



## **COUNTRYSIDE CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE INSTRUCTIONS 2025**

**This is a competition to show what the rider can do.**

It is important that all leaders & sidewalkers are fully informed and know the permitted instructions as detailed below. They must not bring any paperwork into the arena with them. Riders, Leaders & Sidewalkers are strongly advised to walk the course, prior to competing. Times for course walks will be advertised.

### **HORSE WALKS**

The course walk should be done unmounted. Walking the course with an equine, they can only walk alongside an obstacle, not through it or over it.

**Leaders must wear a hat and gloves. All hats (rider, leader and side walker) must be tagged appropriately.**

### **LED CLASSES**

**Leaders must lead at the 3rd stage of leading** - Leaders do not have to change sides when the rein is changed.

### **COMMANDERS**

In the unled classes the Commander should be in a central or roving position **WITH A LEAD ROPE**. In the led classes the leader or sidewalker may act as a commander but should be careful to limit instructions to the text in bold. Sidewalkers will be allowed to give more detailed instruction to Visually Impaired & Hearing Impaired Riders.

VI Rider should wear a white armband (not provided) Hearing Impaired riders should wear a blue armband (not provided)

Each Rider may attempt each obstacle **TWICE** only. If the obstacle is still unsuccessful the rider must move onto the next obstacle.

Pace should be active throughout. All obstacles should be entered centrally.

A 'Companion' horse will be allowed in the arena.

A bell will be rung to start - **ENJOY**

