

Area Competitions 2026

Competition	Date	Hosted By	Venue	Entries Closing Date
Area Quiz	Sun 1 st March	Iveagh Branch	Gilford Community Centre	Team Entry Only
Area Horse & Pony Care	TBC	Route Hunt Branch	TBC	Team Entry Only
Area Games	Sat 30 th May	North Down Branch	Lisburn	Team Entry Only
Area Event	Sun 28 th June	Seskinore Harriers Branch	Ash Hollow, Omagh	TBC
Area Showjumping	Sat 10 th July	Tullylagan Branch	The Meadows Lurgan	TBC
Area Dressage	Sun 11 th July	North Derry Branch	The Meadows Lurgan	TBC
Area Tetrathlon	Sat 18 th & Sun 19 th July	East Down Branch	Down Leisure Centre & Hazeldene	TBC
Home Championships #	TBC	Mid Antrim Branch	Laurelview, Templepatrick	TBC

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to take part in an Area Competition, both the rider and horse/pony must have attended a minimum of 3 working rallies in the Branch since 1st July in the previous year. Members should also check eligibility of ponies and riders carefully for each competition they are entering – link to rules and eligibility details [here](#).

For 2026 all entries for Area Competitions must be submitted via members' own Branches. Branches will then group into teams, and submit all entries to the organisers of each competition.

Teams

When selecting teams to compete on behalf of the Branch at Area Competitions, a number of factors are taken into consideration, including attendance at rallies, attendance at Branch training, attendance and results at competitions, view of coaches etc. Occasionally a member may be asked to 'ride-up' or 'ride-down' in order to make up and/or strengthen a team. We respectfully request that if a member is asked to do this, they respond positively, as it is an honour to be asked to be a team member representing the Branch.

Volunteering

It is a condition of entry for most Area Competitions that the Branch will provide at least 2 volunteers to support that competition. Parents whose child competes at an Area Competition should expect to volunteer help for at least one Area Competition. We appreciate volunteering at an event on which their child is taking part may be difficult, therefore parents should consider volunteering for one of the Area Competitions that their child is not participating in. In most instances volunteers are required to be over 18. As explained, Area Competitions take place across the province, and so volunteering is likely to involve travel to the venue.

The Home Championships is not an Area Qualifying competition, but is aimed towards riders who are not quite ready to compete at Area Level Eventing, or those who would like to increase their experience. It is run as an Area Wide competition, with members having the opportunity to compete against riders from other Branches across NI. We would encourage all eligible members to consider taking part to increase their experience.