



East Sussex Cycling Association

50 mile Reliability Trial

Sunday 28th April 2024

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The 2024 Reliability Trial for the ESCA Rally Shield will be held over a 50 mile course, with the start and finish at the **Hapstead Hall 13 High St, Ardingly, Haywards Heath RH17 6TB**

Riders can choose one of the three times for the event:

4 hours with the first group off at 8:30am

3½ hours with the first group off at about 9:00am

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Groups of no more than 15 riders go off at 5-minute intervals to complete the course in the time declared. Start times are approximate and may change depending on entry numbers.

For the 2024 event a change of rules is being applied with a points system introduced to determine the winning ESCA club. Each rider to validate their ride will score points:

3 hours – 3 points

3.5 hours – 2 points

4 hours – 1 point

The club with the greatest number of points will be declared the winner.

In the event of a tie, the club with the largest number of successful finishers in the shortest combined time will be declared the winner. If still tied, then largest number of successful riders will be taken into account.

A written route guide as well as a GPX file will be supplied with the start sheet for those who wish to take a traditional approach or ride with GPS. The route can also be downloaded here:

<https://connect.garmin.com/modern/course/247884500>

Entry Fee £8.00

Closing Date Friday 19th April 2024

Enter Online Rider HQ: <https://www.riderhq.com/events/p/7ztahc90/enter2>

Please note once the order of start has been published riders cannot change the group they have entered, or their ride time, please liaise with your club mates before submitting your entry!

You will be required to sign on no later than 10 minutes before your start time.

At the signing on point you will be given a control card to carry with you during the trial. Your control card **must** be completed with correct answers from the two secret control points and the control card must be handed in **by each individual rider** to the timekeeper/checker at the finish for your official finishing time to be recorded.

Your completed control card will be used to validate your ride and determine points awarded

By signing on you confirm that

- Your name and club have been correctly recorded
- You agree to ride in a safe manner in accordance with the law
- You agree to place no liability on the organiser, ESCA or VC Merlin
- You are a member of an ESCA affiliated club

The usual rules for reliability trials will be applied

- You must complete the course
- Have your control card completed with answers from secret controls
- Hand your control card in to the timekeeper/checker at the finish to enter your finish time
- Your completed control card will be used to validate your ride
- You may not pass the finish earlier than 10 minutes before your allotted finishing time
- There is to be no racing between riders or teams

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