

RULES FOR PONY COMPETITIONS AND EQUITATION

NB – Only Rules specifically for Pony and Children’s competitions are included in this section. For all other Rules see appropriate Discipline.

600 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL

600.1 Pony competitions are open to Child Members until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 years.

600.2 Competitions may be restricted to **12 and Under**. These competitions are restricted to Child members until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 12 years. No Grading points are awarded for these competitions.

600.3 **Child members may compete on ponies until the end of the calendar year in which they reach 16 years. They are also eligible to compete on horses (registered as such) from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach 13 years of age. (Exception 918.3)**

600.4 A pony is an Equus Caballus which does not exceed 150 cm (14.3 hh). Stallions are only excluded from ridden showing classes.

600.5 The HAK rules and the Horse rules for all types of competition apply to competitions for ponies with the exception of special provisions noted in this section and those for Dress and Saddlery in the GRs 161 - 190.

600.6 At shows where there are no pony classes, only Child Members eligible to compete on horses or ponies registered as horses may compete.

600.7 Ponies 150 cm (14.3 hh) or under, unless registered as a Horse are never to be ridden over any obstacles, anywhere at the venue of a competition by any rider who is not eligible to compete in Pony classes.

600.8 Ponies may never be lead by any unmounted person over obstacles. Leading Rein Ponies may only be lead by a person 16 years or over, who is no longer eligible to compete in Pony classes. (Rule 103.9).

600.9 Pony Grading Points are amalgamated with Horse Grading Points except in Pony Jumping classes but take points to Horse Grading if they re-register as horses and vice versa.

601 RIDING TESTS AND PONY DRESSAGE

601.1 12 and Under Riding Tests and Pony Dressage Tests shall be used for all Riding Tests and Pony Dressage competitions.

601.2 Callers/Commanders are NOT permitted in 12 and Under Riding Tests but are permitted in Pony Dressage Tests.

601.3 For 12 and Under Riding Tests, Novice and Intermediate Tests all trot work must be executed in rising trot unless specifically directed on the test sheet. In Open trot work is optional unless specifically directed on the test sheet. In Pony Elementary and FEI Tests all trot work is sitting except where specifically otherwise directed.

602 RIDING TESTS AND PONY DRESSAGE ELIGIBILITY

602.1 **12 and Under Riding Test:** The rider will be judged with one collective mark for the pony.

602.2 **Pony Novice Dressage:** For ponies with less than 24 Points.

602.3 **Pony Intermediate Dressage:** For ponies with less than 80 Points.

602.4 **Pony Open Dressage:** For ponies with 2 or more Points.

602.5 **Pony Elementary Dressage:** For ponies with 16 or more Points.

602.6 **Special Sections** will be included for each graded dressage class for ponies, which are no longer eligible. Ponies may be drawn within the substantive class. Eligibility is: Novice with 24 or more, Intermediate with 80 or more. Open with 160 or more. Only a first rosette will be awarded to the pony with the highest marks over 60%. Prize money will not be given.

603 PONY COMBINED TRAINING ELIGIBILITY

603.1 **12 and Under Combined Training:** Phase 1: Dressage: A current Riding Test. Phase 2: Show Jumping. One round of 8 - 10 obstacles. One double combination is permitted with a vertical as part B. Max height of fences 0.70m. Speed 300mpm.

603.2 **Pony Novice Combined Training:** for ponies with less than 12 Points. Phase 1: Dressage: A current Pony Novice Dressage Test. Phase 2: Show Jumping: One round of 8-10 obstacles with at least one double combination (only a vertical is permitted after one stride as part B). Max height .70m, Speed 300 mpm.

603.3 **Pony Intermediate Combined Training:** For ponies which have less than 24 Points. Phase 1: Dressage: A current Pony Intermediate Dressage Test. Phase 2: Show Jumping: One round of 8-12 obstacles with at least one double combination (only a vertical is permitted after one stride as part B or C). Max height of fences 0.80m. Speed 300 mpm.

603.4 **Pony Open Combined Training:** For all ponies. Phase 1: Dressage: a current Pony Open Dressage Test. Phase 2: Show Jumping: one round, 8-12 obstacles with preferably two double combinations or one treble combination (only a vertical is permitted after one stride as part B or C). Maximum height of fences 0.90m. Speed 325mpm.

603.5 For Pony Combined Training Show Jumping Chart see Annex CT 1 at end of Horse Dressage and Combined Training rules.

604 PONY JUMPING CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY

604.1 Children must be supervised by an adult when using practice obstacles.

604.2 Pony Jumping classes which do not count for grading will be run under rule 238.1.1. Graded ponies may compete Hors Concours in these classes but are also eligible for Graded classes on the same day or at the same show if Rule 103.6 is respected.

- 604.2.1 .60 cm – [P. Restricted I] Ponies with 0 Pony Points.
- 604.2.2 .70 cm – [P. Restricted II] Ponies with less than 35 Pony Points.
- 604.2.3 .80 cm – [P. Restricted III] Ponies with less than 35 Pony Points
- 604.3 Pony Jumping Grading competitions have first rounds or jump offs, which may be run against the clock. Only ponies 5 years old and over are eligible to compete in classes where the first round is 0.90 m. or more.
- 604.3.1 0.90 cm – [JC] Ponies with less than 150 grading points.
- 604.3.2 1.00 m – [JB] Ponies with 50 - 299 Pony Points
- 604.3.3 1.05 m – Pony Open Jumping and Pony Championship - Ponies with 50 or more Pony Points.
- 604.3.4 1.05 - 1.10 m – [JA] Ponies with 150 or more Pony Points.

605 MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS OF OBSTACLES FOR PONIES

- 605.1 The maximum height of any obstacle in any round or jump off of a Jumping competition for ponies is 1.40 m which must not be exceeded at any time. This includes the Joker in Top Score and Accumulator
- 605.2 The maximum width of any spread obstacle in any competition confined to ponies is 1.30 m. A triple bar must not exceed 1.60 m.
- 605.3 Puissance and Two Fence Challenge obstacles are **not** exempted.

606 JUMPING COMBINATIONS FOR PONIES

- 606.1. It is recommended that due consideration for distances in Pony combinations be taken into account for experience, gradient and going.
- 606.2 Spread obstacles should not be set as the second or subsequent obstacle of a combination except at higher grades.
- 606.3 When the second or subsequent obstacle of a combination is a spread obstacle, the distance between it and the preceding obstacle **must** allow two non-jumping strides.

607 PONY EVENTING

- 607.1 There is never a steeplechase phase in Pony Eventing.
- 607.2 There may only be one phase of Roads and Tracks for Ponies.
- 607.3 In Pony competitions, if an obstacle requires jumping directly into water, it must be an Alternative and the flagged obstacle must not involve landing in water. They may be required to jump directly out of water. Depth of water for ponies should nowhere exceed 35cm.
- 607.4 Dressage Tests and maximum parameters for all classes for each phase are given on Table 608.
- 607.5 **Where Ponies and Horses compete over exactly the same Cross Country course, all parameters, numbers of obstacles, efforts, etc. for Ponies must be used as on Table 608, (Speed excepted).** The courses of horse classes may have additional obstacles and change of track according to Table 544 if slightly different courses are used for horses classes ONLY.

607.6 Scoring is the same as for Horse Eventing. A multiplication factor or coefficient for the Dressage phase will be applied as Rule 576.2. (0.5 for all classes). Rule 572.2 Penalization for excessive speed will be applied.

608.1 PONY EVENTING CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

608.1 **12 and Under Events:** For Ponies. Rule 600.2 for rider eligibility.

608.2 **Pony Novice Events:** For ponies, which have less than 16 Points.

608.3 **Pony Intermediate Events** For ponies five years old and over which have less than 40 Points.

608.4 **Pony Open Events:** For ponies six years old and over which have 5 or more Points.

TABLE 608. PONY EVENTING CHART – ALL PHASES:

	12 and Under	Novice	Intermediate	Open
Dressage	Riding Test	P.Novice Test	P.Intermed. Test	P.Open Test
[R & T: Dist. 12 and Under/Novice/Intermediate = Max 3200. Open = 4800]				
[Speed	190 mpm	200 mpm	210 mpm	220 mpm]

X - Country	12 and U. and Novice	Intermediate	Open
Length Course	1400-1800 m.	1600-2100 m	1800-2400 m
No. Obstacles	14-20	16-22	18-24
Max.No. Efforts	21	24	21 - 27
No. Combos	2 - 3	3 - 5	4 - 6
Speed mpm	400	425	450
Height Max.	0.75 m.	0.85 m.	0.95 m.
Brush Max.	0.85 m.	0.95 m.	1.05 m.
Oxers -Width	0.85 m.	0.95 m.	1.10 m.
Base -Width	1.10 m.	1.20 m.	1.30 m.
Spread Only	1.40 m.	1.70 m.	2.00 m.
Drop Only*	1.10 m.	1.20 m.	1.30 m.
Drop w/Obst**	1.00 m.	1.10 m.	1.20 m.
Jumps with Water: Maximum depth water anywhere - All Classes = 0.35 m.			

*Measured from highest point of normal take off to point of normal landing.

** Measured from highest point of obstacle to point of normal landing.

Jumping A - Rule 238.1	12 and Under/Novice	Intermediate	Open
Max. Height m.	0.75	0.85	0.95
No, Obst.	8 - 10	8 - 10	8 - 10
Combos*	1 - 2	1 -2	2 - 3
Oxers Max. Width	0.85	1.00	1.10
Triple Bar Max. Width	1.00	1.15	1.25
Speed mpm	300	300	325

*Combinations must comply with Rule 606.

609 PONY HUNTER TRIALS CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY Cross

Country Obstacles **and Scoring** is the same as for Pony Event Classes.

609.1 **12 and Under Hunter Trials:** Speed 350 – 400 mpm.

609.2 **Pony Novice Hunter Trials:** For ponies four years old and over which **have less than 16 Hunter Trials Grading Points**. Speed 350 – 400 mpm.

609.3 **Pony Intermediate Hunter Trials:** For ponies five years old and over which have less than 40 Hunter Trials Grading Points. Speed 375 – 425 mpm.

609.4 **Pony Open Hunter Trials:** For ponies six years old and over with 2 or more Hunter Trials Grading Points. Speed 400 – 450 mpm.

610 PONY SHOWING

610.1 Stallions are excluded from ridden Pony Showing classes.

610.2 Ponies must be ridden by the same rider during a class or in both phases of a class, except in Championships, where a different rider may ride, than rode in the qualifying class (Rule 814)

611 PONY SHOWING CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

611.1 **Leading Rein Pony:** For ponies not exceeding 140 cm (13.3 hh), suitable for and restricted to children until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 9 years. Riders need not be members of the HAK.

611.1.1 Ponies are judged on suitability, type, action and manners. Ponies will be expected to walk trot and halt on the leading rein led by their handlers and the judge.

611.1.2 Riders in this class are not eligible for any other class at the same show except a Family Class and/or Thelwell type Jumping.

611.2 **First Pony off the Leading Rein:** For ponies not exceeding 150 cm (14.3hh), suitable for and restricted to children until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 years. Riders need not be members of the HAK. Riders in this class are not eligible for *ANY* Graded classes including showing and equitation.

611.2.1 Ponies are judged on manners and suitability for a very novice beginner rider (75%) and conformation (25%). Ponies will be required to walk, trot and canter on both reins and perform a short show.

611.3 **Child's Novice Pony:** For ponies eligible for Novice (Rules 981, 982). Ponies are judged on type, manners, action, suitability and conformation. Ponies will be expected to walk, trot and canter on both reins and perform a short show exhibiting these paces. Ponies will be unsaddled to inspect conformation. The class may be divided by height of pony.

611.4 **Child's Open Pony:** For ponies to be judged as in Rule 611.3. The class may be divided by height of pony.

611.5 **Veteran Pony:** For ponies exceeding 15 years of age. Ponies are judged as in Rule 611.3. Condition will be taken into account.

horse or rider = Elimination from the time judging of the rider begins until all the rosettes are presented. [Rule 1011]

612.5 Riders may only enter one Equitation Class on one horse/pony.

612.6 Riders who have won 2 Novice Classes or been Champion or Reserve Champion are no longer eligible for Novice.

612.7 The Judge's Score Sheets will be distributed to the competitors as soon as possible after the official results have been made public.

612.8 Saddlery for Equitation is as is permitted for Pony Jumping.

613 EQUITATION CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

613.1 Under 13 Novice Equitation: Restricted to Child members until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 12 years, riding ponies. Fences not to exceed 0.70 m.

613.2 Under 22 Novice Equitation: Restricted to Child and Full members until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21 years, riding horses **if eligible** or ponies. This class may be divided by age if entries warrant. Fences not to exceed 0.80 m.

613.3 Open Equitation: For Child and Full members until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21 years, riding **horses if riders are eligible** or ponies. Fences not to exceed 0.90 m.

613.4 Equitation Championship: To be held annually for qualified riders until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21 years, riding horses **if rider is eligible** or ponies. Fences not to exceed 0.75m (Novice) / 0.95m (Open). Riders may be required to change horses/ponies.

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