



Centre Equitation Competition

Venue: **Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire, SY14 8AH**

Date: **Tuesday 22nd August 2017**

In brief

- Team equitation competition with dressage and show jumping phases.
- For teams of four. Two competitors from each age group - 12 and under, 13 and over
- Teams to bring two ponies/horses (team members to share ponies, each may only be ridden twice).

Entry fee – £110 per team

The closing date for entering a team: **30th June 2017**

Names of team members must be confirmed by **21st July 2017**

This is to ensure that all competitors are included in the Championship Programme and on the Championship clothing. Names provided after this date may not be included.

Entered teams will be contacted to register the team details in full after 30th June, and details for booking overnight stabling should you need it will be available online.

RULES 2017

This is a team equitation competition with dressage and show jumping phases. Both phases are held on grass.

Entries are restricted to 20 teams on a first come first served basis.

One team per Centre – second teams may be accepted nearer the date if we have space and we will operate a wait list.

1. Teams may be made up of 4 members. Teams of 3 may enter, in this situation all scores will count. Only one team per Centre may be entered initially.
2. Teams should consist of two members 12 years and under and two members 13 years and over. Age to be taken on 1st January 2017.
3. Please bring two ponies. All ponies used in the Centre Equitation Competition should be owned by the Centre or on long term loan to the Centre for use within the riding school.
4. Scoring. The top 3 scores in each team to count towards the team placing.
5. There will be team placings 1st to 10th and arena placings 1st to 10th.
6. Best Turned Out Teams - 1st to 6th
7. A Best Newcomer rosette will be presented per arena for those riders for whom this is their first visit taking part in the Centre Equitation.

Eligibility

- All competitors must be current Pony Club Centre Members.
- Competitors must be current **non pony owning** members of the Centre they are representing.
- Centre Plus Members are **not** eligible for this competition.

Competitor times will be provided online prior to the event.

THE COMPETITION

The competition comprises of one Equitation Dressage test and one Show Jumping round, both of which are marked on the rider's position and influence on the pony or horse.

Teams should have two team members aged 12 and under and two members aged 13 and over.

The younger team members will perform D level Equitation and the older team members, C level as shown below. Both dressage tests are available to download from the Pony Club website.

http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/activities/equitation_competition/

Age/Team Member	Level	Equitation Test	Show Jumping height
12 years and under	D	D Level (Walk & Trot) Equitation	60 cm maximum
13 years and over	C	C Level Equitation	75 cm maximum

Equitation Dressage

- The Judge will allocate marks out of ten for each numbered movement and the collective marks.
- Two penalty marks will be deducted for an error of course. A competitor is allowed a maximum of three errors of course. A fourth error of course will result in elimination.
- A rider or horse fall will result in elimination.
- The Judge's marks are added together, any penalty marks are deducted and a percentage is calculated.
- Any normal riding bit may used. No martingales.

Show Jumping

- There will be nine numbered obstacles (one will be a double).
- The Judge will allocate marks out of ten for each numbered obstacle and the collective marks.
- Two penalty marks will be deducted for each knock down.
- Two penalty marks will be deducted for a refusal or run out. A competitor is allowed a maximum of two refusals or run outs at the same fence. Three refusals or run outs at one fence will result in elimination.
- Ten penalty marks will be deducted if the rider falls off. A competitor is allowed a maximum of one fall. A second fall will result in elimination.
- A horse fall will result in elimination.
- Obstacles must be jumped in numerical order. Jumping the wrong course will result in elimination.
- The Judge's marks are added together, any penalty marks are deducted and a percentage is calculated.

Calculating Results

A final score for each competitor will be calculated by adding their Equitation and Show Jumping percentages together and calculating an average.

The winner is the rider with the highest final score per section.

In the event of equality, the collective marks from the Equitation and the Show Jumping should be added together and the competitor with the higher collective marks will take the higher placing. If the total of the collective marks is also equal the competitors concerned will be given the same placing.

TURNOUT FOR TEAMS

- 1) Hats. Please note changes to the hat standards. Hat Rule 2017 can be viewed at http://www.pcuk.org/uploads/dcs/Hat_Rule_2017.pdf
 - a. Tagging indicates that a hat meets the correct standard, NO check of the fit and condition of the hat is implied.
 - b. The cover of the hat should be dark blue, black or brown only. Hats with vertical plastic / metallic strips are permitted.
 - c. All hats must be fitted with a Pony Club hat tag. We will offer hat checks and tagging on the morning of the competition. If you do require hat tagging, please let us know in advance.
- 2) Breeches/jodhpurs – beige, cream or white.
- 3) Black jackets, hacking jackets or Pony Club sweatshirts may be worn. Pony Club tie or a stock may be worn under a jacket or Pony Club Tie under a sweatshirt, no poloshirts.
- 4) Pony Club badge should be worn.
- 5) All competitors should wear gloves.
- 6) Long hair must be tidy and secured appropriately. Also at prize giving.
- 7) Riding or jodhpur boots should be worn. Plain black or brown half chaps worn with jodhpur boots of the same colour are allowed.

Please ensure that Members attend prize giving in their competition clothes as described above.

- 8) Jewellery is not allowed. This rule applies to all Pony Club mounted activities. For safety reasons, no jewellery (including 'sleepers') may be worn, other than a wedding ring, a wristwatch, a stock pin worn horizontally, or a tie clip.
- 9) Body protectors – The Pony Club does not make the use of body protectors compulsory, except for all Cross Country riding and Pony Racing whether it be training or competing. The responsibility for choosing body protectors, and the decision as to their use, must rest with the Members and their parents.
http://www.pcuk.org/uploads/dcs/Body_Protector_Rule_2017.pdf
- 10) Whips – may be carried. If misused, in the opinion of the judge, the rider will be eliminated.
- 11) No Spurs may be worn for this competition.
- 12) At prize giving – mounted or dismounted, competitors must be correctly dressed in their competition riding clothes.

Saddlery and Equipment

Turn Out competition will be judged in the Dressage Warm up Area.

The Pony Club prefers competitors to use plain saddlery but it is not compulsory. New equipment is not expected, but what is worn must be clean, neat & tidy.

Saddlery and equipment used during the Turnout competition must be the same as that worn during the dressage phase of the competition (martingales or boots may be added for the showjumping phase if required)

The dressage tests are to be ridden in any normal riding bit.

No martingales for dressage.

Boots should be removed from the pony/horse before entering the dressage arena. Numnahs, saddlecloths, pads – white, cream, brown, navy, black or in the Centre's colours with appropriate Centre logo are permitted. Logos must not exceed 200 sq. cms. No sponsors' logos please.

It is the responsibility of the competitor and the proprietor/team manager to make sure that all tack used is safe and well cared for.

Please refer to the **Show Jumping Rules 2017** for further information on permitted bits and tack. These can be purchased for £3 from the Pony Club shop or found online at http://www.pcuk.org/uploads/showjumping/Show_Jumping_Rules_for_web.pdf