



A Quick Guide to Organising a friendly 'Mini Horse & Pony Care Competition'

The following guide is designed to help you organise a friendly 'Mini Horse and Pony Care Competition' alongside your Area Qualifier, should you wish to run one. It is not compulsory to run a Mini competition, but it may help you bring in some further revenue and to further utilise your Examiners if entries are low.

The first pilot Mini competition was run in 2016 with success, so we have decided to extend the pilot for 2017 and offer the competition to all Areas who wish to run it. All we ask is for some feedback to help us improve it – and maybe, eventually, this will become another level of qualifying competition!

Competition Basics

Teams are to comprise of three Members aged 10 years and under, with one Member to be 8 years or under. *Questions will be based on the Care section of the E, D and easier parts of the D+ Tests.*

The competition is run in the same way as for Seniors and Juniors, but with a more 'friendly' emphasis on their learning to encourage future participation.

Although we would encourage them to dress in appropriate manner suitable for the yard work environment (this competition is good preparation for Area participation and Efficiency Test practice) it is not the end of the world, so please do not mark them down if that is they are unable to do so, as long as they are **safe**.

It is often handy to direct some questions to the youngest Member only, before opening up to all Members. This means they get a chance to have their say!

At this level it would be great to have participation rosettes, or some small 'prizes', for each Member to keep them keen and encouraged where possible.

Extra Information

An entry fee may be charged at the Organiser's discretion in order to help cover the cost of holding the event.

The time allocated for each round will depend on the number of Teams present at the Qualifier, and we advise that the competition does not last more than two hours.

We would advise approaching local Branches and Centres for suitable examiners at your Qualifiers. Your Area Representative has a list of suitable examiners for your Horse and Pony Care Qualifier. For this competition we are happy for you to utilise Accredited Coaches that you deem to be capable – and Mini friendly!!