

## The Berkeley Group Pony Club Championships 2017

### IMPORTANT COMPETITORS INFORMATION

Secretaries' Office on-site: Tel **07591 206 609**  
from Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August



### PERSONNEL

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR - Miss Fiona Lace  
SPORTS & COMPETITIONS MANAGER – Clare Boardman  
EVENTS EXECUTIVE – Kirsty Hubbard  
PRESS & MARKETING MANAGER – Sara Johnston  
PR & COMMUNICATION OFFICER – Vicky Kangurs  
SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISING OFFICER – Matt Yeomans

### SPORT CHIEF STEWARDS & SECRETARIES

Dressage / Dressage to Music:	Ms Helen Griffiths	Laura Armstrong
Eventing:	Mrs Liz Lyall	Helen Hart
Show Jumping:	Mr James Loffet	Kelly Wright
Mounted Games:	Mrs Rosalind Slinger	Kelly Wright & Emma Holliwel (on event)
Horse & Pony Care Competition:	Mr Martin Wright	Becky Davies
Polocrosse:	Mrs Jan Whitehead	Laura Armstrong
Centre Membership:	Mrs Katy Powell-Jones	Lucy Goler
Musical Ride Competition:	Clare Boardman	Laura Armstrong

### DIRECTIONS

**Cholmondeley Castle, Malpas, Cheshire is situated on the A49**, the main North-South route from Warrington to Shrewsbury.

There are excellent links to the motorway network.

Travelling South on the M6, take the Chester M56 junction and then A49 South at junction 10.

Travelling North from Birmingham on the M6, take the M54 junction 3 and then A41 North to Whitchurch. Then A49 from Whitchurch to Cholmondeley.

Please read The Pony Club Championships road signs carefully on the approach and enter via the appropriate gate

### SITE MAINTAINENCE

We are privileged to be allowed to use this site. Please make sure that you keep the area around your horsebox tidy and put **ALL** rubbish in the bins provided to ensure the smooth running of the Championships.

All the rubbish collected from this site will be sorted and recycled as appropriate.

### SITE MAPS

There will be a number of site maps displayed around the whole site and in the programme.

### STABLING & CAMPING

Stabling will be on-site. The stabling is located in the middle of the event/showground. Additional stabling is available off-site. Details can be found on the Musketeer website.

ALL STABLING ENQUIRIES WILL BE DEALT WITH BY MUSKETEER EVENT MANAGEMENT,  
**NOT** THE PONY CLUB OFFICE.

All stabling and Camping booking will be taken online at [www.musketeer.co.uk](http://www.musketeer.co.uk).

The costs for stabling will remain the same as in 2016, as follows:

**Stabling Costs: 1 night: £55.00 / 2 nights: £83.00 / 3 nights: £111.000 / 4 or more nights £125.00**

**Camping: £11.00.** All costs are inclusive of VAT.

**PENNING** - Penning is available, BUT ONLY FOR COMPETITORS IN MOUNTED GAMES AND POLOCROSSE. Please contact The Pony Club if you require details. The cost for penning is £10 per night and £11 for Camping.

### **FIRE PRECAUTIONS**

In the event of fire please inform an Official immediately. Campfires / Disposable BBQs are not permitted on the Showground.

### **HORSEBOX PARKING**

Competitors wishing to park next to friends in either the stable or day lorry park must arrange to arrive at the same time as each other. Please be aware that there could be a risk in parking under trees with large low branches and be ready to follow the advice of the parking marshals at all times.

### **VETERINARY**

A Vet will be on-site during competition hours and on-call overnight. Please contact the Stable Manager or Secretaries Office if required. All treatment must be paid for.

Competitors are advised that lots of fly repellent may be required!

### **FARRIER**

A farrier will be available during competition hours. All work must be paid for.

### **MEDICAL**

A Doctor, Paramedic or First Aider will be on-site during competition hours. Please contact the Secretaries Office if required. A First Aider will be available over night and for other emergencies, phone numbers will be available at the Stable Managers office.

### **DISABLED PARKING**

Disabled Parking – will be available on presentation of a Registered Disabled Person's Car Badge or applying to The Pony Club Office prior to the Championships. Please note there are no Mobility scooters available.

### **OTHER VEHICLES**

Please note that private cars may only be driven to and from the car parks. **Cars WILL NOT be permitted** on the Showground and Cross Country Course at any time unless driven by an Authorised Official or Steward. No quad bikes, mopeds or similar are permitted. Push bikes are allowed.

There will be a free shuttle service available around the show ground during the hours of competition.

### **THE SECRETARIES' OFFICE**

The Secretaries' Office will be the point of contact for all competitor queries and for the collection of all competition numbers. PLEASE NOTE: the mobile phone signal at Cholmondeley is poor, for all phone companies.

WiFi will be available in the trade stand area, with some further cover around the site. A small charge will be made for this service. Most trade stands will be able to use a card machine for payments, but it is a good idea to bring cash in case of problems with reception and WiFi.

### **EVENING MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

We will be providing evening entertainment again this year. This will be free to all Pony Club Members and will be located in and around the entertainment marquee to be situated next to the catering area at the top of the main Show Jumping ring. The schedule of events and evening meal menu choices will be emailed to all competitors nearer the time.

### **WELCOME EVENINGS**

During each evening from Thursday – Monday inclusive, there will be a Rider welcome and briefing in the entertainment marquee for ALL riders. This will also include an Eventing specific briefing. The briefings will take place at approximately 7pm each evening, depending on the finish time of competition each day, but a note will be posted at the Secretary and on Facebook and Twitter. The Mentors will also be around to give talks on dealing with competition nerves and competition preparation.

### **A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO RIDER TRAINING**

Returning to the Championships for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time, the 'Holistic Rider Training' stand, nicknamed 'The Massage Stand' will be back in 2017, with Harriet and Lea there all week and Emily there over the weekend.

Enjoy a treatment to invigorate and prepare you for the competition ahead, to pinpoint tightness or an imbalance in your position, to help with your recovery after a hard day or just to relax. Treatments available are Chair Massage when you remain dressed and work is done on your back, neck and shoulders or a more traditional table massage when Aromatherapy oils can be added to the massage oil to enhance the experience.

Treatments for competitors are £5 and all others including parents, helpers, trainers, siblings and anyone else interested, are £10. Treatments last 20 minutes, but longer sessions can be arranged if time allows.

The treatments will be available throughout the day on all days, and should be booked and pre-paid at the stand. We plan to start treatments from midday on Friday, so come earlier to book.

**New this year** – ‘Improve your position on the floor’. Group sessions working with the equipment seen in previous years, plus other ideas and exercises. Times will be advertised at the stand and places can be booked.

**New this year** – ‘Coaching in The Pony Club’. Information and advice about ‘The Pony Club Coaching Pathway’ and the Training and Qualifications available within The Pony Club. Also ‘The Pony Club Assessor Pathway’ will be demystified.

The relaxed sitting area will be available again this year, so come and enjoy a few minutes of peace, learn a bit about Complementary Therapies and how they can improve your riding experience, find information about what to eat during training and competitions, or just come and say hello and have a chat as we love to hear how you are doing. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### **CATERING**

The Showground caterer will be open from 7.30am and will continue to serve food into the evening. Catering will be available in the Stable area and Penning areas all day and during the evenings.

### **HATS**

Competitors will be required to wear the correct hat at all times. All hats will be checked and any competitor found to be wearing the wrong hat will not be allowed to compete.

### **SPURS**

For those competitors wishing to wear spurs – please remember that you will need to have written permission from your DC or Centre Proprietor if you do not hold the full B Test. Please carry this with you when you are riding.

### **EXERCISING / WARMING UP**

There will be a designated exercise area by the stables for riders who are not warming up for the competition. There will be a warm up area for Games and Polocrosse, near the Games arena.

**Whilst doing any exercising and warming up, competition rules regarding Saddlery and equipment apply for the duration of the Championships.** Also, be aware of those competing around you and stay within the designated areas. Please use the roped-off Horse Walks – WALKING PACE ONLY. No flags or banners may be displayed in these areas.

**Collecting Rings** – These are only for use by competitors taking part in the Competition running in the adjoining ring at the time and not for general exercising.

**Jump Practice** – A Stewarded jump practice for three quarters of an hour after the last prize giving will be available in an allocated exercise area. More details will be available in the Secretaries’ tent on the day.

**Lungeing** - will only be allowed in the designated lungeing area.

### **CROSS COUNTRY COURSE WALKS**

The Cross Country Courses may be walked by competitors and others, on foot, for the duration of the Championships. Competitors do this at their own risk as alterations may be made up to 2pm on the day preceding the Cross Country Test. For Teams or Individuals without Coaches there will be the opportunity to walk the course with experienced riders and Officials – please see the Secretaries Office for advertised timings.

### **WITHDRAWALS**

Any Withdrawals / Substitutions must be made as per the Rule Book and handed in to the relevant Sport Secretary in the Secretaries’ Office.

### **OBJECTIONS/APPEALS**

Please read the appropriate Rule Book carefully for the correct procedure.

### **PRIZE GIVINGS**

Please check on the day for timings and arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow the Stewards to direct you. Please follow Stewards’ directions at all times so that we can keep everything running smoothly. All competitors attending prize giving **must** be correctly dressed.

### **MENTORING**

NFU Mutual Pony Club Mentoring is designed to run alongside the Competition and help competitors through Sport Psychology to perform at their best at the Championships, and in the future. The mentors can be approached by competitors at any time during the Championships, including evenings to chat informally to competitors about their competition and performance.

The mentors will have a base adjacent to the entertainment tent and are easy to identify by their kit. You’ll find more information on them in the Championship programme.

## **DOGS**

We do not encourage dogs at the Championships. If you have to bring them please:-

- Keep them on leads at all times.
- Immediately clear up after them. Bags and bins will be available on site.
- Do not take them into the stable area.
- Remember not to leave them in cars if it is warm and always ensure they have plenty of water and ventilation.

**OWNERS OF DOGS FOUND WANDERING LOOSE WILL BE FINED £50 A TIME!!**

## **PROGRAMMES**

Each competitor will receive one programme free of charge. Extra programmes can be purchased from the Secretaries Office on the day.

## **OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEERS TENT**

All Pony Club Officials and Championship Volunteers are invited to use the lounge where tea & coffee will be served throughout each day of the Championships. D.C.'s, Centre Proprietors and Cubitt Award holders are also invited to use this lounge. It will be situated adjacent to the Officials luncheon marquee.

## **BRANCH/CENTRE SUPPORTERS**

Any Branch or Centre wishing to bring supporters by coach will be very welcome. Day parking is free of charge.

## **LEGAL LIABILITY**

Neither The Pony Club, Council nor any persons or company acting on its behalf will be held responsible for any accident, damage, injury or loss at the Championships to Members, their horses or ponies, spectators or any other person present. (Ref: The Pony Club Year Book 2017, Rule 23 (pg 55).

## **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE**

As per The Pony Club Year Book 2017, Rule 1.ii) (pg 18)

In the event of very hot weather, be especially vigilant in cooling horses down and please use all available shade.

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC RIGHTS**

Photographic Rights – competitors and their parents/guardians give permission for any photographs/videos/other images taken by press/outside agencies/official Pony Club photographers at The Pony Club Championships to be published in the press and on the internet for publicity purposes and any official Pony Club publication. The Pony Club will select photographs for publication with care and respect for those shown.

**PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS** are forbidden for all sports, this includes Pony Club Competitions. All competitors should be aware that random samples may be taken from any competing athletes, both human and/or equine.

## **BIOSECURITY**

Biosecurity is concerned with the steps we can all take to prevent the spread of disease. For more information about how to reduce the risks of diseases spreading, especially at Pony Club Competitions please visit the Championships page of the Pony Club website. [http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/activities/the\\_pony\\_club\\_championships](http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/activities/the_pony_club_championships)

## **NEAREST A&E**

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust, Leighton Hospital, Leighton, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 4QJ  
Tel: 01270 255141

## **WALK IN CENTRE**

Bridgewater Family Medical Practice  
Drumcarrig, Bridgewater Street, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 1QH  
Tel: 0844 387 9222  
Opens at 8:30am Mon-Fri. Closes at 6.30pm Mon, Tue, Thurs, 1pm on Wed and 6pm on Fri.

## **LOCAL SHOP**

Cholmondeley Castle Farm Shop is an award-winning shop selling newspapers, fresh bread and a quality range of locally-produced foods. Located a short distance from the Castle Gardens exit.  
Opening hours Mon-Fri 08.00 – 18.00, Sat – Sun 09.00 – 17.00.

Please note that at all times on and away from the Showground, parents are responsible for their children.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE DO CONTACT ANY OF THE OFFICIALS ON THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ABOVE OR AT THE SECRETARIES' OFFICE.

**WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND ABOVE ALL, FUN VISIT TO  
THE PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017**