

Inter Hunt Relay Competition 2026

The competition will be held on all three days of the 2026 Royal Cornwall Show in the Main Ring. Heats will be held on the first two days with the final on the third day.

Course Builder: Cheshire Show Services

Relay Prizes: To Team

Heats 1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20

Final 1st £250 and 'The Charlie Richards Perpetual Memorial Trophy', (E119)

2nd £80, 3rd £60, 4th £40

E120 'The Gillian Hosking nee Bishop Trophy' for the best Inter-Hunt Junior at the final of the Inter-Hunt Relay. Each junior member will wear an armband. To be won outright by the exhibitor winning it three times in succession or any four times.

Turnout Prizes: To Team

Heats & Final 1st £40, 2nd £30, 3rd £20, 4th £10

Entry Fee: £10 per team

Rules - Team Qualification:

1. Teams of four, all mounted.

All team members must hunt regularly and be subscribers with the hunt they represent. The team must be a mixed team of subscribers and include one junior subscriber (aged 12-16 years of age). Junior member not to be under 12 years of age on 1 June 2026.

Note: Each team member may represent only one qualification.

2. Teams must have a manager, who is not one of the four riding members.

3. Team managers will be required to attend a briefing earlier on the day of the competition and to accompany their team in the ring while they compete.

4. Two teams per hunt may be entered, however, the second team may be balloted out, depending on the overall number of entries received. If entering two teams, please indicate which is Team A and which is Team B. If a ballot is necessary, Team B will be the team to be balloted out.

5. There will be a ballot for teams to compete in the heats on either Thursday 4 June or Friday 5 June, with the final being competed for on Saturday 6 June. All teams will be advised of the day on which their heat is to be held.

6. Heats: pairs of teams will be drawn on the day. The two fastest teams, after penalties are taken into account, will go forward to the final on the third day.

Final: pairs of teams will be drawn on the day. The final will be run as a knockout. The two heat winners will compete for the first and second places. Those placed second in the heats will then compete for the third and fourth places.

7. Application for substitution of a rider or horse will only be allowed if accompanied by a medical or veterinary certificate or with the permission of the departmental steward.

8. Teams to be correctly dressed for a day's hunting. After the turnout judging safety headgear must be put on and only one hunting crop carried per team, but NO other changes of tack, dress or equipment are allowed. Judges of the turnout will be asked not to penalise teams whose horses are wearing boots and snaffle bridles instead of double bridles. (Horses do not need to be ridden in double bridles unless that is what they are normally hunted in). Boots may be worn for jumping phase but NOT the turnout.

Note: For the purpose of this competition the correct dress for juniors will be either tweed jacket, tie or coloured stock, jodhpur boots and relevant headgear or navy or black jacket with white or cream stock, jodhpur boots or long boots and relevant headgear.

9. The fences will be of working hunter type and obstacles are likely to include water (to be walked through) and a bullfinch. The two courses will be identical and set side by side. Choice of course will be decided between the two teams by the toss of a coin.

10. Competitors must be responsible and it is their responsibility to ensure that there is no outside assistance at any time during the competition. NO ONE IS TO TOUCH THE HORSE EITHER TO CALM OR ASSIST.

A hunting crop (the lash may be tied up), must be used as the baton and passed from one team member to the next. If a competitor from the team jumps the last obstacle and then passes the whip to the next competitor, who drops the whip, the competitor who is handing it over may dismount, pick up the whip and may, from the ground, give it to the next competitor. If the whip is dropped during the round, the competitor must dismount, pick up the whip and remount before continuing the round. At the judge's discretion a team member that has

three refusals at any one fence or after a fall has to be rescued by the next team member (rescue rider) who completes the round and then does his own round and the whip may be handed up from the ground at this time.

Knock downs will incur time penalties of four seconds for each knock down. Failure to pass the whip will incur elimination.

Any team which is eliminated cannot compete again in the competition.

11. Participants must not at any time put the good name of hunting and the entertainment value of the event at risk by riding in a thoughtless manner. Acts of indiscipline (including late arrival at the briefing) by a team, team member or team manager may result in disqualification.

12. All teams must declare their intention to compete. Declarations must be made by a team member no later than 12 noon on the day of the relevant heat and also for the final, if qualified, to a specified horse steward at the Main Ring Collecting Ring Office.

It would be of great help if the commentator's notes could be filled in as completely as possible with details of the hunt and members of the team.

Any changes to information given on the entry form in relation to actual team members or horses must be handed in, in writing, at the time of declaration, or preferably notified prior to the show date to the Show Office, Tel: 01208 814489 email: livestock@royalcornwall.co.uk.

Normal show rules, as published in the 2026 Equine Prize Schedule apply except where special rules are stated, as above, for this competition. Also we ask that each team member reads the Association's Privacy Policy & Animal Welfare Code which can be found on our website royalcornwall.co.uk.

Stabling:

Stabling contractors - Cheval Starbox Ltd.

Exhibitors requiring horse stabling must notify their requirements on or before Sunday 3 May.

Stabling can be booked at a cost of £46.00 per stable, per night, to include straw.

The horse stables are available for the following times:

Wednesday night bookings: 8am Wednesday until 6pm on the Thursday

Thursday night bookings: 6pm on the Thursday until 6pm on the Friday

Friday night bookings: 6pm on the Friday until classes have finished on the Saturday

Stabling will only be available on the night before / day of showing. All exhibitors must vacate stables by 6.00pm unless they have reserved the stable for other nights.

If stables are oversubscribed the Association reserves the right to restrict the booking of stables for those exhibitors only showing on one day.

Please note that stables are NON-TRANSFERABLE.

Equine Influenza:

Equine Influenza vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all equines (horses and ponies) attending the Royal Cornwall Show and random spot checks of passports are likely to be undertaken. The requirement for the first 3 vaccinations is as follows: the first 2 vaccinations 21 - 92 days apart, a third booster between 150-215 days, and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. No horse should enter competitions within 7 days of an EI vaccination. Foals should commence vaccinations at 6 months old.

To confirm all horses/ponies must have had their first two vaccinations to compete, and then if applicable be up-to-date with their annual booster thereafter.

Equine Passports:

It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to bring their horse passports with them to the show. Random spot checks are likely to be undertaken by enforcing agencies and if veterinary medical treatment is required.

Hats:

Hats to the following standard must be worn at all times whilst on the showground, this includes when in the ring, lorry park, practice or collecting areas. Current standards as listed: PAS 015 2011; VG1 2014-12; (BS) EN1384 2023; ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2001; SNELL E2016 and E2021 onwards. Such headgear must be worn with the chin strap securely and correctly fastened at all times. Skull caps must have a navy blue or black cover. Exhibitors showing within the Morgan, Iberian and Side Saddle/Astride costume classes are exempt from this rule at their own risk but are strongly advised that they should wear a hat as outlined above. Any variation to this ruling is solely at the exhibitors' risk. Morgan exhibitors are advised by their society to wear approved hats (PAS 015 2011 at least) but if they wish to wear straw hats during the judging of their classes it is at their own risk. Horse displays/demonstrations within the Main Ring and Countryside Ring are exempt from this rule but participants do so at their own risk, this exemption does not include the Inter-Hunt Relay and Showjumping classes.

General Conduct:

No horse may be exercised other than in a collecting ring.

No horse should be tied to the railings or left unattended at any time other than when securely contained within a horse vehicle or stable.

No exhibitor or their groom may ride one horse and lead another or if on foot lead more than one horse.

The bringing of companion horses/ponies is strongly discouraged but if such animals are present their behaviour and all matters relating to safety are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor bringing such animals to the show.

Anyone exhibiting a stallion must take adequate precautions to ensure the safety of other people and animals.

Passes:

Tickets and other information will be forwarded to the team manager by post in May. To confirm that each team will receive nine, one day admission tickets (two tickets per rider and one ticket for the team manager), together with four lorry passes (one for each rider). For teams that qualify for the final on Saturday, please collect tickets for Saturday from the departmental steward at the Main Ring Collecting Ring Office before leaving after your heat.

04/06/2026 09:00 to 06/06/2026 20:00

Inter Hunt Relay Heat - Thursday 4 June 2026

Ring: Main Ring

Judges

Bsja Judges (Judge)

Mr W Morton (Judge)

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Inter-Hunt Relay Heat - Friday 5 June 2026

Ring: Main Ring

Judges

Bsja Judges (Judge)

Mr T J Chalmers (Judge)

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190	Inter-Hunt Relay - Heat	