

PONY CLUB



**Spring Festival Championships Team Challenge Cup
Barrier Animal Health Spring Festival Championships
25-26th April 2026**

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Guidelines for IPC / UKPC Team members

Dressage

Saddlery and Dress

As per the current Pony Club Dressage Rulebook & Spring Festival Rule Book

Spurs use for UKPC follows the PCUK Rules

<https://resources.pcuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/The-Pony-Club-Spurs-Test-FAQs.pdf>

Spurs use for IPC competitors:

Riders at the Spring Festival must have a letter of authority from their DC or an appropriate branch official if intending to wear spurs.

Team Challenge Cup and IPC Team Selection info

Should a Branch/Centre have three or four members selected, these members can combine to compete as a mixed-level team at the Spring Festival Championships.

The team members can compete at different levels, with a maximum of two members at the same level, the exception being the PC110/Open class, where only one member is allowed.

A team must be comprised of at least three members (i.e., one member may ride two horses) and the top three scores to count at the Championships.

The IPC will need to select a team to compete as the "IPC Irish Team" in the team challenge cup.

Any other teams, Branch or Area, will compete as part of the Spring Festival competition.

Dressage Team Challenge Cup

The Dressage Team Challenge Cup shall comprise one team representing Pony Club Area 17 and one team representing the Irish Pony Club (IPC).

Each team must consist of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of five (5) members, with one member entered in each of the following dressage classes: PC70, Grassroots, Novice, Intermediate, and Open.

The top four (4) individual scores from each team will count towards the team total.

No more than one member from the same Pony Club Branch may be included in any team.

Team selection shall be by invitation from either Area 17 or the IPC, in accordance with the selection criteria set out in Appendix X.

Members of the Challenge Cup teams may also compete as individuals in their respective classes; however, they shall not be eligible to compete in the Spring Festival Team Dressage Competition.

Eligibility of horse and rider combinations for each class shall be in accordance with the Spring Festival Rules.

Available Tests/ Levels

Preliminary PC70
Grassroots PC80
Novice
Intermediate
Open

Commanders are permitted at Preliminary Rounds but not at the Championships.

Music classes are excluded from the teams.

IPC members are welcome to make direct entries into the DR for Music Classes

	Preliminary Rounds	Championships
Preliminary	Preliminary PC70 Dressage Test 2022	Preliminary PC70 Dressage Test 2022
Grassroots	Grassroots PC80 Dressage Test 2018	Grassroots PC80 Dressage Championship Test 2024
Novice	Novice Dressage Test 2020	Novice Dressage Championship Test 2025
Intermediate	Intermediate Dressage Test 2024	Intermediate Dressage Championship Test 2023
Open	N/A	Open Dressage Championship Test 2018

Please also carefully read the Pony Club Spring Festival Rules, and the Pony Club Dressage rules for eligibility, tack, dress and all other aspects of the competition.

Test Info

<https://resources.pcuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/PC-Spring-Festival-Dressage-Tests-20252026.pdf>

Tests

https://resources.pcuk.org/dressage/dressage_tests/

Arena Eventing

Saddlery and Dress

As per the current Pony Club Eventing Rulebook & Spring Festival Rule Book Cross-country compliant kit and saddlery should be worn. Stop watches are not permitted.

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A team must be comprised of at least three members (i.e., one member may ride two horses) and the top three scores to count at the Championships.

The IPC will need to select a team to compete as the "IPC Irish Team" in the team challenge cup.

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Spurs use for IPC competitors:

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Arena Eventing Team Challenge Cup

The Arena Eventing Team Challenge Cup shall comprise one team representing Pony Club Area 17 and one team representing the Irish Pony Club (IPC).

Each team must consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) members, with one member entered in each of the following arena eventing classes: PC70, PC80, PC90, and PC100.

The top three (3) individual scores from each team will count towards the team total.

No more than one member from the same Pony Club Branch may be included in any team.

Team selection shall be by invitation from either Area 17 or the IPC, in accordance with the selection criteria set out in Appendix X.

Members of the Challenge Cup teams may also compete as individuals in their respective classes; however, they shall not be eligible to compete in the Spring Festival Team Arena Eventing Competition.

Eligibility of horse and rider combinations for each class shall be in accordance with the Spring Festival Rules.

Any other teams, Branch or Area, will compete as part of the Spring Festival competition.

PC70

PC80

PC90,

PC100

PC110 is a direct entry individual competition only

Show Jumping

Saddlery and Dress

As per the current Pony Club Show Jumping Rule Book.

Whips must be “padded” and comply with the current British Showjumping rule (see the PC Show Jumping Rulebook for key points. In all Pony Club Show Jumping, excessive use of the whip, including repeated slapping down the shoulder, is prohibited

Use of the whip will be monitored, especially at the Championships, and excessive use may result in elimination at the judges' discretion.

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Team Challenge Cup and IPC Team Selection info

Should a Branch/Centre have three or four members selected, these members can combine to compete as a mixed-level team at the Spring Festival Championships.

The team members can compete at different levels, with a maximum of two members at the same level.

A team must be comprised of at least three members (i.e., one member may ride two horses) and the top three scores to count at the Championships.

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Showjumping Team Challenge Cup

The Showjumping Team Challenge Cup shall comprise one team representing Pony Club Area 17 and one team representing the Irish Pony Club (IPC).

Each team must consist of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of five (5) members, with one member entered in each of the following showjumping classes: PC70, PC80, PC90, PC100, and PC110.

The top four (4) individual scores from each team will count towards the team total.

No more than one member from the same Pony Club Branch may be included in any team.

Team selection shall be by invitation from either Area 17 or the IPC, in accordance with the selection criteria set out in Appendix X.

Members of the Challenge Cup teams may also compete as individuals in their respective classes; however, they shall not be eligible to compete in the Spring Festival Team Showjumping Competition.

Eligibility of horse and rider combinations for each class shall be in accordance with the Spring Festival Rules.

Any other teams, Branch or Area, will compete as part of the Spring Festival competition.

PC70

PC80

PC90,

PC100

PC110 Grand Prix is a direct entry individual competition only

Spring Festival NI A17 Rulebook

<https://resources.pcuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/SPRING-FESTIVAL-NORTH-IRELAND-RULES-2026.pdf>

UKPC Rulebooks

<https://pcuk.org/pony-club-rule-books/>

Results

ALL RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON

<https://www.ponyclubresults.co.uk/>

Appendix X — Area 17 Team Selection Criteria

Selection of teams to represent Pony Club Area 17 in the Challenge Cup competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Eligibility

All horse and rider combinations must have qualified for the Spring Festival at the level for which they are being considered.

2. Performance at Area Competitions

Selection will be based on performance in the relevant class at Area 17 2025 Area Competitions.

Priority will be given in the order of placement, with first place ranked highest, followed by second, third, and so on.

3. **Branch Representation**

No more than one member from the same Pony Club Branch may be selected for any one team.

4. **Cross-Discipline Representation Area 17**

Where possible, Area 17 will seek to achieve representation from different Pony Club Branches across all three disciplines (Dressage, Showjumping, and Arena Eventing).

Priority may therefore be given to a Branch that does not already have a selected team member in another discipline.

If this is not practicable, Branches may have members selected in more than one discipline.

5. **Individual Selection Limit**

Each individual may be selected for only one team across all Challenge Cup disciplines.

6. **Final Selection Authority**

Final team selection shall be at the discretion of the Area 17 Selection Panel, whose decision shall be final.

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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. Vaccinations must be in accordance with the Pony Club Vaccination Rule 2026.

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.

WELFARE & 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 prevent accidents and must obey the instructions of the organisers, officials, and stewards.

VENUE AND GOOD MANNERS Please leave the venue Castle Irvine as you find it and ensure that all members, friends and colleagues behave in a way that reflects their membership of the Pony Club and upholds the values of togetherness, empathy, respect and learning.

