



FLAMSTEAD BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB

**AREA 12
Blue Cross
Horse & Pony Care Competition**



Monday 27th May 2024

**At
Holly Tree Farm
Manor Road
Caddington
Luton
LU1 4HH**

Entry Fees: £48 per team (+ non-refundable booking fee)

Closing Date for Entries: 12th May 2024

Entries to www.horse-events.co.uk

Mini Competition – Teams to consist of three Members. Ages to be 10 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year, with one Member to be 8 years or under on the 1st January of the competition year.

Junior Competition – Teams to consist of three Members. Ages to be 13 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year, with one Member to be 11 years or under on the 1st January of the competition year.

Senior Competition – Teams to consist of three Members. Ages to be under 25 years on the 1st January of the competition year. One Member to be 16 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year. Of the remaining two Members, one may be between 21 and 24 on the 1st January of the competition year

Competition Rules

1. The competition will be run under the Horsemanship Rulebook 2024.
2. The decision of the judges and Official Scorers is final.
3. No entry fee will be refunded after the closing date, 12th May 2024.
4. All teams must appoint a Team Manager with whom the organisers will issue all communication before, and in the event of qualification, after the event.
5. Dress should be appropriate to a working yard environment. Jodhpurs, boots, gloves and hats are expected. Coats should be available in case of weather change.
6. Dress Code – Pony club sweatshirt, Gilets/Jackets may be worn, Branch/Centre polo shirts may be worn in the event of warm weather, membership badge, gloves, Jodhpurs, Hat tagged (pink) & correct footwear as set out in Horsemanship Rulebook 2024.
7. All competitors must have a sticker with their name and team name visible to the assessors.
8. An assessor may be required from each branch/Centre and to be available on the day of competition.
Minis – Assessors should be familiar with D+ Test standard
Juniors – Assessors should be familiar with C+ Test standard
Seniors – Assessors should be familiar with AH Test standard
9. No adult will be allowed to accompany their child during the competition.
10. Reasonable Adjustment can be requested on the grounds of an impairment (physical or mental) that could be temporary or longterm. Reasonable Adjustments may also be made in the case of members who wear religious clothing or for whom English is not their first language. Reasonable Adjustment will be treated confidentially and should be applied for in line with the Pony Club Reasonable Adjustment Policy.
<https://pcuk.org/media/npzfmva3/reasonable-adjustment-policy.pdf>
11. Eligibility - Complete teams may not compete at more than one level

When entering, team names must be distinguishable. They must include Branch/Centre name, and a simple differentiation e.g A, B, C or a short word if there are more than one team entering. Example: Aberconwy Red

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12. Prize Giving - Competitors must be correctly dressed in their competition clothes, including hats.
13. No Dogs allowed.
14. No competitor or adult assessor may have a mobile phone switched on whilst competing.
15. Please take all of your litter home.
16. Final score sheets will be handed back to the Team Managers prior to prize giving.
17. Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of this event or The Pony Club nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord or his tenant, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any other personal property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any way whatsoever. Entries are only accepted on this basis.
18. The organisers of this event have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health & safety of everyone present at this event. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents. They must obey the instructions of the organisers and all officials and stewards

Format of the event

Horsemanship Rule Book 2024: https://pcuk.org/media/nojiwyfg/rulebook-horsemanship-2024-final_web-v190124.pdf

Horse and Pony Care is an integral part of The Pony Club Championships each summer and features teams of Three Pony Club Members who demonstrate their knowledge and practical horsemanship skills taken from The Pony Club Efficiency Test cards and achievement badges over a number of rounds.

On the day of the competition, Parents / Carers and Team Managers will be briefed at the start of each competition and teams will be signed off for wearing the correct attire as set out in the Horsemanship Rulebook 2024 prior to the competition beginning.

Parents / Carers and Team Managers are then free to leave and will be given a return time for prize giving and collection of their child. Please note, parents or carers are not allowed to accompany their child whilst the competition is in process.

Children will be invited into the yard and given a briefing on how the competition will work. There will be up to 10 stations (fewer for the minis) and each station will have up to 10 questions with marks out of 50. The rounds will be either practical or theory. Teams will have 10 minutes per round to complete the questions set (8 minutes for minis) marked by an assessor. Questions may be asked directly to one child and they may consult with their team mates, however marks will be deducted for this.

Questions will be based on the following:

a. Minis: Questions to be based on the Care section of the E, D and easier parts of the D+ Efficiency Test cards and Mini Horsemanship Achievement Badges.

b. Juniors: Questions to be based on the Care section of the D, D+, C and easier parts of the C+ Efficiency Test cards and Horsemanship Achievement Badges.

c. Seniors: Questions to be based on the Care section of the C+, B and AH Efficiency Test cards. Questions at AH Test level should be used sparingly as not all Branches/Centres will have AH Test level competitors.

Scoring: Each round will be marked by a suitably experienced assessor; all marks attained by each team in each round will contribute towards the overall score of that team; overall scores will be calculated by appointed Official Scorers on the day. One round will be chosen at random and announced at the briefing as the tie-breaker. In the event of a tie the Team with the highest score in that particular round, will be declared the winners.

Refreshments: Drinks and a small snack will be provided for all team Members.

A guide to timings below are subject to change and will be confirmed a few days before the event.

08.00-12.00am Mini Competition – (Pending numbers, two competitions may be ran).

12.30-14.00pm Junior Competition.

14.00-16.00pm Senior Competition.

Winning teams from each section will qualify for the National Championships 2024 Championship dates are 9th-17th August 2024, timetable to be confirmed.

Rosettes to 6th Place

Team Managers will be notified of this on the day.

The winning team from each section of the Area Competition will qualify for the Championships. Any Area that has 10 or more teams competing in the section will have two guaranteed spaces for the Championship.

Any Area that has 15 or more teams competing in the section at the Area Competition is guaranteed three spaces at the Championship. Should space allow, further teams may be invited to the Championships at the Organiser's discretion.

Invitations will be made to the Championships by consulting scores and inviting the team that were closest in percentage to their 1st placed team at their relevant Area.