

COTSWOLD HUNT PONY CLUB

TACK AND TURNOUT FOR AREA SHOW JUMPING 2022

Here is guidance for all those competing at Area Show Jumping this year. If you have any queries or concerns please ask well ahead of time!

Firstly familiarise yourself with the [Rulebook](#). The competitor MUST know the rules as well as their parent/guardian.

There is a **TACK AND TURNOUT COMPETITION** for everyone at the Area Show Jumping. This is what it is judged on:-

Team members should match as much as possible, but it is not essential.

Competitors shall be judged individually in the Collecting Ring before their first round and must report as a Team at least 30 minutes before the time they are scheduled to jump.

Riders and ponies shall appear for judging in the clothing and saddlery in which they are competing and these shall not be changed thereafter without reference to the Official Steward.

Prize giving: Mounted or dismounted, competitors must be correctly dressed in their competition riding clothes. Only tack that falls within the rules of the competition will be allowed.

GUIDELINES FOR TURNOUT JUDGES

HORSE

- a) Healthy appearance
- b) Well groomed
- c) Appropriately trimmed
- d) Tidy mane and tail
- e) Well shod
- f) Clean, correctly fitted saddlery, in good repair
- g) If used, correct and tidy boots and bandages
- h) Proper use of keepers, martingales, etc.
- i) Polished bits, stirrups and other metal ware
- j) Any other points which may arise

RIDER

- a) Plain equipment is recommended. Any extra detail will be marked down.
- b) Tidy hair and hat
- c) Clean, workmanlike clothing
- d) Smart shirt with tidy collar
- e) Neatly tied stocks or ties
- f) Garter straps (when boots permit)
- g) Clean, correctly fitting spurs and straps
- h) Clean badge
- i) No gimmicks which offend the eye

RIDER:

Hat:

- Compliant with current standards and tagged with turquoise tag.
- Check it fits. Make sure chin strap is not too loose.
- Navy or black hat silk (coordinate with team members)

Jackets:

- Either tweed or black/navy/grey (coordinate with team members)

- Traditional jackets must be worn with a Pony Club tie or hunting stock. A traditional jacket is one with collar, sleeves and buttons down the front. It is permitted to wear a Pony Club stock with any jacket.
- Jackets must be worn for the duration of the course. Jackets may be removed during warming up, provided the competitor is wearing a shirt that at a minimum covers the shoulders.
- Competitor numbers should be worn at all times.
- During hot weather the Judges may give permission for competitors to ride without jackets, but shirts must cover the shoulders.

Breeches/jodhpurs beige or white. Coordinate with team members as much as possible.

Jodhpur boots and half chaps/long boots, spotlessly clean and polished.

Spurs

- Spurs straps cleaned
- Only blunt spurs, without rowels or sharp edges, and spurs that have a smooth rotating ball on the shank 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 4cm in length. The measurement is taken from the boot to the end of the shank.

Shirt: either plain white or Blue collared shirt and Pony Club tie, or plain white stock with stock pin horizontal securing it. (coordinate with team members where possible)

Pony Club metal badge on left lapel with felt underneath for any Tests held

Hairnet for girls. Boys hair tidy.

No jewellery . In the event of a person being unable to remove permanent jewellery, it must be adequately protected by being covered by a sticking plaster or other appropriate material prior to presenting at tack check. The wearing of such jewellery while competing is at the risk of the member / parent / guardian.

Gloves black/brown/navy or shite/cream (coordinate with team)

Whip (baton type only complying with the current British Showjumping rule (BS Members Handbook, full wording is available to view online at www.britishshowjumping.co.uk).

- The maximum length of the “Whip” is 70cm and must be no less than 45cm. The “Contact area”, is considered to be 2/5’s (two fifths) of the overall length of the “Whip” and must be covered with a “Pad”.
- There must be no “binding” within 17 centimetres of the end of the “Pad”.
- The “Pad” must be smooth, with no protrusion or raised surface, and be made of shock absorbing material throughout its circumference such that it gives a compression factor of at least 6mm.
- There is to be no wording, advertising or personalisation of any kind on the “Pad”.

PONY/HORSE

Spotlessly clean! Plaited mane and plait tail where appropriate. Tail clean and tidy (it is a good idea to loosely plait the tail and keep it up out of the way of droppings with a tail bandage when traveling)

Saddle:

Plain and traditional is preferred by the turnout judges. They won't be impressed by bling!

Stirrup leather stitching – check! it is amazing how quickly this can deteriorate.

Girth

- plain black, brown navy or white.
- Check straps and girths for worn stitching.
- Tighten the girth before your child mounts.
- “humane girth fixings” are not allowed see picture -



Numnah – The red CHPC saddle pads will be available for all members competing at Area SJ. It should be clean! Otherwise numnahs or saddle pads should be white, cream, navy, brown or black and plain (contrasting piping is permitted).

Stirrups -

- There are new rules about tread – check! [Stirrup Guidance 2022](#)
- Too big is as bad as too small. A guide is that you should be able to fit your finger between your child's boot and the edge of the stirrup. New boots often require new stirrup irons as everyone grows, but do not be persuaded to get enormous stirrups to cater for future growth. It is just as unsafe for the foot to go right through the stirrup as it is for the foot to get caught on the sides.

Boots if worn must be clean and well fitting. Traditional colours, not brightly coloured or bling.

Bridle:

- Check the tack rules in the SJ rulebook
- Remember to check the height of the bit in the pony's mouth, this is important if your child has cleaned the tack and undone all the buckles, and might not have done it all up again correctly. Is anything twisted, check tightness and height of noseband too.
- Reins – check stitching and for worn rubber. They will need martingale stops if using a martingale. Only running martingales are allowed for SJ, make sure they are fitted correctly and don't dangle in case the pony catches its foot in it.

USEFUL REMINDERS RE USE OF EQUIPMENT:

Spurs

Spurs must only be used to enhance the normal leg aids and allow for better communication from rider to horse.

Spurs must never be used to vent a competitor's anger or to reprimand the horse.

Use of the spurs which causes injury e.g. blood, broken skin or a weal, is always classed as misuse.

Misuse of the spurs anywhere on the showground will result in disqualification.

Whip

Riders may not hit their horse/ pony before the start of the course and may be eliminated for doing so at the Judge's discretion.

At all times, the whip must only be used:

- For a good reason, as an aid to encourage the horse forward.
- At an appropriate time, namely when the horse is reluctant to go forward under normal aids of seat and legs.
- In the right place, namely down the shoulder or behind the leg but never overarm.
- With appropriate severity.
- No more than twice for any one incident.

Excessive use of the whip anywhere on the showground will result in disqualification:

- Use of the whip to vent a competitor's anger is always excessive.
- Use of a whip which causes injury e.g. Broken skin or a weal, is always excessive.
- Use after elimination or retirement is always excessive.
- Use on a horse's head, neck etc. is always excessive.
- Using the whip from the ground after a rider fall or dismount is always excessive.
- If the rider's arm comes above the shoulder when using the whip, this is always excessive.