



Sunshine Tour Championships 2018



Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th September

At

All England Jumping Course,
Hickstead, West Sussex, RH17 5NU



PRE-SHOW INFORMATION

We're thrilled to be able to offer amateur and unaffiliated competitors the chance to compete on the 'hallowed turf' of England's most famous showground at Hickstead, to become a part of the showground's rich history and possibly be crowned a champion!

Our aim is to put on a fun and thrilling championship show, with classes to suit everyone, run to the highest standards possible whilst maintaining a friendly, inclusive atmosphere with exciting championship titles to be won.

The spirit of this competition as an amateur & unaffiliated championship is very important to us as organisers, to our sponsors and to our competitors. We request that all participants **respect the spirit** of restrictions, **not necessarily just the letter of the law**. In some cases unaffiliated riders and/or horses can have lightly competed in affiliated competition, but 'professionals' are excluded (see rules for our interpretation of 'professional' activities). Please read restriction notes with class information carefully. We have tried very hard to keep entry restrictions relevant and realistic, but if you are in doubt about whether you are eligible to compete or which section you should compete in, please contact Sunshine Tour HQ for clarification.

We hope that you will join with us in creating a fun and fair competition for all and enjoy your weekend. If you do encounter any problems, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Thank you for taking part in the Sunshine Tour Championship Series, we look forward to seeing you in September!

Opening date for entries: Wednesday 25th July 2018

Closing date for entries: Monday 13th August 2018

Entries online: www.sunshinetour.co.uk

Entries by post: Great Bookham Equestrian Centre, Dorking Road,
Great Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4PZ

Email: enquiries@sunshinetour.co.uk Website: www.sunshinetour.co.uk Tel: 01372 451458



The Road to Hickstead

Here's a Step by Step guide for your journey to Hickstead.....

- RULES** Check the 2018 Rules & Restrictions. It is your responsibility to check that you comply with the rules and restrictions to make sure you are eligible to take part (available for each discipline at www.sunshinetour.co.uk).
- QUALIFY** If you've not yet qualified or you're not already familiar with this step, go to www.sunshinetour.co.uk and find the 'How to Qualify' page, all the information you need to know is there in a step by step guide.
- READ** The provisional timetable so that you can see which day classes are on and use the timetable to plan your entries. Be careful to avoid booking classes that clash and don't forget that The All England Showground is huge so allow time between arriving, getting to your warm up and getting to your championships - they might be quite far apart!
- FAQ's** are included in this pre-show information with lots of commonly asked questions.
- STUDY** The full schedule (published mid June) and then re-read it!! Read all the blurb, conditions, description of your class, absolutely everything. It's very detailed (so it looks very long), but it contains information you need to know, what to expect and will enable you to make an accurate entry and avoid mistakes (that we might not be able to rectify later).
- ENTER** online or by post. **Entries open Wednesday 25th July and close Monday 13th August.** We advise you to enter as soon as you can because entries are taken on first-come basis and some classes might fill before closing date.
- ONLINE** Entries online are easy! Go to www.sunshinetour.co.uk and find the Enter page. STABLING can be booked when you enter and you can also pre-book bedding and hay/haylage and collect when you arrive. You'll need to create a Horse Monkey account if you don't already have one and pay an admin fee.
- POST** To enter by post: print the entry form from the website (you must use an official one), fill in details and send with a cheque to 'Sunshine Tour'. Please note: you will not know instantly if your entry has been received or classes are full. We advise all post entries are sent recorded/tracked. There's a fee to pay for post entries to cover admin costs.
- TIMES & COMPETITOR NUMBER** Check your competitor number/s and start time or your class start time on the website www.sunshinetour.co.uk from 2nd September onwards.
- RECEIVE** your pre-show pack in the post with essential information, your bridle number kit and map of the showground. Bring everything with you for a fantastically fun weekend!!



Did You Know?

Introductory Showing
There are classes just for competitors who are getting into showing, you don't have to have all the posh gear. Starters Showing classes only require walk & trot.

Dressage Championships: You can enter up to two levels of championship and compete twice per level - 4 championships in total (if you have recorded qualifications). You can compete in 2 consecutive levels, e.g. Intro & Prelim or Prelim & Novice or

Show Jumping & Showing Presentations are made in the ring. Top 10 placings join the line-up for rosettes, sashes, prizes and rugs or jackets for Supreme Championships followed by the lap of honour!

TSR Showing Training & Warm Up classes
Classes for both In-Hand & Ridden on Friday afternoon

Your horse MUST wear a BRIDLE NUMBER at all times whilst on the showground. We will send you one!



Dressage Presentation & Prizes:
Presentations are made after each championship in a special presentation area. There's a podium and medals for the top 3 riders, rosettes to 10th and prizes to 4th place with a personalised jacket for the winner!



Rule Books
Dressage is guided by the British Dressage set of rules, Show Jumping refers to British Showjumping. For Showing we refer first to TSR Rules and for Eventers Challenge we use the British Riding Clubs as our guide.

Eating at Hickstead
Daytime at the Astore Catering outlets on the showground or in the Bar & Grill by the Bunn Leisure Arena. Evenings you can share a BBQ with friends in the camping area, grab a bite at Astore's or sit down for dinner in the Bar & Grill. Cheers!!

Show Jumping Championships: You can enter up to 4 championships, (as long as you have qualified 4 times and recorded the qualifications). You can compete at a higher height from your original qualification. There are also warm up classes and clear round to enjoy.

Derby Challenge
Open to all, the Derby Challenge is similar to an eventers challenge with a section against the clock and the possible inclusion of a stone wall, ditch, hedge and Derby rails. Don't worry - no bank!

Minimum age for competitors is 3 years old (no max!!).

NEW! Special showing classes for rescued horses & ponies, in-hand and ridden.



Junior riders are 16 years & under. Dressage juniors can take part in both categories and Show Jumping juniors who ride horses can choose junior OR senior classes.

SOUVENIRS & MERCHANDISE
This year's colour scheme is **RED, BLACK & GOLD.** Beewear provide a whole range of merchandise that you can have personalised on the day. Atlas Equestrian's beautiful prize winners rugs are in Whitney colours. SBM Photographic will be covering all the championships.

Guide to Entries

'Mini Tour' classes are for very novice / beginners, 'Small Tour' classes are for novice / in-experienced horses and riders and 'Grand Tour' classes are for more experienced / competitive combinations. In some cases you might have more than one class to choose from, relevant to your qualification, please read the schedule carefully before selecting the right class for you and your horse to take part in.

If you find that you are **overqualified** for the class that you originally qualified in, either because of restrictions or because you are now competing at a higher level, **you can voluntarily upgrade to a higher level class**, e.g. in dressage if you qualify in Prelim you could voluntarily upgrade to Novice. Horses/riders that have more than the allowed points or placings, but **NONE earned in the previous 3-5 years** might be eligible to compete. Contact HQ for clarification on enquiries@sunshinetour.co.uk

ENTRY CONDITIONS & DEADLINES

ELIGIBLE ENTRIES: All competitors MUST be pre-registered prior to entry and both horse/pony and rider/handler MUST comply with the restrictions set for the championship class that you wish to enter. Recording a qualification is NOT a guarantee of entry.

FIRST AID: Applicable to all entries at £6 per rider or handler per day. Online if you enter more than one discipline on the same day you will be charged twice (sorry, we can't stop that happening!), so you can apply for a refund of the duplicate charge.

START TIMES AND TIMETABLES: Before entries close: timetable guidance is published for showground layout and class order information.

After entries close: DRESSAGE All dressage competitors are allocated individual start times. **SHOW JUMPING & EVENTERS CHALLENGE** All classes are drawn order and each class is given a start time. **SHOWING** classes are given start times.

CLASSES	ENTRY FEE	CLASSES	ENTRY FEE
Championship Showing	£24	Championship Show Jumping	£24
Introductory Showing Championship	£22	Mini Championship Show Jumping	£22
Showing Training / Warm Up Class	£20	Open Show Jumping Class	£20
Championship Dressage	£26	Clear Round	£10
Open Dressage Class	£22	Championship Eventers Challenge	£26
Dressage Familiarisation Session	£16	First aid per day	£6
Opening date for entries: Wednesday 25 July 2018; closing date for entries: Monday 13 August 2018. Entry deadline is STRICT!			
Timetables for each discipline are already published. Please use the Timetables to plan your classes and to avoid clashes.			
Read the full schedule before entering.			

Stabling at Hickstead

Overnight stabling for Thursday, Friday and Saturday night

- ◆ Admissions from 6am until 8pm daily, Sunday departure by 8pm.
- ◆ All stables must be vacated by 5pm on day of departure, except Sunday by 8pm. All stables must be left mucked out.
- ◆ Overnight stables should be pre-booked with your show entry. Prices from £34 - £48 per night. Brick or temporary available. Strictly no refunds for cancellations after 13 August.
- ◆ Day stables might be available to book on the day, please see Stable Manager. Subject to availability. £20 per stable.
- ◆ You can pre-order bedding, wrapped hay and haylage or bring your own.
- ◆ Remember to bring a barrow, tools, haynets, buckets, rugs including waterproofs. We highly recommend bringing something to move tack, bedding and water buckets around - you might be parked quite a distance from your stable!
- ◆ Parking is free for horsebox or car & trailer and cars. Parking and stabling passes will be issued on arrival at the show.
- ◆ Accompanying and spectators cars will be parked in a separate parking area to horseboxes and stables.
- ◆ Camping is included with overnight stable bookings for one vehicle. Additional vehicles for overnight accommodation including campervans, caravans and additional horseboxes will be charged £20.
- ◆ Camping without booking stabling must be pre-booked directly with Sunshine Tour HQ is charged at £20.
- ◆ Electric hook up must be pre-booked. Cost to be confirmed. We advise you bring a long electric cable!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What the difference between Mini Tour, Small Tour and Grand Tour classes?

'Tours' are just categories. The basic difference is about the level of competition and experience of the competitors. Mini Tour is for very inexperienced riders, Small Tour is for novice combinations and Grand Tour is for more experienced. If you're not sure which you fit into, check the rules & restrictions (in each discipline's page on www.sunshinetour.co.uk) and there's an explanation of who can go into which category.

How Many Championship Classes Can I Enter?

Dressage & Show Jumping: you can enter **one** championship per recorded qualification, up to a maximum of 4 championships. Dressage: you can compete twice per level over 2 consecutive levels. Show jumping: you can compete in up to 4 consecutive levels. **Showing & Eventers Challenge:** you can enter two championships per recorded qualification. Showing: you can enter any number of classes, with due consideration for the health of your horse/pony. Eventers Challenge: you can enter up to 3 consecutive levels.

In all disciplines: you must have qualified during 2018 and have recorded your details by 25th July. If you've qualified for more levels than you can take part in, then you must 'drop' the lowest level. All qualified competitors can take part in training, warm up & open classes.

Can I enter Mini Tour, Small Tour AND Grand Tour classes?

Hmmm, not always straight forward! Generally speaking yes you can, just remember that if you want to compete in the more restricted class (i.e. Mini or Small Tour), you and your horse/pony must fit within the restrictions. If you are within those rules, then there is nothing to stop you competing in the Grand Tour as well. Please remember the 'spirit of competition' and don't compete below your genuine capability. Competitors considered to be competing below their ability may be removed from a class or changed to a more appropriate Tour.

I've qualified more than once for the same level of competition/class – can I enter more than once?

Record each qualification - it might be possible to upgrade or swap for something else so that you can make the most of your 'golden tickets'.

My horse or the qualified rider have taken part in affiliated competitions, can they still enter?

That will depend on how much money has been won, or points awarded, or level of competition you've taken part in and how long ago you earned the points/wins. Please refer to the restrictions allocated to each class (available in each discipline's championship page on www.sunshinetour.co.uk) or if in doubt contact us at Sunshine Tour HQ on enquiries@sunshinetour.co.uk for clarification.

Can I change the horse or rider/handler from the original qualification?

There's a simple answer to this one – absolutely not!

What happens if I've qualified, but then find that I'm 'overqualified' for the championship?

If you're overqualified, you can voluntarily move up a level e.g. if you've qualified for Prelim dressage, but don't fit into the restrictions for the Prelim championship but are eligible for the Novice, then you can enter the Novice instead. You can't downgrade from your original qualification.

I qualified in a showing class, but now find that the horse height restrictions or rider age restrictions are different in the championship class. Can I enter the original class that I qualified for?

The quick answer is - you go with the championship restrictions even if different from the qualifying class.

Who can enter open / warm up classes? What's available for warm up?

There are warm up / open classes in every discipline, only competitors who are taking part in a Sunshine Tour championship class can enter open classes but you are not restricted to the same discipline. There are also warm up areas for use on the day.

What happens if a championship class gets oversubscribed?

If this happens, then we will keep a waiting list and let you know if a space becomes available. Entries are taken on a first come-first served basis and classes might fill before the closing date. Qualification and pre-registration is not a guarantee of entry availability.

What happens if I have to withdraw after entering?

If you have to withdraw before the entry closing date, you will be refunded (probably after the show) minus an admin fee. Withdrawals after the entry closing date, up to 2 weeks after the show will only be refunded on receipt of a vet's or doctor's note explaining why you were unable to compete (minus an admin fee). No refunds whatsoever for stabling cancellations after entry closing date, sorry this has to be a strict rule.

Does my horse have to be vaccinated to compete or stay overnight at Hickstead?

No, there is no official requirement to have your horse/pony vaccinated, however, it is highly recommended.

Can I stable overnight? Can I bring my own bedding, hay and feed? Can I buy bedding, hay and feed?

Yes, stabling is available to pre-book (but gets full up very quickly). Yes, you can bring your own bedding, hay/haylage and feed or you can purchase bedding, hay and haylage (but not feed) with your stable booking. Limited amounts of bedding, hay and haylage may be available to purchase on the day (cash only). Please note collection times may be limited to afternoons and the buyer is responsible for collection (wheelbarrow recommended!).

Can I camp? Can I stay in my lorry? Does it cost to park and enter the show?

Horsebox and trailer parking is free. Accompanying cars park in a different field (no pass required). You can camp or stay in your horsebox or trailer. Additional vehicles for overnight accommodation, like caravans, campervan, extra horseboxes must pay for a special pass. There is electric hook-up available, pre-book with your entry.

Can I bring friends and family? Does it cost to park and enter the show?

Yes, definitely bring friends and family, there's no charge for spectator parking or entry to Hickstead showground.

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What catering and food shopping is available?

Catering at Astore's catering outlets or in the Bar & Grill. There's also an on site small provisions shop and there's a garage and a pub within walking distance.

Will there be a photographer or souvenirs to buy?

Yes! SBM Photographic will be present throughout the show getting fabulous photos in every arena. Beewear will be supplying official Sunshine Tour hoodies, gilets, jackets, polo shirts. And you can even buy a Sunshine Tour souvenir rosette!!