

**TREC GB SUMMER COMPETITIONS 2025**

Welsh TREC Championships

**British TREC competition**

Qualifier for the TREC GB National Championships 2026

Organised by Red Kite TREC Group

On 19-21st September 2025

# To be held at

Penllyn Estate, Estate Office, The Lodge,

Llwynhelig, **Cowbridge**, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7FF

By Kind permission of Penllyn Estates, Erica Thomas, Fran Jones, Phillip and David Brown

Technical Delegate – Adrian Flynn

Traceur – Mary Bray

*Level 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 Affiliated British TREC Competition – Everyone welcome.*

*This competition gives you the chance to ride across picturesque countryside along a route that has been checked for accessibility. The competition will take place over rolling countryside and mostly off road. Classes for individuals and pairs.*

*There are classes available to those who have little or no TREC experience.*

***The distances may not be to full length to take into account the technicality of the orienteering.***

***Competitors at Level 3 and 4 may be asked to navigate using bearings and/or grid references only and will encounter grazing livestock.***

***All classes carry points for the TREC GB Summer League***

**Enquiries** – Erica Thomas email: [ericaqh@gmail.com](mailto:ericaqh@gmail.com) Tel: 07779 94341

Opening date for entries will be 18th July 2025 and entries will only be accepted via a fully completed form with payment and vaccination details. Entries will close on Sunday 7th September, or earlier if the event is full.Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organiser and may be subject to a surcharge. Please enter early as places will be limited. In the event the competition is full, a waiting list will be kept.

**Sponsorship:**

We would like to thank the following for their sponsorship for this event:

**Yeti UK**

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## **Classes:**

Class 1 **Level 1 Individual**, suitable for first timers

Class 2 **Level 1 Pairs**, suitable for first timers

POR route length up to 15km, PTV Obstacle height up to 60cms

Class 3 **Level 2 Individual**

Class 4 **Level 2 Pairs**

POR route length up to 20km, PTV Obstacle height up to 70cm

Class 5 **Level 3 Individual**

Class 6 **Level 3 Pairs**

POR route length up to 30km, PTV Obstacle height up to 80cms

Class 7 **Level 4 Individual**

POR route length up to 40km, PTV Obstacle height up to 1.10m

Competitors at Level 3 and 4 may be asked to navigate part of their route using bearings and / or grid references only and will encounter grazing livestock.

Classes 1-2 are qualifying classes for the TREC GB National Championships 2026. (Riders DO NOT have to be TREC GB members at time of qualification but will be required to join as Red or Blue members before the closing date for entries for the Championships). Full details about eligibility and qualification criteria can be found at [www.trecgb.com](http://www.trecgb.com/).

Classes 3-7 are qualifying classes for the TREC GB National Championships 2026. Full details about eligibility and qualification criteria for 2026 will be published at [www.trecgb.com](http://www.trecgb.com/).

Classes 1-7 count towards the 2025 TREC GB Summer League. Full details about eligibility and the calculation of league placings can be found at [www.trecgb.com](http://www.trecgb.com/).

To be eligible for the league points or L2-4 qualification places, riders (both riders in the case of a pair) must be Red or Blue tier TREC GB members before the start of the event. To join TREC GB please visit the TREC GB website and join online or download a membership form.

**Riders who are under the age of 14 must ride in one of the pairs classes, with a pair 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/> ).

**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/>)

We recommend your horse is registered on the TREC GB central vaccination register by sending a copy of the full vaccination record and horse registration details from the passport to [admin@trecgb.com.](mailto:admin@trecgb.com) Alternatively, you must provide a legible copy of the full vaccination record and horse registration details from the passport when completing the entry.

**Please note, entry will not be accepted until suitable vaccination information (legible record / FC number) and payment is received.**

**For more information visit our website** [**www.redkitetrecgroup.uk**](http://www.redkitetrecgroup.uk) **/** [**www.trecgb.com**](http://www.trecgb.com)

**Entries:** please use the following link to the online entry form:

[**ENTRY FORM**](https://forms.gle/PZqR52TxxMJFAKjVA)

Entry enquires only to Julia Hewerdine Email: [juliaRKTG@gmail.com](mailto:juliaRKTG@gmail.com) Tel: 07818 743318

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| **Cost (Per rider):** | **Red Kite TREC Group members** | **TREC GB Red members/ members of any other TREC GB club** | **Non-members (must have 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance)** |
| **Entry Fee:** | £85 | £90 | £95 |
| **Corralling (Fri/Sat)** | £10 | £10 | £10 |

**All competitors must have Public Liability Insurance cover. TREC GB Red members, and members of a TREC GB Affiliated club are covered through their membership. Non-members must show proof of adequate Public Liability Insurance**

All classes are subject to sufficient entries and the organisers reserve the right to cancel or amalgamate classes, as necessary.

Entries will NOT be taken before the opening date on 18th July.

A fully completed entry form, vaccination details and payment **must** be received to secure a place. Entries will be on a strictly first come basis, so enter early to secure a place. If entries are full before the closing date, a waiting list will be held based on the date the entry form, vaccination details &payment was received. All valid entries will be treated equally.

Our chosen charity for this event is **Wales Air Ambulance**.

**Entries close on Sunday 7th September 2025**or before, if full. Withdrawals up to this date will receive a full refund.

Any refunds for withdrawals after the closing date will be entirely at the discretion of the organiser. Any eligible refunds will not be made until after the competition.

## **Start times and directions**

These will be available on the Red Kite TREC Group website by the Wednesday before the event. Please only telephone for times if you have not received them by the Thursday immediately before the event, in which case call Erica Thomas on 07779 943419

**Camping and corralling**

Ground conditions permitting, overnight parking and corralling are available on Friday and Saturday nights at the venue at a cost of £10 per horse, including a vehicle/tent used for human accommodation. Please book in advance. Please note that you must provide your own electric fencing and 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.

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 move it immediately.

**Toilets and showers**

There will be toilets, but no showers on site.

**Water provision**

Water for horses will be available on site. Please bring water for human consumption with you.

**Dogs**

Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead at all times – there is livestock present, and all mess cleared up immediately. Any breaches will be fined £5 per incident (money to Wales Air Ambulance) or maybe asked to leave.

**Catering**

There will not be a caterer on site. However, the venue is less than a mile from Cowbridge, which has many options for eating and takeaways.

A social event will be held at 7:30pm on Saturday night in the marquee*.* This is not a catered event.

**Farrier**

A farrier will be on call for the event. Please contact the organiser if you need the farrier.

**Vet**

A local veterinary practice will be on call. Full details will be provided in the competitors’ information.

**Photographer**

Simon Rees from SLR Photography on the Sunday - [https://simonrees.zenfolio.com/](https://ita01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsimonrees.zenfolio.com%2F&data=05%7C02%7C%7C9921434c4a0d40d104aa08ddc2deb96b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638880984051202654%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pkoQjiQw%2FRdpoEAEolWVDNramve8pMP69vTb0%2Bg1g%2BU%3D&reserved=0)

**Outline timetable**

All times are approximate and will be confirmed in competitors’ information pack.

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| *Day* | *Time* | *Event* |
| *Friday* | 14:00 | Venue open.  Please contact the organiser if you wish to arrive before. |
| 16:30 | Pre event vetting.  Please contact the organiser if you will be arriving late. |
| 19:30 | Judges’ briefing |
| *Saturday* | All Day | POR all levels |
| 19:30 | Evening social (not catered) |
| *Sunday* | 08:30 | Vetting for horses (Levels 1,2,3,4 in number order) |
| 09:00 | MA and PTV – all levels |
| 17:00 | Prize giving |

**Helpers**

All TREC competitions rely on the support of volunteer judges and helpers. Can you or anyone coming with you lend a hand?

Please contact Erica Thomas on 07779 943419 or by e-mail, [ericaqh@gmail.com](mailto:ericaqh@gmail.com) , if you can assist us with judging or stewarding on the day. Competitors can also help us with setting up, clearing equipment away, collecting scores etc. No judging experience necessary – we are grateful for all offers of help and you will learn lots from the inside! Even a couple of hours help can make a difference and there are lots of jobs suitable for non- horsey partners/friends/relatives. We provide all judges with free refreshments.

**Health and Safety**

The 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. The event manager/organiser may provide contact telephone numbers for emergency veterinary and farriery services.

Competitors are asked to safeguard valuable tack and possessions. Young children must be supervised at all times. Neither the event manager/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 *Dani Glaister* or the TREC GB Designated Safeguarding Lead can be contacted by email [safeguarding@trecgb.com](mailto:safeguarding@trecgb.com) or telephone 07926 980022

**Competition Rules**

All competitors must comply with the TREC GB Rules as per the 7th 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 2021 may compete in 2025). 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. Riders under the age of fourteen on day of competition may only compete in Pairs classes and must be accompanied by a rider of **18 years or older**. Pairs ride together for POR and separately for the MA and PTV. 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/> )
4. All competitors who are not TREC GB Red, TREC GB Blue or Club members need to provide evidence that they have the suggested minimum of £10m of personal public liability cover which does not exclude TREC, to take part in TREC events (subject to Insurance terms and conditions on TREC GB website <https://trecgb.com/members-area/red-members-insurance-documents/> )
5. 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 (7th edition issued in 2024 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 61& 62 in the 7th 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 (2015 or 2023) 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
* EN 1384 : 2023 (provided it has a BSI Kitemark OR an Inspec IC mark

**Hat cameras**

A camera may not be worn on the hat when mounted. Body cameras may not be worn on the MA or PTV phases. A camera may be worn on the body for the POR, for safety purposes only

**Body protectors**

The approved standard for body protectors for British TREC is

BETA Level 3 **turquoise/ blue 2018 label**.

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

**What is TREC?**

**TREC** is a fun riding event usually comprising three phases. The competition involves the skills and situations a rider might encounter on a hack, including map reading (usually using Ordnance Survey maps usually 1:25 000 scale) and navigating obstacles typical of those found out hacking.

For more information about TREC, please visit the TREC GB website [www.trecgb.com](http://www.trecgb.com)

**Red Kite TREC Group**, is a TREC GB affiliated TREC Group that covers the whole of South Wales from Abergavenny to St Davids. For more information visit [www.redkitetrecgroup.uk](http://www.redkitetrecgroup.uk)