

## A Quick Reference Guide to Summer Area Competition Classes and Eligibility

The following document has been prepared to summarise the classes run at the Summer Area Competitions in 2025. It covers both qualifying and non-qualifying classes. It is not intended to replace the detailed guidance in the individual discipline rulebooks, which should be consulted in all instances. Rulebooks are available via [this link](#).

Throughout this document, all ages are as at 1st January 2025.

### 1. Area Dressage

PC Dressage Rulebook is [available here](#)

2025 Area Dressage Details	
Date	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Venue	The Meadows, Lurgan
Host Branch	Tullylagan Branch

Eligibility	
<p><u>Eligibility for all classes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All horses must be at least 4 years old</li> <li>Horses/ponies can be ridden in up to 3 tests in one day, with up to 2 riders.</li> <li>Combination of horse and rider can compete at 2 adjacent levels</li> <li>Stallions can only be ridden with written permission from DC and wearing identifying disc on bridle</li> </ul> <p>In addition to below eligibility criteria for specified classes:</p>	
Mini (Walk Trot)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Riders under 12 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</li> <li>The pony's 'normal bit' may be used</li> <li>Grass reins are allowed, but if used, must be in place at tack inspection, and comply with PCUK grass reins rule</li> <li>Test may be called without penalty</li> <li>Test will include walk and trot only</li> <li>Subdivided into 2 sections – assisted and unassisted</li> </ul>
Preliminary PC70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider must be aged 13 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</li> </ul> <p>Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed at Novice Area level or above summer competition in Dressage or Eventing in current or previous years.</li> <li>Completed above Preliminary level with Dressage Ireland</li> <li>Previously ever finished 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> as individual at PC70 Regional Champs on more than 2 occasions.</li> </ul>

Preliminary PC70 Plus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals only – no team competition</li> <li>• Rider must be aged 14 years and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</li> </ul> <p>Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed at Novice Area level or above summer competition in Dressage or Eventing in current or previous years.</li> <li>• Completed above Preliminary level with Dressage Ireland</li> <li>• Previously ever finished 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> as individual at PC70 Regional Champs on more than 2 occasions.</li> </ul>
Grassroots PC80	<p>Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed at Intermediate Area level or above summer competition in Dressage or Eventing in current or previous years.</li> <li>• Completed above Preliminary level with Dressage Ireland</li> <li>• Previously ever finished 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in the ride off at PC80 Regional Champs.</li> </ul>
Novice	<p>Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed at Open Area level or above summer competition in Dressage in current or previous years.</li> <li>• Won any Dressage Ireland points (Preliminary points do not count)</li> <li>• Completed above Elementary level or above with Dressage Ireland</li> <li>• Competed in Dressage Ireland Novice Music classes</li> </ul>
Intermediate	<p>Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Won any Dressage Ireland points at Elementary level or above</li> <li>• Completed above Medium level or above with Dressage Ireland</li> </ul>
Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to all members and horses, providing overarching eligibility criteria are met.</li> </ul>

### Dressage Tests at the Area Dressage

Level	Dressage Test
Mini	Walk and Trot Dressage Test 2022
Preliminary PC70 & Preliminary PC70 PLUS	Preliminary PC70 Dressage Test 2022
Grassroots PC80	Grassroots PC80 Dressage Test 2018
Novice	Novice Dressage Test 2020
Intermediate	Intermediate Dressage Test 2024
Open	Open Dressage Test 2020

## 2. Area Event

The event is a 3 phase competition – dressage, showjumping and cross country riding, held on one day. PC Eventing Rulebook is [available here](#).

2025 Area Event Details	
Date	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Venue	Dirraw Farm, Ballymoney
Host Branch	Route Hunt Branch

Eligibility	
For all classes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All horses graded BE or IE Advanced are ineligible</li> <li>All horses must be at least 5 years old</li> <li>Horse can't compete in more than one level of eventing at Area level or above in any one year.</li> <li>Riders or horses can't have schooled over the Area XC course within the 2 weeks before the Area competition.</li> <li>Stallions can only be ridden with written permission from DC and wearing identifying disc on bridle</li> </ul>	
In addition to below eligibility criteria for specified classes:	
PC70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member must be aged 13 or under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</li> </ul> Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously completed any PC80 or above Area or Regional Eventing competition</li> <li>Achieved more than 2 XC rounds with no jumping penalties at EI 80 or above.</li> </ul>
PC70 Plus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals only – no team competition</li> </ul> Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously completed any PC80 or above Area or Regional Eventing competition</li> <li>Achieved more than 2 XC rounds with no jumping penalties at EI 80 or above.</li> </ul>
PC80	Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously completed any PC90 or above Area Eventing competition</li> <li>Achieved more than 2 XC rounds with no jumping penalties at EI 90 or above.</li> </ul>
PC90	Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously completed a PC100 Area Eventing competition</li> <li>Completed a EI Novice or Pony Trials or above</li> <li>Achieved more than 2 XC rounds with no jumping penalties at EI 100 or above.</li> </ul>
PC100	Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously completed a PC110 or PC100+/Chairman's Cup Area Eventing competition</li> <li>Completed a EI Intermediate or above</li> <li>Achieved more than 2 clear XC rounds at EI Novice or above.</li> </ul>
Chairman's Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to all members and horses, providing overarching eligibility criteria are met.</li> </ul>

## Dressage Tests and Jumping Heights at the Area Event

	Dressage Test	Showjumping 7 to 10 fences Max height	Cross Country Max height
PC70 and PC 70 Plus	Preliminary PC70 Test 2022	0.75m	0.70m
PC80	Grassroots PC80 Test 2018	0.85m	0.80m
PC90	PC90 Eventing Test 2025	0.95m	0.90m
PC100	PC100 Eventing Test 2015	1.05m	1.00m
Chairman's Cup	PC110 Eventing Test 2022	1.10m	1.05m

At PC70 – no time penalties for going too slowly on cross country course, only for going too fast.

### 3. Area Showjumping

PC Showjumping Rulebook is [available here](#)

2025 Area Event Details	
Date	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Venue	Castle Irvine, Necarne
Host Branch	Seskinore Harriers Branch

Eligibility	
<p><u>Eligibility for all classes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All horses must be at least 5 years old</li> <li>Combination of horse and rider can compete at 2 adjacent levels</li> <li>No horse may be ridden more than once at the same level in any one year</li> <li>Stallions can only be ridden with written permission from DC and wearing identifying disc on bridle</li> </ul> <p>In addition to below eligibility criteria for specified classes:</p>	
Mini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider must be aged 12 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</li> <li>Rider must not have previously competed at Area level or with SJI at PC70, 70cm or above.</li> <li>One competitor may ride a maximum of 2 ponies in the mini class</li> </ul>
PC70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider must be aged 13 years and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</li> </ul> <p>Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously achieved double clear in any competition with starting height of 90cm or above in 2024 or 2025</li> <li>Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as individual in SJ or Eventing at PC70 Regional Champs on 2 occasions.</li> </ul>
PC70 Plus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals only – no team competition</li> <li>Rider must be aged 14 years and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</li> </ul> <p>Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously achieved double clear in any competition with starting height of 90cm or above in 2024 or 2025</li> <li>Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as an individual in SJ or Eventing at PC70 Regional Champs on 2 occasions.</li> </ul>
PC80	<p>Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously achieved double clear in any competition with starting height of 100cm or above in 2024 or 2025</li> <li>Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as individual in SJ or Eventing at PC80 Regional Champs on 2 occasions.</li> </ul>
PC90	<p>Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously achieved double clear in any competition with starting height of 1.10m or above in 2024 or 2025</li> <li>Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as individual at PC SJ or Eventing Champs at PC90 or above on 2 occasions.</li> </ul>

PC100	<p>Combination of horse and rider ineligible if they have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previously achieved double clear in any competition with starting height of 1.20m or above in 2024 or 2025</li> <li>• Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as individual at PC Champs at PC100 or above on 2 occasions.</li> </ul>
PC110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to all members and horses, providing overarching eligibility criteria are met.</li> </ul>

## Jumping Heights at the Area Showjumping

	Round 1 Max height	Round 1 Max height	Other notes
Mini	0.60m	0.65m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No water trays</li> <li>• Single fences only – no doubles</li> <li>• Grass reins are allowed, but if used, must be in place at tack inspection, and comply with PCUK grass reins rule.</li> </ul>
PC70 and PC70 PLUS	0.70m	0.75m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No water trays</li> <li>• First round – Single fences only.</li> <li>• Second round – One 2 stride double of 2 uprights.</li> <li>• All distances suitable for horses</li> <li>• Parallel or ascending oxer max same width as height.</li> </ul>
PC80	0.80m	0.85m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No water trays</li> <li>• First round – One 2 stride double of 2 uprights.</li> <li>• Second round – One 2 stride double, first element can be oxer.</li> <li>• All distances suitable for horses</li> <li>• Parallel or ascending oxer max same width as height.</li> </ul>
PC90	0.90m	0.95m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water tray may be in 2<sup>nd</sup> round.</li> <li>• One or two 2 stride doubles (no trebles)</li> <li>• Second part of all doubles are uprights</li> <li>• Parallel or ascending oxer max same width as height.</li> </ul>
PC100	1.00m	1.05m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water tray in 2<sup>nd</sup> round.</li> <li>• Two doubles (no trebles) in both rounds</li> <li>• Second part of all doubles are uprights</li> <li>• Parallel or ascending oxer max 5cm wider than high.</li> </ul>
PC110	1.10m	1.15m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water tray in 2<sup>nd</sup> round.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> round – two doubles</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> round – one double and one treble</li> <li>• Parallel or ascending oxer max 10cm wider than high.</li> </ul>

## 4. Area Tetrathlon

Tetrathlon is a 4 phase competition – Cross Country Riding, Shooting, Swimming and Running. Points are totalled to determine final result. A triathlon competition also runs alongside the Area Tetrathlon, which includes the Shooting, Swimming and Running phases only.

PC Tetrathlon Rulebook is [available here](#).

2025 Area Tetrathlon Details	
Date	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Venue	Ards Blair Mayne Leisure Centre Hazeldene
Host Branch	North Down Branch

Eligibility
<p><u>Eligibility for all classes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All horses must be at least 5 years old</li> <li>• Horses/ponies can compete up to twice, but only by 2 members of same family</li> <li>• Horses that are graded Eventing Ireland Advanced and have completed at Intermediate or Advanced level during current calendar year are not eligible</li> <li>• Stallions can only be ridden with written permission from DC and wearing identifying disc on bridle</li> </ul>

### Requirements of each phase by class

	Gender (Girls/ Boys)	Age (as at 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan '25)	Riding	Shooting	Swimming	Running
Beanies	G&B	7 & under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.40m max height</li> <li>• XC in enclosed field</li> <li>• Sliprail</li> <li>• No gate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beanbags at target</li> <li>• 3m min throw distance</li> </ul>	2 minutes	500m
Tadpoles	G&B	9 & under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.60m max height</li> <li>• XC in enclosed field</li> <li>• Sliprail</li> <li>• No gate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7m static target</li> <li>• Two handed</li> </ul>	2 minutes	1000m
Minimus	G&B	11 & under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.80m XC max height</li> <li>• Sliprail &amp; Gate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7m turning target</li> <li>• Two handed</li> </ul>	2 minutes	1000m

	<b>Gender (Girls/ Boys)</b>	<b>Age (as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan '25)</b>	<b>Riding</b>	<b>Shooting</b>	<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Running</b>
Junior	G&B	14 & under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.90m XC max height</li> <li>• Sliprail &amp; Gate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7m turning target</li> <li>• One handed</li> </ul>	3 minutes	1500m
Intermediate Girls	G	25 & under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.00m XC max height</li> <li>• Sliprail &amp; Gate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10m turning target</li> <li>• One handed</li> </ul>	3 minutes	1500m
Intermediate Boys	B	25 & under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.00m XC max height</li> <li>• Sliprail &amp; Gate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10m turning target</li> <li>• One handed</li> </ul>	3 minutes	2000m
Open Girls	G	25 & under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.00m XC max height</li> <li>• Sliprail &amp; Gate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10m turning target</li> <li>• One handed</li> </ul>	3 minutes	1500m
Open Boys	B	25 & under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.00m XC max height</li> <li>• Sliprail &amp; Gate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10m turning target</li> <li>• One handed</li> </ul>	4 minutes	3000m

Sliprail and gate also on XC course (but no gate for Beanie and Tadpole classes)

Triathlon classes also available as listed above, but excluding Riding phase.

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