

## CHAPTER 6 - PONY COMPETITIONS & EQUITATION

**N.B.** – Only Rules specifically for Pony and Children's competitions are included in this section. For all other Rules refer to 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 12 years of age. No Grading points or **Qualifying Round Points (QRP)** 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 registered horses **from the day of their 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday or the first day of a show when their birthday occurs during a show.**

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 - 189 and **Annexes GR I, II and III. Bitless bridles are never allowed for children on ponies.**

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 anywhere at the venue of a competition by any athlete who is not eligible to compete in Pony classes [103.7].**

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 [103.6].

600.9 **Children must be supervised by an adult when jumping practice obstacles.**

600.10 **Pony Grading Points and QRP are amalgamated with Horse Points. Ponies retain their points if they re-register as horses or 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 permitted for 12 and Under Riding Tests and all Pony Dressage Tests unless judged under FEI Rules.**

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

601.4 In Pony Elementary and FEI Tests, all trot work is in sitting trot except where specifically directed otherwise.

## **602 RIDING TESTS AND PONY DRESSAGE ELIGIBILITY**

602.1 **12 and Under Riding Test:** The athlete 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:** No Grading Points will be awarded. Phase 1: Dressage: A current Riding Test. Phase 2: Jumping. One round of 8 - 12 obstacles with one simple double combination with a vertical as part B. Max height of fences 0.70m. Speed 300 mpm [Annex J I].

603.2 **Pony Pre-Novice Combined Training: For ponies with 0 Grading Points. Phase 1: Dressage: A current Pony Novice Dressage Test. Phase 2: Jumping: One round of 8-12 obstacles with 1 double combination with a vertical as part B. Max height .60m, Speed 250 mpm [Annex J I]**

603.3 **Pony Novice Combined Training:** For ponies with less than 12 Points. Phase 1: Dressage: A current Pony Novice Dressage Test. Phase 2: Jumping: One round of 8-12 obstacles with 1 or 2 double combination [606]. Max height .70m, Speed 300 mpm [Annex J I].

603.4 **Pony Intermediate Combined Training:** For ponies which have less than 24 Points. Phase 1: Dressage: A current Pony Intermediate Dressage Test. Phase 2: Jumping: One round of 8-12 obstacles with 1 or 2 **combinations: 1 treble or 2 doubles or 1 double and 1 treble** [606]. Max height of fences 0.80m. Speed 300 mpm [Annex J I].

603.5 **Pony Open Combined Training:** For all ponies. Phase 1: Dressage: a current Pony Open Dressage Test. Phase 2: Jumping: one round, 8-12 obstacles with **two double combinations or one double and one treble combination** [606]. Maximum height of fences 0.90m. Speed 325 mpm [Annex J I].

## **604 PONY JUMPING CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

604.1 Except as specifically follows, Horse Jumping rules will apply to child athletes and ponies [103.6 – 103.12].

604.2 Pony Jumping classes, which do not count for **Qualifying Round Points (QRP)** will be run under rule 238.1.1, **305 (with one jump off NOT against the clock) or 306.6.1. Competitions less than 0.90 may never be run against the clock in any round or jump off.**

- 604.2.1 0.60 m - **All ponies are eligible. (No QRP will be awarded).**
- 604.2.2 0.70 m - **All ponies are eligible. (No QRP will be awarded).**
- 604.2.3 0.80 m - **All ponies are eligible. (No QRP will be awarded).**
- 604.3 **Jumping competitions to earn QRP for eligible ponies must be run under Table A. Table A Competitions 307 – 310 and all competitions run under Table C or Table C points on time will NOT earn QRP.**
- 604.3.1 0.90 m - **All ponies 5 years old and over are eligible. Only ponies with 9 or less QRP will be awarded QRP.**
- 604.3.2 1.00 m – **Ponies 6 years old and over with 10 or more QRP are eligible. Only ponies with 19 or less QRP will be awarded QRP.**
- 604.3.3 1.05 / 1.10 m - **Ponies 6 years old and over with 20 or more QRP are eligible. Only ponies with 29 or less QRP will be awarded QRP.**
- 604.3.4 Ponies with 30 or more QRP will have their QRPs recorded.**

## **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. This must not be exceeded at any time, including the Joker(s) 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 Power Jumping obstacles are **not** exempted [307 – 310].

## **606 JUMPING COMBINATIONS FOR PONIES**

- 606.1. Due consideration for distances in Pony combinations should be taken into account for age, experience, size of athletes and ponies, gradient and going.
- 606.2 Spread obstacles may not be set as the second or subsequent obstacle of a combination except at highest levels.
- 606.3 When the second or subsequent obstacle of a combination is a spread obstacle, the distance between it and the preceding obstacle **must be measured** to allow two for non-jumping strides.

## **607 PONY EVENTING**

- 607.1 Dressage Tests and parameters for ponies for each phase Table 608.1
- 607.2 A steeplechase phase is not permitted in Pony Eventing.
- 607.3 There may only be one phase of Roads and Tracks (which is optional).
- 607.4 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 [529.4].
- 607.5 If horses and ponies compete over the same Cross Country obstacles and Track, the parameters of all - including Obstacles, efforts and parameters for ponies **MUST** be used where the same course for horses [**Table 608.1**].
- 607.6 **Scoring** is the same as for Horse Eventing. A multiplication factor/coefficient for the Dressage phase will be applied as Rule **558.2**. (0.5 for all competitions) Rule **553.2** penalization for excessive speed will be applied.

## **608. PONY EVENTING CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY**

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

608.2 **Pony Pre-Novice Events: For ponies with 0 Eventing Points OR those ridden by athletes which have never been placed in any higher level of Event competition or either athletes or ponies which have won Pre-Novice Pony Events more than twice.**

608.3. **Pony Novice Events:** For ponies, with less than 16 Eventing Points.

608.4 **Pony Intermediate Events** For ponies five years old and over with less than 40 Eventing Points.

608.5 **Pony Open Events:** For ponies six years old and over, with 5 or more Eventing Points.

### **TABLE 608 PONY EVENTING CHART – ALL PHASES:**

**When horses and Ponies compete over the same Cross Country. Rule 608.1 MUST apply for horses where they jump the exact same Obstacles and Track as ponies. N.B. Rules: Measuring 532 and E VII.**

Competition Phase	Pre-Novice	U 13 / Nov.	Intermed.	Open
<b>PONY Dressage Tests: (Specific Tests as noted in Schedule)</b>				
Tests	Novice	R.T / Nov.	Intermed.	Open
<b>Pony Roads and Tracks – Optional Phase A Only (Annex E II, 607.3)</b>				
Distance m.	X	<b>Novice ONLY</b> 2200-4400	2800-4400	3000-4500
Speed mpm	X	200	210	220
<b>PONY (with or without Horses ) Cross-Country Phase (N.B. 544)</b>				
Length of Course	1400-1800	1400-1800	1800-2200	1800-2400
Obstacles	14 - 20	14 - 20	16 - 22	18 - 24
Max. Efforts	20	22	26	28
Combinations	2 - 3	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5
<b>Pony Speed</b>	350 mpm	400 mpm	425 mpm	450 mpm
<b>N.B. Horse Speeds</b>	<b>Pre-N. 425</b>	<b>Nov. 450</b>	<b>Int. 475</b>	<b>Open 500</b>
Max Height Solid	0.65 m.	0.75 m.	0.85 m.	0.95 m.
Max. Height Brush	0.75 m.	0.85 m.	0.95 m.	1.05 m.
Spread Width Top	0.75 m.	0.85 m.	0.95 m.	1.10 m.
Spread Width Base	1.00 m.	1.10 m.	1.20 m.	1.30 m.
Spread Only	1.00 m.	1.40 m.	1.70 m.	2.00 m.
Drop Only	0.90 m.	1.10 m.	1.20 m.	1.30 m.
Drop w/ Obstacle	0.80 m.	1.00 m.	1.10 m.	1.20 m.
Obstacles with water and Max Depth of water all classes 35 cm. <b>NB: 607.4</b>				

<b>PONY Event Jumping Phase</b> (Jumping Chart J 1, 603, 606)				
Competition Phase	<b>Pre-Novice</b>	U 13 / Nov	Intermed.	Open
Table A	238.1	238.1	238.1	238.1
Speed	250 mpm	300 mpm	300 mpm	325 mpm
Obstacles	8 -12	10-12	10 - 12	10 - 12
Combinations [606]	1	1 or 2	1 or 2	2
Max. Height	0.65 m.	0.75 m.	0.85 m.	0.95 m.
Spread Width	0.75 m.	0.85 m.	1.00 m.	1.10 m.
Triple Bar Width	0.90 m.	1.00 m.	1.20 m.	1.30 m.

### **609 PONY HUNTER TRIALS CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY**

Cross Country course, obstacles, **and scoring** is the same as for Pony Event Classes [570, 572 - 576, 578 - 581]. The Test of skill is judged under Rule 576.

609.1 **12 and Under Hunter Trials:** For Ponies. Rule 600.2 for athlete eligibility. Speed 375 mpm

609.2 **Pony Pre-Novice Hunter Trials:** For ponies with **0 Eventing Points OR those ridden by athletes which have never been placed in any higher level of Hunter Trials competition or either athletes or ponies which have won Pre-Novice Pony Hunter Trial more than twice.** Speed 325 mpm

609.3 **Pony Novice Hunter Trials:** For ponies four years old and over which **have less than 16 Hunter Trials Grading Points.** Speed 375 mpm.

609.4 **Pony Intermediate Hunter Trials:** For ponies five years old and over which have less than 40 Hunter Trials Grading Points. Speed 400 mpm.

609.5 **Pony Open Hunter Trials:** For ponies six years old and over with 2 or more Hunter Trials Grading Points. Speed 425 mpm.

### **610 PONY SHOWING**

610.1 Stallions are excluded from ridden Pony Showing classes.

610.2 Ponies must be ridden by the same athlete during a class or in both phases of a class [807.6]. In Championships, a different athlete may be substituted than rode in the qualifying class [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. Athletes 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 Athletes in this class are not eligible for any other class at the same show except a Family Class and/or Thelwell type Jumping [302].



611.8.4 Athletes: Ponies must be ridden by the same athlete in both phases [807.6]. If an athlete has two or more ponies eligible for phase II, he must choose to present in that phase **only one** pony for that phase. [807.6]

611.9 **Handy Pony:** For ponies judged against the clock over a course of small obstacles and tests of skill. Points are awarded for obedience, accuracy and efficiency. Classes may be for Leading Rein (where athletes need not be members), divided by athlete age or pony size.

## **612 EQUITATION**

612.1 Equitation Classes are classes open to Child and Full Members until the end of the calendar year following their 21st birthday as specified in the schedule. Tests are available in the Dressage Test Book from the HAK office.

612.2 Equitation Classes are open to horses and ponies four years old and over or ponies only not exceeding 150 cm (14.3hh), as specified in the schedule.

612.3 Athlete will be expected to perform a set test show (Part 1) and jump a short course of 4-10 fences (Part 2). Only the athlete will be judged on his abilities as described in the Dressage (and Equitation) Test Book [402].

612.4 Scoring: Marks: Part 1 = 40; Part 2 = 40. Collectives = 20. Error of course – 2; Knockdown -2; Disobediences - 4; Third disobedience or Fall of horse or athlete incurs Elimination **from the time the signal to start of the athlete begins** until all the rosettes have been presented [1101.2.3.4].

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

612.6 The Judge's Score Sheets will be distributed to the athlete as soon as possible after the official results have been posted or rosettes given.

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

## **613 EQUITATION CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY**

Athletes who have won 2 Novice Classes or been Champion or Reserve Champion are no longer eligible for Novice. Classes may be divided by Age.

**613.1 Under 12 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 [600.3]** 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 athletes are eligible [600.3]** or ponies. Fences not to exceed 0.90 m.

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

(Rules 614 – 699 in abeyance)

## Annex P I - TABLE 608 - PONY EVENTING

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