

## Horse and Pony Care Webinar - Frequently Asked Questions in the Q&A

### 1. Will a child be penalised if they are not wearing a hairnet?

Hair must be tied back securely, in a safe manner, but it is good to encourage hair nets even though they are not in the rules!

### 2. Are the ages from the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the Competition Year

Yes:

**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.

**Junior Competition** – Teams to consist of three Members. Ages to be 13 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.

**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.

### 3. Do the members write or speak the answers?

The members speak the answers to the assessors, the assessors judge their answers and then give marks accordingly.

### 4. How long is the competition?

There will be up to 10 rounds in the competition. There is also a break in the middle.

Seniors and Juniors ~2 hours, Minis ~ 1 ½ hours

### 5. Who Qualifies for Champs?

The winning team from each section of the Area Competition will qualify for the Championships. Any Area that has 10 or more teams competing in the section will have two guaranteed spaces for the Championship. Any Area that has 15 or more teams competing in the section at the Area Competition is guaranteed three spaces at the Championship. Should space allow, further teams may be invited to the Championships at the Organiser's discretion. Invitations will be made to the Championships by consulting scores and inviting the team that were closest in percentage to their 1st placed team at their relevant Area.

### 6. How are teams formed?

Teams can be branch teams, centre teams, or Area Teams. There are 3 in a team, and team managers should choose their teams. If an area team could be formed. Please see rulebook:

A Branch/Centre unable to raise a complete team may combine with other Branch/Centres within their Area. Members may only combine with the permissions of their District Commissioners / Centre Proprietors and Quiz the Area Representative; fair and objective criteria must be applied when

selecting these Members. Area teams are to enable smaller Branches/Centres to field teams of Members who otherwise would be unable to do so. An Area Team must comprise of 3 or 4 members from 2 or more Branches/Centres. e.g. 4 Branches/Centres with one individual each. 3 Branches/Centres with one two and two individuals etc. Branches/ Centres should communicate with their Area Representative/Area Centre Coordinator to form area teams.

## **7. When are the HPC Area Competitions?**

Please follow [this link](#)

## **8. Reasonable Adjustments?**

The Pony Club has a detailed Reasonable adjustment policy, please follow [this link](#).

## **9. Where is the rulebook?**

Please follow [this link](#)

## **10. How is best individual judged?**

Each round accessor will give a score for outstanding individuals in their section. These are then added and the one with the most points wins the individual