

Cumberland Farmers' Hunt (South) Branch of The Pony Club
Mounted Games PRINCE PHILIP CUP TEAM

TACK AND TURN OUT INSPECTIONS

At every competition for Prince Philip Cup there will be a Tack and Turnout Inspection prior to the competition. This is mainly for safety but it is also judged. This is what I have learnt so far on how to survive Tack and Turnout Inspections

CFHS Mounted Games PRINCE PHILIP CUP RIDERS – Turnout

Hats All hats must be pre-approved by our DC or Representative and have a Pony Club pink tag. NO PEAKS Skull caps only. Let me know if your hat is not tagged. Black/Blue hat covers – better if all team the same. Girls must wear hairnets

Team scrunchies will be provided. Secure any long chin straps with a black plaiting band.

Jods Cream or light beige jodhpurs / breeches or dark colours, again the team all need to be in the same colour. Jod clips should be worn, or better still sew elastic to bottom of jods.

Shirts and ties White long sleeved shirt with Pony Club tie. Top button must be done up on the shirt. White V-neck sweatshirt with long sleeves (not to be rolled up). We provide these.

Team Bibs To be provided by CFHS. To be collected from Fiona Veitch at the start of the competition.

Jodhpur boots Clean please, if they get dusty please wipe again once child on pony. NO lace boots.

Generally No watches, metal Pony Club badges or jewellery. No gloves, whips or spurs. Keep riding clothes covered up or put on just before getting on pony to keep them clean.

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Feet Well trimmed or well shod. Hoof oil applied just before inspection.

Manes and Tails Not to be plaited. Manes should be neat. Tails should be washed. Generally Ponies should be very well groomed.

If warm apply fly spray.

Studs – if worn must only be road studs or VERY small. See the Rule Book.

TACK

All tack (including reins) must be black or brown.

Saddles Must be well fitting for both the pony and rider. The saddle must not be too low on the wither. This is one of the main things that will be checked and often causes a problem.

All stitching must be good. Stirrup leathers stitching will be checked and should be solid.

Buckle guards must be on girth straps.

Stirrups There must be a 7mm clearance on either side of the riders boot. Please clean the stirrup treads, including the underneath.....these are a favourite to be checked. **Girth** Only white, navy blue, brown or black, NO HUMANE girths.

Martingales If used check fit is correct ie: not too tight. All stoppers need to be in place. If in doubt ask before the inspection and we can check. Running martingales can not be used to make Standing.

Bridles Team coloured brow bands provided ask Fiona Veitch.

Reins which can be knotted must have a buckle at the end. If the reins are knotted the buckle should be undone. Any big gaps between knots should be taped. No coloured reins, just black or brown. All strap ends need to be in the keepers. If no buckle they must be taped up after the knot.

Bits The bit must be a plain snaffle with a straight bar single or double joint in the middle. I will look at your bit to check it's OK Bits must be clean.

Saddle Cloths Team saddle cloths will be provided. Generally ALL needs to be clean. The underneath of all the saddle flaps will be looked at. **Check all your stitching now.**

TEAM (additional points awarded)

Points (not sure how many) are also awarded for the general appearance of the team. It is important that the children present themselves as a team ride in for the inspection as a team, line up well and sit up during the whole inspection (not just their turn). Please make sure the children thank the judge and if possible SMILE!!!!!!