

# PONY CLUB



## POLOCROSSE ARENA CHALLENGE 2025

**Address: Dallas Burston Polo Club, Southam, Warwickshire, CV47 2DL**

**Date of event: 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Entries Open: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Entries Close: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Entry Form: [Horse-Events](#)**

### Event Contacts

Organiser: Pony Club Polocrosse

Event Secretary Email [polocrosse@pcuk.org](mailto:polocrosse@pcuk.org)

Entries Secretary: Horse-Events all entry queries to [www.horse-events.co.uk](http://www.horse-events.co.uk), [info@horse-events.co.uk](mailto:info@horse-events.co.uk) Tel: 07962 251696 (not after 7pm please)

### Classes:

Class Name	Class Price
<b>Lead Rein</b> – Players on ponies under 138cm, accompanied by an appropriate lead rein handler (over 16 years old).	£20
<b>Mini</b> – Players 12 years and under on 1 <sup>st</sup> January, horses 138cms and under	£85 per player
<b>Junior</b> – Players 15 years and under on 1 <sup>st</sup> January, horses any height	£85 per player
<b>Senior</b> – Players of any age, horses 138cms and over	£85 per player

Entry fee is for both days and includes camping.

## **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 to try and split the divisions into “novice” and “experienced” sections to ensure that players play against players of a similar standard and have an enjoyable weekend.

The Lead Rein division will provisionally just run on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April depending on entries.

## **Tournament Officials**

Tournament Organiser – Iain Heaton 07799 360439

Tournament Secretary – Laura Armstrong 02476 698300

Health & Safety Officer – Iain Heaton 07799 360439

## **SCHEDULE**

Friday	3.00pm	Camping grounds open
Saturday	8:00am	Player and team representative briefing in campsite
	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 by Pony Club Branches / Centres / Areas or by individual members/ parents / guardians. Individual players can make payment using the online system for their own entry and then team managers can then email through a team list with all their members and teams listed on it. If you do use this approach then team lists should be sent to [polocrosse@pcuk.org](mailto:polocrosse@pcuk.org) and copied to [pxchairman@pcuk.org](mailto:pxchairman@pcuk.org).

All teams should have been agreed with the relevant committees/officials (such as DC's or Area Polocrosse Coordinators) prior to entry.

Entries can be made for both complete teams and individual players. Any spare 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 online using [www.horse-events.co.uk](http://www.horse-events.co.uk).

This is a single booking form process and entries will not be confirmed without payment.

For entries you will need your membership number and Branch/Centre name to enter.

If you would like to edit your horse or rider details before the closing date of the event please login to your Horse Events account and edit your booking under the 'MY BOOKING' Tab

If you would like to change the class please email [info@horse-events.co.uk](mailto:info@horse-events.co.uk) and if there is space available we will do this for you.

## **Additional Information**

### **Multi Horse**

The Arena tournament 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 at the start of the season.

### **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.

Please stay on the roads and DO NOT walk on the grass verges when going between the arena and the camping field.

Please DO NOT park on or too close to the footpath in the parkland camping area.

Please DO NOT ride in the arena on Friday evening.

**Pony Club Membership** – All players must be members of the Pony Club before entry.

**Briefings** – A representative from each team will be required to attend the Saturday morning briefing.

**Saddlery, Equipment & Dress** – Saddlery and dress should be in line with the current Pony Club Polocrosse rules so please ensure you are familiar with these. There will be a tack check for safety purposes of each team before their first game.

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

**Spurs Tags** – Only players with a Spurs hat tag are permitted to wear spurs. Spurs must be in line with current PC Polocrosse Rules.

**Player and 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 Warwick Hospital, Lakin Road, Warwick, CV34 5BW.

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 call during play.

**Camping & Penning** – Horses should be penned in properly constructed, electric pens with no more than two horses in any single pen. Camping and horse pens will be mixed but a separate area will be available for camping only. 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 DBPC will charge for any un-cleared pens.

**Dogs** – DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES DURING HOURS OF PLAY. Well-behaved/controlled dogs are welcome but must be kept in a lead when near the horses/play. Extendable leads must not be extended anywhere near the areas of play, practice or in the vicinity of horses. 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.

**Facilities** – Facilities include flushing loos and showers.

**Bar and Catering** – The bistro will be open 08:00 – 17:00 Saturday and Sunday. The Millstone Hare opens for lunch 12:00 – 15:00, and then 18:00 – 23:00 for evening service on Friday and Saturday.

We recommend that people book a table for dinner - <http://dbpoloclub.com/millstone-hare/>.

**Tournament Rules and 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 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.

## **Prizes & Prize Giving:**

Grades to receive Placings 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>

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 Polocrosse Rules
- Please ensure your members comply with 2025 eligibility
- Queries may only be raised via the Secretary by the DC or their appointee.
- 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.