

ESSEX & SUFFOLK HUNT PONY CLUB RALLIES, TEAMS AND TESTS GUIDANCE

RALLIES

Booking Rallies

- Please book all rallies through [EntrymasterEssexSuffolk](#)
- If you have missed the closing date and would like to attend, please contact the rally organiser (details will be on Entrymaster and latest Programme) to see if a space is still available. If there is, then please contact Sophie Bardrick on 07968 849304 or at sophiebardrick@gmail.com to make payment.
- Please be aware that prompt booking of rallies, events and camps enable organisers to book facilities and the correct number of instructors and thereby utilise branch funds effectively.

Before the Rally

- If you are unable to attend a booked rally or clinic, please inform the rally organiser as soon as possible. If this is after the closing date a refund will only be given if a member on the waitlist is available to take your space.
- Any queries regarding any event, please contact the rally organiser.
- The address of the venue and organiser contact details can always be found on [EntrymasterEssexSuffolk](#) under 'Enter Events' or on our website calendar <https://branches.pcuk.org/essexsuffolk/calendar/> (click on 'book now' to see contact details)
- Rally times and rides where applicable will be posted on our website <https://branches.pcuk.org/essexsuffolk/rally-clinic-times/> and on Facebook ahead of the rally.
- **Please make yourself available to help set up rallies and tow trailers where possible. Contact the organiser in advance to offer your services.**

At the Rally

- Parents or guardians are required to stay on site in case of any issues or if the instructor needs any help eg putting jumps up etc.
- If for any reason, you are unable to stay at the rally, please ensure that someone is responsible for your child and inform the rally organiser.
- Please **do not** get involved with your child's rally/clinic unless the instructor has asked for your input. If you have any issues regarding your child's ride

or instructor, please speak directly to the rally organiser in the first instance.

- Rally organisers are not allowed to leave the site for insurance purposes.
- Remember to bring a headcollar with you to rallies. Horses and ponies must not be left unattended when tied to lorries or trailers.
- **Please be available to help load jump trailers at the end of rallies and volunteer to tow trailers where possible.**
- Please remember to thank the rally organisers and instructors.

TEAMS

- All members will be emailed a Team Questionnaire googleform around the middle of March.
- If your child is interested in competing in any teams for the Essex and Suffok Branch, then please complete the form by the closing date and read the relevant Rule Book available online <https://pcuk.org>
- You will be contacted by the DC ahead of each event to confirm whether you would still like to compete before entries are made.
- For Regional and Area competitions, entry fees are sometimes paid for by the branch but this is only possible if funds allow. Championship entry fees are often paid for by the branch but again, only if funds allow. Stabling at any events are payable by the member.
- Please only put your child's name down for qualifying events if they are able to make the championship dates.
- To be considered for a team you must be a member and you and your pony/horse **MUST** attend 3 rallies during the year (camp counts as one rally) - the year runs from the first day of camp to 30th June and one rally must be attended between 1st January and 30th June in the year you hope to be in a team.

TESTS

- We encourage members to take the Pony Club Tests and the recommended ages are as follows:

D Test - 8+ years (and after 3 mounted rallies)

You need to hold the Mini Road Rider Achievement Badge to do D Test

You must have attained your D Test and the Mini Road Rider Badge to attend Big Camp

D+ Test - Approx 10 years.

C Test - Approx 11-12 years

You must have your PC Riding and Road Safety Achievement Badge or have passed the Riding and Road Safety Test (minimum age 12 years) before you can be awarded your C Test certificate.

C+ Test - Approx 14 years (minimum 13yrs)

B Test - Approx 15 years - (minimum 14yrs)

Before taking B, you must have passed the Riding and Road Safety Test.

Further information regarding tests and syllabuses can found on the main pony club website <https://pcuk.org/tests/> or contact Marg Foxon margery.foxon@gmail.com or 07770 276856.

Members of the committee will be more than happy to answer any of your queries but please do not ring before 8.00 a.m. or after 8.00 p.m.

**PLEASE READ AND ADHERE TO THE [Pony Club Codes of Conduct](#)
FOR PARENTS AND MEMBERS**

Mary Thornley DC
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