

## Quick Guide to Blue Cross Horse and Pony Care

### Senior Competition

- Senior teams to consist of three Members. Ages to be 14 – 25 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the competition year. One Member to be 16 years or under on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the competition year. Of the remaining two Members, one may be between 21 and 25 years of age of the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the competition year.
- Questions must be based on the Horse and Pony Care section of the C+ to AH level Test cards (can be ordered through the shop or accessed on the Pony club website)
- Examiners should be familiar with B Test standard
- Horses should be between 14.2hh and 16hh

### Junior Competition

- Junior teams to consist of three Members. Ages to be 13 years and under on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the competition year, with one Member to be 11 years or under on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the competition year.
- Questions are based on the Horse and Pony Care section of the D to C level Test cards (can be ordered through the shop or accessed on the Pony club website)
- Examiners must be familiar with C+ Test standard
- Ponies should be under 14.2hh

### Junior Competition

- Mini teams to consist of three Members. Ages to be 10 years and under on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the competition year, with one Member to be 8 years or under on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the competition year.
- Questions are based on the Horse and Pony Care section of the E, D and easier parts of the D+ level Test cards (can be ordered through the shop or accessed on the Pony club website)
- Examiners must be familiar with D+ Test standard
- Ponies should be as small as possible

Teams make their way around different 'stations', each of which will comprise of a different theory or practical based topic. Ten minutes are spent at each 'station', during which time Members are asked a series of questions to be marked by the Assessor. Dress should be appropriate to a working yard environment. Pony Club sweatshirts, shirt and tie, jodphurs, boots, gloves and hats are expected

Sample questions from the Pony Club website can be used as a revision tool, and a list of recommended reading is also included below.

Points will be allocated per section, as well as for the manner in which Teams approach the competition. One round will be chosen, at random, as the 'tie-breaker'. In the event of a tie, the Team with the highest score in that particular round will be declared the winners.

### Recommended Reading

Manual of Horsemanship  
Lungeing and Ground Training  
Pony Club Wall Charts  
Caring for a Horse and Pony  
Achievement Badge Buddies

The Pocket Guide to Equestrian Dress  
Achievement Badge Folder  
Stable Management DVD  
Stablemates Series (for Seniors)  
Efficiency Test Cards