

PONY CLUB



Dear All,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had an enjoyable festive season. I have enjoyed seeing all the different activities taking place over the holidays with lots of fun, dressing up and enjoying being with our horses and ponies.

I am looking forward to all the activities we have coming up in 2024, including the Coaching Conference on February 8th open to all, book your ticket below.

Please don't forget to remind yourself of all the new/updated rules for this year including updates on hats, body protectors and vaccinations.

Marcus Capel (CEO)

Pony Club Art Competition

Hey, creative minds!

Gallop into action and submit your masterpieces for The Pony Club Art Competition.

The deadline is approaching fast on **February 18th.**

Don't miss out – [Click Here](#) to upload your entry online!

New for 2024 - Team Competition

Centres/Branches may enter a piece of collaborative art with the same theme as the Individual competition, contributed to by a minimum of three members. This is a chance to



work together to create a combined piece of artwork that represents your Branch/Centre, and Friendship and Adventure.

What's Coming Up...

Barrier Animal Health Spring Festival

Congratulations to all Members who have qualified for the Barrier Animal Health Spring Festival finals and Good Luck to those still to compete in their Arena Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping Area Qualifiers.



Entries are now open for qualified Members to enter the England/Wales Final.

**The England/Wales Barrier Spring Festival is taking place at
Arena UK on 24th and 25th February**

Saturday 24th February

- PC70 and PC80 Arena Eventing
- PC80 and PC110 Show Jumping
- Grassroots and Open Dressage
- Open and Pairs Dressage to Music

Sunday 25th February

- PC90 and PC100 Arena Eventing
- PC90 and PC100 Show Jumping
- Novice and Intermediate Dressage
- Novice and Intermediate Dressage to Music

Enter Now For England/Wales - Entries Close 11th February

NEW FOR 2024: There are now warm-up classes for both Dressage and Show Jumping classes. Qualified riders, please ensure you also enter your Spring Festival Championship class.

2024 Rulebooks



All the 2024 Rulebooks are available for free download on the Pony Club website, links below.

There are 12 books in total - 9 individual sports books and the following:

- The 2024 Handbook
- The Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Horse Welfare Rulebook.
- **New for 2024 - Horsemanship Rulebook:** Includes Horse and Pony Care, the Quiz and the Art Competition! Be sure to familiarise yourself with the new quiz format for 2024.

[Click here](#) for the updated Rulebooks and direct updates on the Hat, Body Protector and Vaccination Rules.

Rulebooks will be available on Amazon soon!

New Tetrathlon Diving Certificates

Tetrathlon now accepts diving certificates from Swim England and the Swimming Teacher's association. We recommend for competitors wishing to compete at the Tetrathlon Championships this year, to contact their Tetrathlon Manager or Tetrathlon Area Coordinator for further information.

[More Information](#)

[Tetrathlon Area Co-ordinators](#)

Coaching Conference

Confidence is Crucial

The Pony Club Online Coaching Conference
Thursday 8th February 2024
6.30pm - 9.00pm



It is crucial for both the rider and the pony to have confidence in themselves to enable them to help each other. The conference this year is

based around coaches developing confidence in their riders and creating a stronger partnership with their ponies. It will be a very full and interesting evening that will have plenty of coaching skills to take away and use. The conference also counts as a CPD.

Guest Speakers & Presenters:

Corrine Bracken - "Exercises for Confidence at Pony Club Rallies throughout the levels"

David Hamer - "The value of not specialising too soon"

Jason Webb - "Confidence Boost Your Pony & Make Ponies Spook Proof"

Grainne Flavin - "Starter Games - unconscious learning through games"

Q&A Session with all Guest Speakers and webinar participants

[**Book Your Seat Now**](#)

Mounted Games 2024

International Mounted Games

Would you like to travel to Canada in 2024 for the next International Mounted Games Exchange? The deadline for applications will be 1st March, and nominees are reminded that they must have achieved their C+ test by the 31st January.

Nominations can only be made by District Commissioners or Centre Proprietors, and the selection panel look closely at Members' commitment to their Branch/Centre, achievements in and out of Mounted Games, and Tests achieved.



Royal Windsor Horse Show



The Royal Windsor Horse Show starts on 1st May with a new line up of special events as well as the return of it's top class competitions.

The Pony Club applications are now open for RWHS Mounted Games Trials until 1st February. To take-part, members must have achieved their C test by time of application.

Submit your nominations [here](#).

National Study Day

Parents, guardians, coaches and members,

Sign-up is now available on [Horse-Events](#) for the National Study Day on 4th February at Bury Farm, Buckinghamshire.

This event is crucial for members and coaches taking part in and coaching Mounted Games this year, to learn all about the new races and rules. The study day also counts as a CPD.

The British Horseball Association



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Exciting times are coming for the British Horseball Association with a new Youth Development Programme having launched for 2024.

The programme has opportunities around the country for young riders to have a go at the sport and potentially go on to represent Great Britain.

For further details [click here](#) or follow the link below to get started!

[Get Involved](#)

Celebrations

Barrier Spring Festival Qualifier

A huge congratulations to Annie Thompson who won her Grassroots Dressage section at the Barrier Spring Festival Qualifier, organised by South Nottinghamshire Pony Club in Area 6.

This was Annie's very first dressage test on a horse that she has only been riding for 6 months!

Best of luck for the upcoming Spring Festival Annie!

