

Quick Guide to Horse and Pony Care 2018

Competition Basics

The competition is split into two sections; Junior and Senior.

Senior Competition

- Senior teams to consist of three Members. Ages to be 14 – 25 years of age on the 1st January 2018. One Member to be 16 years or under on 1st January 2018. Of the remaining two Members, one may be between 21 and 25 years of age of the 1st January 2018.
- 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 1st January 2018, with one Members to be 11 years or under on the 1st January 2018.
- 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

Senior and Junior teams will make their way around different 'stations', each of which will compromise of a different theory or practical based topic. Ten minutes are spent at each 'station', during which time you will be asked a series of questions to be marked by the examiner.

Sample questions can be found under 'More Information' on the Horse & Pony Care section of The Pony Club website:
(http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/activities/activities_horse_and_pony_care_competition/).

The sample questions can be used as a revision tool, and a list of recommended reading is also included below. Team managers may also find it helpful to look at the Training section of our website under Instructors Resources where quick quizzes and questions can be found.

Dress should be appropriate to a working yard environment. Pony Club sweatshirts, shirt and tie, jodphurs, boots, gloves and hats are expected.

Scoring

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	The Pocket Guide to Equestrian Dress
Lungeing and Ground Training	Achievement Badge Folder
Pony Club Wall Charts	Stable Management DVD
Caring for a Horse and Pony	Stablemates Series (for Seniors)
Achievement Badge Buddies; such as Worm Control, Tack Cleaning, Lorinery	
Efficiency Test Cards (included within the Instructors Folders)	