

PONY CLUB



WINTER SERIES

DEBUT, WINTER LEAGUE &
OPEN GRAND PRIX
SHOW JUMPING RULES

2019 / 2020 SERIES

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RULES & RULEBOOKS

Preliminary Rounds will run in accordance with The Pony Club Show Jumping 2019 Rule Book and the Winter Series 2019 / 2020 Rule Book.

Area Competitions and **Championships** will run in accordance with The Pony Club Show Jumping 2020 Rule Book and the Winter Series 2019 / 2020 Rule Book.

RULES WHICH DIFFER FROM THOSE OF 2018 / 2019, OR NEED SPECIAL EMPHASIS, APPEAR IN BOLD TYPE. NEW RULES ARE SIDELINED.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional 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

At Prelim Round Competitions **either** The Pony Club or British Show Jumping Rules apply.

At Area Competitions and the Championships, The Pony Club Saddlery and Dress rules apply.

DEBUT ELIGIBILITY

Combination of horse/pony and rider are not eligible if they have represented their Branch/Centre at INTERMEDIATE or above at Summer Area Qualifiers for The Pony Club Show Jumping Championships (**This does not include any other classes held in conjunction with Area Qualifiers**) or any rider who has competed at the Winter Series Open Grand Prix Championships or The Pony Club Show Jumping Final at Hickstead.

Riders cannot compete in the Open Grand Prix Area competition if they have ridden in the Area Debut Competition.

WINTER LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY

Combination of horse/pony and rider are not eligible if they have represented their Branch/ Centre at OPEN Summer Area qualifiers for The Pony Club Show Jumping Championships (This does not include any other classes held in conjunction with Area Qualifiers).

OPEN GRAND PRIX ELIGIBILITY

Open to Pony Club Members.

Combination of horse/pony and rider are not eligible if they have achieved a double clear in BS or SJI competitions where any of the fences were above 1.30m in the first round.

HORSE ELIGIBILITY

JA Ponies and Grade A and B Horses registered with British Show Jumping or SJI in the current year or previous year of the competition are not eligible for Debut or Winter League. Should a Pony or Horse upgrade during any part of the 2018/2019 series they will not be able to compete further in the Series.

Ponies and Horses registered with SJAI are graded in accordance with points as reported by SJAI by converting SJAI points to BS points.

(Horses 1 SJAI point = 9 BS points, Ponies 1 SJAI point = 2.5 BS points)

PRELIM ROUNDS - DEBUT & WINTER LEAGUE

Held throughout the country from: 1st October 2019 - 28th February 2020.

Area Qualifier dates can be found on the Pony Club website.

Members and non Members may compete at Prelim Rounds in any Area.

Qualifiers must have jumped a clear round in the first round or first phase if run under single or two phase.

All Prelim Qualifiers will go forward to an Area Qualifier held in March 2020.

LEVIES

A payment of £1.00 per entry into Prelim classes needs to be paid to The Pony Club when entering results online*.

QUALIFIERS

Qualification at Preliminary Rounds will work on a ratio basis as below:

Number of Competitors starting the Competition	Number to Qualify and any tying for these places
0 - 40	4
41 - 50	5
51 - 60	6
61 - 70	7
and pro rata	

PASSING DOWN THE LINE

In the event of a competitor being placed in a qualifying position when they have already qualified for the Area Competition the place may pass down the line **provided that the next placed combination has jumped a clear round in the first round.**

RESULTS

All Prelim Organisers need to send the **results with the qualifiers** to The Pony Club Office as soon as the competition

has finished. If the competition is cancelled or there are no Qualifiers, please ensure the Office is notified

AREA QUALIFIERS - DEBUT, WINTER LEAGUE & OPEN GRAND PRIX

Held in 19 Areas throughout the country: March 2020

Area Qualifier dates can be found on the Pony Club website.

Non Pony Club Members must become fully paid up Members to compete at an Area Qualifier.

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

For each Championship class Competitors may qualify a maximum of 2 horses/ponies

QUALIFIERS - DEBUT & WINTER LEAGUE

Qualification at Areas will work on a ratio basis as below:

Number of Competitors starting the Competition	Number to Qualify and any tying for these places
0 - 40	5
41 - 50	6
51 - 60	7
61 - 70	8
and pro rata	

QUALIFIERS - OPEN GRAND PRIX

The first FOUR will qualify for the Championships from each Area Qualifier.

PASSING DOWN THE QUALIFICATION ON THE DAY

If a competitor is unable to go to the Championships then the qualifying place will be passed down the line. Please ensure every competitor confirms to the Organiser/ Steward that they are intending to enter the Championships.

PASSING DOWN THE LINE AFTER THE AREA COMPETITION

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 5 DAYS PRIOR** to the Championships.

RESULTS

All Area Organisers need to send the **results with the qualifiers** to The Pony Club Office as soon as the competition has finished. If the competition is cancelled or there are no Qualifiers, please ensure the Office is notified

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions of horse/pony or rider **WILL NOT** be accepted at Area Qualifiers or at the Championships.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Combination of rider and horse can qualify for both the Debut Championships and Winter League Championships in the same year but cannot qualify for the Open Grand Prix Final. Riders may not compete in the Debut Area competition and the Open Area competition in the same year but may compete at Area level and qualify for the Finals in the Winter League and Open if done on different horses.

Any Combination of rider and horse who qualify for both the Winter League and the Open Grand Prix Championships 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.

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.

DEBUT - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

BS Table A7, Single phase or Two-phase

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations (uprights only) 0.80 m

Maximum Height & Spread: 0.80 m

DEBUT - 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) 0.85 m

Maximum Height & Spread: 0.85 m

Area Competitions to be built to maximum height and dimensions.

DEBUT - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM UP

Table A: One round not against the clock.

Placings to be decided by faults and in the event of equality of faults the time that is closest to an optimum time based on the Speed of 325 Metres per Minute. The optimum time will not be published until the end of the competition.

1 or 2 Double Combinations (uprights only) 0.85 m

Maximum Height & Spread: 0.85 m

DEBUT - CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences 0.90 m

with two single fences at 0.95 m

COURSE DIMENSIONS - WINTER LEAGUE

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.

WINTER LEAGUE - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

BS Table A7, Single phase or Two-phase

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.

WINTER LEAGUE - 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

0.95 m

Maximum Height & Spread:

0.95 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.

WINTER LEAGUE - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM-UP

BS Table A4 Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences

0.95 m

WINTER LEAGUE - CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences

1.00 m

COURSE DIMENSIONS - OPEN GRAND PRIX

THERE ARE NO PRELIM ROUNDS AT OPEN LEVEL

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.

OPEN 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.

OPEN GRAND PRIX - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM-UP

BS Table A4	Speed 325 Metres per Minute
Maximum Height of Fences	1.05m

OPEN GRAND PRIX - CHAMPIONSHIP

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

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

	1.10 m
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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

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS - DEBUT & WINTER LEAGUE

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.

AREA QUALIFIERS

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

All competitors who have qualified for the Area Competition need to send an entry and entry fee to the Area Organiser at least 7 days before the date of the competition. Organisers may use their discretion in accepting late entries. These details can also be found on the Pony Club website.

A levy of £2.00 will be charged for every entry into an Area Qualifier for 2020. When entering the Area Qualifier Results online* the levy must be paid to The Pony Club.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

WARM-UP COMPETITIONS

Entry Fee: £18.00

Entries for competitors, who have qualified for the Championships, should be made **through the online entry system no later than 3 days after their Area Competition or on the day of their Area Competition if it is held on the weekend before the Championships.**

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

Entry Fee: £25.00

Entries for competitors, who have qualified for the Championships, should be made **through the online entry system no later than 3 days after their Area Competition or on the day of their Area Competition if it is held on the weekend before the Championships.**

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

NOTES FOR ORGANISERS:

***FROM 2019/2020 ALL RESULTS ARE BEING RECORDED VIA THE ONLINE SYSTEM- THIS CAN BE FOUND:**

http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/sports/show_jumping/show_jumpingshowjumping_competitions_and_events/winter_league_open_show_jumping/