



THE BARRIER SPRING FESTIVAL: NORTHERN IRELAND 2024

SHOW JUMPING RULES

**For PC70, PC80, PC90, PC100 and PC110
Grand Prix Levels**

(For England & Wales / Scotland see Regional Rules)

**Championships to be held at Castle Irvine
23rd – 25th March 2024**

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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 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.

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** The Pony Club Saddlery and Dress rules apply.

At the **Championships**, The Pony Club Saddlery and Dress Rules apply.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions of horse/pony or rider will not be accepted at the Championships.

QUALIFYING STAGES

There are two stages of the Barrier Spring Festival Show Jumping competition in Northern Ireland:

1. Preliminary Rounds for Show Jumping will be held between April 2023 and March 2024.
2. Those who were successful at the Preliminary Rounds will go forward to the Barrier Spring Festival Championships at Castle Irvine. Branches at this stage may combine three or four qualifiers at any level to create a mixed level team from all classes, with no more than two members at the same level.

Eligibility Rules

PC70 ELIGIBILITY

Riders must be aged 13 and under on 1st January 2023.

Riders are NOT eligible if they have previously completed at any PC80 (Grassroots) or above Area or Regional competition for Show Jumping

PC80 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/Spring Festival Open Grand Prix Championships; or
- The Pony Club Show Jumping Championships at Hickstead.

PC90 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)

PC100 ELIGIBILITY

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

- Previously ever finished 1st to 3rd as an individual at the Pony Club Championships at PC100 level or above on two occasions.

PC110 GRAND PRIX ELIGIBILITY

Riders CANNOT compete in the Open Grand Prix Competition if they have ridden in the PC80 (formerly Debut) Competition in the same year.

It is not necessary to qualify for the Open Grand Prix Competition, entries can be made directly for the Championships.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Multiple Horses – competitors may qualify a maximum of two horses for the Championships in any one class. In the event of a rider qualifying more than two horses for the Championships, they must nominate which two they will take at the Preliminary Round. The other qualifying place will be passed down the line.

Multiple Riders – horses may be ridden by up to two different riders at a Preliminary Round but by only one rider at the Championships.

Multiple Levels – riders cannot compete in more than two consecutive classes per day on the same horse/pony. Horses/ponies cannot compete more than once in each class or in more than two classes on the day.

TEAM COMPETITION – SHOW JUMPING, ARENA EVENTING AND DRESSAGE

Should a Branch/Centre have three or four members qualify at any Preliminary Competition, at any level, these members can combine to compete as a mixed level team at the Spring Festival Championships. The team members can compete at different levels with a **maximum of two members at the same level**. A team must comprise of at least three members (i.e., one member may ride two horses) and the top three scores to count at the Championships. Teams must be declared prior to entries closing for the Spring Festival Championships.

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.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION SCORING

The winner will be the horse/rider combination who have the fewest jumping penalties and fastest time.

Preliminary Round Rules – PC70, PC80, PC90 and PC100

Held in Northern Ireland (England/Wales and Scotland have a separate Spring Festival) from 1st April 2023 – March 2024.

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

There will be no Area Competitions for Northern Ireland. Combinations who qualify at their Preliminary Round will go on to the Northern Ireland Spring Festival Championships.

Pony Club members and non-members may compete and qualify at Preliminary Rounds in Area 17. Non-members in a qualifying position must join before the date of the Championships if they wish to compete.

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY

The first **SIX** highest placed from Area 17 in each section at each Preliminary Round and any tying for these places qualify for the Championships.

Competitors may qualify a maximum of two horses and/or ponies for any one Championship Class.

Riders/horses/ponies and/or combination of horse and rider can qualify for more than one Championship Class.

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

QUALIFIER CARDS

Organisers should contact Laura at Head Office for downloadable Qualifier Cards at laura.armstrong@pcuk.org

PASSING DOWN THE LINE

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. **Organisers should check the published list of recent qualifiers to ensure Qualifier places are passed down the line on the day.**

After the Preliminary Round – If a competitor is unable to go to the Championships, they must notify area17@pcuk.org as soon as possible so that their qualifying place can be passed down the line. This will only be done **up until ten days prior to the Championships.**

PRELIMINARY ROUND ENTRY FEES

Entry fee to be set by the organising Branch/Centre or Venue of this. The Organisers will be responsible for providing rosettes.

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

PRELIMINARY ROUND COMPETITION RESULTS

All Preliminary Round 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.

All qualifier competitions are required to submit their results. Results should be recorded either via www.ponyclubresults.co.uk or by using the [templates available from the website](#). All results should be submitted via the online form.

Results can be submitted online at <https://events.pcuk.org/barrier-spring-festival-qualifier-results-202324-nj>.

Please ensure you submit your results quickly after your event as this ensures the published list of current Qualifiers is up-to-date and passed down places can be offered.

FIRST AID

See The Pony Club Health and Safety Rule Book.

Course Dimensions – PC70

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.

PC70 - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

BS Table A7, Single phase or Two-phase

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations (uprights only) **0.70 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **0.70 m**

PC70 - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM UP* subject to time & entries

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) **0.70 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **0.70 m**

PC70 - CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7, Single phase or Two-phase depending on entries

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **0.75 m**

Course Dimensions – PC80

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.

PC80 - 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**

PC80 - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM UP* subject to time & entries

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) **0.80 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **0.80 m**

PC80 - CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7, Single phase or Two-phase depending on entries

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **0.85 m**

Course Dimensions – PC90

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.

PC90 - 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.

PC90 - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM-UP* subject to time & entries

BS Table A4

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **0.90 m**

PC90 – CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **0.95 m**

Course Dimensions – PC100

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.

PC100 - AREA COMPETITIONS

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

1 or 2 Double Combinations **1.00 m**

Maximum Height & Spread: **1.00 m**

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

PC100 - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM-UP* subject to time & entries

BS Table A4

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **1.00 m**

PC100 – CHAMPIONSHIP

BS Table A7

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **1.05 m**

Course Dimensions – PC110 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.

PC110 GRAND PRIX - CHAMPIONSHIP WARM-UP * subject to time & entries

BS Table A4

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

Maximum Height of Fences **1.05 m**

PC110 GRAND PRIX - CHAMPIONSHIP

Speed 325 Metres per Minute

1 or 2 Double Combinations **1.10 m**

Maximum Height & Spread of Fences in the First round **1.10 m**

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

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.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Warm-up Competitions

Entry Fee: £20.00

Entries for competitors who have qualified for the Championships, should be made through the organiser.

Championship Classes

Entry Fee: £28.00

Entries for competitors who have qualified for the Championships, should be made through the organiser.

Entry deadline is TBC

Notes to Course Designers

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

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.