

TREC GB
National Championships
18th – 20th August 2023

To be held at
Bibury Farm, Bibury, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 5PB
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By Kind permission of Mr Nick Phillips

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Organised by TREC GB with Wessex TREC

Entries open 22nd June 2023

Entries close 2nd August 2023

Enquiries– via email to champs@trecgb.com or telephone Mobile 07949 424879 before 9pm.

Bibury, Cirencester

Wessex TREC Group are delighted to be hosting the TREC GB Championships this year and are looking forward to welcoming you all for a great weekend of competition in Bibury.

Just a short drive from the 'The Capital of the Cotswolds', Bibury is a charming village once described by William Morris (1834-96) as "the most beautiful village in England" and is home to Arlington Row, the most photographed cottages in the country.

The TREC GB National Championships 2023 gives you the opportunity to ride across picturesque countryside along a route that has been checked for accessibility. The Championship routes will take place almost entirely off road using a few quiet lanes and villages.

Please note: in the Cotswolds, some of the bridleways and routes are stony, you may be riding bridleways past or through farm livestock, wild deer and game birds. Harvesting may also be in process, so expect to come across tractors along the route.

See you all soon



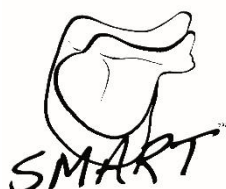
TREC GB would like to thank Wessex TREC Group for their assistance with organising and running the TREC GB National Championships 2023.

Sponsors:



TREC GB is proud to be sponsored by Leucillin Animal Skincare for the Grassroots Championships Classes 2023.

Website: <https://www.leucillin.co.uk/>



TREC GB is proud to be sponsored by Smart Saddles for the Level 2, 2A, 3 and 4 Championships Classes 2023.

Website: <https://www.smartsaddles.com/>

Classes:

Class 1	Leucillin Grassroots Level 1 Newcomers Individual	Open to all qualified riders who have not competed in a full Summer TREC competition (3 phase affiliated TREC GB) before 1st August 2022. POR up to 15km
Class 2	Leucillin Grassroots Level 1 Newcomers Pairs	Open to all qualified riders, where both riders have not competed in a full Summer TREC competition (3 phase affiliated TREC GB) before 1st August 2022. POR up to 15km
Class 3	Leucillin Grassroots Level 1 Open Individual	Open to all qualified riders. POR up to 15km
Class 4	Leucillin Grassroots Level 1 Open Pairs	Open to all qualified riders. POR up to 15km
Class 5	Leucillin Grassroots Level 1 Veteran Horse	Horses must be born in or before the year 2003 (20 years old) and must have completed at least one full three phase competition within the last 2 years. Individual class only. POR up to 15km
Class 6	Smart Saddles Level 2 Individual	Open to all qualified riders. POR up to 20km
Class 7	Smart Saddles Level 2 Pairs	Open to all qualified riders. POR up to 20km
Class 8	Smart Saddles Level 2A Individual	Open to all qualified riders. POR up to 20km
Class 9	Smart Saddles Level 2A Pairs	Open to all qualified riders. POR up to 20km
Class 10	Smart Saddles Level 3 Individual	Open to all qualified riders. POR up to 30km
Class 11	Smart Saddles Level 3 Pairs	Open to all qualified riders. POR up to 30km

Class 12	Smart Saddles Level 4 Individual European Cup	Open to all qualified riders. POR up to 40km
Class 13	TREC GB Team Challenge	Entries to Secretary by email to admin@trecgb.com in advance including payment by BACS to TREC GB preferred. All entries to be received by 8pm on Friday 18 th August 2023.

Jump height for classes 1 – 12 as per 6th Edition Rulebook 2022 (page 42 rule 6.3.5). Class 12 PTV to be judged under FITE Rules for gaited obstacles.

Competitors at Level 2A / 3 / 4 may be asked to navigate using bearings and / or grid references.

Competitors at Level 3 / 4 may be asked to use historical maps.

Due to the stony ground in the area, barefoot horses may benefit from wearing hoof boots.

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each class, to be engraved and returned before the 2024 Championships. Rosettes will be presented 1st to 10th place in classes 1 – 4 and 6 – 9. Rosettes for Class 5 will be presented 1st to 5th and classes 10 - 12 will be presented 1st to 6th.

Riders who are under the age of 14 must ride in one of the pairs classes with a partner who is over 18 on the day of the competition. Parents/guardians of competitors under the age of 18 on the day of the competition will be required to complete a Parental Consent Form (available on the TREC GB website: <https://trecgb.com/parental-consent-form/>).

Special Awards –



The Pagan Prize Donated by Mairi Howat in memory of Pagan and his incredible TREC career. For the highest placed veteran horse, aged 20+.

The Daniel Nolan Trophy – In memory of Daniel Nolan who sadly passed away in 2018 and was a brilliant orienteer and fellow Treccie. For the highest scoring POR in levels 2 - 4.





Sharon Davies Award in memory of Sharon Davies who suddenly passed away in early 2022. Sharon was a keen supporter of TREC giving 100% to organising competitions. She did not have her own horse so hired or loaned a horse and generally competed at L4. For the highest placed rider on a loaned or hired horse.

Nations Cup - Each Nation may nominate between 4 and 8 members of their choice across any or all of the Levels run at the event. Each Nation must have a minimum of 4 team members in order to count. Pairs will be treated as one unit, if within a pair there are two nations, then the pair must nominate which country they will be representing. To be eligible to ride for a Country in the Nations Cup the competitor must meet criteria 1, 2 or 3:

1. Resident in that Country
2. Born in that Country
3. Represented that Country in the past (this is the meaning of 'Grandfather rights')

TREC GB National Championship Qualification Criteria 2023

1. **Level 1** – Competitors who rode at Level 2 and above at the National Championships 2022 may not compete in the Level 1 Newcomer class at the TREC GB National Championships 2023.
2. **Pairs** – As a qualification for pairs, you must ride with one of the person(s) you have qualified with. You can only ride with that person(s) in the pairs class at each level that you qualified in.
3. The 2022 National Championships and Grassroots Championships will carry the same qualifier criteria as all other competitions, for the following year's 2023 TREC GB National Championships.
4. **Level 2, 2A, 3 & 4:** In order to be eligible for qualification, riders must be a current Red tier or Blue tier members of TREC GB before the start of the competition at which they achieve a placing as detailed above. In the case of a pair, both riders must be TREC GB members before the competition.
5. **Level 1 riders:** Riders must be Red or Blue tier TREC GB members at the time of entering the Championships.
6. All classes at the National Championships 2023 will be eligible for points in the Summer League 2023.

Entry fees (per rider):	TREC GB members	International Competitors
Classes 1 to 12	<i>£120.00 via PayPal on the website</i>	<i>£130.00 via PayPal on the website</i>
Class 13	<i>£24 per team payable in advance by BACS</i>	

- Red or Blue TREC GB members must quote their current TREC GB CLUB membership number as well as their TREC GB membership number.
- Entry fees include corralling and camping fees for Friday 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th August 2023.
- **Tickets for the meal and social event on the Saturday night are not included.**

Entries are accepted at the discretion of the organisers.

Entry closing dates - Entries close on **Wednesday 2nd August 2023.**

Refunds/Withdrawals – Once an application to the TREC GB National Championships 2023 has been accepted:

- A withdrawal before the closing date and acknowledged by phone or e-mail by the Entries Secretary will receive a full refund.
- A withdrawal made between the closing date for entries and the date that start times are due to be published will be refunded, but an administration fee of £20 will be retained.
- A withdrawal made after the start times have been published will not be refunded.
- Where a doctor's or vet's certificate is produced stating that the rider or horse was unable to compete, TREC GB may consider issuing a full refund.
- Refunds will be processed normally within 2-4 weeks after the event.

Equine Flu Requirements: TREC GB requires that all equines must be vaccinated against Equine Influenza and that organisers of any events, involving equines insist that vaccinations are up to date (12-month cycle) and check passports before horses are unloaded. Full details of the TREC GB Equine Flu Vaccination requirements are available on the website (<https://trecgb.com/trec-gb-equine-flu-requirements/>)

Your horse can be registered on the TREC GB Flu Vaccination Register by sending a copy of the full vaccination record and horse registration details from the passport to admin@trecgb.com. Alternatively, your horse will be registered by the Entries Secretary for this event, please include a copy of the vaccination certificate and horse registration details when sending your completed entry in.

Health Status – TREC GB respectfully ask that if either you or your horse are unwell, exhibiting signs of a temperature, nasal discharge or any other symptoms, please do not attend the event and inform the organiser.

Start Times and Competitor Information - These will be available on TREC GB website on Tuesday 15th August 2023.

TREC GB Team Challenge - Teams of 4 riders, any combination (A pair counts as 2 riders). Entries to be sent to admin before the event or handed to the secretary by 8pm Friday night. Cost £24 per team (BACS, cash or cheque).

Arbitration – Any competitor who wishes to query their scores must do so via the relevant Query form for that phase within the allotted time period as advertised with the provisional scores. Any recourse to an arbitration panel will be dealt with by the Ground Jury on the day

of the Championships, as per TREC GB 6th Edition Rulebook Rule 2.3). No further arbitration will be available following the Championships.

Camping and corralling - Overnight parking and corralling is available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at the venue, the cost is included in your entry fee. Please note that you must provide your own electric fencing and energiser (all corrals to be electrified when horses are within them) and your horse and corral must be labelled with your contact details. If your horse is corralled and you are leaving the site, you must organise someone to keep an eye on your horse while you are away and must include this person's contact details on the label too.

Corralling is available on Thursday night and is also included with your entry fee. Anyone wishing to arrive on Thursday night must book in advance via the entry form.

Tents - Tents being used as overnight accommodation must be pitched in the separate area provided for health and safety reasons. Any person found to have pitched a tent in the corralling field will be asked to remove it immediately.

Stabling – 6 stables are available at Kilkenny Farm (a short 5 – 10 minute hack to the venue). Please contact Nick on 07976 240874 (WhatsApp preferred) to book.

Horse Hire – Horses are available to hire from Stoneleigh. Please contact champs@trecgb.com including rider height, rider weight, type of horse you would like and your general experience level by **Saturday 15th July**.

Exercise outriding – strictly only on route available from the secretary's tent.

Toilets and Showers - There will be toilets on site. Showers are **NOT** available on site.

Water provision - Water for horses will be available in the corralling field. Please bring your own water for human consumption.

Rubbish – The organisers respectfully request all competitors and visitors to the Championships to take their rubbish home with them. No rubbish to be placed into the muck heaps.

Farrier - A farrier will be on call. Their contact number will be in your Competitors Information Pack.

Vet - The local veterinary practice will be on call in case of emergency. Their contact number will be in your Competitors Information Pack.

Feeds - Competitors are advised to bring their own hay/haylage in case grass cover is short. Further information will be in the Competitors Programme. Local feed suppliers are:

- Mole Valley Farmers Cirencester - [01285 869881](tel:01285869881)
- Henry Cole & Co Ltd, Cirencester 01285 770387

Pre-Competition Vetting - Will be carried out for all competitors on Friday evening.

Catering

Friday Evening – Cotswold chippy will be taking pre-orders

<https://thecotswoldchippy.co.uk/> email: info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk

Saturday Night Social from 8.00pm Claire Booth Cooks will be providing a 2 course meal of Chicken and Chorizo or Courgette, Broccoli, Spinach and Orzo (with crumbled Feta for non-vegans). Both served with crusty bread and green salad, with Meringues (honeycomb for vegans) with bowls of thick cream (alternative for vegans) with fresh fruit salad to follow. Meal Cost £13 Please pay with your entry.

Sunday – The Royal Breakfast & Kebab will be onsite throughout the day

https://www.instagram.com/theroyal_breakfast/

Photographer – TREC GB are delighted to welcome Jess Photography to the National Championships this year. Please visit Jess's website to view her previous work,

<https://www.jess-photography.co.uk/>

Bespoke Commemorative Clothing – Polo shirts / zipped sweatshirt / hoodie may be purchased from the [TREC GB Website](#), provided they are ordered in advance. These will have the TREC GB logo embroidered on the front and the names of all the competitors' horses on the back. Orders will be taken on the TREC GB website, through the Shop on the Home page.

Polo Shirts available in Earthy Green or Mango Tango £25. Hoodie available in Earthy Green or Burnt Orange Unisex fit, £30.

NEW for 2023 Championships – Commemorative Baseball cap available in Earthy Green £12.50

Please note orders for the clothing will only be taken up to 24th July 2022.

Dogs - are welcome but must be under control **AND** on a lead at all times. Anyone found with a loose dog will be liable to pay a £30 fine to the local air ambulance and may be asked to leave the venue. Please pick up and dispose of dog waste (dog waste is not to be put into the muck heap). Please walk dogs on footpaths only and must stay out of the woods.

Directions– Full directions will be provided in the Competitors Programme.

Accommodation

Bibury is a popular tourist area, please find below a list of Hotels & B&Bs which may have availability:

- Bibury Farm Barns, Bibury, Gloucestershire GL7 5PB Tel: 01285 706 188
<https://www.biburyfarm.com/>
- Cotteswold House, Arlington, Cirencester GL7 5ND. Tel: 01285 740609 Refined B&B with airy rooms, 2 cottages and a lounge, plus free WiFi and parking.

- The Catherine Wheel, Arlington, Bibury, Cirencester GL7 5N. Tel: 01285 740250 Bed and breakfast
- Travelodge Cirencester The Harebushes, A429 Burford Rd, Cirencester GL7 5DS. Tel: 0871 984 6233
- The Inn at Fossebridge, 4-star hotel Fossebridge, Cheltenham GL54 3JS Tel: 01285 720721 Rustic former coaching inn and dining pub, for elegant Georgian-themed rooms with breakfast.
- The New Inn 5-star hotel Main Street, Coln St Aldwyns, Cirencester GL7 5AN Tel: 01285 750651 Refined rooms with free WiFi & breakfast in an ivy-covered country pub with modern, upscale dining.
- The Keepers Arms 4-star hotel Church Rd, Quenington, Cirencester GL7 5BL Tel: 01285 750349 Family-run country pub with casual rooms and a warm restaurant, plus a beer garden and free Wi-Fi.

Suggested websites to check:

- www.airbnb.co.uk
- www.booking.com
- 247Hotel.com

Outline timetable

All timings are provisional and will be confirmed in the Competitors Programme.

Day	Time	Event
Friday	15.00	Venue open. If you are arriving on Thursday or need to arrive earlier due to travelling long distance, please advise admin@trecgb.com . Follow directions for parking and corralling.
	16.00– 19.00	Secretary open
	17.00– 20.00	Pre event Vetting / Horse health check
	20.00	Riders briefing followed by Judges briefing
Saturday	7.30	POR
	17.30	PTV Course walk
	19.30	Social / Meal
Sunday	7.30	Vetting / Horse Health Check
	8.30	MA and PTV
	17.00	Prize giving

The event manager/organiser will take all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone 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 officials and stewards on the day.

Trained First Aiders will be present at the event and should be summoned through an official in the event of an accident. Paramedics will be available on Sunday.

Competitors are asked to safeguard valuable tack and possessions. Young children must be supervised at all times. Neither the organiser nor the land/course owners can accept responsibility for loss or injury to persons or animals howsoever caused.

TREC GB has adopted a Safeguarding Policy and expects every adult working or helping at, or taking part in, TREC GB events to support it and comply with it. The TREC GB Safeguarding Policy is available at <https://trecgb.com/wp-content/uploads/TREC-GB-Safeguarding-Policy-V1.1.pdf>

The Designated Safeguarding Officer Helen Curley – 07840 537828 or the TREC GB Designated Safeguarding Lead can be contacted by email safeguarding@trecgb.com or telephone 07926 980022

Competition Rules

All competitors must comply with the TREC GB Rules as per the 6th edition TREC GB rulebook (plus subsequent amendments), which can be found at <https://trecgb.com/rules/>
In addition, pay particular attention to the following:

1. Horses must be a minimum of four years old to compete at Level 1, 2 and 2A and five years old to compete at levels 3 and 4 (i.e. for levels 1, 2 and 2A, a horse born in 2019 may compete in 2023). Mares more than four months pregnant may not compete.
2. The welfare of horses competing in British TREC competitions is paramount. No horse may compete if it is unsound or unfit to carry the rider for any reason. Any rider who continues on a horse that they know to be unsound or that has been definitively stopped by the veterinary surgeon or designated competent official on fitness and/ or welfare grounds will be eliminated from the competition.
3. All riders competing must be members of a club affiliated to TREC GB or Red Members of TREC GB itself.
4. Clearly visible coloured tail wraps/ribbons should be worn to advise other riders of a potential hazard – Red = kicker, Green = young/inexperienced horse, Blue = stallion. If the horse/pony is a stallion, then stallion discs must also be worn on both sides of the bridle.

It is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the basic rules. The TREC GB Rulebook (6th edition issued in 2022 and the changes to it) can be found on the TREC GB website, <https://trecgb.com/rules/>

Required Equipment

Tack and equipment will be checked. Please see Appendix 3: Equipment List starting on page 62 in the 6th edition TREC GB rulebook.

Safety Helmet Standards

A safety helmet conforming to one of the following standards must be worn, with the chinstrap fastened, at all times when mounted.

The approved standards for British TREC are:

- PAS 015 (2011) provided it has a BSI Kitemark OR an Inspec IC Mark
- VG1 01.040 (2014-12) provided it has a BSI Kitemark OR an Inspec IC Mark
- SEI ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards), providing it has an SEI mark
- SNELL E2016 (or later), providing it has a SNELL label and number

- AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), providing it has an SAI Global mark Any hat used must conform to one or more of these standards.

Hat cameras

A camera may not be worn on the hat when mounted.

Body protectors

The approved standard for body protectors for British TREC is

- BETA Level 3 (with purple **2009** label **or turquoise/ blue 2018** label).

It is recommended that body protectors are replaced every 3-5 years, even if they are apparently undamaged.

Helpers

All TREC competitions rely heavily on the support of volunteers and helpers. If you can assist us over the weekend, please follow the link below to register via the TREC GB website.

We provide all judges with free refreshments and those judging on both days will receive a free Saturday Night Meal.

<https://trecgb.com/championships-volunteers/>

Entry Form

Please follow the link below to fill in the electronic entry form and payment.

<https://trecgb.com/national-championships-entry/>

Clothing

If you wish to order Commemorative Clothing this must be purchased separately from your entry using the following link:

<https://trecgb.com/product-category/national-championship-clothing/>

If you have any questions regarding the Championships, please contact admin on admin@trecgb.com