

CFHS Team and Individual selection policy for 2026 Area competitions

1. Introduction

During the summer months, we select our teams and individuals for Area competitions for the principal disciplines Dressage/SJ/Eventing/Tetrathlon

For those of you newer to the Pony Club, these are the "regional" – Area 2 competitions that are the qualifiers for the various Pony Club Championships which are held in the majority of cases in August of each year.

CFHS PC is part of Area 2 of the Pony Club and it's against these other branches that we compete at the Area competitions.

To qualify for the main Pony Club Championships, which are held at Offchurch Bury, is highly prestigious and is the peak of the competitive year for our members. The same applies to the Regional Championships, held at Auchlishie in Scotland We've had much success in recent years.

This paper clarifies the selection process for these Area competitions.

2. Area competitions

For each of the key disciplines, we are invited to enter teams and individuals for the Area (regional) qualifying competitions. In some instances, we can enter multiple teams, in others not. Teams normally comprise four team members, although we can also enter riders as individual competitors.

For the area competitions listed below – please see the relevant page on our website [All team sports for CFHS Cumberland Farmers' Hunt \(South\)](#) Training for these teams begin sooner in the year. Tetrathlon members take part in winter Triathlons and must fulfil the XC criteria set out for eventing, and also do shooting, swimming and running training.

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Area competitions take place for each of the key disciplines of dressage, showjumping, eventing, mounted games, horse and pony care, quiz and tetrathlon (and polocrosse, polo and endurance) The majority of Area competitions take place in June and July. Quiz in March, Mounted Games in May, Horse and Pony Care in April, Tetrathlon in July.

This document focuses on our selection process only for the four disciplines of Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing and Tetrathlon and you should get in touch with the appropriate discipline managers if you wish to be considered for any of the other Area competitions.

*Mounted Games Area 2 competition May 9th 2026 (South Northumberland PC)
SNPC friendly competition may 10th (same venue as the Areas)
Mounted Games Zone Competition Lanark racecourse July 4th 2026
Championship – at the JCB on August 14th -16th 2026
Selected after attendance of rallies and local competitions to see if safe in the games environment

*Area Quiz – training will be in person and some possibly on zoom. You need to be prepared to put in a lot of work at home to research topics and revise. Sections are usually in game format but based on the tests and achievement badges. Area March 1st
Selected after a mini quiz on the current years topics.

*Area Horse and Pony Care-training will be in person, this is a practical stable management competition based on the test badges and achievement badges. April 12th
Selected to achieve a balance between knowledge and practical ability. Consideration on how members work together as a team, support each other to enable each member to contribute and share answers with the assessors.

The dates for this year's Area competitions and PC Championships are as follows:

AREA DRESSAGE	LOCATION	DATES
70/80/Novice/Intermediate /Open	Zetland	July 12 th Park Head Farm
AREA SHOW JUMPING		
70/80/90/100/110cm	Braes of Derwent	June 20 th /21 st West Park
AREA EVENTING		
PC70, PC70+	Ivesley	May 24 th
PC80 PC90, PC100 and Chairmans Cup, Open	Alnwick Ford	June 27 th /28 th
PONY CLUB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS		
All levels and disciplines, excluding Regional Championships	Offchurch Bury	August 14 th -22 nd 2026 Games and Tet - 14 th -16 th SJ/Dressage/Eventing 18 th -22 nd 2026
PONY CLUB REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Regional Championships	Auchlishie	7 th -9 th August Auchlishie
PONY CLUB PC110 EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS		
PC110 Eventing Championships		Bishop Burton

3. Structure of Area competitions

For each age/ability group, we have a Team Manager who is responsible for organising team training on a regular basis, proposing the team selections themselves along with other instructors and the DC, they will then co-ordinate our entries for the Area competitions, which are then entered by Fiona Veitch. You are free to have your own instruction but there will be a few compulsory events for selection. XC training October 2025/February 2025, April 13th information drop in, May 22nd evening-ridden and the Dressage/SJ competition May 27th. It is also advisable to attend some of the sport training sessions.

These following area competitions qualify for the Main PC JCB Championships. 14th -22nd August 2026

- **Area Dressage - 2026 tests**

This is divided into the Open, Intermediate, Novice. The Open dressage test this year is the Pony Club Open Dressage PC110 2026 and for Intermediates is the PC Intermediate Dressage PC100 2026 The Novice test is PC90 2026

- **Area Showjumping**

Open PC110 level normally has a first round of 105cms, with a second round of 110cms; Intermediate PC100 starts at 100cms, with a second round of 105cms. PC90 second round 95cm. The Jump off can be 5cm higher again.

- **Area Eventing -2026 dressage tests**

Open PC110 is broadly equivalent to BE Novice.
Chairmans Cup 105 equates to a BE105
Intermediate PC100 equates to BE100.
Novice PC90 equates to BE90

The dressage test for PC110 is the PC 110 eventing test 2026 and for PC100 it's the PC100 eventing test 2026. The PC Chairman's Cup dressage test for this is the chairmans cup test 2026. PC90 – dressage test PC90 eventing test 2026

- **Area Tetrathlon**

Open XC 110, Intermediate XC 100, Junior XC 90. Running and swimming distances and times are on our sport pages. Shooting information on sport page.

Pony Club Regionals and Championships

The Pony Club Regional and Championships is the entry-level PC Team Competitions for Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing, aimed at younger or novice members. Members can be of any age (PC70 is for 13yrs and under, PC70+ any age) and ride any size of pony or horse. **However, riders must not have previously taken part in any Area competitions at Novice level or above in Dressage, Show Jumping or Eventing.**

There are Area qualifiers for each discipline and the top 6 teams (4 teams at PC 70) and a number of individuals at these competitions qualify for the Northern Regionals comprising qualifiers from Pony Club Areas 1,2,19,17 which will be held at Auchleshie in Scotland, 7th -9th August.

- **Foundation PC70 Dressage - regional and championship**

This is a relatively straightforward test for novice riders. The test at this year's Area and championships competition is Foundation PC70 Dressage Test 2026

- **Grassroots PC80 Dressage - regional and championship**

This is a relatively straightforward test for novice riders. The test at this year's Area competition is the Grassroots Dressage Test 2026
PC80 Championship test 2026

- **Regional and Championships Area Showjumping 70cm and 80cm**

There are two rounds with a maximum height of 70cm or 80cms, but in the second round two single fences may be 75cm or 85cms.

- **Regional Area Eventing PC70 and PC70+**

Riders must be confident over a 70cms XC course. The test at this year's Area competition is tbc as the competition is being run alongside the riding club competition.

For the Championship the dressage test will be the PC70 foundation test 2026

- **Regional Area Eventing PC80**

Riders must be confident over a 80cms XC course. The test at this year's Areas TBC as the competition is being run at Alnwick Ford BE event.

For the Championships the dressage test will be the PC80 Grassroots Championship 2026 test.

4. Selection process

In order to be considered for any Area team, you must be able to demonstrate the appropriate competition experience with the same rider/pony combination in the relevant discipline at the appropriate level of difficulty. This is simply so that we can ensure members are not entered into competitions which undermine their confidence or, worse, cause a risk to their safety and horses welfare.

WELFARE: this is now a priority consideration for all Equestrian events. Your pony must be fit, capable, safe and suitable. It must be competing within its 'comfort zone'.

Our Team Managers organise regular rallies and training, attending these will bring relevant experience and demonstrate a commitment to the club. In some cases, some rallies are deemed as **COMPULSORY**.

If you wish to be considered for selection for **any** of the Area competitions for Dressage, Showjumping or Eventing, (and Tetrathlon) please see the guidelines below:

- You **MUST** fill in the CV for your rider + horse to be considered for selection by no later than **1st May 2026 and return to Fiona Veitch—these will be shared with the DC and team managers after this date and will be updated as you send in further information.** You must specify which sport and level you wish to be considered for. If you are at all unsure of which level you should apply for, please don't hesitate to contact the Team Manager or the Area team coordinator.
- You must be able to demonstrate evidence of **regular** competitions on the horse/pony you are proposing to be considered for selection, and in that discipline(s) you wish to be considered for. This is simply to ensure we don't mistakenly position you in the wrong team and is also important from a safety perspective. **It is important that you should have taken part in at least two-to-four competitions AS A MINIMUM from January 1st 2026 leading up to the area competition for the relevant discipline at the appropriate level** and you should submit evidence of these (together with results) on the CV by May 1st. A further request for and update of your CV will be made in Mid June for the later Area competitions.
- Competitions can be ones that you've entered individually or as part of a CFHS team and can be affiliated or unaffiliated. Please see the full list of all XC events that took place in 2025 for reference. You need to look for 2026 events.

Please note that for eventing 80cm and above, we must have evidence of at least 2 rounds of XC with one clear and one less than 40 jump penalties at the appropriate level (with or without time penalties) so that we can be confident of safety. If XC is from Tetrathlon this is either 1400 points or 1240 at the required height). We will hopefully school round Penrith BE80cm-110cm in April – this will count as a course as it will be ridden as a full round.

*****For the PC70/70+ competition we need to see you at one of our XC rallies and know you have ridden over solid fences, this can be at Arena Eventing.**

You must have attended **three rallies on the proposed rider/pony combination** in the 12 months from 1st July 2025. Attendance at Camp 2025 counts as one rally. RALLIES: these are run regularly throughout the year so there is NO excuse not to attend the required number.

- You must also attend at least **two** Team training sessions **per discipline** you wish to be considered for. These generally start later in April and run on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Details are updated regularly on the web site. Any rally throughout the year which are dressage/SJ/XC specific also count as team individual sessions.
- We do quite understand that, for some, this is difficult to achieve every week, but our Instructors and Team Managers must see you train with them in order to assess you. It is also unfair on those who do attend every week throughout the winter and spring if those who don't attend training are selected ahead of them.
- We recognise that older members at university or working full-time may find it difficult to attend regular rallies or training sessions and discretion is granted to these members, although participation when possible must be adhered to.
- Other criteria that will be taken into account for selection include being an active and loyal member of CFHS. You must have some CV with tack and equipment allowed at PC ie Spurs or have the spurs tag.

- **It is essential you are available for the appropriate competition at the PC Championships or Regional Championships in August, so please check these dates.** There is nothing more disappointing for other team members than if the team qualifies for the Championships and a fellow team member is then unable to participate.
- Team selection will be finalised before entries for the Area competitions close and is undertaken by the relevant Team Manager and District Commissioner.
- This year we are running two team dates – Proposed dates: April 13th 2026 dismounted drop in information night and an evening May 22nd ridden at Jenks field – this will be dressage and SJ. This will be a ‘look at you’ event, where you will show jump, ride the relevant dressage test. We will also have some xc rallies at Brougham and other venues. These will be minimal costs. Please note if you are only aiming for dressage on these nights you will just ride a dressage test, if only SJ then you will only SJ, if eventing you will do both. For the Eventing if BE tests are being used we will run through these.

We run a winter triathlon – November 23rd 2025, CT -May 27th 2026 and mini ODE September 2025.

We seek to manage expectations during the team selection process and to provide feedback on an ongoing basis. There is clearly the prospect of some disappointment.

As stated above, please feel free to contact the appropriate Team Manager, Fiona or Sarah the DC at any point if you require any clarification about the selection process.

We wish all our members fun and success at this year's Area competitions – and hopefully at the Championships too!

Competitions :

Dressage -

ESAH will be running PC pick at test at their competitions in 2026. Greenlands areas run BD and unaffiliated monthly. Northallerton run pick a test dates. Greenlands this year have put on PC classes as requested. Murray House are running practice tests and hire of 20x40 arenas.

Show Jumping -

Murray house every Tuesday unaffiliated and BS monthly, Incl Club classes
Greenlands – Wednesday night unaffiliated, Richmond EC and Northallerton run regular SJ competitions. Northcote run regular SJ both BS and unaffiliated.

Cross Country - taken from 2025 - plus schooling at Brougham, Greenlands, Foxberry, REC, High Plains and Penrith BE. **2026 dates will be posted when we hear of them, but its up to YOU to find these competitions.**

All dates are from 2025 for information -

March 30th Gleneagles HT

March/April Ian Stark EC HT

April 6th Helen Bells ODE

April 13th Little Whittington xc/SJ training event

April 17th Helsington clear round on Grass over WH

April 18th Gloucester Lodge North East HT

April 19/20 French field BE

April 27th Northallerton ODE

May 4th Reahills SJ/XC derby

May 10th Ivesley HT

May 19th Reahills ODE

May 30th Mini ODE Nord Vue

May 31st Reahills HT

June 8th Helsington HT + ODE

July 6th Northallerton HT
July 13th Breckenbrough 2 phase and ODE
July Kelsall Hill
September Helsington HT

British Eventing-local events

March Northallerton
April Penrith
May Breckenbrough
June Belsey, South Scotland, Northallerton, Breckenbrough

CFHS Dressage/SJ May 27th 2026
CFHS Winter Triathlon November 23rd 2025
CFHS Mini ODE September 6th 2025

*****information will be posted on the CFHS Whats App calendar page and the sport group, area teams group + CFHS FB page. Its up to you to keep track of these.**

Cumbria Shield team show jumping – This is a team SJ competition organized the Cumberland Farmers Hunt North. Usually in September each year at Greenlands. For 2026 there will be a poll of ALL the classes from lead rein to 100cm. You will have a week to tick the heights you wish to ride in. After this week the names for each height will be passed to each team manager to gather names, collect entry money and provide information. For the Cumbria Shield classes, we will select a team or teams from your CV. These heights are 50cm 11yrs and under, 70cm 13years and under and 90cm any age. For all the other classes the team manager will put you in teams based on friends, or any special requests. These are teams of 4.

Entry fee covered by parents

The Spring Festival – this is an area competition for dressage, show jumping and arena eventing. Final usually at Addington Equestrian Center

2027 - qualifers

Arena Eventing – 70cm, 80cm, 90cm +100cm -TBC

SJ -70cm, 80cm, 90cm, 100cm, 110cm - Greenlands October 10th 2026

Dressage- PC70, PC80, Novice, Intermediate + Open. – TBC

Championship entry fees are £37 per sport per class. Stabling for 2026 was app £60 per night. All costs covered by parents.

*****These are team events – BUT only teams of 3 and all 3 scores count.*****

Please now see the selection letter and start filling in your CV

**Thank you
CFHS Area Selection Team**