

# Tapes rise on Cheltenham fences

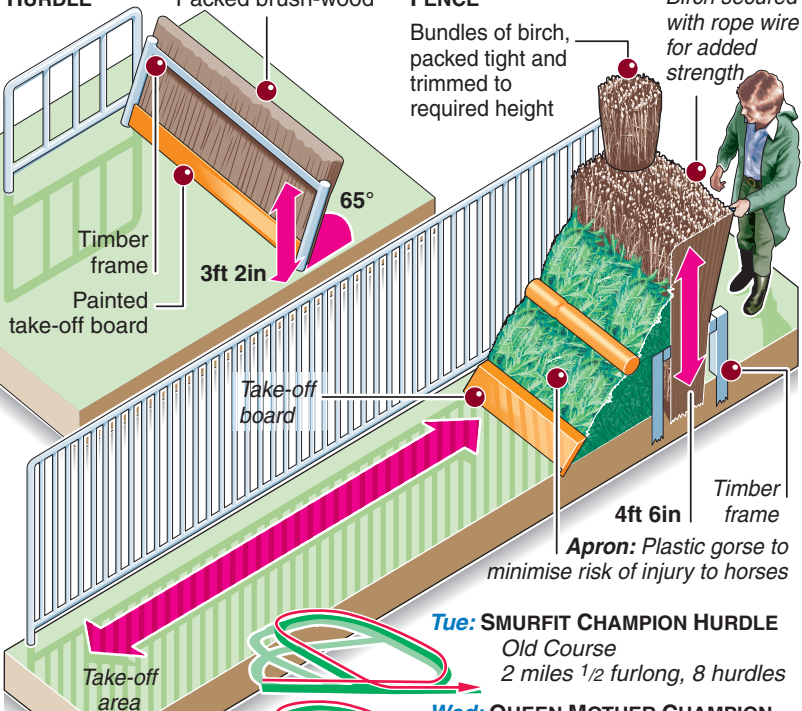
## HURDLE

Packed brush-wood

## FENCE

Bundles of birch, packed tight and trimmed to required height

Birch secured with rope wire for added strength



### Tue: SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE

Old Course

2 miles 1/2 furlong, 8 hurdles

### Wed: QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE

Old Course

2 miles, 12 fences

### Thu: LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE

New Course

3 miles, 12 hurdles

### Fri: TOTESPORT CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

New Course, 3 miles

2 1/2 furlongs, 22 fences

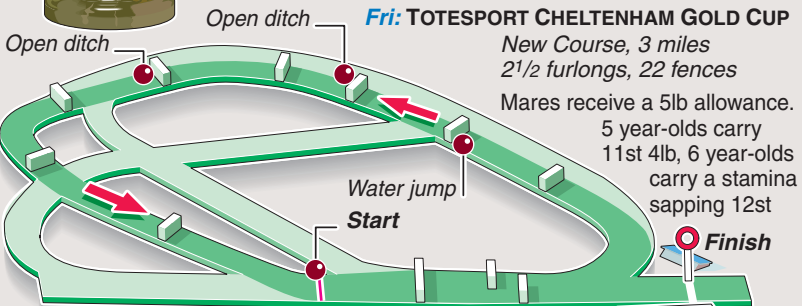
Mares receive a 5lb allowance.

5 year-olds carry

11st 4lb, 6 year-olds

carry a stamina

sapping 12st



Past results have seen the ill-fated **Best Mate** capture racegoers' hearts by winning the Blue Ribband event an amazing three times from 2002 – a feat not matched since **Arkle** took 3 Gold Cups in the 70's

