



AREA 14

Blue Cross Horse and Pony Care Qualifier Competition

Blackmore & Sparkford Vale
Branch of the Pony Club

DATE:

Sunday 24th May 2026 – 9am start
(Closing Date for Entries: 11th May 2026)

LOCATION:

Skylands
Lower Road
Stalbridge
DT10 2SW

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ENTRY FEES:

£60 per team

ENTRIES TO:

<https://bsvpc.entrymaster.online>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://pcuk.org/bluecross-horse-and-pony-care/>

ENQUIRIES TO:

Camilla White (camilla@slowfarming.co.uk)

**BBQ, CAKE STAND, POP-UP CINEMA, TEAS
AND COFFEES AVAILABLE ON THE DAY**

The competition features teams of three members who demonstrate their knowledge and practical horsemanship skills taken from the Pony Club Tests over a number of rounds.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Mini Competition – Teams to consist of three members. Ages to be 10 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year, with one member to be 8 years or under on the 1st January of the competition year. Rosettes to 10th place.

Junior Competition – Teams to consist of three members. Ages to be 14 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year, with one member to be 11 years or under on the 1st January of the competition year. Rosettes to 8th place.

Senior Competition – Teams to consist of three members. Ages to be under 25 years on the 1st January of the competition year. One member to be 16 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year. Of the remaining two members, one may be between 21 and 24 on the 1st January of the competition year. Rosettes to 6th place.

COMPETITION RULES

1. **Rules** This competition will be run in accordance with the **Pony Club Horsemanship Rulebook 2026**.
2. **Judging** The decision of the Judges, Assessors and Official Scorers is final.
3. **Entries** No entry fee will be refunded after the closing date of **11th May 2026**.
4. **Team Managers** Each team must appoint a **Team Manager**, who will be the sole point of contact for the organisers. All correspondence will be sent to the Team Manager both before the competition and, in the event of qualification, afterwards.
5. **Eligibility and Medical Suspension**
Any competitor who is subject to a Pony Club medical suspension at the time of the competition may not take part. Medical suspension and concussion rules will be enforced in accordance with the Horsemanship Rulebook 2026.
6. **Dress – General** Dress should be appropriate to a working yard environment, in accordance with the Horsemanship Rulebook 2026. Jodhpurs, boots, gloves and hats must be worn. Competitors are advised to bring coats in case of a change in weather.
7. **Dress Code** Competitors must wear: Pony Club sweatshirt, gilet or jacket (optional), Branch/Centre polo shirt may be worn in warm weather, Membership badge, Gloves, Jodhpurs or breeches, Correct footwear as defined in the Horsemanship Rulebook 2026. **Hats must comply with Pony Club hat standards and be correctly tagged (pink tag)**
8. **Jewellery** Jewellery must be worn in accordance with the Horsemanship Rulebook 2026.
9. **Identification** All competitors must wear a clearly visible sticker showing their **name and team name**, to assist assessors.

10. **Assessors** Branches/Centres **may be required to provide a suitably qualified assessor**, who must be available for the duration of the competition.
11. **Access to Competition Areas** No parent, guardian or other adult will be permitted to accompany competitors during the competition, unless authorised by the organiser.
12. **Reasonable Adjustments** Reasonable Adjustments may be requested for members with a physical or mental impairment (temporary or long-term), for members who wear religious clothing, or for those for whom English is not their first language. Requests must be submitted **no later than two weeks prior to the competition** to the organiser and to **horseandponycare@pcuk.org**.
13. **Levels** Complete teams may not compete at more than one level.
14. **Mobile Phones** Mobile phones must not be switched on by competitors or adult assessors whilst competing.
15. **Unseemly Behaviour** Unseemly behaviour by competitors, parents, team officials or supporters may result in disqualification, in accordance with the Pony Club Horsemanship Rulebook 2026.
16. **Prize Giving** Competitors must attend Prize Giving correctly dressed in their competition attire, including hats.
17. **Dogs** Dogs are **not permitted** at the venue.
18. **Litter** Please ensure that all litter is taken home.
19. **Score Sheets** Final score sheets will be returned to Team Managers prior to Prize Giving.
20. **Protests or Objections** Any protests or objections must be made in accordance with the Pony Club Horsemanship Rulebook 2026.
21. **Insurance** This event is covered by The Pony Club Public Liability Insurance.
22. **Health & Safety and Legal Liability** Organisers of this event have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, all persons must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents and must comply with the instructions of the organisers and officials. Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are legally responsible, neither the organisers of this event nor The Pony Club, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landowner or tenant, accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, competitors, spectators, vehicles or property whatsoever. Entries are accepted on this basis.