

## **Riding Club Team Endurance Event in the West Wales Area**

This year Endurance GB (EGB) is once again offering a Team Endurance Event to affiliated Riding Clubs on a national scale, following the successful inaugural event in 2010 and then a second event in 2011. We have taken the liberty of emailing you to ask if you would be willing to help us publicise this event with the Riding Clubs in the West Wales Area.

Riding Clubs are invited to form endurance "squads" of three to six riders. Each squad can then enter a team of three or four combinations accompanied by one or two individual combinations (making up to six in total) into a qualifying ride of 30 to 35km (about 20 miles). The qualifying ride can be at any EGB ride that has a suitable class in its schedule.

Potential riders do not need any special equipment, particular breed or type of horse to get started. Only the rider, their horse and normal riding tack is required. Riders do not have to be members of Endurance GB in order to compete, but they must be current members of their affiliated Riding Club. All Riding Club squads must declare each horse and rider combination with the national organisers before they enter any qualifying ride.

A team who completes a qualifying ride successfully will have its team score entered into a League Table for the Region in which the Club is based. A squad can then, if it chooses, enter a second or subsequent qualifying ride. The team score achieved at the second or subsequent qualifier will replace the existing score in the League Table if it is higher than the existing score. The team scores are calculated from the speed achieved over the course and the horse's pulse at the final veterinary inspection.

The top squad in each League Table for the ten Regions and the top ten squads on a national basis excluding the top ten from the League Tables will be offered a place in the Team Endurance Final at The British Horse Feeds Red Dragon Festival of Endurance on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Some wild card places may also be offered at the discretion of the national organisers. Stabling, corralling, camping, lorry parking and refreshments will be available at the venue. Up-to-date Influenza Vaccination Certificates will be required for the final, as specified by British Riding Club rules.

The rules of the competition and full details of the Team Endurance Event can be found on our dedicated website:

[www.rcteamevent.endurancegb.co.uk](http://www.rcteamevent.endurancegb.co.uk)

If you have any immediate questions or would like to discuss the event further then please do not hesitate to contact Jane & John Hudson on 01398 332089 (before 9.00pm) or by email to [johnhudson@endurancegb.co.uk](mailto:johnhudson@endurancegb.co.uk).

Would you be kind enough to forward this email on to the appropriate contact within each of the Riding Clubs in your Area so that we might achieve as much publicity for the event as possible? We are keen to promote endurance as a sport in which Riding Club members can compete alongside the other disciplines, so any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated. For example, we would be more than happy to organise an informal presentation on what is involved if there was sufficient interest.

*Regards*

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