



Irish Pony Club

National Tetrathlon Championships

Fence Stewards Information

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BE A FENCE STEWARD !!

1. IMPORTANT NUMBERS : (in case of emergency)

Phase / XC Steward	Michael O'Brien	087 9877077
TD	Pat Walsh	
Safety Officer	Jo Breheny	087 298 6294
Doctor / Paramedic		_____
Ambulance		_____
Fence Repair		_____
Vet on Call		_____
Other:	John Flood	087 222 8850

WALKIE TALKIES

Set Channel as requested at the briefing - please keep talk to necessary course related information and updates of interest to commentator.

IF YOU NEED TO be relieved from your fence - Radio In and we will try to sort it out!

XC ZONES: with radios

Zone Stewards will be advised at the briefing whose job it is to oversee fences in the various zones across the course and deal with issues relating to fences during the competition.

XC STEWARD PACKS: (please make sure you have everything.)

Everybody marking a fence will be given a pack together with their lunch/snack

The pack should contain

- XC Scoring Sheet - please write CLEARLY & LEGIBLY on all pages you use
 - name and contact mobile number (for queries).
 - fence number

Whistle

Stopwatch

Incident Report form - *if there are problems just make a quick report on the incident*

Pen

Guide to penalties at fences - *please look over these*

Lunch pack

Stewards are requested to also have:

Whats App on their phone

GMT Clock on their phone - available free on the App store

If you are marking the first fence or the last fence, please write down the time the rider passes you as this provides a backup time for the starter.



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POSITIONING AT FENCE

WHEN YOU GET TO YOUR FENCE.

- inspect all around your fence get familiar with your fence to make sure it is safe.
- Position yourself so that you can see both flags and all elements of the fence - especially where there are multiple elements to the fence *eg: part a, b, c* to ensure you can view the rider/horse passes correctly through the fence.

Optional fences - Remember there are optional fences so you must be able to see this part as well.

Do not block or hinder the ponies access to the fence by your position.

- If you are in a car /jeep position vehicles away from possible run-out areas that may cause an issue.

DURING THE EVENT

- Keep competitors / onlookers away from fences during competition
 - check fences during the competition to make sure numbers/flags are visible and take-off & landing are safe
- If there are any problems that you cannot rectify ***PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY AND WE WILL SORT IT OUT***
- use whistles provided to keep the course CLEAR at all times to avoid any potential issues

FALLER ON COURSE:

****** If you have a faller at your fence let us know over the radio/mobile in IMMEDIATELY- Let us know YOUR Fence number and someone will be with you ASAP ******

All Fallers including those in the warm-up area must report to Doctor

A.) If rider is NOT hurt and is NOT going to cause an problem for the next rider you can organise to move them away from the obstacle to allow the competition to continue. **THEY MUST WALK their horse home unmounted AND TELL them to REPORT to the AMBULANCE when they get back even if they feel OK.**

B.) If rider IS hurt/injured and you feel IT IS going to cause an problem for the next rider -

(i). NOTIFY US BY RADIO IMMEDIATELY STATING FENCE NUMBER and REQUEST TO HOLD THE COURSE (Assistance will be with you ASAP)

(ii) STOP any ONCOMING riders at the fence and USE YOUR STOPWATCH TO START TIMING how long they are being held and Note their competitor number on your sheets. The Stopwatch will only be STOPPED when the rider is given the instruction to recommence after the COURSE ALL CLEAR is given. At this point record the stop and start time and how long the rider has been held up on the score sheet and any other comments you may have.

When restarting riders allow them a good presentation to the fence and let them on their way. If there is more than one rider buildup at the fence give them an interval of one minute between recommencing to clear the backlog and note the time restarted against their numbers.

BACKLOGS ON COURSE: (if applicable)

Where there is a potential build up of competitors at a fence (SLIP RAIL/GATE) or TOO MANY COMPETITORS ON THE COURSE PLEASE NOTIFY the COMMENTATOR /US by RADIO in advance so that the starter can reduce the riders being released to clear the backlog.

People with radios - keep in touch

REFUSAL: (please as soon as your rider has an issue at the fence.)

If you rider has a refusal at your fence you must inform them by calling to them

1st refusal,

2nd refusal,(if appropriate)

3rd refusal(if appropriate) and then please move on...

Where a rider has a problem at your fence please make a note of it on your sheets noting rider number



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and also any additional information that may help in relation to future queries that may arise in a dispute. eg : colour of XC gear - boy/girl with spotty shirt. IF there are witnesses to a specific incident that you feel may be useful in a dispute you might get their details in case we need them to verify etc.

ELIMINATION

Competitors who miss/skip a fence - note it down and additional notes that may help identify the rider/ situation. **You do not have to inform the rider if they have ridden off as this WILL constitute OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE and the competitor may be penalised.**

FENCE with drop

Horses may look before dropping but are deemed to have a refusal if they take any step backwards We are not trying to be too harsh on competitors in tetrathlon.

PLEASE FAMILIARISE YOURSELVES WITH THE DIAGRAMS CONTAINED IN YOUR PACK REGARDING JUMPS -CROSSING TRACKS, CIRCLING REFUSALS, ELIMINATIONSetc

COMPETITORS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO JUMP FROM A STANDSTILL

'NOT PRESENTING' - Allowed Circle away from a fence but once they have made their approach they may not circle.- Note the approach

NOTE: Please take Note of any dangerous riding / too Fast / Poor behaviour - as it may help if a problem arises at a future point on the course.

TAILGAITING / RIDING IN PAIRS 'NOT ALLOWED' ELIMINATION - if a problem / observation take note

OPTIONS on Fences

Competitors who take options on fences incur penalties as indicated in the IPC Rule book - note on the sheet if rider takes options and whether it was directly to the option or after attempting the main fence refusing and then 2nd or 3 subsequent presentation.

ANY QUERIES TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE PHASE STEWARD and passed along !!

APPROACHING STEWARD

Parents/Coaches ARE NOT ENTITLED TO APPROACH / ABUSE ANY STEWARD or engage with them in relation to any competitor. IF THEY DO PLEASE REPORT any issues arising. WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS AND ARE NOT DESERVING OF ABUSE.

SCORE SHEETS & Whats App

There are two nominated numbers for the Whats App Score Collection During Minimus

Fences 1-10 Whats App Number:

Fences 11-20 Whats App Number:

As soon as you have filled out each scoresheet page - ensure sheet is complete

1. ALL RELEVANT DETAILS are included ie: Your name, fence no, contact number, riders details etc
2. Take a Photo on your phone and What's App it to the relevant contact What's App number above.

Physical score sheets will also be collected during the competition but the use of What's App allows us to process the results/queries in a more timely manner,

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OPTIONAL FENCES

ALL competitors will have the option of jumping an *option (O)* at difficult fences.

Points for Jumping OPTIONAL fence - 70

A competitor may jump the '**O' option** after unsuccessfully attempting the main obstacle *and the following penalties will occur.*

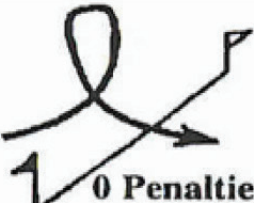
OPTION FENCE	Penalties OLD SCORING	Penalties NEW SCORING 2022
Time per/sec	2pts/sec	2pts/sec
Refusal at Fence		
<u>THAT HAS NO OPTION</u>		
1st Refusal	60	60
2nd Refusal	90	90
3rd Refusal	100	100
Fall	150 + 50 <i>for all fences not jumped</i>	150 + 50 <i>for all fences not jumped</i>
Assistance to Remount at Sliprail	80	80
Failure to Shut Gate after time allowed	50	50
REFUSAL at Fence		
<u>WITH AN OPTION</u>		
1st Refusal	60	60
2nd Refusal	90	100
3rd Refusal	100	200

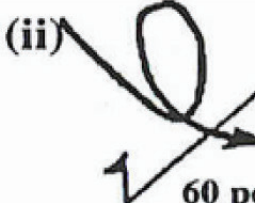
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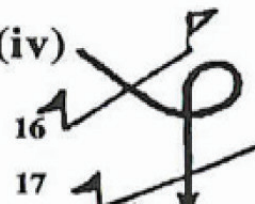
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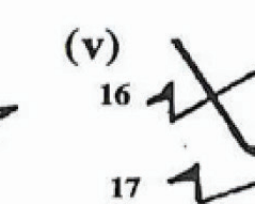
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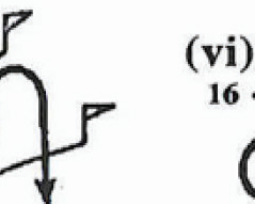
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initially


(ii)  60 penalties
presented and
circled

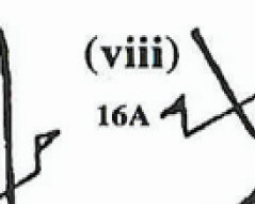
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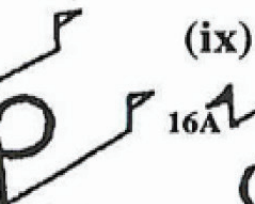
(iv)  16
17
0 Penalties
Not presented at
17

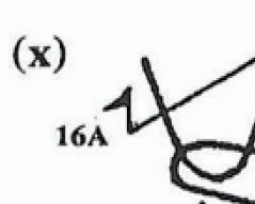
(v)  16
17
60 Penalties
presented at 17

(vi)  16
17
0 Penalties
not presented at
17 initially

(vii)  16A
B
Circled 60
penalties

(viii)  16A
B
Circled 60
penalties

(ix)  16A
B
Circled 60
penalties

(x)  16A
B
60 penalties

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SENIOR COURSE MAP



Time allowed : TBC

Distance: 3km



1 Roll Tops	12 Hay Carts
2 Tables	13 Wedge
3 Bank/ Cottages A,B	14 Cottismore Leap
4 Sunken Road A,B	15 Double of Laurels A,B
5 Table	16 Water A,B
6 SLIP RAIL	17 Offset Vegetable Boxes A,B
7 Drop Hedge Roll Top A,B	18 Punchestown Steeplechase
8 Water A,B,C	19 GATE
9 Tressils	20 Treasure Chest
10 Bank, Hedge, Wedge A,B,C	21 Vegetable Rack
11 Dog Bone	

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We are holding the XC phase in Punchestown Race Course and we would ask **ALL COMPETITORS AND PARTICIPANTS** to respect their property and **KEEP OUT** of Farmyard areas / buildings **AT ALL TIMES**

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OPTIONAL FENCES 'O' Option available at fence.

COURSE MAP: Course may be subject to change following final course safety inspection.

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JUNIOR COURSE MAP



Time allowed : TBC

Distance: 3km



1 Roll Tops	12 Hay Carts
2 Tables	13 Wedge
3 Bank/ Cottages A,B	14 Cottismore Leap
4 Sunken Road A,B	15 Double of Laurels A,B
5 Table	16 Water A,B
6 SLIP RAIL	17 Offset Oxers A,B
7 Drop Hedge Roll Top A,B	18 Roll Top
8 Water A,B,C	19 GATE
9 Tressils	20 Half Roll Top
10 Bank, Hedge, Wedge A,B,C	21 Vegetable Rack
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