

The Pony Club Spurs Test - Frequently Asked Questions

Q.1 What age do you have to be to take The Spurs Test?

There is no minimum age to take the test, however members should be able to understand the potential welfare implications of any misuse of spurs.

Q.2 Do you have to Jump during The Spurs Test?

Ideally members will be assessed jumping, but if a member is discipline specific such as polo or dressage it should be possible for them to be assessed according to their sport. For example a dressage-only rider might be asked to demonstrate some leg yield, or a polo player might be asked to demonstrate riding at speed and turning.

Q.3 What are the requirements of the Assessor?

Assessors must be on the Assessor Database and at least C+ level.

Q.4 How long should The Spurs Test take?

It should be possible for an assessor to test a small group of riders in an hour/hour and a half, to include theory and riding.

Q.5 Do we have to use an external Assessor?

Amended 13/11/24 - Yes you must use an external Test Assessor for The Spurs Test.

Q.6 How is the Spurs Test identified?

Members will be issued with a yellow hat tag to show they have passed the test. Members with C+ and above may also wish to have a tag in case they are not wearing their badge (eg XC).

Reasonable adjustment – The Pony Club's Reasonable adjustment policy is available for those with specific needs, however the welfare of the horse will always be a priority.