

Endurance GB South and West Wales Group

Pembrey Ride – Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April 2018

Welcome to the Pembrey ride. Thank you for your entry.

Rider Name:	Rider Number:	Class number:
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Venue: Towyn Canol fields, adjoining Penybedd Farm. SA16 0HX

Venue Directions: Leave Carmarthen on the A484 toward Kidwelly. After passing Kidwelly continue on the A484 toward Llanelli, Pembrey and Burry Port. You will see a turning for Pembrey airfield and racetrack on your right. The turning to the venue is the next right after the airfield turning.

If coming from the M4, leave at J48 (Hendy) and follow the A4138 toward Llanelli (there are brown tourist signs for Pembrey country park from here – follow these). Continue through Llanelli until you reach Parc Trostre, here take the A484 off the roundabout toward Kidwelly, Pembrey and Burry Port. Continue past the entrance to Pembrey Country Park. As you leave the village of Pembrey there is a layby on your left, a bus stop on the right and the turning to the venue is on the left opposite the bus stop.

As you turn off the main road you go over a level crossing **Please proceed with care as there are NO barriers on this crossing.** Turn left to follow the track after the crossing, this single track takes you to the venue field. The venue will be sign posted from the main road. The track to the venue is single track so please keep your speed down and be courteous to the people who live there and other drivers. Thank you

Ride classes

Saturday		Sunday	
Class 1	2 day 80Km (2x40km)	Class 10	40km Open
Class 2	2 day 64km (2x 32km)	Class 11	40km Novice
Class 3	40km Open	Class 12	32km Open
Class 4	40km Novice	Class 13	32km Novice
Class 5	32km Open	Class 14	32km PR
Class 6	32Km Novice	Class 15	22km PR
Class 7	32km PR	Class 16	18km PR
Class 8	22km PR		
Class 9	18km PR		

Block vet time

Saturday	Times		Sunday	Times
Class 1, 3 & 4	9-9.30am		Class 1, 10 & 11	9-9.30am
Class 2, 5 & 6	9.30-10am		Class 2, 12 & 13	9.30-10am
Class 7	10-10.15am		Class 14	10-10.15am
Class 8 & 9	10.15-10.45am		Class 15 & 16	10.15-10.45am

Venue information: Please see separate sheet for venue layout.

Please note - There is limited water available (priority for those corralling) at the venue so please ensure that you have enough for your requirements. The field has been grazed over the winter by sheep so there isn't an abundance of grass for corralled horses, so again, ensure you bring enough hay/ feed for your horse for the weekend.

Please read the Ride Safety Brief on the notice board before riding. It is most important that you carry your map and pay attention to which check points are on your route. There are repeat loops on some routes and the check point stewards are not able to give you directions. Please show your map to the timekeeper. **No map = No Start**

New rules: **Medical cards** if used by riders must be left with the ride secretary, with your Rider No. and Name on the envelope please. **Blood tests now may be taken at any Endurance GB ride, at any level.**

Pre ride: Upon arrival at the venue, before unloading your horse, please go to the ride secretary's office (caravan) and hand over your MasterCard. You must show both your horse's current registration card and your membership card. Check the notice board for any route changes and ride notices. Collect your bib, labels for yourself and horse.

Please present your horse to the farrier before vetting. Horses must be presented for vetting in a head collar or a bridle but no saddle, no boots or bandages, and must be under control at all times. Please fill in the top sections of the vet sheet before presenting to the vets. You may start the ride within 30mins of vetting.

Vet Gates: If riding into an overnight hold (class 1 &2), please finish at the main start/ finish and collect your vet gate time card. You must then present to the vet within 20mins to go into an overnight hold. Represent to the vet on Sunday morning at you're your appointed time.

Crews: Please note there is no crewing on this ride as it is within Pembrey forest with no vehicle access except for officials. There will be manned water station which all routes will pass more than once.

During the ride: Please read the information carefully

After starting the ride, you pass through a small area of forestry before joining the main “driveway” into Pembrey Country Park. There is a tarmac path separate from the road but this is used by walkers and cyclists as well. Please be courteous, walk past other users or give way to them as necessary, this is also a 2 way section of the ride. **PLEASE DO NOT** ride on the grass verges here. It is only a short section until you have miles of good going to enjoy. We really don't want to upset any of the locals and jeopardise the future of this ride. Your co-operation is appreciated.

The winter storms have left the access points down the sand dunes on/ off the beach quite steep, it's only a very short section and the sand is soft but please take care. When riding on the beach, the dry sand closer to the dunes is very soft and deep, please head out onto the wetter sand which is firm and beautiful to ride on. The beach section is approximately 2k long so please look out for the markers on your left to direct you across the dunes and off the beach (there is a Wales Coast Path Footpath sign at this point).

Once you leave the beach there is a short 2 way section, the concrete surface can be slippery so please proceed with caution, there is a grass verge here which can ride on if you wish.

The ride will be marked with orange paint arrows on the ground, marker boards and information boards at route splits. Markers arrows will be on your left.

During a ride your whereabouts on course are monitored. If you have an accident/ emergency/ need the farrier – telephone the emergency number [on map and labels]. We will send appropriate help. If you retire on course or take a short cut for some reason, **you must tell us or we will be looking for you!!** If you need assistance on course the checkpoints can radio the venue for you. It is your responsibility to ensure all checkpoints have your rider number as you pass.

Any shoeing costs or veterinary treatment will be the responsibility of the rider and you must pay at the time or at the end of the ride.

End of ride procedure- for all riders: On arrival at the timekeeper, you will be given a card with your time in, (finish time). **You must present to vetting within 30 minutes of the time in.** Wilful late presentation incurs penalties under Rule 14.7, so if a rider is late for vetting, the vet steward will note this in the comments on the vet sheet so that the Technical Steward can take the necessary action when completing the paperwork at the end of the ride. Pleasure ride classes only need trot up at final vetting, again without the saddle.

At least 30 minutes after the post ride vetting you may return your number bib and collect your results. Please be patient if you have to wait longer, as it can get very busy!

Refreshments: There will be catering at the venue on both days.

Photography: Nicky Rhodes photography will be in attendance, please show your support.

Accommodation: Camping and corralling is available at the venue. If you haven't booked and paid for this at the time of making your entry please contact us prior to your arrival. The venue field will be open from mid-afternoon on Friday the 20th of April. People staying in tents must erect the tent within the fenced off area away from corrals.

Corralling Rules

- Horses must have a head collar plus ID tag on at all times
- There must be an ID tag on the Corral or fencer unit, with emergency contact info for each horse eg rider name, vehicle, contact number and horse name
- Corral size approx. 5m square depending on available space and appropriate size poles, and minimum of 2 strands of tape
- Only one horse per corral
- A responsible adult must be in attendance at all times if rider not present. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure their horse is left safely
- Non-compliance may result in penalty

There are amenities locally at Pembrey and Burry port villages, shops, fish & chips, pubs etc. If you are leaving the venue, please nominate someone to be responsible for your horse and ensure you are contactable at all times.

Hats: Hard hats must be worn at all times when mounted with chin strap securely fastened. Hats must be of the following standard Hats which bear EN1384 or BSEN1384 with another standard from the below list, will be permitted. PAS015: (1998 or 2011) , VG1 01.0404: (2014 - 12) , ASTM F1163:(2004a or 04a onwards), SNELL E2001, AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards). Only short whips are allowed, no long whips or spurs.

A copy of the risk assessment will be displayed on the notice board and a Ride Safety Brief. A first aider will be at the venue and will attend to any incidents.

Have a lovely ride, enjoy yourselves, and please say a big thank you to all our hard working volunteer helpers.

Rules/ Health and safety. This ride is run under Endurance GB rules.

Reservation of Right. The organiser has the right to: a) Cancel the ride or any class. b) Alter the advertised time. c) Refuse any entry without stating the reason.

Disclaimer of liability. Save for death or personal injury caused by negligence of the Organisers and anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor Endurance GB, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury, or illness to horses, owners, riders, or spectators, Land or any person or property whatsoever whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or any other way whatsoever.

Health and Safety. The Organiser/ Organising Committee of this event has taken responsible precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organiser, Officials and Stewards.