

# WHAT IS A HUNTER PACE?

A hunter pace is a low-key competitive event derived from foxhunting. Teams of two or three riders follow an outdoor marked course laid out over terrain which is meant to simulate the riding conditions encountered during a foxhunt—that is, a mixture of gaits that a foxhunter typically uses as a fox's scent is found and followed by hounds through open country and along wooded trails. Prior to the event, the organizers send an experienced horse and rider to ride the trail as fast and as *safely* as possible thus setting the ideal time for both the Hunter and Hilltopper divisions. The team in each division which completes the course in a time closest to the ideal is placed first.

## GUIDELINES

- A Hunter Pace is not a Steeple Chase, all jumps are optional.
- Ride single file.
- Keep a horse length between all horses.
- Pull over to allow others to pass.
- Know your horse's resting temperature, pulse and respiration.
- Check in for a 3 minute hold at the half-way mark.

