

Centre Equitation Competition

The Centre Equitation is a team competition at The Pony Club Championships for Pony Club Centres. The competition has a Dressage and Show jumping phase, held on grass.

Eligibility

- Teams of four with two competitors from each age group; 12 and under, and 13 and over.
- All competitors must be current Pony Club Centre Members and **non pony owning** Members of the Centre they are representing.
- Centre Plus Members are **not** eligible.
- Teams to bring two ponies/horses, with two competitors sharing. Each pony/horse may only be ridden twice.
- Entries are restricted to twenty teams on a first come, first served basis.
- Initially, each Centre may only enter one team. Second teams may be accepted closer to the time if space allows. A wait list will be kept.

Rules

1. Teams are made of four Members; two must be 12 years and under, two must be 13 years or over. Ages to be taken from the 1st January of that year.
2. The top three scores in each team will count towards the team placing. Teams of three may enter and in that situation all three scores will count.
3. Two horses/ponies must be bought to the competition. All horses/ponies used must be owned by the Centre or on long term loan to the Centre for use in the riding school.
4. All horses/ponies must be vaccinated as per Section 9a in the Health and Safety Rulebook.
5. Teams and Arenas are placed 1st to 10th.
6. Best Turned Out teams are awarded 1st to 6th.
7. Best Newcomer is awarded per Arena for the highest place rider taking part in their first Centre Equitation Championship.

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 over the horse/pony. Competitors must warm up in the same tack to be used for each phase, **no** 'gadgets' are allowed.

The two 12 and under riders will perform the D Level Equitation Test and do a round of 60cm maximum show jumps. The 13 and over riders will perform the C Test Level Equitation Test and do a round of 75cm maximum show jumps.

Equitation Dressage and Show jumping

- Marked as per the Equitation Dressage and Equitation Show jumping score sheets.
- Any normal riding bit may be used. No martingales are permitted.

Results

Final scores for each competitor are calculated by adding the Dressage and Show jumping percentages together and calculating an average score. The winner is the rider with the highest final score per Arena.

In the event of equality, the collective marks are added together and the competitor with the highest collective marks will be placed higher. If the total of the collective marks is equal, the competitors will receive equal placing.

Turnout

Members must attend their prize giving in their competition clothing

1. Hats must comply with current Hat Standards as per the Health and Safety Rulebook. The hat cover should be dark blue, black or brown only. Hats with vertical plastic/metallic strips are permitted. All hats must be fitted with a Pony Club hat tag. Hat tagging will be on offer on the morning of the competition with advanced warning.
2. Breeches/jodhpurs to be beige, cream or white.
3. Black/navy show jackets or hacking jackets may be worn with a Pony Club tie or stock. Pony Club sweatshirts may be worn with a Pony Club tie. No polo shirts allowed.
4. Pony Club Membership badges must be worn.
5. All competitors must wear gloves.

6. Long hair must be tidy and secured appropriately, including at prize giving.
7. Riding or Jodhpur boots should be worn. Plain black/brown half chaps worn with boots of the same colour are allowed.
8. Jewellery is not allowed. 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. Body protectors must comply with current Body Protector Standards as per the Health and Safety Rulebook.
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.

Saddlery/Equipment

The turnout competition will be judged in the Dressage Warm Up. Plain Saddlery is preferred, but not compulsory. New equipment is not expected, but tack must be clean, neat and tidy.

The same tack must be worn in the Turnout competition as for the Dressage phase of the competition. Boots must be removed prior to entering the Dressage arena. Martingales and/or boots may be added for Show jumping if required.

Numnahs, saddlecloths or pads must be white, cream, brown, navy, black or in the Centre's colours with appropriate Centre logo. Logos must not exceed 200 sq cms. Sponsor logos are not permitted.

Horses/ponies must be warmed up in the tack they are competing in. No lungeing is permitted in the collecting rings or warm up areas for the duration of Championships.

It is the responsibility of the competitor and Proprietor/Team Manager to make sure that all tack is safe and well cared for.