

Spring Festival Competition Guide

For Pony Club Branches, Centres and Competition Venues

Preliminary and Area Rounds

For The Pony Club Spring Festival to be a success for our members we need Branches, Centres and Competition Venues to organise qualifying competitions in any or all these three sports.

We created this pack to offer advice and guidance to support you, we hope it is a valuable resource.

If you have already run a qualifier under the previous Winter Series rules, please do not worry – your qualified members will be automatically qualified for The Pony Club Spring Festival 2021. You will need to submit your results using the online form as well as to your Area Rep.

What is The Pony Club Spring Festival 2021?

The Pony Club Spring Festival is a new competition series for 2020/2021 which has evolved from the Winter Series and the Dengie Winter League for 25 years before that. **There are three sports available, each at different levels of competition: Dressage, Show Jumping and NEW FOR 2021, Arena Eventing.**

The Spring Festival has two separate finals:

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| • Scotland and Northern Ireland | Final at SNEC | 6 th /7 th April 2021 |
| • England and Wales | Final at Arena UK | 9 th /10 th /11 th April 2021 |

Spring Festival Rules 2020/2021

All Spring Festival Competitions (Preliminary, Area and Finals) must be run in line with the following rules. Click on the links for full information.

- [The Pony Club Spring Festival Rules](#); and
- [The Pony Club Covid19 Guidance for Competitions](#).

Each Sport has its own rules:

- [Dressage](#)
- [Show Jumping](#)
- [Arena Eventing](#)

There will be up to three stages of the Spring Festival depending on sport and region.

England and Wales:

1. **Preliminary Rounds** for Dressage, Show Jumping and Arena Eventing are held between August and March to enable competitors to qualify for their Area Competition.
2. **Area Competitions** for Dressage, Show Jumping and Arena Eventing will be held in March for those who qualified at a Preliminary Round.
3. Those who were successful at their Area Competition will go forward to the **Championships**.

Scotland and Northern Ireland:

1. **Preliminary Rounds** for Dressage, Show Jumping and Arena Eventing are held between August and April to enable competitors to qualify for the Championships
2. Those who were successful at a Preliminary Round will go forward to the **Championships**.

Publicity

So that these qualifying competitions can be listed on The Pony Club website, as well as on your own webpages, Facebook, Horse Dates etc, as soon as you have made your plans for running a Dressage, Show Jumping and/or Arena Eventing competition, please register your competition using the [online events system](#).

Planning a Spring Festival Qualifier

Check list:

Hosting a Qualifying Competition	Considerations	Complete
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Venue - Date(s) - Risk Assessment - Covid Risk Assessment - Inform Area Rep 	
Organisers details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Register competition using the online events system - Include: date, venue, secretary contact details and website/schedule 	
For Dressage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20m x 40m arena – indoor/surface or grass - Dressage boards and letters - Judge's box (or judge's own car) - BD Listed Judges - Writers – see PC Covid Competition Guidance 	
For Show Jumping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arena – indoor/surface or grass - Show Jumping fences - BS Course Builder - Judge's box – see PC Covid Competition Guidance - Arena party – see PC Covid Competition Guidance - Two judges: one BS, one other (one to commentate and enter scores, second to time, spots and paper copy) 	
For Arena Eventing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indoor/surface or grass (or combination) - Arena cross country jump correctly stabilised and/or knock down working hunter jumps, or purpose made knock down XC fences e.g. Jump for Joy - BS/BE Course Builder with experience of producing Arena Eventing courses 	

	<p>including stabilising fences on grass, on a surface or in an arena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two judges: one BS, one other (one to commentate and enter scores, second to time, spots and paper copy) 	
Emergency Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical and veterinary provision in line with The Pony Club Health & Safety Rule Book 	
Vaccinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Venue vaccination requirements are first consideration - minimum requirement is Pony Club Vaccination Rules 2020 	
Budget Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Venue hire (including any “extras”) - Course Builders - Judges - First Aid cover - Seek local sponsorship - Rosettes and prizes in kind - Entry levy (£1 per competitor) - Consider breakeven point of entries to decide Go/No Go 	
Support for running the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Area Rep - PC Office (Sports Team) 	
Results and Levy Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit results and levy payment using the online events system - Send copy of results to Area Rep 	

Taking Entries

For eligibility please refer to the Spring Festival Rules for each Sport found on our website.

Non-members of The Pony Club may compete in any Preliminary Round but must become fully paid up members if they wish to compete at any of the competitions they have qualified to compete at.

To take entries:

- Publish schedule
- Produce an entry form or use an automated online entry such as [My Riding Life](#) or [Horse Events](#)
- The closing date for entries must be clearly shown
- Refund policy for withdrawals must be clearly shown

Contacts and Officials required for the event

Role	Name	Mobile number and Email
Area Rep		
Commentator		
Judge (1 required per ring)		
Course Builder		
Medical Cover		
Vet on call		
Volunteers (see PC Covid Competition Guidelines) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tack Checker- Pole Picker- Ring Steward- Parking Attendant		

Key Contacts for Organiser Support only – DO NOT PUBLISH

Name	Telephone	Email
Show Jumping	02476698300	showjumping@pcuk.org
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Charlotte Rowell (Eventing Chairman)		eventingchairman@pcuk.org