

The Autumn Challenge 2021

**Thank you to our hosts the Whitehead family.
Please make sure you respect the venue and clean up any rubbish or
muck before you leave.**

Event location:

**The event is being held in the Meadows at Priors Norton,
Gloucestershire, GL2 9LX, adjacent to the A38.**

Map reference 51.920620, -2.200815

There will be signs off the A38 to direct you into the camping field.

11th and 12th September 2021

Entries close on 6th September

SCHEDULE (All times are subject to change)

Friday	3 pm	Camping and penning field opens
Saturday	8.00 am	Team manager briefing
	9.00 am	Play Commences
	6.00 pm	Play finishes
Sunday	9.00 am	Play Commences
	4.00 pm	Close of Play.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS' DETAILS

Pony Club Polocrosse Chairman – Iain Heaton

Pony Club Polocrosse Secretary – Zoe Pulling

Tournament Organiser (including Health & Safety)- Iain Heaton

Tournament Umpire – Chris Milburn

<p>COMPETITION DETAILS</p>	<p>The competitions over the weekend will be open to Pony Club members and UKPA members. Depending on entry numbers grades may be run concurrently with additional prizes awarded for the best placed Pony Club team in each grade.</p> <p>It is intended that each grade in both competitions will play games consisting of 3 x 6 minute chukkas. The intention is that the competition will be run in sections.</p>
	<p>Sections or Individuals can be entered in the Seniors, Juniors or Minis grades, which have the following eligibility criteria:</p> <p>Seniors – Members of any age, horses of 138cm and over</p> <p>Juniors – Members of 15 years and under on the 1st of January, horses of any height</p> <p>Minis – Members of 12 years and under on the 1st of January, horses of 138cm and under</p>

	<p>Entries can be made for complete sections or individual players and the organisers will look to build appropriate sections to compete in the competition</p> <p>The Grades will be split into High Goal, Medium Goal and Low Goal, depending on sufficient entry numbers. There will be a maximum of six teams in each grade. The split will be determined by the total grading points of the teams entered.</p> <p>Priority will be given to complete Pony club sections in each grade and then Pony Club individual entries.</p> <p>The competition organisers reserve the right to vary these divisions and the overall format of the competition dependent on entry numbers.</p>
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<p>COVID-19 Measures onsite</p>	<p>Attendees are to strictly adhere to government guidance for COVID-19.</p> <p>Players or family members who may be showing signs of COVID-19 are not to attend the Tournament.</p> <p>Strict Social Distancing is to be adhered to along with only camping in family/ Bubbles for the duration of stay.</p> <p>Please see the COVID- 19 Risk Assessment on the website for full details.</p> <p>Should Symptoms develop whilst on site please notify The Pony Club and follow the NHS guidance on self-isolation</p>
<p>COVID-19 Testing prior to attendance</p>	<p>Where possible we encourage all attendees to take part in lateral flow or PCR testing prior to attendance.</p>

	<p>Home Testing kits are available to order for free from the NHS and arrive very quickly, kits can be ordered here: <u>Order Lateral Flow Testing Kit</u></p> <p>Lateral flow tests may also be collected from local pharmacies.</p>
<p>CAMPING</p>	<p>In the camping field players and their families are expected to adhere to government social distancing guidelines and the risk of COVID-19 transmission is minimised.</p> <p>Please ensure that you clear up your camping area at the end of the weekend and don't leave rubbish on the site.</p>
<p>PLAYER ELIGIBILITY</p>	<p>Only players who are either Pony Club Members or UKPA Members are eligible to play in the competition.</p>
<p>ENTRIES AND COST</p>	<p>Entries to the Pony Club Autumn Challenge can be made using the entry form attached to this schedule and uploading it and paying it via the link below.</p> <p><u>http://events.pcuk.org/?p=9029</u></p> <p>The cost per player to enter competition is £60 for Pony Club members and £70 for UKPA members.</p>
<p>UMPIRING DUTIES</p>	<p>Qualified UKPA Umpires entered in both competitions will be expected to umpire over the weekend and provide suitable horses to umpire on. UMPIRES MUST be as named on the Order of Play unless approved by the Tournament Umpire or Tournament Organiser.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Umpires must be appropriately dressed ▪ Substitutions: Must be agreed by the Tournament Organiser and lodged with the Tournament Secretary at least 1 hour before the relevant game ▪ Penalty: If the named Umpire is more than 15 minutes late for their umpiring duty without an acceptable reason, he/she will be excluded

	from play for the first chukka of his/her next game.
GAME OFFICIALS	Each section must provide suitable people to fill the roles of timekeeper or scorer and a goal judge.
RIDING HATS	Only hats tagged with either a current Pony Club or a UKPA hat tag are approved for use during the tournament.
MEDICAL	<p>Paramedics will be on site during play.</p> <p>If medical assistance is required outside of hours of play the nearest hospital A&E department is Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Great Western Road, Gloucester, GL1 3NN.</p>
HORSE WELFARE	<p>By entering the Autumn Challenge members will be confirming that all horses (including Umpire and Hire Horses) will be compliant with The Pony Club Vaccination Rule which can be viewed here</p> <p>https://pcuk.org/media/eibpycqm/pony-club-vaccination-rules-2020.pdf</p> <p>For the purposes of this competition horses must have had at least yearly vaccinations</p> <p>Spot checks will be taking place throughout the arrival and event to confirm that all equines on site are compliant with the rules to maintain Horse Welfare. If a Horse is found not to be compliant with the Rules the horse will be excluded from play and the team removed from the Challenge.</p>
VET	<p>A Vet will be on-site during play.</p> <p>For out of hours veterinary cover please contact the tournament organiser</p>
FARRIER	A farrier will be on site during play. Horses should be adequately shod prior to the tournament.
PENS	Electrified fencing is to be used in the construction of Pens to hold horses. Camping and horse pens will be mixed.

	<p>Horses in this area are the owner's responsibility.</p>
<p>MUCK AND RUBBISH</p>	<p>ALL MUCK MUST BE TAKEN TO MUCK HEAPS AND ALL PENS CLEARED BEFORE YOU LEAVE. This is the responsibility of the members and teams, any members found to not be complying may be removed from future tournaments and competitions organised by The Pony Club.</p> <p>Rubbish should be taken home with you. Please do not leave any rubbish around the venue (including used tape).</p>
<p>DOGS</p>	<p>DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES DURING HOURS OF PLAY</p> <p>Extendable leads must not be extended anywhere near the areas of play, practice area or in the vicinity of horses, this includes the camping field. Well behaved/controlled dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead.</p> <p>Please pick up after your dogs.</p> <p>Any loose dogs will be removed to the 'pound' and a £20 fee will be charged for their release. Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in owner and dog being asked to leave the site.</p>
<p>BAR & CATERING</p>	<p>Catering will be available on-site during hours of play.</p> <p>There will be a Saturday evening meal. This is included in the Players entry fee. Additional meal tickets can be bought for £10 on the night.</p> <p>Catering available for <i>Thai Fridays, Niangs Thai Street Food and Norton Drive thru.</i></p> <p>There will be a bar on site. Only over 18's will be served.</p>

<p>TOURNAMENT RULES & CODE OF CONDUCT</p>	<p>Please note that the playing area is a smoke free area.</p> <p>There is to be no playing of loud music on the campsite after 10pm</p> <p>Players riding whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs – anyone considered to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to play.</p> <p>Players are subject to the codes of conduct as documented in the Pony Club Rulebook and Yearbook.</p> <p>All attendees must strictly adhere to Government Guidance on Covid-19 as detailed or directed by the event organisers.</p>
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<p>UNDER 18s</p>	<p>Under 18's should be accompanied by a responsible adult.</p> <p>The consumption of alcohol by persons under the age of 18 years (on the day) is banned at all Pony Club events and is a legal requirement.</p>
<p>PHOTOGRAPHY</p>	<p>There may be official photographers in attendance throughout the weekend. If there are players who do not wish to have their photographs taken please make the secretary aware.</p>
<p>PRIZE GIVING</p>	<p>To take place at the close of the Tournament, approximately 4pm on Sunday 12th September.</p>
<p>CANCELLATION</p>	<p>In the event of cancellation of the tournament for whatever reason, the organisers reserve the right to retain such proportion of the entry fees as necessary to cover any expenses reasonably incurred</p>
<p>HEALTH AND SAFETY</p>	<p>The organisers of the event have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must</p>

take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions and all officials and stewards.

AT ALL TIMES WHEN MOUNTED – suitable footwear must be worn (no trainers or wellies) and Pony Club/ UKPA tagged helmets, with chin straps fastened.

All playing and umpiring horses to be correctly 'dressed' as per Pony Club and UKPA polocrosse rules, depending on which competition players are competing in.

Please drive vehicles with care and consideration on site, there is a 10 mph speed limit on the site.

There is to be no movement of vehicles after 10pm, except in an emergency.



THE PONY CLUB AUTUMN CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM

COMPLETED FORMS AND FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RETURNED BY 12 NOON MONDAY THE 6TH OF SEPTEMBER 2021. **Entries WILL NOT be accepted without payment.**

Pony Club Branch/ Centre/ Area or UKPA Club Name	
Entries Manager Name	
Contact Number	
Contact E-Mail	

TEAMS

SECTION NAME	AGE GRADE (SENIOR, JUNIOR, MINI)	TOTAL UKPA GRADING POINTS



PLAYER DETAILS (Please enter details of all players grouped by teams and then any individuals at the bottom. Please add additional rows to the table if needed)

PLAYER NAMES	PC MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE)	TEAM (or GRADE FOR INDIVIDUALS)	AGE (IF UNDER 18)	UKPA GRADING POINTS (IF APPLICABLE)	UKPA UMPIRE GRADE	Cost (£60 for Pony Club members £70 for UKPA members)
Total cost						£

By submitting an entry form the Club Entries Manager agrees, on behalf of the entrants, to abide by the requirements outlined in this schedule and by the rules of The Pony Club

To upload your entry form and pay please use this link
<http://events.pcuk.org/polocrosse-autumn-challenge-2020>