

# PONY CLUB



## ROYAL ARTILLERY HUNT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB TETRATHLON

Including non riding Triathlon

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Entries open 10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May Area 14 competitors  
25<sup>th</sup> May open to all. Entries close 5<sup>th</sup> June or before if full.

Entries on Entrymaster via RAPC website

<https://rapc.entrymaster.online/index.php?id=80>

Dene Farm, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge, Hants. SO20 8ER  
By kind permission of Mr Nigel Pond & Ms Juliette Gerrard

Event Organiser: Jane Uloth. Email: [nollandjane@gmail.com](mailto:nollandjane@gmail.com)

Ages as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Entries are invited from current Pony Club members, individuals and teams. Mixed teams will be created where possible.

The XC and running course will be open for inspection from 1 - 7pm, Saturday 15th June.

**Please read the schedule carefully before entering.**

**CATERING:** Impala Catering – bacon, sausage rolls, vegetarian options, fresh coffee  
Karla's Kones – refreshing Cornish Ice Cream

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Simply Event Photos – [simplyeventphotos.com](http://simplyeventphotos.com)



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<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Shoot</b>	<b>Run</b>	<b>Swim</b>	<b>Ride</b>	<b>Class Price</b>
Class 1 Beanie Girls Tetrathlon 6yrs (on day of event) & 7yrs	Bean Bag Throw @ 3m from centre of Target	500m	2 mins	40cm approx. White Course May be led or assisted (No penalty)	£40
Class 2 Beanie Boys Tetrathlon 6yrs (on day of event) & 7yrs	Bean Bag Throw @ 3m from centre of Target	500m	2 mins	40cm approx. White Course May be led or assisted (No penalty)	£40
Class 3 Mixed Novice Tadpole Tetrathlon 9 years and under	7m Two hands Static	1000m	2 mins	40cm approx. White Course May be led or assisted (No penalty)	£40
Class 4 Tadpole Girls Tetrathlon 9 years and under	7m Two hands Static	1000m	2 mins	65-70cm Yellow Course	£40
Class 5 Tadpole Boys Tetrathlon 9 years and under	7m Two hands Static	1000m	2 mins	65-70cm Yellow Course	£40
Class 6 Mixed Novice Mini Tetrathlon 11 years and under	7m Two hands Turning	1000m	2 mins	65-70cm Yellow Course	£40
Class 7 Mini Girls Tetrathlon 11 years and under	7m Two hands Turning	1000m	2 mins	76cm approx Green Course	£40
Class 8 Mini Boys Tetrathlon 11 years and under	7m Two hands Turning	1000m	2 mins	76cm approx Green Course	£40
Class 9 Junior Girls Tetrathlon 14 years and under	7m One hand Turning	1500m	3 mins	85-90cm Blue Course	£40
Class 10 Junior Boys Tetrathlon 14 years and under	7m One hand Turning	1500m	3 mins	85-90cm Blue Course	£40
Class 11 Mixed Intermediate Tetrathlon 25 years and under	10m One hand Turning	Boys – 2000m Girls – 1500m	3 mins	85-90cm Blue Course	£40
Class 12 Mixed Beanies Triathlon 7 years and under	Bean Bag Throw	500m	2 mins	-no ride-	£22
Class 13 Mixed Tadpole Triathlon 9 years and under	7m Two hands Static	1000m	2 mins	-no ride-	£22
Class 14 Mixed Mini Triathlon 11 years and under	7m Two hands Turning	1000m	2 mins	-no ride-	£22
Class 15 Mixed Junior Triathlon 14 years and under	7m One hand Turning	1500m	3 mins	-no ride-	£22

## RULES: To be run in accordance with The Pony Club Tetrathlon Rule Book 2024

Queries may only be made by the Team Manager, in writing on a completed 'query form', with £10 deposit, which will be returned if the query is upheld. Queries must be lodged within 30 minutes after posting of results and within 10 minutes of final results being posted.

Swimming queries can only be entertained within 10 minutes of the competitor's swim.

### SHOOT

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- All competitors who are shooting must be 8 years & over and to be confirmed by the branch Tetrathlon manager/DC, as having adequate training and being competent to shoot at competitions by email to the organiser.
- Pistols to be cased at all times until instructed by the Range Officer.
- Loaders must be 18 years & over, and to have adequate training.
- Pistols only to be carried by persons 18 years & over and kept out of sight in a locked car when not at the shooting range.
- Competitors to wear long trousers and suitable footwear that does not cover the ankle.
- Safety glasses are compulsory at 7m and recommended for all.
- We encourage the use of ear defenders in the range by persons 18 years and under.
- Pistols must be resting on the table and pointing down the range when being loaded and closed.
- Pistols to have safety flag inserted in the barrel except when the Range Officer authorises its removal.

### SWIM

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- The swim is in a 9m heated outdoor pool.
- No diving or tumble turns.
- 2 competitors per heat.
- Swimmers must wear swimming hats. 11 years & under may wear short wetsuits.
- Genuine novice swimmers 7 years and under may use swimming aids.
- Non-swimmers may not compete in the swimming phase.
- One Supporter only may stand at the opposite end of the pool to the start.
- No photography in or around the swimming phase, or swimming photos on social media.

### RUN

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- Run will be individual not in a pack.
- Spikes may be worn. Inhalers cannot be carried and used whilst running.
- No pacing allowed. A penalty of 30 seconds will be incurred. See rule 30b, page 47.

### RIDE

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- Competitors may jump a lower course (taking 500 point penalty) or enter the novice class, where relevant and appropriate.
- No horse or pony may go round the course more than twice.
- All competitors must wear a body protector (BETA 2018 level 3, blue & black label).
- Riding hats (no fixed peaks) to be tagged with a pink tag (see rule book) by their own PC branch.
- There will be a tack safety inspection before competitors are permitted on the course. Stirrups to be a suitable size for the boots: see PC manual.
- Whips must be 'padded' and maximum length is 70cm, and no less than 45cm.
- **Paper numbers will be provided for XC, please use these, and bring your own number bib.**
- Ponies to be accompanied by their passport with valid flu vaccination. There will be spot checks.
- Please clear droppings and hay; wheelbarrows will be available.
- No penning of ponies / electric fencing.
- Rules on refusals and outside assistance as per Tetrathlon Rule Book 2024: 3 refusals / run outs at a fence = retirement.
- On 40cm (white) course only: competitors may be assisted or led by ONE adult. On all other courses: NO outside assistance is permitted at any time while a competitor is on the course.
- Slip Rail: if required, the fence judge, only, will give assistance by holding the pony for the rider to remount (without penalties). There will be a mounting block available. However, the fence judge will not give the rider a "leg up".

- For safety reasons, while course walking from 11am, when the cross country phase has started, only one adult per competitor may be on the course. No others, nor push chairs etc may accompany them. The woodland tracks must be kept clear, for the ponies on the course. Please be vigilant and give ponies and riders a safe path without surprises!

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- **We would like to remind competitors of the long-term value of taking 500 penalties to jump a lower course if you are lacking experience or competition practise. It's better to jump well over a smaller course than badly over a course you are not ready for.**
  - There will be L fences so please ensure competitors are aware of the alternatives.
  - Any queries regarding the courses before the event, please get in touch with the organiser.
  - No practising on the XC course for 7 days prior to the event.

## **AWARDS**

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- Rosettes: individuals 1st- 6th, 1st- 3rd for shoot, swim and run
- Branch Teams can be made up from classes: Beanie: classes 1 & 2, Tadpole: classes 3, 4 & 5, Mini: classes 6, 7 & 8. Mixed teams will be made up where possible.
- Organisers may alter prize allocation as they feel appropriate.
- **All competitors who complete the event will receive a rosette.**
- It is hoped competitors will stay for the prize giving.
- Results are posted as soon as the scorers have all the information that is required. If you need to leave before the prize giving, please give your contact details and your PC to the secretary, plus £5 for a SAE to send your rosette.
- **Dress for prize giving: Tetrathlon - riding kit. Triathlon – PC branch kit.**

## **ENTRIES**

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- Entries to be made on Entrymaster, via Royal Artillery Pony Club website.
- <https://rapc.entrymaster.online/index.php?id=80>
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- Entries open to Area 14 competitors only from 10<sup>th</sup>– 24<sup>th</sup> May. Open to all areas 25<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- Entries close on Wednesday 5th June or before, if entries are full.
- **Information required for Entrymaster:**
- **Class, competitor's name (name on Pelham – no nicknames!), PC number, PC branch, age on 1<sup>st</sup> January, DOB, gun share, pony share, height of XC course competitor is jumping.**
- **Concussion advice declaration. Confirmation of competence for shooting phase.**
- **Confirmation the competitor entering their name to compete will be an acknowledgement that they are suitably trained and competent to compete at the level entered.**
- **Tetrathlon manager with email and mobile number. Tetrathlon manager on the day with email and mobile number.**
- Any queries with Entrymaster please contact Joy Peatman: [joyp.rapc@gmail.com](mailto:joyp.rapc@gmail.com)  
No refunds after the entries have closed.  
No changes of classes after the entries have closed. If a competitor decides to jump the lower course, they may take the 500 point penalty.
- In the event of cancellation, £10 of the entry fee will be retained to cover administration costs.  
The organiser reserves the right to accept entries at their discretion.  
Please could Tetrathlon managers email Jane Uloth with a list of competitors from their branch and confirm that they are satisfied all competitors being entered have received adequate instruction in all four phases (shooting, swimming, running and riding). Plus confirm their branch teams by the closing date. Email: [nollandjane@gmail.com](mailto:nollandjane@gmail.com)

Declarations for Reasonable Adjustments: we adhere to the Reasonable Adjustment policy, please contact the organiser before 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## **TIMES**

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- Will be on the Pony Club Results on Thursday 13th June.
- Team managers will be emailed with entry times.

## EVENT ETHOS

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We would like to assume every competitor entering our competition has done so with the prospect of enjoyment and the possibility of improving personal and/or team goals. We welcome those new to triathlon and tetrathlon and hope to encourage and enthuse their further participation to this great event. For parents/carers supporting the competitors we ask you to also try and enjoy the day, and help your children identify the many positive aspects of their participation. For many to take part and compete in a tetrathlon or triathlon is a great achievement on its own.

Thank you to our many volunteers who give up their time to make this event possible, we are hugely grateful to them all.

The owners of Dene Farm have kindly welcomed the RAPC Tetrathlon competition for many years. It is a working farm, therefore in order that everyone stays safe and enjoys their day, please ensure children do not stray from their parents and guardians into areas that are not designated for the Tetrathlon.

**CONCUSSION ADVICE: When entering, parents/guardians need to confirm that if their child has had a head injury/concussion within 21 days of the event, the child will not compete on 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

### LEGAL LIABILITY

1. Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of this event or The Pony Club nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord or his tenant, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any other person or property whatsoever. Entries are only accepted on this basis.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

2. The organisers of this event have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers, officials and stewards.  
3. All non Pony Club competitors are not covered by The Pony Club insurance and must have their own third party cover. The Royal Artillery Branch of The Pony Club and the organisers of this event are not legally responsible for non Members and their insurance will not cover you.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC RIGHTS

4. By entering this competition, competitors and their guardians give permission for any photographic and/or film or TV footage taken of persons taking part at this event to be used and published in any media whatsoever for editorial purposes, press information or advertising by and on behalf of The Pony Club and/or official sponsors of The Pony Club.

### DOGS

**Preferably NO dogs at Dene Farm. Dogs are only allowed in car park on a short lead and with no disruption to other people or animals.**

### DIRECTIONS

- From Salisbury take the A30 towards Stockbridge. Take first left after passing the Tidworth/Romsey (B3084) crossroad. Take second right into Wisdom Lane (after approx. ¾ mile). Dene Farm is at the end.
- From Winchester follow signs for Stockbridge and then take A30 towards Salisbury. Turn right for Nether Wallop. Right at the T junction and then take first right (Wisdom Lane).

From Andover take A343 towards Salisbury, past the Army Air Museum, turn left at crossroads beside the George Inn & Pinchbeck Garage. Drive through Nether Wallop (approx. 1 mile). Dene Farm is on the left.