

# Rule Changes for 2010

## Training

One AH Test holder in each team will be allowed to take part in the National Quiz.

Candidates applying late to take their A Test (in the three weeks before the Test) will be charged an extra £20 fee.

Nosebands must **not incorporate chain or rope**.

## General

**Saddlery (re-wording)** - It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure that their tack is in accordance with the rules [insert **and that they present themselves for inspection**].

Hat Rule (include in all Rule Books)

**The fit of the hat and the adjustment of the harness are as crucial as the quality. Members are advised to try several makes to find the best fit, the hat should not move on the head when the head is tipped forward. It is strongly recommended that second hand hats are not purchased.**

**Area Entry Fees** [insert] - A start fee may be charged if necessary.

## Dressage

[New] **Any unusual decoration of the horse with unnatural things, such as ribbons, flowers, glitter etc. in the mane/tail or applied to the coat is forbidden. Red bows in the tail are permitted for horses that kick.**

Rule 19 (pg 13) – Saddlery & Equipment

n) Fly Fringes, nose gauzes and ear covers

[Replace with] **Ear covers/fly fringes are permitted during riding in and also for competitions held outdoors during the Summer months, solely in order to protect the horse from insects. They may not be worn for competitions held indoors. The ear cover/fly fringe should be discreet, not brightly coloured and must not cover the horse's eyes. Ear plugs are not permitted and spot checks may be carried out immediately after competition to ensure that ear covers/fly fringes are not being used to muffle sound; any evidence of such would lead to elimination.**

**Nose nets are permitted during competition and warm up. Nose nets must be discreet, black, white or brown and cover the nose only leaving the mouth and bit visible.**

Rule 34 (pg 21) – The Pony Club Open Dressage Championships

[Insert at end of paragraph] **Where 15 or more individuals compete in any section the winner and the runner-up shall qualify, and where 27 or more individuals compete in any section the winner, runner-up and third shall qualify.**

Rule 36 (pg 22) – Judges

b) Championships Judges shall be appointed by The Pony Club Office, all of whom must [*change to should*] be on Lists 1, 2a, 2 [insert **or 3a**] for Open Championships, Lists 1, 2a, 2, 3a, or 3 for Intermediate Championships or Lists 1-4 for Novice Championships.

[NEW] **There will be a Tack & Turnout Competition for both the Intermediate & Open Dressage competitions at the Championships.**

**Number of teams qualifying for Novice Championships should be pro-rata i.e.:**

**Fewer than 12 teams competing on the day = 1 team qualifies**

**12 – 24 teams competing on the day = 2 teams qualify**

**25 or more teams competing on the day = 3 teams qualify**

## **Show Jumping**

[New] **Any unusual decoration of the horse with unnatural things, such as ribbons, flowers, glitter etc. in the mane/tail or applied to the coat is forbidden. Red bows in the tail are permitted for horses that kick.**

### **New**

Rule 42 – insert

The Course – The length of the course should not exceed 450m.

Rule 42 - The Ring – It is recommended that the minimum size of an **outdoor** Arena is 80m x 60m.

### **Alteration**

#### **Rule 32 – Intermediate**

**The Winning team shall qualify. In addition, where 16 or more teams compete on the day the second team shall qualify and where 25 or more teams compete on the day the third team shall qualify.**

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## **Eventing**

[New] **Any unusual decoration of the horse with unnatural things, such as ribbons, flowers, glitter etc. in the mane/tail or applied to the coat is forbidden. Red bows in the tail are permitted for horses that kick.**

**Rule 1 (Page 7) – Amend second sentence as follows: “This order will be adhered to at all Levels, except that the Cross Country and Show Jumping phases may be reversed at the Championships.”**

**Rule 6(d) (Page 13) – Amend - Long sleeves are compulsory for cross country. This rule is to protect the rider’s arms from serious grazing injuries. As a youth training organisation we have a duty of care to our Members.**

**Rule 6(e) (Page 13) – Electronic devices (i.e. headphones, mobiles phones etc. enabling another person to communicate with the rider) are not allowed whilst the rider is competing.**

**Rule 7 a) v. (Page 14) – Neck straps may be worn in all phases at all Levels.**

**Rule 7 b) ix. (Page 15) - Fly Fringes, nose gauzes and ear covers**

[Replace with] **Ear covers/fly fringes are permitted during riding in and also for competitions held outdoors during the Summer months, solely in order to protect the horse from insects. The ear cover/fly fringe should be discreet, not brightly coloured and must not cover the horse’s eyes. Ear plugs are not permitted and spot checks may be carried out immediately after competition to ensure that ear covers/fly fringes are not being used to muffle sound; any evidence of such would lead to elimination.**

**Nose nets are permitted during competition and warm up. Nose nets must be discreet, black, white or brown and cover the nose only leaving the mouth and bit visible.**

**Rule 31.4 (Page 52) - Riders or horses who have ‘schooled over the Area [insert *or Championship*] Cross Country courses.....**

**Rule 36 (Page 55) – The Inter-Branch Open Team Championship: remove “& Intermediate”.**

The Inter-Branch Intermediate Team Championship: remove "Open &".

Insert after current wording: ***N.B. All team members qualifying for the Open and Intermediate Championships must have completed the Cross Country phase at the Area Competition. If a rider is technically eliminated in any phase, they should be allowed to complete the competition with the approval of the Official Steward.***

**Rule 38 (Page 56)** - The Inter-Branch Novice Team Championship

Insert after current wording: ***N.B. All team members qualifying for the Novice Championships must have completed the Cross Country phase at the Area Competition. If a rider is technically eliminated in any phase, they should be allowed to complete the competition with the approval of the Official Steward.***

**Rule 40(vi) (Page 57)** - The Chairman [insert ***and two other members***] of the Eventing Committee in consultation with the relevant Area Representative will consider the matter and their decision will be final. [insert ***Any substitute horse must have completed a Cross Country course of the relevant standard within the previous twelve months from the date of the Championships and competed or schooled with the rider wishing to take it to the Championships.***]

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## **Mounted Games**

Ear Covers will be allowed.

Daisy Reins (not grass reins) are permitted for use by Juniors up to and including Area competitions.

New ruling for a rider dressed ready to compete:-

- A rider over 54kg may not ride a pony 128cm or under.
- A rider over 60kg may not ride a pony 133cm or under.
- A rider over 66kg may not ride a pony 138cm or under.

## **Polocrosse**

**Saddlery (Page 8)** – Third paragraph to read: Correctly fitted breast girth or breast plates and a buckled over girth (not an elastic surcingle) to be worn at all levels at the Championships and should be fitted to a plain black/brown leather saddle.

**Responsibility (Page 11)** – Add sentence in bold:

It is the responsibility of competitors that their dress and saddlery are in accordance with the Rules. **No member will be allowed to change their tack after the tack check.**

Delete the following paragraph, Page 13:

**Qualification & Selection of Teams for the Championships.** Regional Events will be held prior to the Championships and it is obligatory for every Team wishing to compete at the Championships to attend at least one of these events. All results to be sent to Head Office for eligibility purposes.

## **Tetrathlon**

Pg 41 Rule 51 c) - **Shooting - Gas bottles or cylinders MUST not be carried about in any public place.**

**Pg 41 Rule 51.c)** should read 'No person under the age of 8 **(on the day of competition)** may shoot at a Pony Club event, including postal pistol shoots.

**Pg11 Rule 7a) point 2** is to be taken out and renumber other points.

Point 6 – Re-wording – **More teams depending upon the numbers qualifying and at the discretion of Committee, may be invited to the Championships from the Area competitions, which fail to qualify as in 1, 2 or 3 above.**

**NEW Page 11 Rule 6b3) - The Chairman and two other members of the Tetrathlon Committee in consultation with the relevant Area Representative and District Commissioner will consider the matter and their decision will be final. Any substitute horse must have completed a Cross Country course of the relevant standard within the previous twelve months from the date of the Championships and competed or XC schooled or hunted with the rider wishing to take it to the Championships.**

**Pg 33 Rule 36 – Slip Rail – Delete diagram and replace with “Failure to drop the top rail correctly (the top rail must point to the ground within the spread of the two flagged uprights & may be placed on either side of the bottom rail) 50 penalties”**

## Endurance

### Championships

**All horses and ponies must have genuinely participated at a minimum of 3 working rallies since 1<sup>st</sup> July in the previous year, one of which must be in the current year with a Member of The Pony Club**

**All Riders entered must be active Members of the stated Branch of The Pony Club who have participated in a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch since 1<sup>st</sup> July in the previous year, excluding team practices and coaching and have been Members of The Pony Club since at least 31<sup>st</sup> January in the current year. Attendance at camp counts as one working rally. The District Commissioner has discretion in the case of those who are working.**

## Polo

(Pg 9) Rule 2.2 Summer Season. This comprises of four parts: training, friendly tournaments, qualifying tournaments and the Championships. In order to be eligible to qualify for the **Championships teams must compete in all the qualifying tournaments, except Jorrocks who only need to compete in one qualifying tournament.**

Minimum ages:

Name	Affiliation	Minimum Age	Age on 1st January	Chukkas
Gannon (GAN)	Junior HPA	16	U21	4 Chukka Matches
Rendell (REN)	Pony Club	15	U21	2 Chukka Matches
Ledner (LED)	Pony Club	<b>15</b>	U21	1 Chukka Matches
Langford (LANG)	Junior HPA	15	U18	4 Chukka Matches
Loriner (LOR)	Pony Club	<b>14</b>	<b>U17</b>	1 Chukka Matches
Hipwood (HIP)	Junior HPA	12	U15	3 Chukka Matches
Surtees	Pony Club	<b>11</b>	<b>U15</b>	1 Chukka

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Handley Cross (HX)	Pony Club	9	U14	1 Chukka Matches
Jorrocks (JOR)	Pony Club	6	U11	1 Chukka Matches

(Pg 9) Rule 2.4 Training.  
[Add at end of paragraph]

**It is recommended that players 12 years and above should have passed their C test.**

**Players in Loriner, Ledner and Rendell as well as Junior HPA sections must have passed their HPA Rules Test and it is strongly recommended that Surtees players should have as well.**

(Pg10) Rule 2.5 Meetings. There are Committee, Training and Branch Managers' meetings **at the beginning and end of the season.**

(Pg14) Rule 2.16 Ponies

A pony may only play a maximum of three 6 minute chukkas or four 4.5 minute chukkas (18 minutes) in one day. **In REN a pony may not be played for more than two full non consecutive chukkas or the equivalent time. A pony that has played in more than half a chukka may not be played again for at least 10 minutes.**

(Pg15) 2.17 Rules of Polo

b. Run Down Rules

(6<sup>th</sup> point) The side of the ground each team plays will be decided by **the umpire.**

e. Substitution. During a Tournament substitutions due to injury or illness will only be allowed if they are of no better standard **and with the same or lower handicap** than the players they are replacing.

Preferably they should come from the same Branch. The Section Manager must approve all substitutions.

f. Eligibility Exceptions. Following the Qualifiers in the event of genuine hardship, injury or illness, the restrictions on players and ponies may be modified by the Section Manager **whereby any Junior HPA or Pony Club player who has not qualified for Cowdray can be used as a substitute providing they are of the correct standard of play, age and handicap.**

(Pg 18) 2.23 Leagues

**League competitions will be run for REN and LOR Sections during the qualifying tournaments and the results will be announced at Tidworth. In REN two points will be awarded for a win and one for a draw. If at the end of the qualifiers teams have the same number of points the goal difference will be taken into consideration. In LOR the first six teams will be awarded points at each qualifier – eg 6 for the winners of Division I and so on downwards.**

(Pg19) 2.24 Tournaments

e. The Pony Club rules governing ponies (2.8) will apply. In Junior HPA a pony **must not be played for more than two non consecutive chukkas, or equivalent time. A pony that has played in more than half a chukka may not be played again for at least 10 minutes.** Teams will have to provide umpire ponies for matches. This may be for their own match or the match before or after theirs.

(Pg 21) 4.2 Rendall

f. **Umpire. Only one HPA qualified umpire is required for 'friendly' tournaments, but two HPA qualified umpires are required for the 'Qualifiers' and the 'Championships' as well as a referee.**

(Pg 24) 4.6 Hipwood

g. **Umpires. Two HPA qualified umpire are required and a referee.. One umpire will be a professional and normally the second umpire will be a Junior HPA player.**

(Pg 26) 4.9 Jorrocks

h. Finals. The Championship finals will take place at Hurtwood Park. JOR teams **must play at least one of the Qualifiers in order to play at the Championships.**

**Venues:** LAN, HIP and GAN matches will take place on Junior HPA **days or at PCP tournaments.** The place, day and time of the matches will be organised by the HPA Tournament Director.

## **Racing**

Rule 3 i) (page 2) – alter

**Combination of Member and Pony must have participated in a minimum of 2 working rallies since 1st July in the previous year before being able to enter a Pony Club Race Day.**

## **Health & Safety**

Dress (Page 12) - Add

**Point Two Air Vest - “If a rider chooses to wear an air vest it must only be used, in addition, to a normal body protector and in the event of a fall, it must be fully deflated or removed before continuing”.**

### **First Aid**

#### **1. Trained First Aider**

**A person who has received an EFAW ( Emergency First Aid at Work) qualification gained at a one day course run by HSE registered trainers, re-qualification is required after three years or the BHS Equine Specific (ESFAC) qualification gained after a two day course, re-qualification is required after two years. The EFAW course is a new course available from 2009. In order to facilitate its introduction for an existing one day First Aid qualification may be sufficient for 2010 only. Please contact the Stoneleigh Office for confirmation.**

#### **2. Qualified First Aider**

**A person who has a FAW (First Aid at Work) qualification gained at a three day course run by HSE registered trainers, re-qualification is required after three years. Or a nurse registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council providing they maintain a knowledge of and are able to apply the current standards that HSE accepts for the first aid management of injuries and illness. The old four day FAW qualification remains valid until the three year refresher becomes due.**

Topics for inclusion include:

**Changes on medical equipment (Page 54) – wording to be provided by Dr Allenby**

**Include a list of items in an Equine First Aid Kit**

Add to Rule Book on page 12 before “Dress”:

#### **Veterinary Cover**

#### **Branch Activities and Competitions**

**If a vet is required the member’s parent will normally call their own vet and arrange treatment.**

#### **Area Competitions**

**Arrangements should be made for a vet to be on call and able to attend the site within a reasonable time. For Eventing and Tetrathlon competitions they should be informed of the planned start and finish times of the cross country phase.**

#### **Area Event and Area Tetrathlon riding phase**

**A vet should be on site for the duration of the cross country phase and for 1 hour afterwards.**

#### **Championships**

**A vet shall be on site during the competition. A second vet will either be on site or at the stable area while jumping competitions are in progress and for 1 hour afterwards. Outside these times cover for the stable area shall be provided by an ‘on call’ vet whose telephone number shall be posted at the stable office.**

**In all instances the owner of the horse shall be responsible for the cost of the veterinary treatment provided.**

**TABLE 1**

MINIMUM FIRST AID COVER AT PONY CLUB COMPETITIONS		Appointed Person	First Aid Point	Trained First Aider (FEAW or ESEAC)	Qualified First Aider (FAW)	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	Paramedic or Doctor	Ambulance	Pool Lifeguard
<b>RALLIES</b>		✓	✓	✓					
	With Cross Country	✓	✓	✓					
<b>FUN/SPONSORED RIDES</b>		✓	✓	✓					
	With jumping	✓	✓	✓					
<b>MOUNTED GAMES</b>	Practices & Rallies	✓	✓	✓					
	Areas	✓	✓		✓				
	Zones & National Finals	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
<b>POLO</b>	Practices & Rallies	✓	✓	✓					
	Competitions & Championships	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
<b>POLOCROSSE</b>	Practices & Rallies	✓	✓	✓					
	Tournaments & Championships	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
<b>RACING</b>	Rallies	✓	✓	✓					
	Pony Club Race Days	✓				✓	✓	✓	
<b>DRESSAGE</b>	Practices & All Competitions	✓	✓	✓					
<b>SHOW JUMPING</b>	Practice	✓	✓	✓					
	Branch Event	No more than 25	✓	✓	✓				
		More than 20	✓	✓	✓				
	Branch Event with open class equivalent to PC Eventing Level 4 or greater	No more than 25	✓	✓	✓				
		More than 20	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Area Competition	✓	✓	✓	✓				
	National Championships	✓				✓	✓	✓	
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>	Practice	✓	✓	✓					
	Branch Event Level 1 or 2	No more than 25	✓	✓	✓				
		20 to 60	✓	✓	✓	✓			
		More than 50	✓			✓	✓		✓
	Branch Event - PC Members Only Level 3	✓				✓		✓	
	Branch Event Level 4 or 5	✓				✓	✓	✓	
	Area Competitions	✓				✓	✓	✓	
National Championships	✓				✓	✓	✓		
<b>TETRATHLON</b>	Run	✓	✓	✓					
	Swim	✓							✓
	Shoot	✓	✓	✓					
<b>ENDURANCE</b>	Less than 10 km	✓	✓	✓					
	More than 10 km – at each check point			✓					

Note: At multi-discipline events where the phases are running concurrently the appropriate cover is required for each phase. Where the phases are continuing in close proximity one first aid team may be able to cover both phases. If this is done all phases must stop when the first aid team are attending a casualty.

# **PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO CENTRE EQUITATION RULES**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### **RIDER**

**Must be a Pony Club Centre Member.**

**If also a livery client at the Centre & reliant on the Proprietor for transport to events, they may compete in the Centre Equitation on a Centre pony (see below).**

### **PONY**

**All ponies used in the Centre Equitation Competition should be owned by the Centre or on long term loan to the Centre. Passports may be checked. If the pony is on long term loan to the Centre, a letter accompanying the passport will be required.**

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## **SCORING of DRESSAGE & SHOWJUMPING PHASES**

**Competitors will be awarded points based on their finishing position in their section for each phase. For example, maximum points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, -1 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and so on for both dressage & Show Jumping.**

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## **SADDLERY, EQUIPMENT & TURNOUT OF PONY**

**There will be tack checks taking place in the collecting ring for dressage & show jumping. Teams will be judged for the turnout award at the dressage collecting ring before their first competitor starts.**

**The Pony Club expects competitors to wear plain saddlery. Any extra detail will be marked down in a tack & turnout competition. New equipment is not expected, but what is worn must be clean, neat & tidy.**

**The dressage tests to be ridden require any normal riding bit with no martingale. Please refer to the Show Jumping Rules 2010 for further information on permitted bits and tack. If you have any questions, please contact your regional co-ordinator or Lucy at PCHQ.**

**Numnahs, saddlecloths, pads – Plain numnahs or saddlecloths should be used. Saddlecloths in Centre colours with appropriate Centre logo are permitted. Logos must not exceed 200 sq. cms. No sponsors' logos.**