

# Isle of Wight Hedgelaying Competition

## Conditions of Entry

1. Any person may apply to enter the **Open** category.
2. Entrants to the **Novice** category must not have won any hedgelaying cup or prize more than twice.
3. The **Team** category may consist of up to four persons, of whom no more than one can be ineligible for the Novice category. Teams only may receive guidance during the competition but the tutor must not undertake any of the actual work.
4. The **Hand Tools** prize is open to any individual or team from any category. To be eligible the individual or team must lay their stretch without any use of powered tools.
5. No person under 16 years of age on the day of the competition may enter except by special arrangement with the organisers.
6. The competition organisers reserve the right not to accept any application for entry to the competition.
7. In the event of the number of competitors exceeding the number of pitches available, those who returned their entry details first shall be given priority. No entrant is guaranteed a pitch.
8. Competitors must be on site to register by 0930, and ready to cut at 1000. Late entrants may be accepted at the Judges' discretion and subject to pitch availability.
9. Pitches will only be allocated by drawing of lots or under the direction of the Judges.
10. Any instruction given to a competitor by the Judges or Organisers before or during the competition must be complied with.
11. Use of any normal tool is permitted, including chainsaws.
12. Spectators will be close to the competition area at all times. Competitors must make all reasonable efforts to work safely and protect themselves, other competitors and the public. In particular, **competitors must wear appropriate safety clothing** (when using or alongside a chainsaw this must include chainsaw trousers/chaps; chainsaw boots; safety helmet, visor and ear protectors) and store tools and fuel safely.
13. Stakes and heathers will be provided by the organisers, and these must be the only stakes and heathers used.
14. No complaints about unfair behaviour, site or materials shall be considered unless they are brought to the attention of the Judges at the earliest practical opportunity.
15. Competitors and their work may be photographed and/or filmed by organisers, the public and the media. Competitors agree that their names, results, and any recording of them and their work on the competition day may be used freely and published for any purpose.
16. The Judges' decision will be announced after 3pm.
17. The prizes shall be allocated at the Judges' discretion. In the event that competitors fail to reach an adequate standard the Judges may choose not to award some or all of the prizes.
18. All cups and other trophies are the property of the IW Hedgerow Group and shall be returned to the competition organisers before the next Hedgelaying Competition or earlier if requested. Mainland competitors winning a trophy shall leave the trophy with the organisers and not take it away.
19. The competition is organised by IWHG on behalf of the Island 2000 Trust and the Island 2000 Trust provides public liability insurance for competitors and organisers on condition they comply with these conditions. No insurance for loss or damage to equipment or personal belongings is provided.
20. Competitors who, in the opinion of the Judges, fail to observe these Conditions may be instructed to quit the competition and/or leave the site.

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Address	
Telephone/email	

**Category of Entry (please delete as appropriate):    OPEN   /   NOVICE   /   TEAM**

**I wish to enter the Isle of Wight Hedgelaying Competition. I have read and agree to the conditions of entry.**

Signed:                      Date:

Names of Team Members (if any):

Please return this form or email a copy to **Matthew Chatfield, Secretary to IW Hedgelaying Group**, Gift to Nature, Shide Meadows Centre, NEWPORT Po30 1HR  
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