



RoR Showing at Middleham Open Day Friday 3rd April 2026

Schedule of classes and info

ABOUT

- The ARC Middleham Open Day is an annual Good Friday event in the historic North Yorkshire racing town, offering a behind-the-scenes look at premier training yards to raise funds for Racing Welfare. It features public access to trainers' yards to meet actual racehorses, followed by afternoon activities on Low Moor, attracting thousands to celebrate the sport.
- This is a fantastic opportunity for members to show how former racehorses can go on to second careers and how they are looked after when they have retired from racing.
- The classes will take place on the Low Moor to start the afternoon's activities and will take place in the main ring
- A brief history about each horse will be announced by the commentator
- Parking is available
- There will also be the opportunity for a 'Meet & Greet' whereby the public get to talk to you and your horse and learn more about your retraining journey and your horse's life past the post
- The showing classes offer members the chance to have a go at showing or even to get an early qualification 'in the bag'.
- To register for Competition Membership with RoR go to: <https://ror.org.uk/competition-membership>
- For RoR Showing Rules go to: <https://ror.org.uk/series/144067>
- Closing date for entries – 1st April at 4pm. No postal or late entries accepted.
- To enter:
https://horsemonkey.com/uk/equestrian_event/84996/RoR+Showing+at+Middleham+Open+Day%2C+Middleham%2C+North+Yorks%2C+DL8+4QY



Judge (classes 1, 2 & 3)

Miss Sally Beeden (Tadcaster)



Class 1: Tattersalls RoR Tattersalls RoR OPEN In-Hand Show Series Qualifier 2026

Class eligibility:

- Open to ALL RoR competition registered horses, 3yrs and over, fillies, mares and geldings. Handlers must be 15 years or over on the 1st of January 2026. Horses do not need to be shod to compete in the RoR Open In-Hand class. Horses can be shown in a bitless/In-Hand Bridle. Blemishes caused by racing will be ignored. All those entering horses and/or participating in the show agree to be bound by the Retraining of Racehorses Rules and Regulations from time to time in force. Handlers/grooms must wear a safety/kite mark hard hat with a chinstrap.
- Qualifications: The first three go forward to the final at The Jockey Club RoR National Championships at Aintree, August 22nd, 2026. The Highest Placed Veteran also qualifies for the Tattersalls RoR Open In-Hand Veteran Show final at the Jockey Club RoR National Championships on August 22nd 2026
- Prizes: RoR rosettes 1st – 4th plus Tattersalls RoR official merchandise voucher 1st £20, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Highest placed Veteran (15+) £10.
- Entry fee - £16.00

Class 2: Have A Go at RoR Ridden Showing

Class eligibility:

- Open to ALL RoR competition registered horses aged 4 yrs and over. Riders must be 15 years or over on the 1st of January 2026. RoR Showing rules apply re tack and turnout. Horses will not be ridden by the judge, shoeing rules will permit barefoot or partially shod and are as per British Dressage (plastic or glued on shoes are permitted but must not cover the heel area, hoof boots of any kind are not permitted nor any form of hoof cast or casting on the hoof). Blemishes will not be taken into account. Class will be judged under 'riding horse' format without type being taken into consideration.
- This class is not a qualifier for any other series or championship.
- Prizes – rosettes 1st – 4th and a small RoR branded prize to the winner.
- Entry fee - £16.00

Class 3: Tattersalls RoR Amateur Ridden Series qualifier 2026

Class eligibility:

- Open to ALL RoR competition registered horses, 4yrs and over, mares and geldings, owned, produced and ridden by an Amateur. Riders must be 15 years or over on the 1st January 2026. Horses should be ridden in a snaffle, Pelham or simple double bridle with a plain cavesson noseband. Horses should be plaited. Racing injuries and blemishes ARE IGNORED in this series.
- The Series is open to AMATEUR riders only – those employed in racing will be allowed to compete. Class will be judged under ‘riding horse’ format without ‘type’ being taken into consideration. The Judge will not ride in the qualifiers but will ride in the Final. Competitors/grooms must wear a safety/kite mark hard hat with a chinstrap.

Qualifications:

- The first three go forward to the final at the Hickstead Derby Meeting, June 21st 2026
- The winner also qualifies for the Tattersalls RoR Amateur Ridden Special at the Jockey Club RoR National Championships on August 22nd, 2026.
- Highest Placed Veteran qualifies for the RoR Ridden Veteran Final at Aintree on August 22nd 2026
- Prizes: RoR rosettes 1st – 4th + RoR Tattersalls official merchandise voucher 1st £20, 2nd £10, 3rd £5, Highest placed Veteran (15+) £10.
- Entry fee - £20.00

Amateur definition:

The rules are as in the rulebook with the following addition that an amateur may not show a horse owned or sponsored by a company or commercial firm. In addition, a person classed as an amateur must not be supported by a company in any way or act as a brand ambassador whether financially or in-kind. An amateur is a person who for the purpose of RoR classes does not/has not during the current season or previous season:

Engage(d) in breeding, livery, buying or selling, dealing or hiring horses in commercial capacity. Horses must not have been stabled at or reside in a Professional Producer's/Trainer's yard from January 1st, 2025. Riders must not have ridden any animals produced by a Professional/Trainer in the current or previous season. Horses and riders must not receive any help from a Professional Producer/Trainer at a SHOW in the current season. A rider who has ridden a Professional/Producer Trainer in the current or previous season must not have ridden horses at a show. Any breaches of this ruling will be taken seriously and will result in disqualification from future classes.

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