



## Open Hoopers Show

Held Indoors at:

Cotswold RDA, Prestbury Park Racecourse,  
Cheltenham, Gloucs, GL50 4SH

# 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

1 indoor fenced ring approx. 30m X 20m

**Closing Date: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 or sooner if oversubscribed.**

Late online or on the day entries may be available but are not guaranteed. Capped at 260 runs

**Classes will run in order of schedule, Grades 1 & 2 start in the morning with Grades 3 & 4 finishing in the afternoon**

**UK Hoopers place with rosettes to a minimum of 3<sup>rd</sup> in all classes/sections.**

**Trophies/ Awards are presented to classes/ sections with 10 or more dogs.**

Please ensure you have registered on [Hoopers.online](https://www.ukhoopers.com) for online entries & results

For more information and full Rules and Regulations see [WWW.UKHOOPERS.COM](https://www.ukhoopers.com) or

[HTTPS://HOOPERS.ONLINE](https://www.ukhoopers.com)

Keep up to date, like **UK Hoopers** on Facebook for up-to-date information and/or join the **UK Hoopers – Everything Hoopers** community group.

**Entry Fees:** £4.75 per run. Late/on the day entries (if available) £5.50 per run

**Note: Trophies/Awards are based on pre entered numbers** – pre entering not only saves you money but also increases the number of awards to be won at this event as well as enabling us to plan the timetable. No postage charges apply, online paperless system used throughout.

**UK HOOPERS DOES NOT CHARGE MEMBERSHIP FEES. REGISTER AT [WWW.HOOPERS.ONLINE](https://www.ukhoopers.com) COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE.**

Show Managers – Sarah Fenby & Stuart Doughty

Please direct enquiries to the show manager on 07534 253 432 (calls/text only between 9am and 7pm or on morning of show from 8am) or via email [info@ukhoopers.com](mailto:info@ukhoopers.com)

Local Vet/Medic details available at the show. First Aid point: Show Office

## Class Schedule

Classes are expected to run in this order, however they are subject to change and the final ring plan will be issued in the week prior to the event at [www.hoopers.online](http://www.hoopers.online) Please refer to class numbers when entering.

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Class		Grade				
		1	2	3	4	Type
1	Hoopers	✓	✓			Combined
2	Hoopers	✓	✓			Graded
3	Nursery & Legends Hoopers	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	Parcours – Novice Championship Qualifier	✓				Graded
5	Parcours	✓	✓			Open
6	Nursery & Legends Parcours	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	HookedOnHoopers.com Speedstakes Qualifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	Open*
8	Parcours – Open Championship Qualifier		✓	✓	✓	Combined
9	Parcours			✓	✓	Graded
10	Hoopers			✓	✓	Graded
11	Hoopers			✓	✓	Open

## Class Descriptions

Hoopers – A course consisting only of hoops.

Parcours – A course containing any combination of allowable equipment.

Speedstakes – A fast and flowing course designed to test speed and accuracy.

## Grading

All standard classes have separate awards for Small, Large and Veteran dogs (Veteran & Veteran+ will be split if numbers allow). Open classes have 1 set of awards per class but will usually place to a higher number.

Combined – both grades of dog will compete together with results split into Small, Large and Veteran.

Graded– Separate awards for each section in each grade (Eg. G1 Small, G1 Large, G1 Veteran, G2 Small, G2 Large, G2 Veteran and so on)

Classes labelled with only one grade are graded classes which are open to dogs of that grade only.

**Please ensure you check your entry and select classes carefully, refunds will not be provided for entries into classes for which you are not eligible to run in.**

**NFC runs** are available. A handler may choose to run NFC (Not for Competition) in any class in which they are eligible to compete. The handler must inform the scribe/judge upon entering the ring before commencing their run. The handler then has 60 seconds ring time and may train in the ring. **NFA** (Not for Award) runs are also available, please see rules for further details. A silent toy may be carried in the hand when running in Grade 1, NFC or Nursery & Legends

## **Yellow Dogs**

Dogs requiring extra space are collectively referred to as Yellow Dogs (please see [www.yellowdoguk.co.uk](http://www.yellowdoguk.co.uk) for more). UK Hoopers are committed to providing a low stress, low arousal environment to help dogs become conditioned to sports competitions. If your dog requires extra space please ensure you tick the YELLOW DOG box on their hoopers.online profile. Yellow dogs queue separately to other dogs to allow everyone to help cater for their needs, they often run either first or last in a class. If you have a Yellow Dog you **MUST** wear an identifying yellow garment **AT ALL TIMES** around the showground – people won't be able to give you space unless they can identify that you need it. We implore all handlers to read the rule book carefully and provide additional space to dogs wearing yellow. Please note that it is not possible to create an entirely dog/person free environment at a competition and competitors are reminded to consider that there will be other dogs/people present at all times. Rulebook available at: [www.ukhoopers.com](http://www.ukhoopers.com)

## **Fenced Rings**

Rings will be fenced on 3 ½ sides at this event with an open entry and exit chute. Further to this, rings that join onto another, with a shared boundary, have an additional layer of fencing to create an enhanced visual barrier. Please remember that rings are fenced to provide a clear visual boundary, not to contain dogs, or as a substitute for appropriate training. It is your responsibility to ensure your dog is suitably trained to remain in the ring when competing.

## **Dog Section**

**Small** – Dogs with an ulna measurement of 15cm or less.

**Large** – Dogs with an ulna measurement of 15.1cm or more.

**Veteran** – Dogs 7-10 yrs. **Veteran+** - Dogs 10yrs or over. (Dogs may run as a Veteran or not at the handlers choice. Once a dog competes as a Veteran they will remain as such).

## **Awards**

All classes will place with rosettes to a minimum of 3<sup>rd</sup> place or to 20% of pre entries, whichever is higher. Clear Round rosettes will be available for unplaced, clear rounds (unplaced means no placing rosette is awarded). Prizes or trophies may be awarded based on pre-entered class numbers. Presentations will be made during the show, all awards must be collected before the show closes or shall be forfeited.

## **Full Rulebook**

Can be viewed at [www.ukhoopers.com](http://www.ukhoopers.com) competitors must read and understand the rules before entering and will be expected to comply at all times. The judges decision is final.

## **Online Entries, Info & Scoring**

Schedule and entries will be available via <https://hoopers.online>

Entries will close on the date advertised or if the entry cap is reached, whichever is soonest. Amendments after this time will not be possible.

At the show managers discretion, an event may accept either "Late" or "Pay on the Day" entries, or both. Late entries can be booked online via <https://hoopers.online> Pay on the day entries are made on the day of the event at the show office. Both Late and POTD entries are non refundable/non transferable as they have been made after the closing date of the event.

Online scoring will be used at this show. You can check results at [hoopers.online](http://hoopers.online) any errors, omissions or queries must be raised within 10 minutes of the class closing and all results being input. Competitors must not approach a judge whilst they are judging to discuss your score, please consult the rulebook before attending which details scoring, allocation of faults and progression.

Some classes (such as pairs) may be run **PAY ON THE DAY** you will register and enter these classes at the show office on the day.

### **Hoopers.Online**

Please ensure that you are registered (both handlers and dogs) at Hoopers.online – it is 100% free of charge.

Schedules – at [hoopers.online](http://hoopers.online)

Entries – at [hoopers.online](http://hoopers.online)

Show Information – at [hoopers.online](http://hoopers.online) in the week leading up to the event

Ring Status – during the show we will show live ring status for all rings at [hoopers.online](http://hoopers.online)

Live Results – results are entered immediately for each run and are visible at [hoopers.online](http://hoopers.online).

Please note – [hoopers.online](http://hoopers.online) is intended to be used for all info/scoring/ updates



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### **Level Classification**

Grade	UK Hoopers Eligibility	CHUK Equivalent*	Hooperholics Equivalent*
1	All dogs new to competition start here	Starters	Starters
2	Dogs who have earned 1200 or more progress points at Grade 1	Novice (Prev Beginners)	Improvers
3	Dogs who have earned 1800 or more progress points at Grade 2	Intermediate (Prev Novice)	Class C
4	Dogs who have earned 2500 or more progress points at Grade 3	Advanced (Prev Masters)	Class B
5	Dogs who have earned 3000 or more progress points at Grade 4	Masters (Prev Elite)	Class A
6	Dogs who have earned 3000 or more progress points at Grade 5		Class A+

\*For illustration/guide only

### **Food & Drink:**

There will not be on site catering available at this event, however there will be a small selection of snacks and hot drinks available on a self serve basis from the kitchen with an honesty box, please bring some change with you for payment.

### **Camping:**

Camping is not available for this one day show.

### **Directions to the Venue**

Cotswold RDA Centre is located within Prestbury Park Racecourse in Cheltenham, Postcode use: GL50 4SH

Google Maps: COTSWOLD RDA What 3 Words: [///hero.certified.trial](https://www.google.com/maps/@51.885,2.285,15z) Parking – Is on the “Ridge and Furrow” as you come down the hill and can see the arena directly in front of you, follow the road around to the left to the car park. Parking in front of the arena is reserved for officials and Blue Badge Holders, please do not park on the road.

### **Exercise Area**

There is a grassed area immediately between the arena and the car park, please ensure that all waste is picked up, bagged and taken home with you.

### **Help at Shows**

UK Hoopers has a really great team of volunteers who give back their time to the sport to create the most wonderful show days for everyone! If you think you’ve got what it takes to join Team Goose then get in touch, we offer some great perks but most importantly we have a great time too! If you don’t want to dive right in, but can spare a few minutes at shows, we can always make use of an extra pair of hands, even if just for half an hour.

### **Novice Championship Qualifier**

This class will count as one heat of the qualifying rounds. There are multiple qualifying heats throughout 2023 and 2024 and the dogs who have accumulated the most points once all heats have been run will be invited to the final in 2024 along with the top 3 dogs in each section of each heat. Only grade 1 dogs may qualify for the finals. Dogs who have since graded up into grade 2 will still be invited to run in the finals unless they subsequently qualify for the Open Championship instead.

### **Hooked on Hoopers Speedstakes Qualifier**

This class will count as one heat of the qualifying rounds. There are multiple qualifying heats throughout 2023 and 2024 and the dogs who have accumulated the most points once all heats have been run will be invited to the final, along with the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of each heat. This is a specials class and is open to any grade of dog.



### Open Championship Qualifier

This class will count as one heat of the qualifying rounds. There are multiple qualifying heats throughout 2023 and 2024 and the dogs who have accumulated the most points once all heats have been run will be invited to the final in 2024 along with the top 3 dogs in each section of each heat. Grade 2, 3 and 4 dogs may qualify for the finals. Dogs who have qualified in one grade, but since graded up will still be invited to run in the finals.

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