

## **PONY CLUB SHOW JUMPING ELIGIBILITY 2023 (page 32)**

The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor is required to certify the eligibility of horse and rider as follows. Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending competitor.

**Area and Championships** – Members must fulfil all the following eligibility rules on the day of the Competition.

### **PC110, PC100, PC90, OPEN PC90, PC80, PC70 and PC70 PLUS**

1. Horses must be 5 years of age or over and there is no height limit. A horse or pony shall be deemed to reach the age of 1 on the 1st January following the date on which it is foaled and shall be deemed to become a year older on each successive 1st January.
2. Combination of Horse and Rider cannot compete at two different levels of the same Sport at the Area Competition or at the Championships.
3. At Regional Area and Championship level, horses may only compete in one level of a sport per day of competition
4. Stallions may only be ridden by Members if written permission is obtained from their District Commissioner/Centre Proprietor and they must wear identifying discs on their bridles in the interests of safety.
5. All competitors must be Members of The Pony Club both at the closing date for entries to the competition and at the date of the relevant competition to be eligible to compete at Area qualifying competitions and at the Championships (including the Regional Championships).

### **PC110 (Formerly Open)**

Open to all members and horses.

### **PC100 (Formerly Intermediate)**

#### **Area Competition and Championships:**

Combination of Horse and Rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- i. Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as an individual at the Pony Club Championships at PC100 level or above on two occasions.

### **PC90 (Formerly Novice)**

#### **Area Competition and Championships:**

Riders are NOT eligible if they have:

- i. Completed a PC110 Area Level or above competition in previous years.

Combination of Horse and Rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- i. Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as an individual at the Pony Club Championships at PC90 level or above on two occasions.

### **OPEN PC90 (Formerly Open Novice)**

- ii. Open to all Members who are not eligible for the PC90.
- iii. Open to any Horse.
- iv. Eligibility is subject to points 1 – 5 at the beginning of this Rule.

This class is open to Individuals only, there is no Team Competition.

### **PC80 (REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS)**

#### **Area Competition and Championships:**

Riders are NOT eligible if they have:

- i. Previously represented their Branch or Centre at PC90 level or above in any Show Jumping or Eventing summer Area Competitions or summer Championships.

Combination of Horse and Rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- i. Previously competed in the Spring Festival PC Challenge (90cm) Championship Final or Open competition at Area Level or above.
- ii. Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as an individual in the Show Jumping or Eventing at a Regional Championships on two occasions.

### **PC70 (REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS)**

Riders must be aged 13 and under on 1st January of the current year.

Riders are NOT eligible if they have previously completed at any PC80 or above Area or Regional competition for Show Jumping.

### **PC70 PLUS (REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS)**

This is a class solely for individuals. There is no team competition.

Members must be aged 14 and over on 1st January of the current year.

Riders are NOT eligible if they have previously represented their Branch or Centre at PC80 or above in any Show Jumping Competitions.

### **THE TEAM COMPETITION (BRANCH AND CENTRE TEAMS)**

Teams must consist of four or three Members from each Branch/Centre of The Pony Club in Great Britain and Northern Ireland (best three scores to count).

#### **a) COMBINED TEAMS (All Levels):**

Members from a Branch/Centre which has not entered a Team in the competition may be combined with Members from another Branch/Centre within their Area to form a Combined Team.

##### **A Combined Team -**

- must consist of riders and ponies who would be eligible under these rules to compete in a Branch/ Centre team.
- comprise three or four members from two Branches/Centres only
- contain no more than 2 members drawn from either Branch/Centre
- may only be created with the agreement of both the District Commissioners and/or Centre Proprietors concerned and the Area Representative.
- have a named person with overall responsibility for the Combined Team identified by the District Commissioners and/or Centre Proprietors concerned.
- which finishes in a qualifying position will be eligible to qualify for the Championships and the next placed Branch/Centre team will also qualify.

#### **b) AREA TEAMS:**

If a Branch/Centre has a Member/Members who are entered as individuals at the Area Competition and not included in a Branch/Centre team, they may combine with other Branch/Centre Members to form a team at the Area Competition.

This team shall not be eligible to qualify for the PC100, PC90 or Regional Championships, though the individual Members shall be.

Combined Area Teams at the Area Competition must be declared before the start of the competition or they will not count towards the number to qualify.

#### **c) AREA TEAMS FOR PC110 (OPEN) LEVEL ONLY**

If a Branch/Centre has a Member/Members who are entered as individuals at the Area Competition and not included in a Branch/ Centre team, they may combine with other Branch/Centre Members to form a team at the Area Competition.

The following rules will apply:

- i. PC110 Area teams can only be put together by the Area Representative and/or Area Organiser via a draw before the Area Competition.
- ii. If a PC110 Area team is in a qualifying position based on the current rules then they will be eligible to qualify for the Championships and the next placed Branch/Centre team will also qualify.
- iii. every such team must have a named person with overall responsibility for the Area Team identified by the District Commissioners and/or Centre Proprietors concerned

All qualifying teams will be eligible for all prizes on offer at the Championships.