

Amendments to Rules for 2021

All sports should be run in accordance with the 2020 Rule Books except where varied below. Please note the following:

- There are separate rules for the Spring Festival competitions.
- Dates and venues in the 2020 Rule Books will change.

All – Three Rally Rule

For Area Competitions and above, Members must have been to a minimum of three working rallies since the previous 1st July, to be eligible to represent their Branch/Centre. Camp counts as one Working Rally. Horse and Rider – The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor has discretion in the case of those who are working or in further education. **For 2021 only the District Commissioner may also waive the requirement for any member, who in his opinion has demonstrated an interest in and a commitment to the branch. but who has had insufficient opportunity to satisfy the requirements of this rule because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Individual sports may adopt more stringent requirements. Below this level, Branches may adopt their own policy.**

Dressage

Rule 2. Saddlery

h) Bits must comply with current rules for British Dressage and must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition to/on any part.

Rule 38. Eligibility

Additional eligibility rule for OPEN and INTERMEDIATE for 2021 ONLY.

Any members wishing to compete in the **Open** or **Intermediate** dressage classes at the Pony Club Championships in 2021 must compete at their Area qualifying competition in 2021. The horse and rider must fulfil the current entry criteria to be eligible to compete.

If a member who qualified for the Pony Club **Open/Intermediate** Championships in 2019 either as an individual or as a member of a team does not qualify either as an individual or as a member of a team for the Pony Club Championships at their Area competition in 2021, the member (not necessarily the combination of horse and rider) may use their 2019 qualification to enter the Pony Club **Open/Intermediate** Championships in 2021 **as an individual** provided that both the rider and the horse entered at the Pony Club Championships 2021 fulfil the current eligibility requirements.

Endurance

Rule 22. Regionals & Championships

Regional Competitions & a Pony Club Endurance Championships will be run with the following classes using the speeds and distances set out in the table in paragraph (c) below.

Regional competitions will be for individual rider entries only. At the Championships the competition will be for individuals and teams.

- a) **Teams:** at the Championships, teams will be made up of 3 or 4 Members from all levels (Novice, Intermediate or Open) and ages with the best 3 scores to count. If there are insufficient members to make up a Branch team then Area teams may be formed. A similar team competition will be available for the Grassroots class. Team members will also be eligible for the individual awards. All Juniors must be escorted by an Adult.
- b) **Substitutions:** substitutions may be made but any substitute horse /rider Any substitute on must fulfil all eligibility/qualification criteria. Please ensure the Ride Secretary is informed on any substitutions in order to be confirmed.
- c) **Speed and Distances** (Approx. - will be confirmed on the day) for the Regionals.

Level	Speed	Distance for Regionals (KM)
Grassroots	12 kpm and below	15 – 25 (+/- 5%)
Novice	8 to 12 kph and below	30 – 40 (+/- 5%)
Intermediate	8 to 13 kph	40 – 50 (+/- 5%)
Open	10 to 15 kph	50 – 60 (+/- 5%)

Championships Distances may vary and will be confirmed in due course.

- d) **Rosettes/ Certificates/ Prizes:**
 - All riders successfully completing the ride and passing the vet will receive a Completion rosette.
 - Individuals will be placed 1st - 6th in all sections.
 - Teams at the Championship will be awarded 1st- 4th.
- e) **Medals (Bronze/Silver/Gold):** These will be awarded to riders in the Championship, in addition to any placing, provided that riders have successfully completed the ride, passed the vet and achieved the appropriate speed.

Speed Averaged (km/hour)	Medal
10+	Bronze
11+	Silver
12+	Gold (Open & Intermediate only)

- f) **Entries**
 - i. **Regional Championships**
Entry for Regional Championships are to be made directly online via The Pony Club website prior to the close on entry. Please ensure you include your Pony Club Membership number & Mastercard to show the sufficient rides of the correct distance and speed have been achieved.
 - ii. **Championships**
Preliminary entries for the Championship must be made online through the Pony Club website up to 3 weeks before the Championships.

For Open, Intermediate & Novice: Competitors must submit a copy of their Pony Club Mastercard to show the sufficient rides of the correct distance and speed have been achieved.

A further full entry will need to be completed nearer to the date of the competition. Details of this will published when available. If members wish to compete in longer distance rides before the Championship this will not affect their original submitted qualification.

Rule 23. Qualification

a) Regional Competitions

At Open, Intermediate and Novice level both the horse and rider must have successfully completed two qualification rides of the appropriate distance and speed listed in the table below. This does not have to be the combination of horse and rider as long as each has completed two qualification rides.

Level	Speed	Distance
Grassroots (2)	12 kph and below	15km or over (+/- 5%)
Novice (3)	Between 8 and 12 kph	20km or over (+/- 5%)
Intermediate (4)	Between 8 and 13kph	30km or over (+/- 5%)
Open (5)	Between 10 and 15kph	40km or over (+/- 5%)

At all qualification rides horses must have their heart rates taken and be trotted up for soundness by a vet, an EGB official or a PC official, with the results recorded on their Pony Club Endurance Mastercard.

These rides must have been achieved since 1st September 2020 and at least one of them completed in the current year and one of them at an EGB national ride.

At Grassroots level entries must be paid up members of The Pony Club to participate and must be 8 years old and older on the day of competition.

b) Endurance Championships

At Open, Intermediate and Novice level both the horse and rider must have successfully completed three qualification rides of the appropriate distance and speed listed in the table below. This does not have to be the combination of horse and rider as long as each has completed two qualification rides.

Level	Speed	Distance
Novice (3)	Between 8 and 12 kph	20km or over (+/- 5%)
Intermediate (4)	Between 8 and 13kph	30km or over (+/- 5%)
Open (5)	Between 10 and 15kph	40km or over (+/- 5%)

At all qualification rides horses must have their heart rates taken and be trotted up for soundness by a vet, an EGB official or a PC official, with the results recorded on their Pony Club Endurance Mastercard.

These rides must have been achieved since 1st September 2020 and at least one of them completed in the current year and one of them at an EGB national ride.

Rule 24. Championship Eligibility

- a) All horses and ponies must have genuinely participated at a minimum of 3 working rallies of this or their previous branch or centre since 1st July in the previous year, one of which must have been in the current year, with the current rider as a combination.
- b) All competitors entered must be at least 8 years of age and be active members of the stated Branch or Centre and must have genuinely participated at a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch or Centre since 1st July in the previous year.
- c) To count for the purposes of this rule a working rally must have been organised by the Branch Committee the District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor and advertised as open to all members of the Branch or Centre at least seven days prior to the date of the rally.
- d) Team practices and coaching do not count as a working rally for the purposes of this rule.
- e) Attendance at camp counts as one working rally.
- f) The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor has discretion, in the case of competitors who are working or in further education, exempt a member or horse/pony from having to comply with this rule.
- g) All competitors must be Members of The Pony Club both at the closing date for entries to the competition and at the date of the relevant competition to be eligible to compete at all levels the Pony Club Endurance Championships.

Eventing

Rule 9. Saddlery

b) Dressage only

- i. **Bits must comply with current rules for British Dressage and must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition to/on any part.**

Rule 33. Eligibility for Area Competitions and the Championships

PC100+

Area Competitions: Combination of Horse and Rider are NOT eligible if they have:

~~Completed a British Eventing (or EI) Intermediate or above.~~

- i. Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as an individual at the Pony Club Eventing Championships on two occasions at PC100+ level or above. (This applies from 2021 onwards).

In addition to the Eligibility Rules in the 2020 Eventing Rule Book, the following will also apply for 2021:

1. If a member who qualified for the 2019 Pony Club **PC110** Championships as an individual or as a member of a team, does not qualify as an individual or as a member of a team for the PC100+ Championships, the member (not necessarily the combination of horse and rider) may use their 2019 PC110 qualification to enter the PC100+ Championships as an individual

PROVIDED THAT

- a) the member competed in either the PC110 or PC100+ class at their 2021 Area qualifying competition: **AND**
- b) the rider completed the Area qualifying competition in 2021 with no more than 12 faults in the show jumping phase and no jumping penalties cross country; **AND**
- c) both the rider and the horse entered at the Pony Club Championships fulfil the current eligibility requirements.

2. If a member who qualified for the 2019 Pony Club **PC100** Championships as an individual or as a member of a team does not qualify for the PC100 Championships as an individual or as a member of a team at the 2021 Area PC100 qualifying competition, the member (not necessarily the combination of horse and rider) may use their 2019 PC100 qualification to enter the PC100 Championships as an individual

PROVIDED THAT

- a) the member competed in the PC100 class at their 2021 Area qualifying competition; **AND**
- b) the rider completed the Area qualifying competition in 2021 with no more than 12 faults in the show jumping phase and no jumping penalties cross country; **AND**
- c) both the rider and the horse entered at the Pony Club Championships fulfil the current eligibility requirements.

Horse & Pony Care

Rule 7. Eligibility

Senior Competition – Teams to consist of three Members. **Ages to be under 25 years on the 1st January of the competition year.** One Member to be 16 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year. Of the remaining two Members, one may be between 21 and **24** on the 1st January of the competition year.

Mounted Games

Rule 5. Saddlery

i) **Martingales:** Irish, Bib, Running, Standing (with or without elastic), only one of which may be worn at any time. Standing Martingales may be attached only to a Cavesson Noseband or the Cavesson portion of a 'Flash' noseband fitted above the bit. **Breast plates are permitted.**

Rule 22. General Rules

e) **Declarations:** On the day of the competition the Declaration Form giving the names of the members in the team and their ponies with a certificate of their eligibility signed by the DC must be given to the Organiser of the Competition, and to The Pony Club Official Steward. **Teams may be asked to provide their declaration to the organiser prior to the competition to assist the Official Steward, but changes will be able to be made on the day if needed.**

Rule 25. Events

Should it become necessary during 2021, the following three races may be substituted in (at any level) – **Ball & Bucket / Pyramid / Stepping-Stones.**

Pony Racing

Rule 12. Entries

e) The maximum number of runners per race will be decided upon writing the risk assessment. This will take into consideration the track, racecourse safety factors, riders' abilities and other such

considerations. The maximum number of runners MUST be shared in the schedule for entry. In the event of over-subscription, races MUST be divided, and a waiting list may be kept.

Rule 18. Riders

g) For 2021, those who would like to compete in 148cm races may enter a race up to the day of their 18th birthday if they have previously taken part in Pony Club Pony Racing during 2019/2020. Riders must not have raced under the rules of any recognised turf authority or hold a Licence.

Rule 23. The Race

a) The number of runners per race is determined in accordance with the Officials Paperwork and advertised prior to entry and MUST not exceed this number on the day.

b) All riders MUST take part in the Course Walk at each Race Day, those who do not take part will not be allowed to race.

c) Riders will follow the starters orders to begin the race.

d) Riders will follow the Officials guidance on when to dismount after the race.

Show Jumping

Rule 22. Faults for Pony Club Show Jumping Competitions

Knockdown	4 faults
Foot on lath, tape and/or strip or in water	4 faults
First disobedience	4 faults
Second disobedience	8 faults
Third disobedience	Elimination
Error of Course	Elimination
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit	Elimination
Failing to jump the next fence within 45 secs.	Elimination

Rule 29. Eligibility for Area Qualifying Competitions and the Championships
Additional eligibility rule for PC110 and PC100 for 2021 ONLY.

All members wishing to compete in the PC110 or PC100 at the Pony Club Championships in 2021 must compete at their Area qualifying competition in 2021. They must fulfil the current entry criteria to be eligible to compete. If a member who qualified as an individual for the Pony Club Championships in 2019 does not qualify as an individual for the Pony Club Championships at the Area competition in 2021, the member (not necessarily the combination of horse and rider) may use their 2019 qualification to enter the Pony Club Championships in 2021 PROVIDED THAT:

- i. the rider has no more than 20 penalties across both rounds at the Area competition in 2021; **AND**

both the rider and the horse entered at the Pony Club Championships fulfil the current eligibility requirements.