

## BARRIER TRIALS FACT SHEET

UK Barrier Trials are now so popular, we are regularly hosting 50+ horses each morning.

However, this has led to a review being necessary due to BHA bio-security requirements. Every stable used requires a deep clean which is labour intensive. This means that we are subject to a restriction for stabling - the number of stables available for use is :

LINGFIELD : 35 maximum  
WOLVERHAMPTON : 36 ideal (more may be available subject to demand)

Please read this update which explains the new structure :

- **THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE IS FOR JOCKEY / RIDER BOOKINGS**

All rider / jockey bookings to be confirmed **by 4pm TWO days prior to each trials** and names advised to Witheford Equine for inclusion on the online schedule

This will not only help trainers see which jockeys are available for booking but will eliminate complications caused by last minute slot changes due to jockey shortages

This should be achievable as it allows several hours after jockey bookings are made for race meetings

- Each morning to consist of 3 'divisions'  
Trainers sending 4 horses or less must have all horses in one division only but horses can be in separate slots  
Trainers sending 4+ horses may have horses in both divisions if necessary
- **Division 1 – slot times 08.05 / 08.30 / 08.55**  
Horses have access to stables from 06.30 and must depart as soon as they are able but with the aim to depart by 09.45
- **Division 2 – slot times 09.20 / 09.45**  
This would only be for a few horses and is for those with known stalls issues  
This will prevent these horses causing any delays. If appropriate, they can then jump out in a later slot
- **Division 3 – slot times 10.30 / 10.55 / 11.20**  
Horses have access to stables from 09.45
- Whilst we will still have a small overlap in stabling, hopefully this will not be for ALL horses and therefore we will be able to accommodate all horses within the current manageable limit of 35 stables
- Each slot in Division 1 & 3 can be for 10 horses which will allow 60 horses per morning
- This link will have final trials times and is updated regularly with any changes during planning :

[www.garywitheford.co.uk/ESW/Files/barrier.pdf](http://www.garywitheford.co.uk/ESW/Files/barrier.pdf)

## FAQ

1. Are all racehorses are eligible for these trials?

Yes, **all racehorses** are eligible whether they have previously run or are un-raced or awaiting a stalls test

2. How long is each slot and how many horses in each slot?

The slots are planned at 25 minute intervals. Horses are grouped according to experience and any horses with stalls issues are booked into separate groups. Each slot has up to 10 horses

3. Will you be on hand?

Yes, Witheford Equine will be in attendance along with the stalls handlers, veterinary surgeon and paramedic cover

4. How much is it per horse?

The cost will be £110/horse + VAT **based on 20 or more horses** and this includes :

- Use of stalls (at 6f furlong start)
- Gallop afterwards (6f start to winning line)
- Stabling in the yard
- Provision of Paramedics & Vet
- The team from Witheford Equine and Stalls Handlers

If fewer horses attend the charge will be £115.00 + VAT per horse

**Due to the complex planning required for each trials, all bookings are payable by BACS 48hrs prior to each trials. This is non-refundable due to the third party commitment required for each session**

5. Is there any paperwork?

Yes, all trainers will be required to agree to the respective Racecourse Terms and Conditions which are available to download [here for LINGFIELD](#) and [here for WOLVERHAMPTON](#)

6. Do you provide jockeys?

No, all trainers will need to provide their own groom(s) and jockey(s) although jockey shares may be possible by communicating with other trainers who have booked slots or via the WhatsApp Barrier Trials group

7. What do we do when we get to the racecourse?

**Horses & jockeys to be ready in the parade ring 10 mins before allotted start time**

8. How do I book?

It's really helpful if all bookings are made online [here](#)

(<http://www.garywitheford.co.uk/booktrials.html>)

Please be sure to advise us of the number of horses and your preference for date as indicated. It's also useful to know details about the horse(s) such as age and whether all your horses can go in the same slots so that we can plan accordingly.

Please contact Suze on 01672 811423 to arrange and discuss any queries.

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