

Rule Changes for 2012

General

Paragraph in the front of every Rulebook:

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances ***or any other issue in connection with Pony Club [name of discipline]*** it is the duty of the relevant officials to make a decision in a sporting spirit and to approach as nearly as possible the intention of these Rules. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure that they are complying with the Rules of the competition.

All Discipline Eligibility Rules

All riders entered must be active members of the stated Branch of The Pony Club who have participated at a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch since 1st July in the previous year, excluding team practices and coaching, ***and Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally.*** Attendance at camp counts as one working rally. The District Commissioner has discretion in the case of those who are working. ***Riders must have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 31st January in the current year except for Members who are completely new to The Pony Club, who may join up until the 31st March and still be eligible for Area Competitions and the Championships.***

Transfer Rule – Page 36 Year Book

A Member who changes Branches, other than because of a change of residence, may not compete in any Championship qualifying competition or Championships (Open, Intermediate or Novice) as an Individual or Team Member for fourteen calendar months from the date of transfer. **This does not include any of the Dengie Dressage & Show Jumping Competitions.**

Protests and Objections (Discipline Rule Books)

Mounted Games & Polocrosse

Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Discipline Committee may disqualify the offending team, even if after the Competition.

Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing & Tetrathlon.

Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Discipline Committee may disqualify the offending team or individual.

If said individual was a Member of a qualifying team and their score contributed to the qualification the team will be disqualified unless the qualification holds up using the discard score.

All Rule Books to add the following paragraph:

Performance Enhancing Drugs

1) Equine

Controlled Medication

It is clearly essential for the welfare of the horse that it is given appropriate veterinary treatment if and when required and that this should include appropriate medication.

Medication however may mask an underlying health problem and horses should not compete when taking medication where such medication may have a detrimental effect on the horse's welfare.

2) Human

Performance enhancing drugs are forbidden.

3) All competitors should be aware that random samples may be taken for testing from both themselves and/or their horse.

N.B. The correct position to be agreed to each Discipline Rule Book.

Training

Disband current bit rules for all jumping disciplines, endurance and pony racing and bring in line with the senior discipline.

Dressage and Mounted Games:

No change to current rules but the following to be included in the saddlery rule:

Any misuse of a bit / bridle will be reported to the DC / Centre Proprietor, Area Representative and Training Chairman. Any reported riders will be recorded and monitored.

Eventing, Show Jumping, Tetrathlon, Polo and Endurance:

Saddlery

Any misuse of a bit / bridle will be reported to the DC / Centre Proprietor, Area Representative and Training Chairman. Any reported riders will be recorded and monitored.

Bits

All synthetic bits must be black, brown or white.

Pony Racing:

Saddlery

Any misuse of a bit / bridle will be reported to the DC / Centre Proprietor, Area Representative and Training Chairman. Any reported riders will be recorded and monitored.

Bits

All synthetic bits must be black, brown or white.

Bitless bridles including hackamores are not permitted.

Polocrosse:

Saddlery

Any misuse of a bit / bridle will be reported to the DC / Centre Proprietor, Area Representative and Training Chairman. Any reported riders will be recorded and monitored.

Bits

Bits with cheek pieces that protrude below the ring that the rein is attached to are not permitted.

All synthetic bits must be black, brown or white.

Bitless bridles including hackamores are not permitted.

P59. Rule 14ii. Add new last sentence to second paragraph of Rule and include in relevant discipline Rule Books:-

It is permitted to wear a Pony Club stock with any jacket.

AH Test candidates who fail only one section of their AH Test will be allowed to retake just that section in order to gain a pass.

[Area Reps will not be responsible for organising re-takes; the Training Committee will organise the retakes for individual modules. This will be trialled for a year and will not be retrospective.]

B+ Riding Test – which will be after Lungeing but before or after AH. A syllabus is currently being put together.

SPURS

Page 60 VII. Spurs & relevant discipline Rule Book

Spurs may be worn at Rallies and other events with the permission of the District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor. Members without the B Test should carry proof of this permission. Only blunt spurs, without rowels or sharp edges, may be worn. If the spurs are curved, the curve must be downwards and the shank must point straight to the back and not exceed **3.5cm** in length. Sharp spurs may not be worn. Spurs that have a smooth rotating ball on the shank are permitted. **The measurement is taken from the heel of the boot to the end of the shank.**

Dressage

	Number of teams / riders per section required to qualify for Championships	
Placing at Area	Open	Intermediate
1 st team	Automatic	Automatic
2 nd team	6 or more	14 or more
3 rd team	12 or more	20 or more
1 st individual	Automatic	Automatic
2 nd individual	12 or more	-
3 rd individual	18 or more	-
4 th individual	25 or more	-

Show Jumping

**** Rule 18 c) The Course (*Rewording*)**

Safety Cups are now compulsory for all Pony Club Jumping Competitions. To be use on the back rails of spread fences and middle and back rails of triple bars. This will also include practice fences in the collecting ring. These cups must be in use at all times and must NOT be removed from the wing stands.

**** Rule 20 e) Practice Fences (*new*)**

Safety Cups must be used on the back rails of spread fences. These cups must be in use at all times and must NOT be removed from the wing stands.

*** These rules will also apply to Eventing Show Jumping and Tetrathlon Arena Jumping.*

Rule 33 Course Designers/Timing/Judges/Ring - (*Judges*)

The organiser shall appoint a minimum of Two British Show Jumping Judges **per ring**, one of which may be an Associate Judge. **A writer must also be appointed.**

Rule 35 b) Course Dimensions

Open iv) No parallel or ascending oxer may be more than 10cm wider than it is high.

c) Intermediate - No parallel or ascending oxer may be more than 5cm wider than it is high.

d) Novice - No parallel or ascending oxer may be wider than it is high.

Rule 35 (*New Table to be added*)

Pony Club Show Jumping Area & Championships Course Dimensions – Notes for Judges and Course Designers.

Rule 38 Numbers to Qualify - Teams

Open

The winning team shall qualify

8 or more teams competing on the day = 2 teams qualify

12 or more teams competing on the day = 3 teams qualify

Intermediate

The winning team shall qualify.

14 or more teams competing on the day = 2 teams qualify

20 or more teams competing on the day = 3 teams qualify

Open Individuals

New - Additionally, Associate Members will be invited to the Championships if they have completed both the first and second round of the Area Competition with no more than a total of 4 faults (inc. time faults) regardless of them being in a team.

Rule 43 Official Steward (*bold last sentence*)

He/she shall not be given any other duty at the Competition.

Rule 52 Awards (*add*)

Salvers – 1st Intermediate Individual in the Horsemanship Competition.

Rosettes – 1st Intermediate Individual in the Horsemanship Competition.

Eventing

Correction to Rule 2 – Levels of Competition, page 9 - At Levels 1 –3 and 2 there will be no penalties for going too slowly, but reverse time penalties will be applied for going too fast.

Correction to Rule 29h, page 40 – Level 1, 2 & 3 & 2 competitors receive no time penalties for being too slow.

Rule 2 – Levels of Competition, page 8 – *insert at end of rules relating to SJ:*

The limits on the height and spread of obstacles laid down in the rules must be observed with the greatest of care. However, if it should happen that a maximum dimension has been marginally exceeded as a result of the material used for construction and/or by the position of the obstacle on the ground, the maximum dimensions laid down will not be considered as having been exceeded, but the permitted tolerance is 5cms maximum in the ring or practice area.

Amend XC table: Level 3 / Novice (BE90) speed – **435 mpm.**

Rule 29d -Black Line Flags, page 38 – *replace with forthcoming new FEI / BE rule.*

Rule 29g - Speed, page 39 – At Level 3 (Novice) the Optimum Time for completing the course is calculated on a speed of **435 mpm**, at Level 4 (Intermediate) ~~the Optimum Time for completing the course~~ it is calculated on a speed of 450 mpm, and for Level 5 (Open) it is 500 mpm. Exceeding the Optimum Time in Levels 3, 4 & 5 incurs 0.4 penalty points for every commenced second over the Optimum Time up to the Time Limit, which is twice the Optimum Time. ~~At Level 3, 0.4 penalty points will be incurred for every commenced second over 10 seconds slower than the Optimum Time up to the Time Limit.~~

Rule 29h – Penalties, page 40 – Every commenced period of 1 sec in excess of the Optimum Time (Levels 3, 4 & 5 ~~only~~) - 0.4 penalties

Rule 29i (vii) - Knocking down a fence flag, page 43 - There is no penalty for knocking down a fence (boundary) flag. But if in the process the horse's head **and shoulders** pass the wrong side of the flag, i.e. to the left of the white or to the right of the red, the competitor must retake the fence and shall be debited the penalties for the run-out(s). Competitors may ask if they have to re-take the fence, and the fence judge is obliged to tell them. This is not considered 'forbidden assistance'.

Rule 29i (v) - Fall of Rider, page 43 - A rider is considered to have fallen when he is separated from his horse **in relation to a fence** in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.

Rule 37 – The Open and Intermediate Championships

Alterations to the numbers affecting qualifications for the Championships at Area Competitions:

Placing at Area	Number of teams / riders per section required to qualify for Championships	
	Open	Intermediate
1 st team	Automatic	Automatic
2 nd team	6 or more	14 or more
3 rd team	12 or more	20 or more
1 st individual	Automatic	Automatic
2 nd individual	12 or more	15 or more
3 rd individual	18 or more	27 or more
4 th individual	25 or more	n/a

Mounted Games

No changes

Polocrosse

Page 8 – Rule 7

Take out - Clip on saddlery is NOT permitted.

Change to **“Buckled Saddlery is strongly recommended. Any clips on tack must be taped for safety reasons. Tack officials have the final say.”**

Page 8 – Rule 7 – Saddlery

Item G – Take out “No rope nosebands” replace with “No rawhide or rope style nosebands will be allowed”.

Page 13 – Open Sections - Class 1 & 2

To read: 3 members. Add **Each Open team may include one Associate Member (Associate Membership is available for persons aged over 21 years until the end of The Pony Club year in which they become 25 years old).**

Page 13

Mini Section: To read – 3 Members who have not attained their 13th birthday by 01/01/2012

Tetrathlon

Page 8 II Rules. (Additional wording)

These rules are relevant to ALL Pony Club Tetrathlon competitions including Championship, Area, Senior Regional and Junior Regional and Inter Branch Competitions.

Page 8 III EligibilityOpen Eventing or British Eventing ~~Pre-Novice Level~~ BE100

Page 12 Eligibility 3) Competitors in the Intermediate Competition should not have previously competed at any Open Area Competition, ~~UK Regional Competition~~ and above at Tetrathlon

Page 33 Rule 31. Junior Height to read 90cms. Junior Spread only to read 1.20m. Junior highest point 1.00m. Base spread 1.50m. Junior drop 1.20m

Junior Cross Country fence dimensions are to be included in Appendix I.

Page 45 Rule 52c) Substantial shoes (that do not reach the ankle bone but which cover the whole foot - **e.g. trainers**) **must** be worn.

Endurance

Page 5, 3a) Hats For organised Rides only, ventilated hats that meet one of the above required standards may be worn. **These hats must be tagged with an Endurance specific tag but are not permissible to be used in any other Pony Club Discipline.**

Page 5: Hat Checks and Tagging. Take out:

~~On declaring to the ride secretary at the start of a ride, all Pony Club Members must show that their hat has a Pony Club tag on it. It is the responsibility of the Member to make sure that his hat has been correctly tagged before he arrives at the event.~~

Page 5: Children 9 years old and over

Hats with long ventilation slits are not allowed for Members over nine years old, **other than in Endurance Riding.**

Page 6, Pt 4: In the case of synthetic saddles or saddles with upward facing stirrup bars being used, peacock or caged stirrups must be used.

Page 7: Medical Armbands

It is recommended to carry a simple one person first aid kit.

Page 9, 11c) Speed: 8-15km except in Endurance GB NCR's where the speed is 8-12km

Page 10, 12c) Speed: Speed: 8-15km except in Endurance GB NCR's where the speed is 8-12km

Page 11 13c) Speed Speed: 8-15km except in Endurance GB NCR's where the speed is 8-12km

Polo

Rule 4.3 LEDNER (Under 21 on 1st January)

General. One chukka matches for players over 16 and under 21 on 1st January 2012. Teams to consist of two boys and two girls. Players may play in another Section and come from any Branch. This year Ledner will only be open to the first six teams to enter. Matches will only be played at the 'friendlies' and the Cowdray Championships. All teams must be entered and run by a Branch Manager.

Handicaps. The matches will be played open. The maximum individual handicap is 1 goal and only one 1 goal player per team and a team with a 1 goal player will give a ½ goal per match.

Racing

Rule 3 a) Entry (*reword and amend*)

To enter a Pony Club Race Day the Combination of Member and Pony must have since the 1st July the previous year participated in;

- i) a minimum of 2 (**ridden**) working rallies **or**
- ii) **a minimum of 1 (ridden) working rally and passed a PRA/PC Training Day**

Rule 4 f) & images on page 5

Standing Martingales – **allow them**

Bits – come in line with Senior discipline

Rule 12 Disqualification (*new*)

Any person who has been disqualified through the British Horseracing Authority or Pony Racing Authority (PRA), so long as their disqualification continues, shall not attend, enter, run, train, own or ride a Pony in any Pony Club Race Day. If any entry made by a person disqualified be mistakenly or inadvertently accepted, the same shall, despite such acceptance, be void and the Pony shall not be qualified to be entered or to start.

Health & Safety

Section 3 Page 2

Replace existing paragraph with

Training courses are available for Branch Officials as follows:

- Induction training for new District Commissioners
- Duty of Care (Health and Safety)
- Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. (This course is recognized by Sport England and meets the requirements for the UK Coaching Certificate)

These courses are organised by the Pony Club office and all requests for training should be addressed to Hannah Clack.

Section 5 Rallies

Add the following paragraph:

“Camp provides an opportunity for children to be responsible for their pony and to learn to manage their time, to be ready for lessons and to feed their pony correctly for the work it is doing, to include special requirements, to include dietary or other.

At Pony Club camp instructors coach the children in both riding and stable management. Interference by the parents either during, visiting or helping with daily chores or by mobile phone can significantly reduce the benefit their child gains from camp.

Parents should tell the camp organiser of any special requirements for the pony before camp starts”.

Section 7 c Page 9 last sentence of first paragraph to read

“On arrival on site the First Aid providers should be given a **“First Aid Information Pack”** which **may be made up by the organizer or may be obtained from The Pony Club office. A programme for the competition should be included together with a plan of the cross country course when included in the event.**

Ambulance providers must be registered with the Care Quality Commission. The provider will be able to give details of their registration or this may be checked on the Care Quality Commission web site, www.cqc.org.uk. This site also enable a search to be make for registered ambulance providers in your area.”

Section 10 e Jewellery - Page 14 [Discipline Rule Books also]

Remove last sentence “There are vulnerable blood vesselsface can occur”

Appendix A

Page 39 Para 4 Change “preferable” to “necessary”

[Discipline Rule Books also]

Page 40 2.1 “There shall be an Appointed Person, **and ideally** a first aid point (e.g. Tent, Caravan, Horsebox etc.) and a Trained First Aider”

2. a) remove at the end “and an agreed access/rendezvous point (RVP) for the road ambulance.”

2 c) Remove in list of contents “Pony Club guidelines for First Aid cover” and change “Incident/Accident forms” to “Injury Report Form” also Appendix E page 58 and Appendix I page 62 change title to “Injury Report Form”

4.9 Change heading to “Confidential Injury Report Form” text change to “ completed forms **should be returned to the event organizer**”

4.10 Ambulance add:

“Ambulance providers must be registered with the Care Quality Commission. The provider will be able to give details of their registration or this may be checked on the Care Quality Commission web site, www.cqc.org.uk. This site also enables a search to be made for registered ambulance providers in your area.”

Appendices C and D to be re-written to include references to Care Quality Commission

Appendix G

After “For organized Endurance rides only, ventilated hats that meet one of the above required standards may be worn.” Add “These will be tagged with the Pony Club Endurance hat tag.”

Appendix I

Change title to “Injury Report Form” add sentence “Confidential when completed”