



Wednesday 6th – Sunday 10th May 2026

OWNERS AND ATHLETES

The following information applies to all Owners and Athletes.

START LIST

The Starting Order will be published on our website after the Draw which is at 1200 hrs on Tuesday 21st April. If an athlete has 2 or 3 horses, please remember that their order of starting is drawn as well, i.e., it cannot be requested / specified by the athlete. NB. This year the Draw will not be streamed on Facebook live but will be recorded.

CATERING FACILITIES AT BADMINTON

Inside the **Collecting Ring** there is a Snack Bar and TV Tent for Owners, Athletes and Grooms. In conjunction with EHOA we are again providing complimentary tea, coffee and soft drinks, there will also be a pay bar and a range of snack food to purchase. This is only open to those with ID Wristlets, i.e. connections of horses that actually start. It is open Thursday - Sunday.

Owners and Athletes have complimentary membership of the Brown & Brown Private Client sponsored **Badminton Members Enclosure** (at the south end of the Main Arena). Here snacks and full meals are served. A limited number of tables may be booked in advance **but may only be used for the duration of the meal**. This facility has closed circuit TV and private toilets – *please also see Owners & Athletes Documents*.

Please also note our details about the **Portcullis Club** (*see Owners & Athletes Documents*). A discounted price is on offer for Owners and Athletes and others, who already have car passes and admission tickets. Please see Booking Form for discounted prices and contact our Box Office on 01454 218375 and advise that you are an owner/athlete, to take advantage of these discounted rates.

NB: Athletes - The refreshment vouchers we give you (in £1 units) can be used anywhere on the showground, except the Directors Tent and Portcullis Club. They can also be used in the Stables Canteen, which is open for breakfast, lunch & supper from Monday evening onwards.

CARS ON SITE & SHUTTLE

This year again no cars at all will be allowed up into the Park, other than in the Central Car Park. There will be a golf buggy shuttle service from the stables and horsebox park to the practice arenas and collecting ring on *Wednesday* (9am – 7pm); *Thursday & Friday* (7am – 5pm); *Saturday* (7am – 6.30pm); *Sunday* (6.30am – 4.30pm).

CAR PASSES, BADGES & ID WRISTLETS

The subject of **Car Passes and Badges** is often emotive. - ID Wristlets for admission to Stables, Box and Collecting Ring will only be issued here at Badminton to those with horses actually running, as will the owners, athletes and grooms badges.

The special Car Passes that you will get, entitle you to bring in any number of passengers. However, all cars must be parked on site in the Central / Park Piece Car Parks or in the Owners / Athletes' Horsebox / Caravan Park, if you are actually competing, and **not** at the Collecting Ring, Stables etc. We will be providing Security on the Owners / Athletes' Horsebox / Caravan Park to ensure that only those with appropriate labels/badges/ID wristlets are permitted entry.

The badges also give admission to the ringside Badminton Brown & Brown Private Client Members Enclosure, and to the House side of the Horse Inspection area.

Here is a list of what you will automatically receive (as long as your horse competes):

- **Owners**
1 x **Central Car Park** Pass
2 Owners Badges /ID Wristlets to each Owner
up to a maximum of three owners per horse.
- **Athletes**
1 x **Athlete** and 2 x **Athlete Support Car Park** Passes – the **Athlete** pass is to cover the athlete / husband / wife / friend, extra groom; the 2 **Athlete Support Car Park** Passes can go to whoever you like, e.g. family, your trainer, equine therapist etc. or other friends.
4 Badges / ID Wristlets again to cover yourself / family / trainer / 2nd groom. Please do **NOT** give these to other connections (e.g. personal photographers) as they are not allowed into the stables or collecting ring. We will ask for the names of those receiving wristlets.
- **Groom**
1 Badge / ID Wristlet per horse.

ARMBANDS

On arrival at Badminton each competitor will be issued with 3 armbands, to be worn while walking the cross-country course. Please ensure you wear these. Anyone without an armband must walk **outside the string**.

STABLE PASSES

If the **athlete** particularly wants family or a sponsor to come into the Stables, you can come personally to the Event Organiser's Office and ask for a day pass. (NB. These passes will not be issued to anybody unless accompanied by the athlete).

VETERINARY SERVICES

Our onsite Veterinary cover will again be provided by the well-known B&W Equine Clinic. The Vets concerned will be John Killingbeck, Richard Hepburn and Ollie Crowe – all very experienced and specialist equine practitioners.

Antech and SOUND will be offering facilities which will include a mobile laboratory offering haematology analysis, electrolyte and blood gas analysis, a chemistry analyser and a statspin centrifuge; there will be video endoscopy equipment with specialist staff; digital radiographic equipment; ultrasonographic equipment and there will be a weighbridge in the Riding School Yard.

Please note that this year our veterinary team will again come round the stables on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and quickly listen to all horses' hearts while at rest. This should ensure that any irregularities can be discussed with you well before the horses are, as usual, checked again just before they start cross country.

Any veterinarian who wants admission to the Stables or to treat a horse in any way must complete an FEI PTV-PET Registration Form on arrival at the Event (See FEI PTV-PET Registration *in “documents”*) and be in possession of an FEI PTV Photographic ID Card, in order to be issued with the relevant “Badminton” ID Wristlet.

If you or your vet has any queries about the FEI Veterinary Regulations, please telephone Tim Randle, our Veterinary Services Manager for guidance (Tel: 07890 260971).

EQUINE THERAPISTS

See **FEI PTV-PET Registration Form** (*in Owners & Athletes Documents*). The FEI Veterinary Regulations require all PETs to be approved by our Veterinary Delegate and be supervised by a vet. Equine Therapists must also be in possession of an FEI PET Photographic ID card.

We will give those that register at the Event access to the stables (as previously). We will also give access to the Collecting Ring on Thursday, Friday & Sunday and the Cooldown Area (but not Collecting Ring) on the Saturday. Access to therapists will be limited to when your horse is in either area. Wristlets will be issued accordingly at the Event Organisers Office.

EHV-1 BIOSECURITY

Please see relevant document and make sure you are compliant with the requirements that are in place prior to your arrival at Badminton.

HORSES TRAVELLING FROM OUTSIDE THE UK

Please see document (Badminton Health Certificates 2026 – information for Athletes) with regard to obtaining horse export health certificates.

CUSTOMS FORMALITIES

Contact details for Customs Formalities:

Name: Peden Bloodstock Ltd
Address: Dogtails, Borough Court Road, Hartley Wintney, RG27 8JA Hampshire, Great Britain
Phone: + 44 (0) 1252 844042
Email: shipping@peden.co.uk

Peden Bloodstock will advise on and co-ordinate, all import and re-export formalities. Please contact Peden at your earliest convenience and a minimum of approximately one month before travel so that they can provide you with the necessary advice regarding health certification and customs well in advance.

Due to Brexit – import, export and customs arrangements are now very different.

Peden Bloodstock will only arrange export documentation if requested to do so in advance.

All charges are to be settled directly with Peden Bloodstock by the rider or their representative prior to departure from the event.

Peden Bloodstock are able to offer competitive rates on the main ferry routes and Eurotunnel.

Please contact Peden for further information.

SADDLERY

‘The Saddle Man’ will generously be providing an emergency saddlery repair service, free of charge to all athletes. Please contact Stable Managers for times and availability.

HUMAN PHYSIOTHERAPIST

As for 2025, there will be a human physiotherapist on site. Further details will be included in the information sent out just prior to the event.

OWNERS & ATHLETES HORSEBOX / CARAVAN PARK

As for 2025, the Owners and Athletes horsebox/caravan parking will be together in one field.

Athletes (that compete) are automatically allocated one site. (NB: I am afraid if an athlete withdraws, a site will not be available).

Owners – Strictly reserved for registered owners only – see separate document.

Electrical Hook-Ups

Athlete, One hook-up will be complimentary.

Owners, please see separate document.

WITHDRAWALS

Because we simply do not have room, I am afraid we cannot allow athletes or owners of withdrawn horses to have a site in the Owners / Athletes “Horsebox / Caravan Site”.

WEB SITE

If any athlete or owner would like a link from our website to theirs, please contact Suzy Stephens (suzy.stephens@badminton-horse.co.uk).

FIRST HORSE INSPECTION

Once again HiHo will be providing a prize for the best dressed athlete – both male and female, so start working on an appropriate outfit! NB: However appropriate footwear should be worn.

BADMINTON RETREAT

The Badminton Retreat offer luxury accommodation on the cross country course at Huntsman’s Close very convenient to the stables, please visit their website www.badmintonretreat.co.uk. They also have a great restaurant and bar that everyone is welcome to visit. If you would like to book a table, please email restaurant@badmintonretreat.co.uk.

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATION (ETA) TO ENTER UK

Owners/Grooms/Athletes travelling to GBR from abroad.

The UK government has introduced an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) scheme for all visitors to the UK, an ETA is a digital permission to travel and if you are not a UK or Irish national, you may need one to enter the UK.

What you need to know:

All visitors who are not UK or Irish nationals will be required to purchase an ETA before they travel to the UK.

An ETA will cost £16 (£20 from April 8th 2026) per applicant and will be linked to your passport.

It will permit multiple journeys and will be valid for two years or until the holder’s passport expires, whichever is sooner.

If this applies to you, you will need to complete this process online yourself. Please visit [APPLY FOR AN ETA](#) and make sure you have the correct documents before you travel.

If you do not have the correct documents, you might not be able to travel.

Jane Tuckwell
Event Director

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