

PONY CLUB



THE PONY CLUB SPRING FESTIVAL: ENGLAND & WALES 2021

ARENA EVENTING RULES

(For Scotland & Northern Ireland see Regional Rules)

Valid for 2020/2021 Competitions

Final to be held at Arena UK
9th/10th/11th April 2021

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Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these rules. In any unforeseen circumstances, it is the duty of the relevant officials to make a decision in a sporting spirit and to approach as nearly as possible to the intention of these rules.

Arena Eventing 2020-2021 with a Final to be held in conjunction with The Pony Club Spring Festival 2021 at Arena UK on 11th/12th April 2021.

Class heights 70, 80, 90 and 100 cm.

Each Area to hold an Area Qualifying Competition (to be organised by the Area or nominated Branch or Centre). If wished, and if it is felt the Area Competition would be oversubscribed, Areas may organise Preliminary Rounds which would qualify for the Area Qualifying Competition. If held competitors may compete in multiple Preliminary Rounds. Members must compete at their own Area Competition.

Area Competitions can be held anytime between **1st August and 30th March**.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to individual Pony Club Branch and Centre Members.

Please note non-members of The Pony Club are allowed to compete in any Preliminary Round (if held) but must become fully paid up members to compete at their Area Competition.

Riders cannot compete in more than two classes per day. Horses/ponies cannot compete more than once in each class or in more than two classes on the day.

70cm class - Riders in this class must be aged 14 years and under on 1st January 2020.

Competitors may qualify a maximum of two horses and/or ponies for any one Championship Class. Riders/horses/ponies and/or combination of horse and rider can qualify for more than one Championship Class.

QUALIFIERS – 70cm/80cm/90cm/100cm

Qualification at Area Competitions will work on a ratio basis as below: **(This may vary in Scotland and Northern Ireland)**

Number of starters	Number to qualify (plus any tying for these places)
0 – 20	2
21 – 30	3
31 – 40	4
41 – 50	5
And pro rata	

If an Area chooses to hold Preliminary Rounds, qualification for the Area Competition can be on a similar or more generous basis (the number to qualify must be decided before the class starts), but the place of those already qualified will be passed down the line.

COMPETITION RESULTS

All Area Qualifier organisers must submit the results of their competition, including the combinations in a qualifying position as soon as the competition has finished. If the competition is cancelled or there are no qualifiers, please ensure the office is notified.

Results can be submitted, and entry levy paid online.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions for the Final will not be allowed.

SADDLERY AND DRESS

Cross Country compliant XC kit and Saddlery should be worn. The Pony Club Saddlery and Dress rules apply at all Area Competitions and the Championships. At Preliminary rounds either Pony Club or British Eventing /Saddlery and Dress rules apply.

PASSING DOWN THE QUALIFICATION

On the day - If a competitor is unable to go to the Championships then the qualifying places will be passed down the line. Please ensure every competitor confirms to the organiser/steward that they are intending to enter the Championships.

After the Area Qualifier – If a competitor is unable to go to the Championships, they must notify The Pony Club Office as soon as possible so that their qualifying place can be passed down the line. This will only be done up until five days prior to the Championships.

ENTRY FEES

Preliminary and Area Competitions: can be set by the organizing Branch/Centre or Area, of this, £1.00 is to be returned to The Pony Club Office. The Organisers will be responsible for providing rosettes.

Results are to be submitted, and remittance paid online at <http://events.pcuk.org/>

Final: £35.00

GUIDELINES FOR PONY CLUB ARENA EVENTING

Arena Eventing is a two phase competition, which can be run on either an indoor arena, outdoor surface or a grass arena. General rules follow the current Pony Club Eventing Rule book except as modified below.

Competitors will jump a course of show jumps immediately followed by a course of cross country style fences**. There will be no more than 20 (dependent on size of arena) jumping efforts in total.

The optimum time should be based on a speed of 325 mpm (PC80 and below), and 375 mpm (PC90 and above).

Horses/Ponies must be aged 5 years old and over.

Stop Watches are not permitted.

The winner will be the competitor with the lowest number of penalties. In the event of a tie the winner will be the one closest to the optimum time.

There should be a drawn order and, where possible, approximate start times given in advance of the day

The course will only be open for walking before the class starts.

The Judge's decision is final.

PENALTIES

SJ Phase:

Knocking down obstacle	4 penalties
First disobedience of horse	4 penalties
Second disobedience of horse in whole course	8 penalties
Third disobedience of horse in whole course	Elimination*
(Each circle or crossing tracks between fences counts as one disobedience)	
First fall of rider	Elimination*
Fall of Horse	Elimination*
Error of course not rectified	Elimination*
Failure to start or jump next fence within 60 seconds	Elimination*
Starting before the Bell	Elimination*
Continuing the course without a hat, or with chinstrap undone	Elimination*

*Competitors eliminated in this phase may not proceed to the XC phase

XC Phase

Knocking down an obstacle	4 penalties
First refusal, run-out or circle of horse at obstacle	20 penalties
Second refusal, run-out or circle at same obstacle	40 penalties
Third refusal, run-out or circle at same obstacle	Elimination
Four refusals around the course	Elimination
Fall of horse	Elimination
Fall of rider	Elimination
Error of Course not rectified	Elimination
Horse trapped in obstacle	Elimination
Horse resisting rider for 60 consecutive seconds anywhere on the course	Elimination
Failure to cross the finish line mounted	Elimination
Continuing the course without a hat, or with chinstrap undone	Elimination
Time will be taken overall.	
Exceeding the time limit	Elimination
Time limit is twice the optimum time.	

NOTES

****XC Portable Fences/Fixed Fences** – These must not be used unless they can be properly and safely anchored. (See Eventing Organisers Handbook, and [Guidance on Cross Country Fences](#). In their place, and especially on surfaces, knock down substitutes should be used, i.e. rustic show jumps or those supplied by specialist manufacturers such as “Jump for Joy”

If local conditions dictate, Organisers can choose not to time the Show Jumping Phase, but the XC phase must be timed.

Safety Cups – Safety Cups are mandatory for all Pony Club Show Jumping Competitions including any practice fences. To be used on the back rails of spread fences and middle and back rails of triple bars. They should also be used for all knock down fences in the XC Phase.

It is recommended a BS Course Designer, preferably one with Arena Eventing experience, is used if possible. For Area Competitions this is mandatory. If the course designer is not qualified, then approval must be sought from The Pony Club.

Courses should be built within the dimensions set out in The Pony Club Eventing Rules 2020.

First Aid – See The Pony Club Health and Safety Rule Book.