



<http://www.burghley-horse.co.uk>

USEFUL LINKS: HOME <<http://www.burghley-horse.co.uk>> ENEWS SIGN UP <<http://www.burghley-horse.co.uk/News/eNews.asp>> ACCREDITATION <<http://www.burghley-horse.co.uk/Media/EventAccred.htm>> FIRST TIME BURGHLEY <<http://www.burghley-horse.co.uk/Info/Prima.htm>> MEDIA CONTACT <<http://www.burghley-horse.co.uk/Media/MediaContact.htm>>

Changes afoot at Burghley

Following discussions with Captain Mark Phillips, course designer for The Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials (3-6 September), and several key players in the sport, Burghley has made the decision to reduce the time, and accordingly the distance, of this year's cross-country course.

The optimum time will be around 10 minutes 30 seconds to complete the 4* track, which will now run over a distance of approximately 6,000 metres. This represents a reduction of approximately 1 minute in the time allowed and 600 metres in the distance of the course. The ratio of jumping efforts – one to every 145 metres – remains the same.

“It is my belief that we often see less attractive pictures of horse and rider combinations after the 10 minute mark. Making this change therefore means that horses and riders will have jumped the last combination before reaching that stage” said Captain Phillips.

Elizabeth Inman, Director of The Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials, said, “At Burghley we are leading the way to show that 4* eventing can, within these parameters, produce an exciting competition, a good image for the sport as well as a great day's entertainment for our many visitors. Mike Etherington-Smith, Chief Executive of British Eventing, is fully supportive of this and hopes it will provide riders with an opportunity to get a feel for a 4* track over a slightly shorter distance.”

This year The Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials will also welcome back Giuseppe Della Chiesa as Technical Delegate. The 51 year old Italian, was previously TD at Burghley in 2003-2005. He has officiated at many international events including last year's Olympic Games in Hong Kong and was course designer at the 2007 European Championships in Pratoni.

For further information regarding The Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials contact the Press Officer,
Bridget Jennings on 01458 250 200, or email burghleypress@jbpromotions.co.uk
For general information regarding The Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials and ticket information visit www.burghley-horse.co.uk <<http://www.burghley-horse.co.uk>>