



Polocrosse

Autumn Challenge 2023

By kind permission of Mr Fred Robinson

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Date of event: 23rd/ 24th September 2023

Entries Close: 18th September

Event Contacts

Organiser: The Pony Club

Event Secretary Email Pxchairman@pcuk.org

Classes:

Class Name	Class Price
Mini – Players 12 years and under on 1 st January, horses 138cms and under	£70 per player
Junior – Players 15 years and under on 1 st January, horses any height	£80 per player
Senior – Players of any age, horses 138cms and over	£90 per player

The Tournament is open to Pony Club and UKPA members. It is a two pitch tournament and in the event of there being more entries than available spaces then priority will be given to pony club members and pony club teams. We encourage the entering of full Pony Club teams whenever possible to help us promote and grow the sport in Pony Club .

Division Details

It is intended that each division will play 3 or 4 games of 3 chukkas and to run the tournament in sections.

If entry numbers permit, it is the intention of the organisers is to split the Mini and Junior divisions into “Novice” and “Open” sections to ensure that players play against players of a

similar standard and have an enjoyable weekend. Seniors will be split into appropriate grades (A-E or High/ Medium / Low) depending on entries.

There will be separate prizes awarded for the best Pony Club team in each division. Pony Club teams should be Branch/ Centre / Area teams. Mixed teams, which include spare players from different Pony Club areas, will be put together by the organisers to try and create fair teams at the appropriate level. This is done to ensure that “super teams” from multiple Areas are not created that act as a disincentive to Branches / Centres / Areas working on developing the sport in their own club / area. However, in the creation of mixed teams, consideration will be given to player’s UKPA clubs (if they are also UKPA members) and any stated preferences.

Tournament Officials

Tournament Organisers – Jack Page / Stella Stearn

Tournament Secretary – Iain Heaton 07799 360439

Health & Safety Officer – Matt Stearn

SCHEDULE

Friday	3.00pm	Camping grounds open
Saturday	9:00am	Play commences
Sunday	9:00am	Play commences
	4:00pm	Prize giving

Schedule is provisional and subject to change based on level of entries. Team list and order of play will be published in the week preceding the event

ENTRIES:

Entries can be made for both teams and individual players. Individual players will be put into appropriate mixed teams by the organisers. Where a Branch/ Centre/ Area enters two individual players in the same grade we will always try and put them in a team together but this may not always be possible.

All entries should be made using the entry form with payments to

Additional Information

Multi Horse

The Autumn Challenge will be run as a multi horse tournament and players can change horses during and between games. This rule is purely in place to allow players to try out new horses and to accommodate horses that may have a lower level of fitness.

Venue rules

Please respect the venue and make sure you tidy up any litter or muck before you leave, both in the camping field and around the arena.

Membership – All players must be members of the Pony Club or UKPA prior to entry

Saddlery, Equipment & Dress – Saddlery and dress should be in line with the current UKPA and Pony Club Polocrosse rules so please ensure you are familiar with these.

Hat Tagging – Only hats tagged with either a UKPA or an aquamarine Pony Club, British Eventing or British Riding Club tag are approved for use during the tournament. The tournament umpire is authorised to tag hats.

Player & Horse Turnout – Players and their horses are expected to be smartly turned out with matching team shirts and white jeans or white/cream jodhpurs/breeches. Horses' tails should be plaited and put up.

First Aid – Paramedic(s) will be on site during the hours of play. The nearest hospital with an A&E department is [Colchester Hospital](#), .Turner Road, Colchester, Essex, CO4 5JL.

Contact for details for first aid requirements outside hours of play is Iain Heaton 07799 360439

Horse Welfare – Any horse that a team or player wishes to withdraw must be inspected by the Horse Welfare Officer or Vet prior to substitution. Failure to comply will render the team in breach of the tournament rules and may lead to disqualification of the team from the competition.

Vaccinations – horses should be vaccinated for equine influenza in line with Pony Club vaccination rules. Please ensure you bring your horse's passport and vaccination record as these may be asked for on arrival.

Vet – A vet will be on site during play. The on call vet is Grace Starling-Smith from Catley Cross vets, who are reachable by telephone on 07502 338144 or 01787 269006

Camping & Penning – Horses should be penned in properly constructed, electrified pens with no more than two horses in any single pen. Camping and horse pens will be mixed. You are requested to arrive before midnight to reduce disruption to local residents. Thank you for your assistance in this area.

Vehicle Movements – There is to be no movement of vehicles after 10pm on Saturday in the camping areas, except in an emergency. People violating this rule may be banned from competing on Sunday.

Muck – All muck must be taken to muck heaps and all pens cleared before you leave as there will be a charge for any un-cleared pens.

Dogs – DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES DURING HOURS OF PLAY. Extendable leads must not be extended anywhere near the areas of play, practice or in the vicinity of horses. Well behaved/controlled dogs are welcome but must be kept in a lead when near the horses/play. Please pick up after your dogs. Any loose dogs will be removed to the 'pound' and a £20 fee will be charged for their release.

Showers – There will be NO showers on site.

Saturday Evening Meal, Bar & Catering – There will be a Saturday Evening meal included for players. Additional meals for non players can be bought at a cost of £10 per head. Please include these on the entry form and include payment for them. There will be on site catering over the weekend and a bar on Saturday evening.

Tournament Rules & Code of Conduct – Playing Rules will be in accordance with UKPA Rulebook and the Code of Conducts as published in the Pony Club Health, Safety and Safeguarding rulebooks will apply.

Withdrawals & Refunds

Full refunds will be given up until the closing date of entries for the competition

After the closing date no refunds will be made without a Doctors or Vets certificate produced no later than 24 hours after the event. If produced after this no refund will be given.

Refunds where due after the closing date are subject to an admin fee of: £5.00

In the event of abandonment a % of the entry fee will be refunded, taking into account costs incurred that cannot be avoided.

Prizes & Prize Giving:

Grades to receive Placings 1st- 6th

Please refer to the Polocrosse Rule Book. All Rule Books can be found at <https://pcuk.org/officials/rulebooks/>

ENTRY CONDITIONS:

- To be run in accordance with Pony Club and UKPA Polocrosse Rules
- Photographic Rights – competitors and their parents/guardians have given permission for any photographic and/or film or TV footage taken of persons or horses/ponies taking part in Pony Club events to be used and published in any media whatsoever for editorial purposes, press information or advertising by or on behalf of the Pony Club and/or Official Sponsors of the Pony Club.
- A valid passport and vaccination record must accompany the horse/pony to this event and must be available for inspection if required by event officials.

LEGAL LIABILITY:

LEGAL LIABILITY Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor the Pony Club, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE:

The Organisers of this Event have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organisers and all the Officials and Stewards.