

## Area Competitions 2025

Competition	Date	Hosted By	Venue
Area Quiz	Sun 9th March	Mid Antrim Branch	Ballymena Rugby Club
Area Horse & Pony Care	Sun 6th April	East Antrim Branch	Knockaview Stables Carrickfergus
Area Games	Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> May	East Down Branch	Oak Tree Farm, Hillsborough
Area Showjumping	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Seskinore Harriers Branch	Necarne
Area Event	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Route Hunt Branch	Dirraw Farm Ballymoney
Area Tetrathlon	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> July	North Down Branch	Ards Leisure Centre & Hazeldene
Area Dressage	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Tullylagan Branch	The Meadows Lurgan
Home Championships #	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	North Derry & Route Hunt Branches	Dirraw Farm Ballymoney

### 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. When Area Competition entries are submitted, these are passed back to the Branch DC to confirm eligibility, and also to confirm that the combination of rider and pony/horse is competent to compete at the level of competition that they have entered. Teams are also selected at this point.

Members should also check eligibility of ponies and riders carefully for each competition they are entering – link to rules and eligibility details [here](#).

### 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.