be open in this area, but our café 'Tophams' in the Equestrian Centre overlooking the arena will be open for the duration of the show – further information is under the 'Catering' heading.
- We will have a breakfast van serving food and drinks up by the stables from 7am – 2pm each day.

Parking and Shuttle Service

- For those who are stabling with us, the lorry park is located next to the stable yard.
- For those who aren't stabling, please park by the Equestrian Centre lorry/car park for Dressage, Jumping and ridden show classes. If you are competing in just In Hand classes, please park by the stables because your classes take place in the parade ring, which is close to the stables.
- John is kindly helping this year by providing a mini bus shuttle service to and from the stable yard and Equestrian Centre. This will be available from 8am each morning until 8pm at night.
- Visitor parking is by the Equestrian Centre. This show is FREE to come and watch.

Warm Up Areas

- There is a warm up area in the indoor arena which is only available to use before your class. If you need to warm up well before your class, there is a surfaced warm up area by the stables.
- Please note that no lunging is allowed on the surfaced arenas. There will be an allocated area in the centre of the racecourse (on grass) where you will be permitted to lunge.
- This year we are also allowing competitors to warm up in the centre of the racecourse on the grass. There are very large areas to use and also a smaller roped off area by the grass dressage arena. **Please be aware that there is also a dressage competition taking place outdoors and avoid this area when you are warming. Please be respectful to other competitors – No galloping allowed!**
- **Please note that you are not permitted to go on the racecourse track. This is strictly out of bounds other than using the course crossings which will be signposted.**

- The sand gallops/track around the centre of the course is also allowed to be used but only walking and trotting is permitted – any quicker and your ex racehorse may want to remove 'ex' out of the title!! If you wish to use the gallops, they will be available to use at the following times:-

10am – 11am

12pm – 1pm

5pm – 6pm

The gallops will not be available to use at any other times, due to groundstaff working on the racecourse.

- There is no access to the Main International Indoor Arena, Grass Dressage Arena or Parade Ring other than competing in your class, unless stated otherwise. Arena walk times will be published on times.

Grazing

- There is a small grazing area in the stable yard.
- The centre of the racecourse is available for grazing.
- **Please DO NOT graze horses on the racecourse track as this is sprayed frequently.**

Dressage Guidelines for Competitors

- All dressage classes will be judged under British Dressage rules.
- Championship classes will have two judges.
- Whips and callers are NOT allowed in the championship classes.
- Two CD's must be provided for the music classes and must be labelled
- Bridle numbers must be worn during working in and whilst competing. No draw reins or martingales allowed. Breast plates are allowed.
- Intro, Prelim and Novice classes – snaffle bridles only.
- An updated timetable, including dressage times, showjumping drawn orders and showing class entries has been put on our website. Please ensure that you continue to check the UPDATED timetable, because there may be some slight changes. Link below:-
- Dressage times will be available on the following link.

https://horsemonkey.com/running_order/56697

Showing Guidelines for Competitors

- Competitors may be asked to come out in pairs for their individual shows.
- Glamour Stakes – Back numbers or Bridle numbers must be worn.

- All ridden showing classes to be judged in Riding Horse format unless otherwise stated. Judged on manners, way of going and individual show of no more than 1 ½ minutes to show walk, trot and canter, stand and walk off on a long rein, also adhering to each class description.
- All ridden show classes will enter in single file on the right rein and will demonstrate walk, trot and canter on both reins as directed by the Steward.
- Classes will be split if required due to numbers and space. Splits will be detailed on the class timetable.
- Classes which require ride judging or horses to be stripped will be detailed in the show catalogue.
- A current standard safety hat with the chin strap fastened must be worn at all times by anybody mounted on or leading a horse.
- Grooms must dress appropriately for a Championship show and must wear a hard hat with the chinstrap fastened whilst around horses at all times.
- Spurs – please check the RoR Rules for competitor dress. Link:- <https://www.ror.org.uk/series/2438>
- The judge's decision is FINAL.
- Not before start times are there as a guideline. If the class is ready to start at the not before start time stated, we will start at that time. Do not miss your class, it is the competitor's responsibility to keep an eye of the arenas. Do not rely on just announcements.
- Class clashes - unfortunately due to the number of entries we have received it is likely that some classes may clash. If you feel that your classes may clash, you need to make a decision on the day to decide which class you would prefer to compete in. There will be no refunds on clashing classes.
- The Showing timetable and entry lists are on the following link:- https://horsemonkey.com/start_times_list/56697
- The evening performance timetable will be available on Saturday afternoon. The first class for the evening performance will start at 6pm prompt with most classes taking 20 minutes per class.

Show Jumping Guidelines for Competitors:

ALL CLASSES ARE STRICTLY DRAWN ORDER – Draws will be on the following link:-

https://horsemonkey.com/running_order/56697

- Aintree tend to allow 2 minutes per showjumping round.
- Open classes will be run Single Phase.
- Speed 325 mpm (as British Novice)
- Penalties — knockdown 4, first refusal 4, second refusal at same fence or another on course — Elimination, turning a circle 4, circling twice — Elimination, fall of horse and/or rider — Elimination, jumping same obstacle twice — Elimination, error of course — Elimination.

- Back numbers need to be worn.
- Please ensure you declare at the collecting ring before your class starts.

Food, Drinks & Entertainment

- 'Tophams' our café and bar, overlooking the arenas will be open for the duration of the show, offering breakfast, lunch and evening meals with daily specials. There will also be a bar open in the evening in Tophams for you to relax and enjoy watching the classes in the arena.
- **Thursday Night** - there will be dressage in the arena until late. The bar will be open in Tophams café until late.
- **Friday Night** – Rock with RoR! There will be dressage to music in the arena until late. The bar will be open in Tophams café until late.
- **Saturday Night** – The Elite Evening performance. The evening kicks off at 6pm and is free admission and parking. The evening will include Supreme Championships, Glamour Stakes, Always a Star Parade and more. This is a wonderful evening to celebrate the retraining of racehorses.

Grand National Tours – Meet Derek up at the stables at Thursday 2pm, Friday 6pm. Please meet up by the stable manager's office at these times.

Other

- Plenty of Tradestands will be in attendance, so please take the time to visit them.
- We have a vet on call. Please speak to the Show Office or the Stable Managers office if required.
- We have a local farrier on call. Please speak to the Show Office or the Stable Managers office if required.
- The ROR Van will be located in the arena throughout the show for information about the show.
- The Aintree Show office is located upstairs in the arena, within Tophams.
- If you have a spare couple of hours, there is a great shopping centre right next door to Aintree which includes the following shops:-
Next, TK Maxx, Home Sense, Laura Ashley, Boots, The Range, M and S, Hobbycraft, PC World and many more. Liverpool one in the centre of the city is also a must!
- There will be a facebook feed on class timings and results throughout the show. Facebook page link - <https://www.facebook.com/RoRChamps/>

Important Notices

- Back numbers and catalogues will be available to collect from the RoR van within the Equestrian Centre during the show. Additional catalogues are available to purchase.

- There will be routine testing for prohibited substances taking place throughout the show. For more information about prohibited substances and routine testing, please read the Rules of RoR.
- Entries are now closed and no times, drawn orders or entries can be changed at this late stage. No refunds will be issued as stated in the schedule.

Prize Money and Payment

- Prize money will be paid by BACS only
- Please bring your BACS details with you (Account and Sort Code numbers)
- Prize Money claim cards must be filled in and returned to an official RoR Representative (Anne Walker, or Margaret O'Sullivan) by close of show.
- Payments will be processed within 30 days through the RoR Office. No prize money can be collected on the day.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Aintree Show/Secretaries Office – 0151 522 2949

Anne Walker - 07807890903

Stable Managers Office – 0151 522 2938

Aintree Security – 07525 735 757

Aintree Mobile (Please note this is direct to the Manager and only to be used in absolute emergencies, especially in the evenings) – 07770 334 507.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on info@aintreeequestriancentre.co.uk

On behalf of RoR and Aintree Equestrian Centre, we very much look forward to welcoming you to Aintree next week and hope you enjoy competing at the show.

Kind regards,

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