

Cheltenham

RACECOURSE



Area 9

Pony Club Race Day



on **Friday 18th April 2025**
at **Cheltenham Racecourse**
by kind permission of The Jockey Club



Kindly Supported by Summerhill Equine Vets

Race 1 – The Alan King Racing 128cms and under Novice Race

Distance – 6 furlongs approx. No minimum weight.

Race 2 – The Sandhall House Pre-Training 128cms and under Intermediate & Open Race

Distance – 6 furlongs approx. No minimum weight.

Race 3 – The Calmsden Farms 138cms and under Novice Race

Distance – 6 furlongs approx. No minimum weight.

Race 4 – The K&M Racing 138cms and under Intermediate Race

Distance – 6 furlongs approx. No minimum weight.

Race 5 – The Summerhill Equine Vets 138cms and under Open Race

Riders to carry a minimum of 7st 10lbs. Distance – 6 furlongs approx

The Tim Spencer-Cox Trophy to highest placed rider from Area 9

Race 6 – The Condicup Stables 148cms and under Novice Race

Distance – 8 furlongs approx. No minimum weight.

Race 7 – The Fergal O'Brien Racing 148cms and under Intermediate Race

Distance – 8 furlongs approx. No minimum weight.

Race 8 – The Summerhill Equine Vets 148cms and under Open Race

Riders to carry a minimum of 9st. Distance – 8 furlongs approx

Area 9 Perpetual Trophy to highest placed rider from Area 9

Best Turned Out in each race kindly sponsored by Calmsden Farms

Jockey Coaches sponsored by Noel Fehily Racing, Tom Marquand and Hollie Doyle

Please note all times are provisional and may change. Maximum number of 12 runners per race. Doctors, Vets and Paramedics in attendance. Refreshments available. First Class Photography and Trade Stalls on site. The entry fee for each rider/pony combination is £40.

Entries via www.Entrymaster.co.uk , opening on Tuesday 25th February 2025 and closing on Friday 5th April OR WHEN FULL.

The day will be run under Pony Club Racing Rules. Waiting Lists will be held for races. One of the races listed above may divide giving a maximum of 9 races on the day.

All combinations taking part must be qualified to race in the type of race they are entering BEFORE entering. Please check the rule book and speak to your DC or Branch Manager for advice.

Guide to race types. Riders & Ponies must meet this qualification criteria for their chosen class:

Novice

- ▶ For riders who have never finished 1st in a Pony Club (except Beginners) or PRA Point-to-Point race, or taken part in the PRA Racecourse Series.
- ▶ Ponies must not have won an Open Pony Club or PRA Point-to-Point race in the last 3 years with another jockey or competed in the PRA Racecourse Series.
- ▶ No minimum weight

Intermediate

- ▶ For riders who may have won a Novice race but never won an Intermediate, Open Pony Club, or PRA Point-to-Point race, or a Racecourse Series race.
- ▶ No restrictions on ponies.
- ▶ No minimum weight.

Open

- ▶ For riders and ponies who have been placed in a Pony Club or PRA Race Day.
- ▶ Riders must carry the minimum weight stated in the race details.

PLEASE BE AWARE!

- A compulsory Briefing and Course Walk for 128 and 138 Jockeys will be held in the morning before racing and for 148cm Jockeys at a later time. All Riders must walk the course with the nominated Official and must attend the briefing. Non attendance at either of these will result in not being allowed to ride on the day. First Race at 12.30pm. Briefing times tbc.
- All ponies attending the day must be aged 5-20 and comply with the Vaccination requirements as given in the 2025 Pony Club Pony Racing Rules.
- Riders must be PC Members 9 years or above on the day of the race. Riders can race up until and on the day of their 17th birthday. They must be qualified on the pony they wish to race in line with the 2025 Pony Club Pony Racing Rules.
- Entries will only be pending until you have provided copies of your pony's passport (showing their current vaccination record for Equine Influenza in full) AND, if you have not attended & passed a PRA/PC Training Day since 1st July 2024, your Pony Club District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor must confirm that the entered pony and jockey combination are qualified to race. Please discuss this directly with them before entering.
- Ponies with information outstanding at close of entries (midnight on Friday 5th April) will be automatically withdrawn from the day with no refund given.
- Children and ponies must have the correct tack to race. Please don't rely on spares being provided on the day. Without the correct tack, you will not be allowed to race. Guidance on tack is available in the 2025 Pony Club Pony Racing Rule Book.
- This day is not suitable for combinations who may wish to be led to the start.

It is the responsibility of all parents/guardians to read the 2025 Pony Club Pony Racing Rules IN ADVANCE of the day to understand their responsibilities.

Conditions of Entry and General Information

The Event will run under Pony Club Racing Rules 2025. These are available to download from [THE PONY CLUB WEBSITE](#).

Only entries received via the Official Entry method will be accepted. Any entry which is received without the entry fee will be declined. Entrymaster are the booking agents for the event.

Full terms and conditions are available to view on the entry form at www.entrymaster.co.uk.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian making the entry to ensure that they are compliant. Should a breach of eligibility be proven, the offender will be disqualified or unable to take part on the day.

The organisers reserve the right to cancel the event or any race, to alter the advertised times, to divide or combine any race and to refuse entry with or without stating a reason. The decision of the Chief Steward will be final and binding.

Multiple Entries

Please note that only one entry for the day may be made for any combination of pony and rider. If you wish to enter a child in more than one race, it is allowed but please email area9.ponyracing@pcuk.org to say which entry is the priority entry.

If entries exceed capacity in races you have entered when you have made multiple entries, we may have to waitlist your entries in the extra races entered.

Withdrawal

If a combination is withdrawn prior to the closing date, a full refund will be made less a £5 administration charge. Withdrawals after the closing date will not be refunded.

Abandonment

In the event of abandonment, for whatever reason, a refund of 50% of the entry fee will be given. In such an instance, the refund process will be communicated and must be followed.

Health & Safety

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.

Legal Liability

Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of this event or The Pony Club nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord or his tenant, 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. Entries are only accepted on this basis.

Insurance

The Pony Club 'Public Liability and Products Liability Insurance' Policy includes cover for all the official Area Competitions and the Championships. Details of this insurance are available on The Pony Club website.

Photographic Policy

Please be aware that the participants may be photographed or filmed during this Race Day, therefore it is important that you read and understand the statement below:

Photographic Rights – competitors and their guardians entering give permission for any photographic, film or TV footage taken of persons or ponies taking part in Pony Races to be used and published in any media whatsoever for editorial purposes, press information or advertising by or on behalf of the organisers. Competitors and their guardians consent to the organisers providing information that they may think will be of benefit. This may be done by post, by fax, by e-mail or via websites and social media.

Eligibility

If a child's eligibility status for the race they have entered changes before entries close, please email area9.ponyracing@pcuk.org to change race.

What vaccinations do I need to pony race at Cheltenham on Friday 18th April 2025?

All ponies racing at the 2025 Area 9 Pony Club Pony Race Day at Cheltenham Racecourse must be vaccinated for Equine Influenza.

- We strongly advise that ponies are vaccinated in line with the British Horseracing Authority's Vaccination Code. This can be viewed at <https://vaca.horseracing.software/>
- As we race more than 8 days before the next BHA Race Meeting at Cheltenham and will not be using the Stables at the Racecourse, it is possible for ponies who are vaccinated annually (so long as the vaccination intervals for the start of the immunisation course are correct) to race but they must have received a booster for Equine Influenza in the 6 months prior to the race day. This means their last booster must be between 19th October 2024 and Friday 11th April 2025.

All vaccinations for Equine Influenza must be administered at least 7 days prior to racing. Please remember, if we have to change the date of the race day for any reason, these given vaccination dates will also change.

Although all passports will be checked prior to the day, it is your responsibility to check your vaccinations and upload copies of the vaccination's in your pony's passport at the time of entry.

If a vaccination is given between entering the event and the raceday, it is your responsibility to send this to the Entries Secretary as requested.

Please ASK YOUR VET for advice if you need help.

Nb - All primary courses started in 2022 or after must have followed the new vaccination intervals (V1- V2 21-60d; V2-V3 120-180d). Prior to this, it was V1 – V2 21-92 days and V2-V3 150 – 215 days).

Not ready to race YET but like to find out more?

The Pony Racing Authority will be running a Pony Racing Taster Day for any children interested in learning more about pony racing and how to take part alongside the Pony Club Race Day. This includes information on our PRA Academies for children who do not have their own pony. Please visit their website, www.ponyracingauthority.co.uk for further details and to sign up. The day is free to attend and aimed at children aged 7-15 who have not pony raced before.

