



THE BARRIER SPRING FESTIVAL: ENGLAND & WALES 2023

SHOW JUMPING RULES

For Debut, Pony Club Challenge and Open Grand Prix Levels

(For Scotland & Northern Ireland see Regional Rules)

Valid for 2022/2023 Competitions

**Final to be held at Arena UK
11th - 12th February 2023**

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Except where varied in these rules, this competition will be judged in accordance with the Pony Club Show Jumping Rule Book as per below:

Preliminary Rounds, Area Competitions and the Championships will run in accordance with the current Pony Club Show Jumping Rule Book and The Pony Club Spring Festival Show Jumping Rules 2022/23.

Rules which differ from those of 2021/2022 appear in bold/italic type and are side-lined (as this note).

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these rules. In any unforeseen circumstances, it is the duty of the relevant officials to make a decision in a sporting spirit and to approach as nearly as possible to the intention of these rules.

In all Pony Club Show Jumping, excessive use of the whip, including repeated slapping down the shoulder, is prohibited. The rules state that the whip may be used a **maximum of three times** during any round. Use of the whip will be monitored, especially at the Championships, and excessive use may result in elimination at the discretion of the judges.

SADDLERY & DRESS

At **Preliminary Round Competitions** either The Pony Club or British Show Jumping rules apply.

At **Area Competitions** and the **Finals**, The Pony Club Saddlery and Dress Rules apply.

NEW! TEAM COMPETITION – SHOW JUMPING

Should a Branch/Centre have three or four members qualify at the **Area Competition**, at any level, these members can combine to compete as a mixed level team at the Spring Festival Final. The team members can compete at different levels or all at the same level or a mixture of the two. A team must comprise of at least three members (i.e., one member may ride two horses) and the top three scores to count.

TEAM COMPETITION SCORING

Points shall be awarded to each team competitor depending on their placing (1st =1 point, 2nd = 2 points etc.) relative only to other team competitors in that class and not on their overall placing in that class. Any competitors riding as an individual in the same class as team competitors should not be given points. The points for the three best-placed team members shall be added together to give the team score. The winning team will be the team with the least points.

Eligibility Rules

DEBUT ELIGIBILITY

Combination of horse/pony and rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- Represented their Branch/Centre at PC100 (Intermediate) or above at Summer Area Qualifiers for The Pony Club Show Jumping Championships
- Been placed 1st – 3rd as INDIVIDUAL in the PC90 (Novice) or above Pony Club Show Jumping Championships

Rider is NOT eligible if they have:

- Previously competed at the Winter Series Open Grand Prix Championships; or
- The Pony Club Show Jumping Final at Hickstead

PC CHALLENGE ELIGIBILITY

Combination of horse/pony and rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- Represented their Branch/Centre at PC110 (Open) Summer Area Qualifiers for The Pony Club Show Jumping Championships (this does not include any other classes held in conjunction with the Area Qualifier)

OPEN GRAND PRIX ELIGIBILITY

Riders CANNOT compete in the Open Grand Prix Area Competition if they have ridden in the Debut Area Competition in the same year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Combination of horse/pony and rider CAN qualify for both the Debut Championships and PC Challenge Championships in the same year but CANNOT also qualify for the Open Grand Prix Final.

Riders CANNOT compete at the Debut Area Competition and the Open Grand Prix Area Competition in the same year.

Riders CAN compete at the PC Challenge Area Competition and the Open Grand Prix Area Competition. Any combination of horse/pony and rider who qualify for both the PC Challenge Championship Final and Open Grand Prix Championship Final in the same year must nominate which class they wish to compete in on the day they qualify so that the qualification can be passed down the line. Riders can ride in both Finals if they have qualified on different horses.

Preliminary Round Rules – Debut & PC Challenge

Preliminary Rounds will be held up to the date of the Area Competition to enable Members to qualify for their Area Competition.

Preliminary Round dates can be found on The Pony Club website.

Pony Club members and non-members may compete at Preliminary Rounds in any Area. Non-members must become fully paid-up members to compete at their Area Competition.

NUMERS TO QUALIFY

Qualification at Preliminary Rounds will work on a ratio basis as below:

Number of competitors starting the competition	Number of competitors to qualify (plus, any tying for these places)
0 – 40	5
41 – 50	6
51 – 60	7
61 – 70	8
And pro rata	

Qualifiers must have jumped a clear round in the first round or first phase if run under single or two phase.

All Preliminary Round qualifiers will go forward to an Area Competition. **Members must compete at their own Area Competition; no exemptions will be given.**

PASSING DOWN THE LINE

In the event of a competitor being placed in a qualifying position when they have already qualified for the Area Competition the place may pass down the line **provided that the next placed combination has jumped a clear round in the first round.**

PRELIMINARY ROUND COMPETITION RESULTS

All Preliminary Round competition organisers must submit the results of their competition, including the combinations in a qualifying position as soon as the competition has finished. If the competition is cancelled or there are no qualifiers, please ensure the office is notified.

Results can be submitted online.

Area Qualifier Rules – Debut, PC Challenge & Open Grand Prix

Held in each Areas throughout England/Wales from **1st December 2022 to 31st January 2023 (can be earlier at the discretion of the Area Representative)**. Area Qualifier dates can be found on The Pony Club website.

Non-Pony Club members who qualified at a Preliminary Round must become fully paid-up members to compete at an Area Qualifier.

All members must attend their own Area Qualifier, no exemptions will be given.

For each Championship class, competitors may qualify a maximum of **three** horses/ponies.

Substitutions of horse/pony or rider **WILL NOT** be accepted at Area Qualifiers or at the Championships.

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY – DEBUT & PC CHALLENGE

Qualification at Area Qualifiers will work on a ratio basis as below:

Number of competitors starting the competition	Number of competitors to qualify (plus any tying for these places)
0 – 50	7
51 – 60	8
61 – 70	9
And pro rata	

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY – OPEN GRAND PRIX

The first FOUR will qualify for the Championships from each Area Qualifier. If there are more than 15 starters, then FIVE will qualify. (Any combination eliminated or retired in round one will NOT qualify.)

PASSING DOWN THE QUALIFICATION

On the day - If a competitor is unable to go to the Championships, then the qualifying places will be passed down the line. Please ensure every competitor confirms to the organiser/steward that they are intending to enter the Championships.

After the Area Qualifier – If a competitor is unable to go to the Championships, they must notify The Pony Club Office as soon as possible so that their qualifying place can be passed down the line. This will only be done **up until five days prior to the Championships**.

AREA QUALIFIER COMPETITION RESULTS

All Area Qualifier organisers must submit the results of their competition, including the combinations in a qualifying position as soon as the competition has finished. If the competition is cancelled or there are no qualifiers, please ensure the office is notified.

Results can be submitted online.

Course Dimensions – Debut

All dimensions apply to the first round of each competition. The jump off or the timed section of a single or two phase will be higher.

DEBUT - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

BS Table A7, Single phase or Two-phase

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations (uprights only) **0.80 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **0.80 m**

DEBUT - AREA COMPETITIONS

To be judged under BS Table A7 unless there is equality for qualifying places then a jump off will decide. If minor non-qualifying places are needed, then time in the first round will decide.

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations (uprights only) **0.85 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **0.85 m**

Area Competitions to be built to maximum height and dimensions.

DEBUT - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM UP

Table A: One round not against the clock.

Placings to be decided by faults and in the event of equality of faults the time that is closest to an optimum time based on the Speed of 325 Metres per Minute. The optimum time will not be published until the end of the competition.

1 or 2 Double Combinations (uprights only) **0.85 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **0.85 m**

DEBUT - CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **0.90 m**

Course Dimensions – PC Challenge

All dimensions apply to the first round of each competition. The jump off or the timed section of a single or two phase will be higher.

PC CHALLENGE - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

BS Table A7, Single phase or Two-phase
Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations **0.90 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **0.90 m**

When the second element of a double combination is a spread, the distances must be as for two non-jumping strides.

PC CHALLENGE - AREA COMPETITIONS

To be judged under BS Table A7 unless there is equality for qualifying places then a jump off will decide. If minor non-qualifying places are needed then time in the first round will decide.

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations **0.95 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **0.95 m**

When the second element of a double combination is a spread, the distances must be as for two non-jumping strides.

Area Competitions to be built to maximum height and dimensions.

PC CHALLENGE - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM-UP

BS Table A4

Speed 325 Metres per Minute
Maximum Height of Fences

0.95 m

PC CHALLENGE – CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences

1.00 m

Course Dimensions – Open Grand Prix

There are no Preliminary Rounds at Open level

All dimensions apply to the first round of each competition. The jump off or the timed section of a single or two phase will be higher.

OPEN GRAND PRIX - AREA COMPETITIONS

To be judged under BS Table A7 unless there is equality for qualifying places then a jump off will decide. If minor non-qualifying places are needed, then time in the first round will decide.

1 or 2 Double Combinations	1.05 m
Maximum Height of Fences	1.10 m
Maximum Spread	1.10 m

When the second element of a double combination is a spread, the distances must be as for two non-jumping strides.

OPEN GRAND PRIX - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM-UP

BS Table A4

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences	1.05 m
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OPEN GRAND PRIX - CHAMPIONSHIP

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations	1.10 m
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Maximum Height &

Spread of Fences in the First round	1.10 m
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When the second element of a double combination is a spread, the distances must be as for two non-jumping strides.

All Clear Rounds or the top 10 Competitors (from the 1st Round) will go through to the 2nd Round. In the event of equality of faults time will decide. All scores in the 1st Round will be carried forward to the second round.

Other competitors will be placed according to their faults and time.

All those placed equal first on faults for the two rounds will go through to the Jump Off which will be against the clock.

Other Competitors will be placed on faults and time.

Entry Fees

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS - DEBUT & PC CHALLENGE

Entry fee to be set by the organising Branch/Centre or Venue.

Please contact the relevant Show Secretary for details, these can also be found on The Pony Club website.

AREA QUALIFIERS

Entry fee to be set by the organising Branch/ Centre or Venue.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

Warm-up Competitions

Entry Fee: £20.00

Entries for competitors, who have qualified for the Championships, should be made **through the online entry system no later than 3 days after their Area Competition or on the day of their Area Competition if it is held on the weekend before the Championships.**

Championship Classes

Entry Fee: £28.00

Entries for competitors, who have qualified for the Championships, should be made **through the online entry system no later than 3 days after their Area Competition or on the day of their Area Competition if it is held on the weekend before the Championships.**

Notes to Course Designers

It is recommended that a BS Panel Course Designer is used if possible.

For Area Competitions a BS Course Designer is mandatory. If the course designer is not qualified, then approval must be sought from The Pony Club.

It is important to use some 'fill-in material' so that the fences look inviting and hollow plastic poles are not allowed.

Safety Cups - Safety Cups are mandatory for all Pony Club Show Jumping Competitions including any practice fences. To be used on the back rails of spread fences and middle and back rails of triple bars

The Course:

- If possible, the first two fences should be sited to be jumped towards the Collecting Ring.
- One third to one half of the obstacles should be spreads and must include at least one square oxer.
- Distances - Unless the competition class stipulates the height of pony the distances should be for horses.
- In a course designed for a mixed class (horses and ponies) it is important not to use difficult committed distances so that ponies can adjust their strides. There should be no three stride distances anywhere in the course. There must be no less than five strides on the approach or following any combination, (either double or treble). Except where the rules for the competition stipulate and there is a significant mix of sizes of ponies/horses, one or two double combinations instead of a double and a treble may be better suited to the competition.
- When the second or third element of a double or treble combination is a spread, the distances must be as for two non-jumping strides.

BRITISH SHOW JUMPING TABLE DEFINITIONS

Table A4	Against the clock. Competitors placed on faults and time.	
Table A7	Those placed first equal qualify for the jump off.	Jump off: Against the clock. Competitors placed on faults and time.
Two Phase	First phase: 7 to 9 obstacles not against the clock with a time allowed. Clear rounds continue straight on to the second phase without a bell being rung.	Second phase: 4 to 6 obstacles which must be higher than the first phase. Competitors placed on faults and time
Single Phase	First phase: 5 to 7 obstacles not against the clock with a time allowed. Unless eliminated, continue straight on to the second phase without a bell being rung.	Second phase: 5 to 7 obstacles which must be higher than the first phase, (maximum 12 obstacles in all). Competitors placed on total faults from both phases and time in second phase.