



THE BARRIER SPRING FESTIVAL: ENGLAND & WALES 2024

SHOW JUMPING RULES

**For PC80, PC90, PC100 and PC110
Grand Prix Levels**

(For Scotland & Northern Ireland see Regional Rules)

**Championships to be held at Arena UK
24th - 25th February 2024**

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Except where varied in these rules, this competition will be judged in accordance with the Pony Club Show Jumping Rule Book.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these rules. In any unforeseen circumstances, it is the duty of the relevant officials to make a decision in a sporting spirit and to approach as nearly as possible to the intention of these rules.

In all Pony Club Show Jumping, excessive use of the whip, including repeated slapping down the shoulder, is prohibited. The rules state that the whip may be used a **maximum of three times** during any round. Use of the whip will be monitored, especially at the Championships, and excessive use may result in elimination at the discretion of the judges.

SADDLERY & DRESS

The current Pony Club Saddlery and Dress Rules apply.

QUALIFYING STAGES

There are two stages of the Barrier Spring Festival Show Jumping competition in England and Wales:

1. Area Competitions for Show Jumping will be held any time before 4th February 2024. Members do not need to qualify for their Area Qualifier
2. Those who were successful at their Area Competition will go forward to the Barrier Spring Festival Championships on 24th & 25th February 2023 at Arena UK

Branches are to be encouraged to hold friendly or league competitions to give members some practice before the Area competition.

TEAM COMPETITION

Branches/Centres may enter a team of three or four in the Show Jumping Area qualifying competitions. The four can compete at different levels or all at the same level or a mixture of the two. The team must comprise at least three members (i.e. one member may ride two horses) and the top three scores to count. The winning Branch/Centre team at each Area competition will qualify for the Spring Festival. If any of the individual qualifiers are in a qualifying team their place will be passed down the line.

TEAM COMPETITION SCORING

Points shall be awarded to each team competitor depending on their placing (1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points etc.) relative only to other team competitors in that class and not on their overall placing in that class. Any competitors riding as an individual in the same class as team competitors should not be given points. The points for the three best-placed team members shall be added together to give the team score. The winning team will be the team with the least points.

Eligibility Rules

PC80 ELIGIBILITY

A combination of horse/pony and rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- Previously represented their Branch/Centre at PC90 level or above in any Show Jumping or Eventing Area Competitions or Championships.
- Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as an individual in the Show Jumping or Eventing Regional Championships on two occasions.

A rider is NOT eligible if they have:

- Previously competed at the Spring Festival PC110 Grand Prix Championships; or
- The Pony Club Show Jumping Final at Hickstead.

PC90 ELIGIBILITY

A combination of horse/pony and rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- Completed a PC110 Area level or above competition in previous years.
- Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as an individual at the Pony Club Championships at PC90 level or above on two occasions.

PC100 ELIGIBILITY

A combination of horse/pony and rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as an individual at the Pony Club Championships at PC100 level or above on two occasions.

PC110 GRAND PRIX ELIGIBILITY

Riders CANNOT compete in the Open Grand Prix Area Competition if they have ridden in the PC80 Spring Festival Area Competition in the same year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A combination of horse/pony and rider CAN qualify for both the PC80 Championships and PC90 Spring Festival Championships in the same year but CANNOT also qualify for the PC110 Grand Prix Championships.

Riders CANNOT compete at the PC80 Spring Festival Area Competition and the PC110 Grand Prix Area Competition in the same year.

Riders CAN compete at the PC90 Area Competition and the PC110 Grand Prix Area Competition. Any combination of horse/pony and rider who qualify for both the PC90 Championship and PC110 Grand Prix Championship in the same year must nominate which class they wish to compete in on the day they qualify so that the qualification can be passed down the line. Riders can ride in both Championships if they have qualified on different horses.

Area Competition Rules

Held in 16 Areas throughout the country any time before 4th February 2024. Area Competition dates can be found on The Pony Club website.

All members must attend their own Area Qualifier, no exemptions will be given.

For each Championship class, competitors may qualify a maximum of **three** horses/ponies.

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY – PC80, PC90 & PC100

Qualification at Area Competitions will work on a ratio basis as below:

Number of competitors starting the competition	Number of competitors to qualify (plus any tying for these places)
0 – 50	7
51 – 60	8
61 – 70	9
And pro rata	

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY – PC110 GRAND PRIX

The first FOUR will qualify for the Championships from each Area Qualifier. If there are more than 15 starters, then FIVE will qualify. (Any combination eliminated or retired in round one will NOT qualify.)

PASSING DOWN THE QUALIFICATION

On the day - If a competitor is unable to go to the Championships, then the qualifying places will be passed down the line. Please ensure every competitor confirms to the organiser/steward that they are intending to enter the Championships.

After the Area Qualifier – If a competitor is unable to go to the Championships, they must notify The Pony Club Office as soon as possible so that their qualifying place can be passed down the line. This will only be done **up until five days prior to the Championships**.

AREA QUALIFIER COMPETITION RESULTS

All qualifier organisers must submit the results of their competition, including the teams and combinations in a qualifying position as soon as the competition has finished. If the competition is cancelled or there are no qualifiers, please ensure the office is notified.

It must be clear on the results which teams and riders are in a qualifying position.

Please use www.ponyclubresults.co.uk to deliver live results, this is a free service that enables scorers to enter the scores as they happen. More information can be found at <https://www.ponyclubresults.co.uk/site/about.php>. Please contact Miranda Collett at miranda@eventingscores.co.uk for support.

It is very important that the teams and individuals that have qualified for the championships are clearly marked on the results with a Q for individuals and a T for team members.

A link to your results can be submitted online at <https://events.pcuk.org/?p=11103>

Course Dimensions – Debut

All dimensions apply to the first round of each competition. The jump off or the timed section of a single or two phase will be higher.

PC80 - AREA COMPETITIONS

To be judged under BS Table A7 unless there is equality for qualifying places then a jump-off will decide. If minor non-qualifying places are needed, then time in the first round will decide.

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations (uprights only) **0.80 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **0.80 m**

Area Competitions to be built to maximum height and dimensions.

PC80 - CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **0.85 m**

Course Dimensions – PC90

All dimensions apply to the first round of each competition. The jump-off or the timed section of a single or two phase will be higher.

PC90 - AREA COMPETITIONS

To be judged under BS Table A7 unless there is equality for qualifying places then a jump-off will decide. If minor non-qualifying places are needed then time in the first round will decide.

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations **0.90 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **0.90 m**

When the second element of a double combination is a spread, the distances must be as for two non-jumping strides.

Area Competitions to be built to maximum height and dimensions.

PC90 – CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **0.95 m**

Course Dimensions – PC100

All dimensions apply to the first round of each competition. The jump-off or the timed section of a single or two phase will be higher.

PC100 - AREA COMPETITIONS

To be judged under BS Table A7 unless there is equality for qualifying places then a jump-off will decide. If minor non-qualifying places are needed then time in the first round will decide.

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations **1.00 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **1.00 m**

When the second element of a double combination is a spread, the distances must be as for two non-jumping strides.

Area Competitions to be built to maximum height and dimensions.

PC100 – CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **1.00 m**

Course Dimensions – PC110 Grand Prix

All dimensions apply to the first round of each competition. The jump-off or the timed section of a single or two phase will be higher.

PC110 GRAND PRIX - AREA COMPETITIONS

To be judged under BS Table A7 unless there is equality for qualifying places then a jump-off will decide. If minor non-qualifying places are needed, then time in the first round will decide.

1 or 2 Double Combinations	1.05 m
Maximum Height of Fences	1.10 m
Maximum Spread	1.10 m

When the second element of a double combination is a spread, the distances must be as for two non-jumping strides.

PC110 GRAND PRIX - CHAMPIONSHIP

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations	1.10 m
Maximum Height & Spread of Fences in the First round	1.10 m

When the second element of a double combination is a spread, the distances must be as for two non-jumping strides.

All Clear Rounds or the top 10 Competitors (from the 1st Round) will go through to the 2nd Round. In the event of equality of faults time will decide. All scores in the 1st Round will be carried forward to the second round.

Other competitors will be placed according to their faults and time.

All those placed equal first on faults for the two rounds will go through to the Jump Off which will be against the clock.

Other Competitors will be placed on faults and time.

Entry Fees

AREA QUALIFIERS

Entry fee to be set by the organising Branch/ Centre or Venue.

Please contact the relevant Show Secretary for details, these can also be found on The Pony Club website.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship Classes

Entry Fee: £30.00

Entries for competitors, who have qualified for the Championships, should be made through the online entry system as soon as possible after their Area Competition or on the day of their Area Competition if it is held on the weekend before the Championships.

Substitutions

Teams – the DC/Centre Proprietor may substitute rider(s) and/or horse(s) in the Team before entering. If a horse has to be substituted an alternative rider may be nominated. If a rider has to be substituted an alternative horse may be nominated. If a Branch/Centre has qualified more than one team, a substitution may be made from one team to another.

If a team of three qualifies for the Championships, then a fourth team member may be entered at the Championships, as long as both the horse and rider are eligible and have completed the Area Competition.

Individuals – A substitute horse may be entered but not a substitute rider.

No substitutes shall be allowed after the Competition has started.

Notes to Course Designers

It is recommended that a BS Panel Course Designer is used if possible.

For Area Competitions a BS Course Designer is mandatory. If the course designer is not qualified, then approval must be sought from The Pony Club.

It is important to use some 'fill-in material' so that the fences look inviting and hollow plastic poles are not allowed.

Safety Cups - Safety Cups are mandatory for all Pony Club Show Jumping Competitions including any practice fences. To be used on the back rails of spread fences and middle and back rails of triple bars

The Course:

- If possible, the first two fences should be sited to be jumped towards the Collecting Ring.
- One third to one half of the obstacles should be spreads and must include at least one square oxer.
- Distances - Unless the competition class stipulates the height of pony the distances should be for horses.
- In a course designed for a mixed class (horses and ponies) it is important not to use difficult committed distances so that ponies can adjust their strides. There should be no three stride distances anywhere in the course. There must be no less than five strides on the approach or following any combination, (either double or treble). Except where the rules for the competition stipulate and there is a significant mix of sizes of ponies/horses, one or two double combinations instead of a double and a treble may be better suited to the competition.
- When the second or third element of a double or treble combination is a spread, the distances must be as for two non-jumping strides.

BRITISH SHOW JUMPING TABLE DEFINITIONS

Table A4	Against the clock. Competitors placed on faults and time.	
Table A7	Those placed first equal qualify for the jump off.	Jump off: Against the clock. Competitors placed on faults and time.
Two Phase	First phase: 7 to 9 obstacles not against the clock with a time allowed. Clear rounds continue straight on to the second phase without a bell being rung.	Second phase: 4 to 6 obstacles which must be higher than the first phase. Competitors placed on faults and time
Single Phase	First phase: 5 to 7 obstacles not against the clock with a time allowed. Unless eliminated, continue straight on to the second phase without a bell being rung.	Second phase: 5 to 7 obstacles which must be higher than the first phase, (maximum 12 obstacles in all). Competitors placed on total faults from both phases and time in second phase.