

Congratulations on qualifying for the Championships this season!

Thank you for your entry, we have good entries for most classes which hopefully will provide some close-run competitive classes plus excitement and thrills - but please, no spills!

Below are a few notes to help you on your journey throughout the Championships.
Please refer back to the event schedule too, there is a lot of useful information in there as well!

Information Updates

We will keep you updated throughout the weekend in all these different ways:

- ICD-UK Website
[ICD Championships 2024 - Live Updates](#)
- Event Noticeboard by the indoor collecting ring near the Cafe
- Updated scores on screens at various points around the main arena.
- WhatsApp group which will share updates
Updates – ICD-UK Championships 2024
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GE4NfbTmJ8zDYuP9gBuWgB>



Directions

Arena UK, Allington, Grantham, Lincolnshire. NG32 2EF
What3words - film. landscape. hound

All competitors must use the A1 to access Arena UK – there is direct access from the Gonerby Moor, North Grantham interchange on the A1. (Grantham Services).
Follow signs to Equestrian Centre, the venue is approximately half a mile from the A1

From the A1

Take the B1174 exit towards Grantham/Gt.Gonerby/Downtown/Allington
At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Gonerby Ln
In about ¹/₂ mile Turn right into Arena UK (look for tall white gateposts)





Arriving at Arena UK

Please do not arrive before 1pm Thursday 18th April.

Upon arrival, please sign in with the Arena UK stable management team who will direct you to your stable(s) if booked, and to your parking area (tell them if you have booked Electric Hook up).

For those with stables booked, you will be asked for a cleaning deposit (£20), the stables should be empty when you arrive, please speak directly to the stable management team if you are not happy with your stable before moving in. When you leave, ask the stable management team to check your stable to get your deposit returned. Last year we were complimented on how good our people were at leaving tidy stables – let's keep it up!

IMPORTANT: For those allocated a stable by the indoor arenas, please note that the exit onto the walkway that leads to the main arena has been closed, this is for the safety of all. Please use the exit at the other end of the stables – thank you.

Your lorry/caravan/motorhome must carry a 3-litre (minimum) fire extinguisher, which must be easily obtainable at all times i.e. near the groom's door or vehicle entry. Fire blankets are also recommended near cooking equipment. Please remember to leave 5m between camped vehicles to provide a fire break.

Competitor Information Packs

Please collect your competitor's information pack from the Secretary's office.

You will find the office in the main arena building, next to the café, there is a walkway along by the side of the café, continue to the end where you will find us.

Secretary Opening Hours: Thursday between 3 - 6pm : Friday to Sunday 8am to 6:30pm

Remember to bring your horse/pony passport with you for checking if you have not sent a copy online.

Remember your **Number Holder Bib** please, numbers will be provided. We much prefer back-steppers to wear bibs than to have the numbers attached to the carriage – it's easier to see who you are. Small Pony drivers must wear a bib if their groom is not on the carriage – numbers front and back.

Emergency Contact – if your animal (or vehicle) has a problem we want to find you quickly. Please fill in the emergency contact form, and place it on your vehicle windscreen, There will also be an emergency contact sticker for the stable door.

Catering

Thursday

There is no catering on site.

There are local takeaway's that will deliver but we recommend checking before you order.

Friday & Sunday

Café will be open 8am to 5.30pm.

Main Bar for meals in the evening (Friday)

Chairman's drinks in the bar at 6pm

Saturday

Café will be open 8am to 5.30pm.

Social evening serving meals in the Marquee are by pre-paid ticket only.

Drinks from 6:15pm, Food will be served at 7pm with the raffle drawn after.

The bar will be open in the Marquee for your evening tippie so please join us for a drink.

For those with a sweet tooth, we are told you can order dessert on the night!



Safeguarding

Please note that the videoing and photographing of under 18-year-olds at ICD-UK Events is not permitted without the consent of the parent or guardian who are able to endorse the intended use of the images.

The photographer and Horse & Country TV are exempt as the intention of images is understood. Any person not wishing to be recorded please go to the Secretary's office.

Safety

- We are all individually responsible for the safety of ourselves and each other, whether driving, helping, or watching.
- Please listen to our Crew who will direct you as efficiently as they are able to.
- Please be patient, it can be challenging to get everyone to the right place on time, let's be kind.
- Keep the speed down when moving between arenas and stay aware of your surroundings.
- Do not 'rush' into the main arena, drivers entering cannot see all the arena where there will be crew on foot. Proceed with caution please!
- Report any problems promptly to the Secretary or ask a Crew member (with a radio) to call the TD or Safety Officer.

Warmup Arenas

The warmup can be a daunting place with drivers you might not know, all wanting to do their best.

We ask that you follow these 'rules of the road' when using the warmup.

1. Listen to the ICD-UK Crew and do as they ask – quickly!
2. Always be polite and respectful – volunteers enable you to compete, whatever the weather
3. Give other drivers room - cutting people up and rushing up from behind isn't kind or safe.
4. Be aware of other drivers, backsteppers particularly need to be vigilant on behalf of their driver.
5. Let the faster drivers have the outside track, walkers on the inside. Do not halt on the track.
6. Pass other drivers left hand to left hand whenever possible.
7. Think about where you are standing, don't block the entrance / exit.
8. If another driver is having difficulties, stop immediately and if practical put your backstepper down and go to horses' head.
9. Please pick up your dung – either at the time or go back afterwards please.

Outdoor Arena 5

For exercise from Thurs afternoon (No other arenas) – please pick up dung.

Warmup including faster work (i.e. canter)

Outdoor Arena 4

Collecting ring for both P&P and Obstacles

Maximum speed limit is trot.

Please do not arrive at the collecting ring no more than 30 min before your P&P time.

Indoor Arena 2

Will also be used as an Obstacle collecting ring once the P&P has completed on Saturday.

NOTE: Our Crew will direct you from the Outdoor Arena 4 collecting ring to where you need to be



Welfare of the horse

The ICD-UK Committee takes the welfare of the horse and Social License to Operate (SLO) very seriously.

Katy Stewart has been appointed the Equine Welfare and Safety Officer for the Championships. Working with the vet and judges, drivers will be observed throughout the championships and any occurrence of horses being unduly pressed, either physically, such as excessive use of a driving aid (whip) or verbally or reckless driving will be addressed promptly. Any person wishing to raise a matter of equine welfare please reach out to Katy or to the Secretary's office.

ICD-UK supports the British Equestrian's Charter for the Horse

www.britishequestrian.org.uk/equine/ethics-and-welfare

Competition Notes

P&P

Indoor arena 2 is quite short, you may need to prepare 'enter from A' from the lorry park.
The Crew will help to make sure there is space for you. Take care of the 'bump' on entering!

Cones

Wait for the bell before you start the cones course.
Don't worry about the timing screen not being reset, it will start when you break the beam.

Just for Fun! We are delighted to say you are able to drive the cones a second time.
Immediately after your official timed round, if there are no hold-ups, drive the cones again.
You cannot 'come back later' - it is a one-time offer!

Obstacles

Obstacles will be open for walking by 11am on Friday – check noticeboard / WhatsApp group
The same 2 obstacles will be driven twice by all competitors, they will not change all weekend.
Wait for the bell to ring before you start the first obstacle – no need to rush into the arena!
Don't worry about the timing screen not being reset, it will start when you break the beam.

Championship Classes

In response to the feedback that we received, the alignment of classes has been updated to clarify the rulebook wording and was widely published in January ahead of the championships.

The Champion and Reserve Champion for each class is automatically put forward to one of the Overall Champion or Supreme Champion for their section – Overall Novice Champion, Overall Intermediate Champion, Supreme Small Pony Champion, and Supreme Champion.

Novice Small Pony	Overall Novice Champion
Novice Pony	
Novice Horse	
Intermediate Small Pony	Overall Intermediate Champion
Intermediate Pony	
Intermediate Horse	
Open Small Pony	Supreme Small Pony Champion
Small Pony Pair	
Novice Junior	Novice Junior Champion
Open Pony	Supreme Champion
Open Horse	
Pony Pair	
Pony Tandem	
Pony Team	
Veteran	

Best Turned Out

Will you win the lovely Elegance Perpetual Cup? Sponsored by JS Teamwear Ltd, this award will go to the turnout that is clean, tidy and gives a glowing impression of safe, smart workmanship. You never know who or when they are watching.....



General Information

The Main Arena is always locked overnight, the opening hours are 7am to 9:30pm – please co-operate with the Arena UK team politely.

There are ample toilets around the venue plus showers near the main arena pedestrian entrance. PLEASE leave clean and tidy, just the way you would like to find them. Thank you.

If you need regular medication, please remember to bring sufficient to last you for the duration of the weekend and maybe a day extra just in case of emergency requirements. If you are diabetic or taking Warfarin, please let us know so that we are aware if a medical emergency occurs.

NO bicycles or scooters allowed on site with the exception of mobility scooters.

Dogs are welcome but must be on lead at all times, please waste bags put into the bins, not hung on hedges or forgotten on tow hooks please.

Please note that dogs are not permitted to 'walk' the cones or obstacles (or P&P arena) - sorry!

Please ensure your horse/pony(s) are well shod, a Farrier on call will be available at your cost, if a farrier is not on site when required.

BBQ's or BBQ type outdoor cooking is not permitted in the lorry park / camping areas.

Horse & Country TV and Photographer

H&C TV will be filming the obstacles on Saturday and Sunday. Friends and family not coming to Arena UK can pay to watch ICD-UK Championships or longer subscriptions – www.horseandcountry.tv

The on-site Photographer will be able to print photos while you are there - www.atgphotography.net

Raffle – supporting the Rare Breeds Survival Trust

This year we are running a Raffle with all funds donated to The Rare Breeds Survival Trust. We are looking to achieve a £1000 donation for the RBST, who work very hard for the rare breeds. The UK has 14 native horse and pony breeds, of which 12 are considered rare. Many of the native breeds we drive today, taking part in ICD-UK events all over the UK, are on the RBST watchlist.

To read about the work of RBST please check out the website. <https://rbst.org.uk>

If you have not purchased your tickets online it is not too late, tickets will be available at the Championships at just £5 a strip from the information desk, find Dick Lane or at the Secretary's Office. There are some excellent prizes to be won. The list of prizes can be found here - [Raffle Prizes](#)

The Raffle will be draw on Saturday Evening after the meal.

We all look forward to greeting you at Arena UK very soon.

We hope you have fun and wish you good luck!

The Indoor Team

Venue Map

Please stick to the yellow one-way system when moving from Warm up to P&P and then to Cones.
The venue has some blind corners, especially going into the Indoor Arena 1

Please pay attention to our Crew who will give instructions – they might be aware of something you cannot see yet!





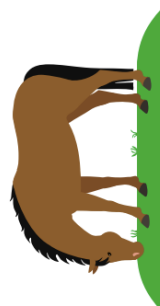
THE CHARTER FOR THE HORSE

As responsible members of the equestrian community, we pledge to this charter for the ethical and fair treatment of all horses and other equids under our care.



Empathy

Recognising horses are intelligent and emotional beings, we always prioritise their mental and physical health and overall wellbeing.



Care

Throughout their entire life, during exercise and rest, we offer horses a secure and suitable setting to create positive experiences that address their social, behavioural, nutritional and physical needs for a high quality of life.



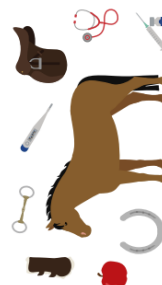
Respect

Through compassionate, mindful, patient and empathetic interaction, we foster positive relationships with horses based on trust and respect.



Consideration

Each horse is an individual, and we strive to understand and meet their specific needs, including how they learn. We don't push horses beyond their health, fitness or ability levels, and we never let competitive or commercial influences compromise their welfare.



Ethics

In all our equine interactions, whether for leisure, training or sport, we adhere to the highest standards of equine welfare, safety, equipment, veterinary care and biosecurity, always guided by ethical principles.



Learning

Through continuously improving our equine knowledge, we evolve our behaviours based on education and informed advice from qualified professionals and the broader equestrian community.