



**WILTON HUNT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB
PONY CLUB AREA 14
ARENA EVENTING QUALIFIER FOR SPRING FESTIVAL 2024**



**AT DORSET SHOWGROUND, WEST STOUR, GILLINGHAM, SP8 5RJ
ON FRIDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 2023
OPEN TO PONY CLUB BRANCH AND CENTRE MEMBERS ONLY**

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CATERING: DORSET SHOWGROUND'S PAVILION WILL BE OPEN

ENTRIES ONLINE ONLY AT: www.wiltonpc.entrymaster.online

ENTRIES OPEN 1ST AND CLOSE ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2023, IF NOT FULL BEFORE

CLASSES

Class 1: 70cm. Riders in this class must be aged 14 years and under on 1st January 2023.

Class 2: 80cm.

Class 3: 90cm.

Class 4: 1.00m.

All classes will run in accordance with The Pony Club Spring Festival Arena Eventing Rules 2024 valid for 2023 competitions.

This is an **Area Qualifier** for the Barrier Spring Festival on 24th – 25th February, 2024 at Arena UK, Grantham.

Team Competition. Branches/Centres may enter a team of three or four in the Arena Eventing Area qualifying competitions. The four can compete at different levels or all at the same level or a mixture of the two. The team must comprise at least three members (i.e. one member may ride two horses) and the top three scores to count. The winning Branch/Centre team at each Area competition will qualify for the Spring Festival. If any of the individual qualifiers are in a qualifying team their place will be passed down the line. Please check the Pony Club Rules or speak to your Branch DC for further clarification. **Please could Branch DCs or Team Managers declare your teams by 12noon on Tuesday, 26th December to the Secretary. Absolutely no substitutions/changes on the day!**

Riders cannot compete in more than **two** classes per day. **Horses/ponies** cannot compete more than **once** in each class or in more than **two classes on the day.**

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

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

ENTRY FEES: £25 per individual, no fee for teams. £30 late entry fee. Entries will be limited due to daylight hours and will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

Entries online only; <https://wiltonpc.entrymaster.online/index.php?id=1#event29>. **No entries on the day!**

NUMBERS: Please download your paper number from www.ponyclubresults.co.uk and don't forget **you will need to bring your own number bibs!**

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday, 22nd December, 2023 unless the classes are already full.

WITHDRAWALS / REFUNDS: Please let us know immediately if you need to withdraw. No refunds after closing date unless we can replace you off the waitlist.

START TIMES: Start times will be posted on www.ponyclubresults.co.uk by 6pm on Wednesday, 27th December, 2023.

ORGANISER: Sally Lefroy DC. Email: nigellefroy@tiscali.co.uk

ENTRIES SECRETARY: Emma Bird. Email: oiseaux99@hotmail.com **PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION.**
Tel: 01747 820238 (calls between 18.00 and 20.00 only please!). Mobile: 07990 572376 **ON THE DAY ONLY!**

RESULTS: Live results will be posted on www.ponyclubresults.co.uk throughout the day. The results for the team competition will be posted at the end of the day and the winning Branch team will be notified.

PRIZES: Rosettes to 10th place for Individuals and 1st place for the winning Team.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Competitors will jump a course of show jumps immediately followed by a course of cross-country style fences some of which may have a knock down top rail. The winner will be the individual with the lowest number of penalties and in the event of a tie, the one closest to the optimum time. **Area Competitions may include a joker show jump fence to finish the course if they wish.**
2. Cross Country compliant XC kit and saddlery should be worn. The Pony Club Saddlery and Dress rules apply at all Area Competitions and the Championships. No jewellery is allowed.
3. Body protectors and hats are compulsory for this competition and must meet the Pony Club standards for 2023.
4. Horses and ponies must be 5-years old and over.
5. Items of tack and saddlery must comply with Pony Club regulations.
6. No rider may carry or use a whip greater than 75cm or less than 45cm in length overall.
7. Stop Watches are not permitted.
8. Objections must be made to the Secretary within 5 minutes of the end of the class with a £20 deposit.
9. No lungeing on the Showground.
10. At the competition horse/pony may **ONLY** be ridden by the rider who is competing at the competition.
11. No refunds after the closing date unless we can replace you off the waitlist. A proportion of the entry fee will only be refunded if a vet's or doctor's certificate is produced.
12. The Organiser may, at her discretion, alter the schedule/rules/running order as required.
13. **The Judge's decision is final.**
14. **It is your responsibility as a Parent to have familiarised yourself with the current Pony Club Rulebook(s) before the competition.**
15. **By entering you are agreeing to our terms and conditions. Failure to do so will result in Elimination.**

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of this event or The Pony Club nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord or his tenant, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any other personal property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever. Entries are only accepted on this basis.

The organisers of this event have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present at this event. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents. They must obey the instructions of the organisers and all officials and stewards.

COVID-19:

1. **All current covid-19 restrictions will be adhered to on the day of the show.** We reserve the right to amend the rules should the government change the advice or restrictions.
2. **Entry refund policy on covid grounds** – if we are unable to run due to no first aid cover or covid-19 restrictions, refunds will be given – minus an admin fee per payment.

PENALTIES

SJ Phase:

Knocking down obstacle	4 penalties
First disobedience of horse	4 penalties
Second disobedience of horse in whole course	8 penalties
Third disobedience of horse in whole course	Elimination*
(Each circle or crossing tracks between fences counts as one disobedience)	
First fall of rider	Elimination*
Fall of Horse	Elimination*
Error of course not rectified	Elimination*
Failure to start or jump next fence within 60 seconds	Elimination*
Starting before the Bell	Elimination*
Continuing the course without a hat, or with chinstrap undone	Elimination*

*Competitors eliminated in this phase may not proceed to the XC phase

XC Phase:

Knocking down an obstacle	4 penalties
First refusal, run-out or circle of horse at obstacle	20 penalties
Second refusal, run-out or circle at same obstacle	40 penalties
Third refusal, run-out or circle at same obstacle	Elimination
Four refusals around the course	Elimination
Fall of horse	Elimination
Fall of rider	Elimination
Error of Course not rectified	Elimination
Horse trapped in obstacle	Elimination
Horse resisting rider for 60 consecutive seconds anywhere on the course	Elimination
Failure to cross the finish line mounted	Elimination
Continuing the course without a hat, or with chinstrap undone	Elimination

Time will be taken overall

Exceeding the time limit	Elimination
For every commenced second in excess of the optimum time	0.4 penalty
Every commenced second in excess of 5 seconds under the optimum time	0.4 penalty
Time limit is twice the optimum time.	

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