



## DEESIDE BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB

### Senior Grass Roots and Teeny Weeny Grass Roots Competitions

Sunday 21st September 2025

To be held at Pony Club Field, Dinnet, AB34 5LQ

Both competitions will consist of Turnout, Riding Ability and Handy Pony, and will be judged in three phases with all scores in each phase to count.

**Senior Grass Roots Competition** - Teams to consist of four members, any age but must be current members of the Branch.

**Teeny Weeny Grass Roots Competition** - Teams of four members aged 10 years or under, and who may be on lead rein. Please note – there is a separate test for the Teeny Weeny teams. Ages to be taken from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**Turnout:** Judged on suitability, safety & cleanliness. Horses & ponies well turned out but not necessarily plaited. Tack as for working rally.

**Riding Ability:** Senior Teams - Grass Roots Riding Test.  
Teeny Weeny Teams - Grass Roots Teeny Weeny Riding Test.  
(Both tests attached to this Schedule)

**Handy Pony:** Includes mounting, dismounting leading in hand etc.

**Dress:** Pony club sweatshirts, pony club ties, competition jodhpurs, gloves, helmets and correct riding boots. All hats must be tagged.

#### Eligibility of competitors and horses/ponies

**ALL HORSES/PONIES MUST HAVE UP TO DATE FLU INNOCULATIONS. PASSPORTS WILL BE CHECKED. Team Managers should check they are up to date before you enter the venue.**

- Competitors must be members of their Branch.
- Competitors must **never** have represented their, or any other Branch, in any Area Open, Intermediate or Novice Show Jumping, Dressage or Eventing Competitions.
- Horses/ponies must be 4 years old or over.
- Horses/ponies to have been regularly ridden at rallies.
- Age to be taken as on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.
- Branches may enter as many teams as they like
- The organisers reserve the right to alter classes according to entries.

***Team Managers/DCs are asked to enter genuine novice combinations in the true spirit of this competition.***

## Entries

- Entries close on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
- Entry Fee - £60 per team of four
- Entries via the online booking system [Entrymaster - Home page](#), Deeside Page
- **Starting times will be available from 6pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**
- All queries via your Branch DC or their representative to: [deeside@pcuk.org](mailto:deeside@pcuk.org)
- If a Branch withdraws a team or individual prior to the closing date, a full refund of entry fees will be made, less an admin fee of £5.
- Withdrawals after the closing date will not be refunded except on production of a vet or medical certificate. An admin fee of £5 will apply.
- In the event of a competition being abandoned, for whatever reason, a refund of 50% of the entry fee will be given.
- **Refreshments will be available on the field.**
- **Toilets are available on site.**

## Directions

From A93 westbound, at Dinnet, turn right onto the A97, go about ½ mile, then turn left at the yellow Deeside Pony Club sign, onto the track. The gate has a padlock and chain around it, but this is just for show, the gate is unlocked. (What3words. Frosted.users.basis) Proceed along the bumpy track, bear right at the house and come up into the field. (What3words. Boring.overused.howler)

From the north, take the A97, (having come through Alford to Tarland), come south towards Dinnet, and turn right at the yellow Deeside Pony Club sign onto the bumpy track. Directions as above to the field.

## Legal Liability

Neither the organisers, not the Pony Club, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, 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.

The organiser has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to prevent accidents occurring and must obey instructions of the organiser and all the officials and stewards.

## **GRASS ROOTS RIDING TEST**

- 1 A Enter in pairs at walk  
X Halt and salute (in line of pairs). Proceed at walk.
  
- 2 C Divide singly to Right and Left  
M or H Trot rising  
A Pass Left to Left  
C Up centre line in pairs  
A Divide singly to Right and Left
  
- 3 B or E First pair half circle on to Centre Line and resume pair  
K or F Second pair half circle on to Centre Line and resume pair then take the lead  
A Pairs track left
  
- 4 Trot rising around the arena  
Between A & F Walk  
FXH Change the rein
  
- 5 C Trot rising around the arena  
C Up the Centre Line  
A Divide singly to Right and Left
  
- 6 H or M Walk  
C Turn up Centre Line in single file  
A Track right
  
- 7 K First leading file trot  
Between H & C Canter to rear
  
- 8 M Second leading file trot  
Between F & A Canter to rear
  
- 9 K Third leading file trot  
Between H & C Canter to rear
  
- 10 M Forth leading file trot  
Between F & A Canter to rear
  
- 11 A Turn down Centre Line in single file  
G Halt. Form a ride. Salute. Proceed in single file. Leave arena in a single file on a long rein.

**ARENA SIZE – 40 METRES X 30 METRES**

## **GRASS ROOTS TEENY WEENY RIDING TEST**

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| 1  | A<br>X                     | Enter in pairs at walk<br>Halt and salute (in line of pairs). Proceed at walk.   |
| 2  | C<br>M or H<br>A<br>C<br>A | Divide singly to Right and Left<br>Trot rising<br>Pass Left to Left<br>Up centre line in pairs<br>Divide singly to Right and Left                            |
| 3  | B or E<br>K or F<br>A      | First pair half circle on to Centre Line and resume pair<br>Second pair half circle on to Centre Line and resume pair then take the lead<br>Pairs track left |
| 4  | Between A & F<br>FXH       | Trot rising around the arena<br>Walk<br>Change the rein  |
| 5  | C<br>C<br>A                | Trot rising around the arena<br>Up the Centre Line<br>Divide singly to Right and Left  |
| 6  | H or M<br>C<br>A           | Walk<br>Turn up Centre Line in single file<br>Track right  |
| 7  | K                          | First leading file trot to rear  |
| 8  | M                          | Second leading file trot to rear   |
| 9  | K                          | Third leading file trot to rear  |
| 10 | M                          | Forth leading file trot to rear  |
| 11 | A<br>G                     | Turn down Centre Line in single file<br>Halt. Form a ride. Salute. Proceed in single file. Leave arena in a single file on a long rein.                      |

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