

RULES FOR PONY CLUB TWO-DAY EVENTS

Introduction

The Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country Tests remain the same as in a Pony Club One-Day Horse Trial, and will be conducted in accordance with the Rules for Pony Club Eventing, but in this Competition, the Cross Country will become a PHASE of the SPEED AND ENDURANCE TEST.

The particular OBJECT of this type of competition will be to give riders experience in judging pace, preparing their horses before and caring for them during a Speed and Endurance Test. The speeds and distances set are well within the capabilities of the average horse/pony.

Any such event will be valueless unless it is very well organised and strictly controlled. It is only suitable for the more experienced Members of The Pony Club (PC100 and above) who must be properly briefed before the start of the competition.

Rules

Except where modified below, a Pony Club Two-Day Event will be conducted in accordance with the Rules for Pony Club Eventing.

The Programme

Whenever possible the programme should be:

- ▶ 1st Day DRESSAGE followed by SHOW JUMPING TEST
- ▶ 2nd Day SPEED AND ENDURANCE

The Speed and Endurance Phase

This should consist of:

- ▶ PHASE A ROADS AND TRACKS
- ▶ PHASE B STEEPLECHASE
- ▶ PHASE C ROADS AND TRACKS
- ▶ PHASE D CROSS COUNTRY

Timing

Each phase must be timed independently. Separate starts and finishes are required for Phases A, B and D, and a separate finish for Phase C. The start of Phase C is the same as the finish of Phase B and competitors are not required to pause between these Phases. A competitor arriving late at

the start of Phase B should be started as soon as possible at the discretion of the starter.

Independence of Phases

The different Phases A, B, C and D are quite independent of each other. Loss of time in one cannot be compensated for by gain of time in another. The gain of one minute in Phase B (Steeplechase), for instance, does not give a competitor any more time in which to complete Phase C (Roads and Tracks), for which the starting time is identical with the finishing time of the Steeplechase. But if the rider then completes Phase C within the optimum time the rider obtains, due to the gain of one minute in the Steeplechase, one minute's rest and any time the rider has saved on Phase C, in addition to the 10 minutes compulsory halt provided for the second inspection before Phase D (Cross Country), the starting time for which is fixed by the timetable.

If a competitor completes Phase A in less than the optimum time and as a result arrives before the time fixed for starting Phase B (Steeplechase), the rider must wait until the time the rider gained has elapsed. The timekeeper starts them off on the Steeplechase at the exact time shown on the timetable.

If the rider finishes at exactly the right time, the rider immediately starts the Steeplechase.

If the rider has lost time during Phase A and if the rider finishes after the time fixed, according to the timetable, for the start of the Steeplechase, the rider must be started as soon as possible. The exact time at which the rider passes the starting post of Phase B is noted and the competitor is penalised for exceeding the optimum time for Phase A. He need not attempt to regain the time lost, since this is lost and penalised for Phase A and Phase A only.

The rest of this competitor's timetable will be affected by the time lost on Phase A but this will in no way affect the reckoning of the actual time the rider takes to complete the other phases.

If a competitor, having started the Steeplechase (Phase B) at the correct time, according to the timetable, exceeds the optimum time for this phase, it does not mean that the rider will have any less than the optimum time in which to complete Phase C or reduce the 10 minute compulsory halt, but the time at which the rider starts Phase D (Cross Country) can no longer correspond to the timetable laid down beforehand; it will differ by the amount of time lost on the Steeplechase.

It is possible that a competitor might exceed the optimum time for both Phase A and the Steeplechase. In this case, their time of starting Phase D will be delayed for as long as the two excesses of time added together for which they have been penalised.

10 Minute Halt

This will be between the end of Phase C and the start of Phase D and is compulsory. A competitor who arrives early at the end of Phase C will have a correspondingly longer halt.

A steward will inspect all horses at the end of Phase C. If the rider is in any doubt as to whether a horse is fit to continue the horse must be examined by a Vet.

Roads and Tracks

TOTAL distance for the two phases will be between 4,800m and 8,400m.

OPTIMUM TIME for Phase A will be achieved at a speed of 220m. per min. Phase C will be achieved at a speed of 160m. per min.

EXCEEDING the Optimum Time incurs 1 penalty for each second up to a TIME LIMIT which is 1/5 more than the optimum time.

DIRECTION MARKERS AND BOUNDARY MARKERS shall be used.

Km. Markers will be put out to assist competitors.

Competitors may dismount anywhere and walk or run beside the horse, but must be mounted to pass through the finish.

Steeplechase

DISTANCE will be 1,000m

THE COURSE will consist of 5 or 6 obstacles with wings.

OPTIMUM TIME will be achieved at a speed of 500m per min. Exceeding the Optimum Time incurs 1 penalty for each commenced period of 3 seconds up to a TIME LIMIT of twice the OPTIMUM TIME. Boundary/Direction Markers will be the same as for the Cross Country and all obstacles will be numbered.

Faults incurred at obstacles will be the same as for Cross Country obstacles.

Type of obstacles – Bush or Gorse covered fences of the type used in Point-to-Point Steeplechases should be used. They must look imposing and be very well sloped.

Dimensions of obstacles will be the same as for the Cross-Country obstacles EXCEPT that the solid part of a steeplechase fence between the boundary flags must not exceed 60cm in height, and the width shall be at least 3.75m.

Cross Country

The Course should conform to The Pony Club Eventing Rules.

Qualifications

HORSES/PONIES - There is no height limit.

All horses must have been regularly ridden at rallies by a member of The Pony Club.

Horses that are graded British Eventing Advanced (Grade 1) that have completed at A1/A level during the current calendar year are not eligible. No horse under 5 years of age is eligible.

District Commissioners are required to certify personally for each individual event that all riders entered are eligible