



CATTISTOCK HUNT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB

PONY CLUB AREA 14

ARENA EVENTING QUALIFIER FOR SPRING FESTIVAL 2026

AT DORSET SHOWGROUND, WEST STOUR, GILLINGHAM, SP8 5RJ

ON SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025

OPEN TO PONY CLUB BRANCH AND CENTRE MEMBERS ONLY

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CATERING: DORSET SHOWGROUND'S PAVILION WILL BE OPEN

ENTRIES ONLINE ONLY AT: www.horseevents.com

ENTRIES OPEN 7th NOVEMBER AND CLOSE ON 7th DECEMBER 2025, IF NOT FULL BEFORE



OUR MEMBERS WILL BE SELLING TICKETS ALL DAY

LOTS OF LOVELY PRIZES TO BE WON INCLUDING:

- ❖ **A BOTTLE OF BLACK COW VODKA – kindly donated by Black Cow Vodka**
- ❖ **A FESTIVE HAMPER – kindly donated by Stockwood Lettings**
- ❖ **A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE – kindly donated by Venture Chartered Accountants**

CLASSES

Class 1: 70cm. Riders in this class must be aged 13 years and under on 1st January 2025.

Class 2: 80cm. Open to all pony club members

Class 3: 90cm. Open to all pony club members

Class 4: 1.00m. Open to all pony club members

All team rosettes kindly sponsored by ***Pete Goring & Hugo James***

All Individual rosettes kindly sponsored by ***Billy Morley, Peckmoor Farm & Harry Fry Racing***

All classes will run in accordance with The Pony Club Spring Festival Arena Eventing Rules 2026 valid for 2025 competitions.

This is an **Area Qualifier** for the Barrier Spring Festival on 28th – 30th March 2026 at Addington Equestrian Centre, Buckinghamshire.

TEAM COMPETITION

Branches/Centres may enter teams of three members in each section of the Area Qualifier competitions. The team members must compete in the same level of competition. The team must comprise of three members, and all three scores count. Area/Mixed Teams will not be eligible to qualify for the Championships.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- All competitors must be members of the Pony Club both at the closing date for entries to the competition and at the date of the competition.
- A combination of horse and rider can compete at two adjacent levels of the same sport.
- No horse may be ridden more than once in the same class.
- Riders may ride a maximum of three horses at the Area Competition and two horses at the Championships in any one class.
- Horses may only be ridden by one rider in a class at the Area Competitions and at the Championships.

Competitors may ride a maximum of three horses at the Area Competition and two horses at the Championships in any one class. In the event of a rider qualifying more than two horses for the Championships, they must nominate which two they will take at the Area Competition. The other qualifying place will be passed down the line.

SUBSTITUTIONS

After the closing date of declarations, no substitutions may be made of horses or riders except in cases of illness, lameness or other unavoidable circumstances which must be certified by the District Commissioner or their appointed Representative.

In such a case:

- If a horse has to be substituted an alternative rider may be nominated.
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- If a Branch/Centre enters two teams, substitution may be made from one team to the other.

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. If any of the individual qualifiers are in a qualifying team their place will be passed down the line. 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 the closing date for entry to the Championships.

Please could Branch DCs or Team Managers declare your teams by 12noon on Tuesday, 9th December to the Secretary.

ENTRY FEES: £25 per individual, no fee for teams. £30 late entry fee. Entries will be limited due to daylight hours and will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

Entries online only www.horseevents.com. No entries on the day!

NUMBERS: Please download your paper number from www.ponyclubresults.co.uk and don't forget **you will need to bring your own number bibs!**

ENTRIES CLOSE: Sunday 7th December 2025 unless the classes are already full.

WITHDRAWALS / REFUNDS: Please let us know immediately if you need to withdraw. No refunds after closing date unless we can replace you off the waitlist.

START TIMES: Start times will be posted on www.ponyclubresults.co.uk by 6pm on Friday 12th December 2025.

ORGANISER: Cantie Soote Joint DC. Email: cantiesoote@yahoo.co.uk

ENTRIES SECRETARY: Cantie Soote. Email: cantiesoote@yahoo.co.uk **PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION.** Mobile: 07885 905476 (Between 3.00pm and 7.00pm)

RESULTS: Live results will be posted on www.ponyclubresults.co.uk throughout the day. The results for the team competition will be posted at the end of the day and the winning Branch team will be notified.

PRIZES: Rosettes to 10th place for Individuals and 1st – 3rd place for the winning Team.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Competitors will jump a course of show jumps immediately followed by a course of cross country style fences**. There will be no more than 20 (dependent on the size of the arena) jumping efforts in total. The optimum time will be based on a speed of 325mpm for PC70, 350mpm for PC80 and PC90, and 375mpm for PC100. The winner will be the competitor with the lowest number of penalties. In the event of a tie the winner will be the one closest to the optimum time. The course will only be open for walking before the class starts. The Judge's decision is final.
2. Cross Country compliant kit and saddlery should be worn. Stop watches are not permitted.
3. Body protectors and hats are compulsory for this competition and must meet the Pony Club standards for 2025.
4. Horses and ponies must be 5-years old and over.
5. Items of tack and saddlery must comply with Pony Club regulations.
6. No rider may carry or use a whip greater than 75cm or less than 45cm in length overall.
7. Stop Watches are not permitted.
8. Objections must be made to the Secretary within 5 minutes of the end of the class with a £20 deposit.
9. No lungeing on the Showground.
10. At the competition horse/pony may ONLY be ridden by the rider who is competing at the competition.
11. No refunds after the closing date unless we can replace you off the waitlist. A proportion of the entry fee will only be refunded if a vet's or doctor's certificate is produced.
12. The Organiser may, at her discretion, alter the schedule/rules/running order as required.
13. The Judge's decision is final.
14. It is your responsibility as a Parent to have familiarised yourself with the current Pony Club Rulebook(s) before the competition.
15. By entering you are agreeing to our terms and conditions. Failure to do so will result in Elimination.

HEALTH & SAFETY: 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 other way whatsoever. Entries are only accepted on this basis. The organisers of this event have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and 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.

PENALTIES

SJ Phase:

Knocking down obstacle	4 penalties
First disobedience of horse	4 penalties
Second disobedience of horse in whole course	8 penalties
Third disobedience of horse in whole course	Elimination*
(Each circle or crossing tracks between fences counts as one disobedience)	
First fall of rider	Elimination*
Fall of Horse	Elimination*
Error of course not rectified	Elimination*
Failure to start or jump next fence within 60 seconds	Elimination*
Starting before the Bell	Elimination*
Continuing the course without a hat, or with chinstrap undone	Elimination*

*Competitors eliminated in this phase may not proceed to the XC phase

XC Phase:

Knocking down an obstacle	4 penalties
First refusal, run-out or circle of horse at obstacle	5 penalties
Second refusal, run-out or circle at same obstacle	10 penalties
Third refusal, run-out or circle at same obstacle	Elimination
Four refusals around the course	Elimination
Fall of horse	Elimination
Fall of rider	Elimination
Error of Course not rectified	Elimination
Horse trapped in obstacle	Elimination
Horse resisting rider for 60 consecutive seconds anywhere on the course	Elimination
Failure to cross the finish line mounted	Elimination
Continuing the course without a hat, or with chinstrap undone	Elimination

Time will be taken overall

Exceeding the time limit	Elimination
For every commenced second in excess of the optimum time	0.4 penalty
Every commenced second in excess of 5 seconds under the optimum time	0.4 penalty
Time limit is twice the optimum time.	

In the Arena Eventing Team Competition, if a member is eliminated or retires, they will receive a finishing score of 100 penalties, for the purposes of the team competition.