

**Mid Surrey**

**Pony Club**

Tetrathlon & Triathlon Competition for Teams & Individuals

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st April 2024

Saturday 20th April: Ride phase at The Pony Club Field, Hurst Road, Walton on the Hill, Surrey KT20 5BN

Sunday 21st April: Shoot, run, ride (by application) & prizegiving The Pony Club Field.

Swim at Royal Albert and Alexander School, Gatton Park, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 0TD

Open to all members of The Pony Club and run in accordance with Pony Club Tetrathlon Rules 2024. Please read the rules in this schedule carefully before entering.

Entries close: Saturday 13th April 2024. No late entries accepted. Online entries at My Riding Life: <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=459368>

Times, numbers and live scoring at www.ponyclubresults.co.uk

Times for all phases will be available from Thursday 18th April. At :<https://www.ponyclubresults.co.uk/events/event.php?eventid=2475>

Queries via Tetrathlon Managers to [mail to: annabel.brown@discomail.co.uk](mailto:mail%20to:%20%20annabel.brown@discomail.co.uk)

**Telephone number on competition days only: 07836 555696**

**With grateful thanks to Royal Albert and Alexander School for allowing us to use their facilities. Please respect these facilities and keep them clean and tidy.**

**CLASSES:**

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| Class No | Class name | Age as of 01/01/2023 | Ride Height | Ride Details | Shoot | Run | Swim | Team  Comprising |
| 1 | Geriathlon | Over 25 | 80cm | XC  Slip rail  Gate | 7m single handed,  Turning targets | 1000m | 2 mins | 4 adults  I member does 1 phase each |
| 2a | Int/Open Boys | Under 25 | 90-100 | XC  Slip rail  Gate  No outside assistance | 10m  Single handed  Turning targets | 2000m  1500m | 4 mins  3 mins | 4 members from same branch  (boys and/or girls)  Two members must be from class 2a or 2b |
| 2b | Int/ Open Girls |
| 2c | NOVICE Int/open | 90 |
| 2t | Int/Open Tri | N/A |  |  |
| 3a | Junior Boys | Under 15 | 90cm | XC  Slip rail  Gate  No outside assistance | 7m  Single handed  Turning targets | 1500m | 3 mins | 4 members from same branch  (boys and/or girls)  Two members must be from class 2a or 2b |
| 3b | Junior Girls |
| 3c | Junior NOVICE | 80cm |
| 3t | Junior Triathlon | N/A | | No team |
| 4a | Mini Boys | Under 12 | 80cm | XC  Slip rail  Gate  outside assistance= 400 pens | 7m  One or two handed  Turning targets | 1000m | 2 mins | 4 members from same branch  (boys and/or girls)  Two members must be from class 3a or 3b |
| 4b | Mini Girls |
| 4c | Mini NOVICE | 60cm |
| 4t | Mini Triathlon | N/A | | No team |
| 5a | Tadpole Boys | Under 10 | 60cm | XC  Slip rail  Gate  Outside assistance = 200 pens | 7m  One or two  handed  Static targets | 1000m | 2 mins | 4 members from same branch  (boys and/or girls)  Two members must be from class 4a or 4b |
| 5b | Tadpole Girls |
| 5c | Tadpole NOVICE | 40cm max | Enclosed SJ ring |
| 5t | Tadpole Tri | N/A | | NO TEAM |
| 6a | Beanie Boys | 8 or under on 15/04/2023 | 40cm max | Enclosed SJ ring | Beanbag targets | 500m | 2 mins | 4 members from same branch  (boys and/or girls) |
| 6b | Beanie Girls |
| 6t | Beanie Tri | N/A | | No team |

**ENTRY FEES**:

Geriathlon: £40 per adult team

Tetrathlon Classes 2-6 (A,B or C): £35 per competitor

Triathlon Classes 2-6 (T) : £25 per competitor

**TEAMS**:

* Team Lists – Team managers should email their branch/centre team lists to the Entries Secretary, by Thursday 6th April
* Teams – Tetrathlon classes only – Boys, girls and novice competitors from a single branch in a single age group can combine to make a team
* **AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF ANY TEAM MUST BE JUMPING THE FULL HEIGHT ie. be in the A or B class**.

**AWARDS**:

* Prize Giving – Prize Giving will be on Sunday 21st April after the run.
* Individuals – rosettes to 1st – 8th in each class.
* Teams - rosettes for the first 4 teams in each tetrathlon class. NB: no team event for triathlon.
* Rosettes - for best shoot, swim and run in each class.
* Clear Round - rosettes for each clear round.
* Rosettes for all Beanies who enter
* ***The organisers reserve the right to alter the number of awards made depending on class entries.***

**RIDE INFORMATION**:

* The ride phase is on Saturday. If you cannot make Saturday, you can apply to the secretary to ride on the Sunday.
* It will be a XC course, to include a slip rail and gate for all classes except beanies
* Beanies – course of show jumps in roped off arena
* In class 5a & 5b, assistance in the form of pointing or giving directions will not be penalised but leading will incur a 100 point penalty. Lead reins MUST be attached ONLY to the Noseband. NO LEADING from the reins and/or bit will be permitted.
* You will need to print off your riding number and bring a number bib. There will be a link on Pony Club Results where you will find your times
* Hats must be tagged with the new pink hat tags
* Excessive use of the whip or misuse of spurs will result in disqualification
* Course walking will be available on Saturday 21st April. Please respect competitors on the course if it is live when you are walking
* Body protectors to correct specification mandatory for XC

**SHOOT INFORMATION**:

* The Shoot Phase will be run in accordance with the Pony Club Tetrathlon Rules
* Competitors must present their guns to the Shoot Phase Secretary for checking at least 15 minutes before their Shoot Detail is scheduled to start. **Only black coloured, open sights are allowed.**
* No person under the age of 18 may be in possession of or carry an air pistol or pellets in a public place, unless that person is under the supervision of someone over 21 years.
* Pistols must be kept “boxed” at all times other than when being presented to the Secretary for checking and when the Firing Point Steward gives the order to “unbox” at the start of a detail. They must be “boxed” again before the competitor leaves the Firing Point.
* Use of safety flags/strings is required as per the 2023 rule book
* Any competitor may load their pistols themselves if they wish and are deemed competent by the Firing Point Steward. If not, the Firing Point Steward may request a loader to support an individual shooter.
* Protective or prescription glasses are recommended for the Shoot Phase at all levels and are mandatory for Shooting at 7 meters.
* Long trousers must be worn
* Substantial shoes should be worn eg trainers. They must not reach the anklebone ie no riding boots
* Competitors MUST have shooting experience and be minimum 8 years old on the day.
* Charging of air and gas pistol cylinders should be handled by responsible persons only and charging cylinders should be kept safely in a secure Area before and during the competition.
* All mobile phones and other types of communication system must be switched off whilst in the range environs. This applies to athletes, spectators and all other persons, with the exception of range staff and Event Organisers.
* Scored targets will be available for collection from the Shoot Phase Secretary. These must be checked and signed for by one authorised representative of the competitor or team. If targets are removed from the inspection area for whatever reason prior to being signed off, the score as given must stand. No gauges or other scoring equipment shall be used by anyone other than the Scorers.

**SWIM INFORMATION:**

* Due to space restrictions in the pool building, only 1 adult per competitor, please.
* 1 supporter allowed at one end of the pool only
* Beanies may wear arm bands or use woggles but no flotation jackets are allowed. Woggles must not interfere with the swimmer in the next lane
* Swimming distances will be posted on a flipchart at the pool immediately after each heat. Please check these before leaving the pool as distances cannot be queried afterwards.
* Pony Club Tetrathlon 2024 Diving certification rules will be enforced

**RUN INFORMATION**:

The run phase will take place in groups of aproximately 8 to 10 runners. The surface will be grass. No pacing of competitors allowed by any spectators/supporters.

* Run results will be posted on a flipchart at the run finish immediately after each heat Please check these before leaving the run finish as times cannot be queried afterwards.

**LEGAL LIABILITY** : Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers of the event nor The Pony Club nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord, his tenant(s) or his licensee 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 person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever.

**HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE** : Organisers of Tetrathlon Competitions take reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organiser and all the Officials and Stewards.

**RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY - Your entry is deemed to include acceptance of these rules.**

* This competition will be run in accordance with the Pony Club Tetrathlon 2024 Rule Book.
* The decision of the Judges and Event Organiser is final. They reserve the right to alter, amend or cancel any part of the competition depending on entry numbers. The organisers reserve the right to run the classes in any order to suit the entries.
* Withdrawals made before the closing date will be refunded in full. Less a £5 admin fee
* Withdrawals made after closing date will only be refunded with the receipt of a vet or doctor’s certificate, less £5 administration fee. There will be NO refund of entry fee after the publication of times.
* If for any reason the event is cancelled, all entries will be refunded less £5 cancellation charge per entry to cover incurred expenses.
* Insurance: spectators and adult competitors are not covered by The Pony Club insurance and must have their own third party cover. The organising Branch and the committee of this event are not legally responsible for non-Members and their insurance will not cover you.
* All persons entering the Competition shall be bound by these Rules and Conditions of Entry.
* A rider may substitute a horse/pony as long as it is in the same class. Horses/ponies competing may only be ridden by their competitor. No horse/pony may be ridden more than twice in the competition.
* Protests & objections - any query about a competitor’s score must be made only to the Event Organiser. No approach may be made to the Judge, Timekeeper, Fence Judge or any Official concerned. Protests or objections must be addressed to the Event Organiser. Only Tetrathlon Team Managers, or their Appointed Representative, are entitled to lodge a protest or objection. Protests or objections must be made not later than half an hour after the incident that gave rise to them, or 10 minutes after the scores have been published.
* Horses and ponies tied up to the outside of horseboxes or trailers must not be left unattended under any circumstances.
* The Pony Club has a code of conduct for it’s members and their families. If any competitor or their connections behave in a rude or aggressive manner (including but not limited to: misuse of the whip or spurs, swearing, physical or verbal abuse of stewards or helpers) this will incur elimination of the competitor
* **REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT :** The Pony Club is committed to ensuring that, wherever possible, members are able to access all aspects of the Branch and Centre activities we offer. Reasonable Adjustments are any actions that help to reduce the effect of a disability or difficulty.  Any requests for **Reasonable Adjustment**must be made by 7th April 2024 Link to the Pony Club Reasonable Adjustment information: <https://pcuk.org/officials/equality-diversity/reasonable-adjustment/>
* **PHOTOGRAPHIC RIGHTS:  
  Competitors and their guardians give permission for any photographic and/or film or TV footage taken of persons taking part in Pony Club events to be used and published in any media whatsoever for editorial purposes, press information or advertising by or on behalf of The Pony Club and/or official sponsors of The Pony Club.**