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SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Objectives

To provide an opportunity for all branches interested in Show Jumping to compete against each other at three different levels.

To encourage a high standard of riding, sportsmanship and team awareness.

Remember **NO PASSPORT, NO JUMPING** – name on passport must be the same as on entry form.

JUNIOR SHOW JUMPING TEAM - ROBBIE BAILEY CUP

Eligibility of Competitors

1. This is a competition for a team of four competitors under the age of 14 on the 1st of January of the current year.
2. All competitors must be of “C” test standard or hold their “C” test.
3. The same combination of pony/ horse and rider from a winning Robbie Bailey team (in any year) is not eligible.
4. A pony or horse may only be ridden by one rider at an Area Qualifier or at the Championships.
5. Members may only compete in **one** Show Jumping competition at the Area Qualifiers and Championships, except where a Classic Qualifier is held in conjunction with an Area Qualifier since the Classic is a separate competition (see Rules for Classic on Page 15).

Eligibility of Ponies and Horses

6. All ponies and horses are eligible if they are currently or have been in the previous year jumping with the SJI at 1.0m and under.
7. No stallions allowed.
8. Horses or ponies must be 5 years of age or over.
9. Please note, ponies and horses will be scanned for microchip numbers at Area Qualifiers and the Championships.

Height and Dimensions of Fences

10. Maximum height is 90 cm
11. Speed is 325m per minute.
12. A minimum of 8 fences will be used on the first round which will include a double.

13. There **must** be a change of course for the second round which will have a double and a combination.

Format of Competition

The competition will be judged in accordance with the SJI Rule 265N (Team Competition) with the following additions:

14. The team show jumping competition for the Robbie Bailey is run over two rounds.
15. Scores from the first round are added to the scores in the second round.
16. The 3 best three scores of the first round are added to the 3 best three scores of the second round.
17. Teams consist of 3 or 4 riders, each riding the same horse throughout the competition.
18. The jumping order will be as numbered in the programme.
19. Each team member will jump in consecutive order.
20. In the first round of an area qualifier, **all four** members of a team must jump.
21. The team score is obtained by adding the scores of its best 3 competitors in that round.
22. Elimination of a rider in the first round does **not** exclude that rider from the second round **unless** that rider is not passed fit by the doctor.
23. In the second round, the teams may jump in reverse order of merit. Teams on equal penalties retain their original jumping order.
24. If after the second round there is more than one team on equal penalties, there will be a jump off in the order that is the drawn order in the first round, by two nominated riders against the clock over a shortened course to decide the winner.
25. The lower places are decided on faults and time in the second round.
26. A maximum of three teams qualify at the area qualifier .

A Branch competing at an Area Qualifier may bring a reserve who is eligible to jump in that qualifier. THIS APPLIES TO ALL CLASSES.

INTERMEDIATE TEAM SHOW JUMPING CAPTAIN JOHN LEDINGHAM TROPHY

Eligibility of Competitors

27. This is a team competition for four riders under the age of 21 on the 1st of January of the current year.
28. Competitors in this competition must have passed their "C" test but do not need to have passed their "C+" test.
29. Please note competitors who have passed their "B" test can **only** compete in the individual competition.
30. The previous year's winning team is not eligible. (i.e. the same combination of horses/ponies and riders).

Eligibility of Horses and Ponies

31. Horses currently or in the previous year jumping at 1.10m or less with the SJI are eligible.
32. A pony jumping at 1.10m is eligible provided it has not qualified for the RDS in the current year and or has not represented Ireland with the SJI abroad.
33. Horses and ponies must be 5 years old or over.
34. Please note ponies/horses will be scanned for microchip numbers at the Area Qualifiers and Championships.
35. A pony/horse may only be ridden by one rider at an Area Qualifier or the Championships.

Height and Dimension of Fences

36. Maximum height is 1.00m
37. Speed is 325m per minute

Format of Competition

This competition will be judged in accordance with the SJI rule 269N with the following additions:

38. The team show jumping competition for the Capt. John Ledingham Cup is run over two rounds.
39. In the first round of an Area Qualifier, all four members must jump.
40. Scores from the first round are added to the scores of the second round.
41. Teams consist of 3 or 4 competitors each riding the same horse/pony throughout the competition.

42. The jumping order will be as numbered in the programme.
43. Each team member will jump in consecutive order.
44. The team score is obtained by adding the scores of its three best competitors in that round.
45. Elimination of a rider in the first round **does not** exclude that rider from the second round, unless that rider is not passed fit by the doctor.
46. In the second round, the teams may jump in reverse order of merit.
47. Teams on equal penalties retain their original jumping order.
48. If after the second round, there is more than one team on equal penalties, there will be a jump off by **two nominated riders** against the clock over a shortened course to decide the winner.
49. The lower places are decided on faults and time on the second round.
50. A branch competing at an Area Qualifier may bring a reserve who is eligible to jump in that qualifier .
51. A maximum of three teams qualify from each Area Qualifier .

INTERMEDIATE INDIVIDUAL SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

Eligibility of Competitors

- 52. This competition is open only to riders who have attained their B/H test.
- 53. It is for those combinations who do not wish to compete at a height greater than 1.00m or whose horse will not compete at a height greater than 1 metre.

Eligibility of Horses and Ponies

- 54. Horses/ponies currently or in the previous year jumping at 1.10m or less with the SJI are eligible.
- 55. A pony jumping at 1.10m is eligible provided that it has not qualified for the RDS in the current year or has not represented Ireland with the SJI abroad.
- 56. Horses and ponies must be 5 years old or over.
- 57. Please note ponies/horses might be scanned for microchip numbers at the Area Qualifiers or at the Championships.
- 58. A pony/horse may only be ridden by one rider at the Area Qualifier or at the Championships.

Height and Dimension of Fences

- 59. Maximum height is 1.00m
- 60. Speed is 325m per minute

Format of Competition

This competition will be judged in accordance with the SJI rule 269N with the following additions:

- 61. The Show Jumping competition is run over 2 rounds.
- 62. This competition may be run at the Area Qualifier in conjunction with the team competition or as a separate competition, those eligible should jump off separately to decide who qualifies.
- 63. Competitors must declare that they are competing in The Individual competition.
- 64. Three competitors will qualify from each Area Qualifier.

SENIOR TEAM SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

Eligibility of Competitors

65. The Senior Show Jumping Team Competition is for a team of four riders who are over 12 years old and under 21 on the first of January of the current year.
66. All competitors must have passed their "C" test.
67. The winning team in this competition is eligible to compete at the UK Pony Club Championships. This winning team will be offered an invitation to the UKPC Championships.
68. Substitution due to a bona fide injury to the rider or the horse/pony will be considered by the Chairman of Show Jumping and the Chairman of the Irish Pony Club. Doctor and/or veterinary certificates **must be produced**.

Eligibility of Horses and Ponies

69. Horses which are currently jumping at 1.20m and under are eligible.
70. All ponies are eligible.
71. Horses and ponies must be 5 years old or over.
72. Please note that ponies and horses will be scanned for microchip number at Area Qualifiers and Championships.

Height and Dimensions of Fences

73. Height of fences - 1st round - 1.10m
2nd round - 1.15m
74. Speed is 350m per minute
75. Please note that at the Championships **but not at the Area Qualifiers**, in the second round, two fences may be at 1.20m at the discretion of the course builder.
76. D.C and Trainers should note also that these are maximum heights. Heights may be altered at the discretion of the course builder and/or chief steward depending on the ground conditions and the weather.

Format of Competition

The Senior Show Jumping Competition is run over two rounds.

77. Scores from the first round are added to the scores of the second round.
78. Teams consist of 3 or 4 competitors each riding the same horse/pony throughout the competition.
79. The jumping order will be as numbered in the programme .This means that the 1st member of each team jumps, he is followed by the 2nd member of each team, then the 3rd member and the 4th member.

80. The team score is obtained by adding the 3 best scores of the team.
81. Elimination of a rider in the first round does not exclude a rider from the second round unless that rider is not passed fit by the doctor.
82. In the first round of an Area Qualifier all 4 members of a team must jump. However at the Championships if after 3 members of a team have jumped and that team cannot improve their score (i.e. they are on zero score) the 4th member can opt not to jump. This doesn't mean that the 4th member cannot jump in the second round or in the jump off.
83. In the second round, teams will jump in numerical order as in the first round.
84. If after the second round, there is more than one team on equal penalties, **all members** of the team jump off against the clock over a shortened course to decide the winners or places.
85. Others are placed according to their combined faults and time in the second round.
86. A maximum of three teams qualify at each area qualifier .

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

Eligibility of Competitors

87 The Senior Show Jumping Championship is opened to competitors who are twelve years old and under twenty three years on the 1st of January of the current year.

88. Competitors must have passed their C test.

Eligibility of Horses and Ponies

89. Horses currently jumping at 1.20m and under are eligible.

90. All ponies are eligible.

91. Horses/Ponies must be 5 years old and over.

92. Please note that horses and ponies will be scanned for microchip number at the Area qualifier and the Championships.

Height and Dimension of Fences

93. Height of fences - 1st round - 1.10m
2nd round - 1.15m

94. Speed is 350m per minute

95. At the Area Qualifier, the competition will be run over 2 rounds followed by a jump off for those on equal faults if required. Others will be placed according to their combined faults over 2 rounds and their time in the second round.

96. At the Championships, **but not at the Area Qualifiers**, in the 2nd round (jump off), **two** fences may be at 1.20m, at the discretion of the course builder and the chief steward.

97. **N.B.** DC and Trainers, please note that these are the **maximum** heights. The heights may be altered at the discretion of the course builder and chief steward depending on ground and weather conditions.

Format for the Individual Competition

98. This competition is judged under the SJI Art. 2382.2 which states that those on equal scores after the 1st round will jump off over a shortened course to decide the winner. Others are placed according to their faults and time penalties in the 1st round.

99. This competition is run **after** the Team Championships over a new course. It is open to all branch members under 23 years (with their "C" test) including those who took part in the Team Competition, provided that they have qualified at the Area Qualifier.

100. Team horses are eligible but riders may choose a different horse provided that they rode that horse at the Area Qualifier.

101. A rider who rode in the Team Qualifier may also compete in the Individual Qualifier on either the same horse/pony or a different horse/pony. Should the rider qualify for the Individual Championship it is the combination that competed in the Individual Qualifier that will go forward to the Individual Championship.

102. Riders may compete only once in the Individual Championship.

103. At the Area Qualifier, the Senior Individual competition may run over 2 rounds with a jump off (see above). However, it should be noted that at the Championships, the competition will run over **one round only** with a jump off to decide the result.

A Branch competing at an Area Qualifier may bring a reserve that is eligible to jump in that qualifier. THIS APPLIES TO ALL CLASSES.

SHOW JUMPING GENERAL RULES

PENALTIES

1 st Disobedience	4 penalties
2 nd Disobedience	8 penalties
3 rd Disobedience	Elimination
Obstacle knocked down while jumping	4 penalties
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination

FALLS

When a competitor falls they must not remount.

Please note that one fall eliminates the rider from that round and that rider must be passed fit by the doctor before competing in any subsequent rounds.

A fallen rider must be seen by medical personnel before jumping again. The team trainer must inform the SJ judge of the outcome the medical assessment.

Fall in Practice Arena – competitor must be seen by medical personnel before continuing. This rule applies to qualifiers and Championships.

INSPECTION OF THE COURSE.

The courses shall be ready for inspection by Competitors and Trainers ONLY at a reasonable time before the start of the Competition. **Competitors must be correctly attired in riding clothes when walking the course (INCLUDING RIDING HAT/HELMET).**

THE COURSE WILL BE CHANGED FOR THE SECOND ROUND, and an announcement will be made when it is ready for inspection.

PLAN OF THE COURSE

A plan of the Course shall be displayed by the time the Course is ready for inspection.

There will be a Time Allowed and a Time Limit, which means exceeding the Time Allowed incurs penalties and exceeding the Time Limit incurs elimination.

PRACTICE FENCES AND EXERCISE AREAS.

Competitors must ONLY use the practice fences provided in the exercise area. The practice fences will be marked with red and white flags and jumped accordingly. Exercise of horses must only take place in the area provided and any competitor exercising in Car Park, Horse Box area or among spectators is liable to incur elimination from all competition. On the day of the Competition, horses competing may only be ridden by their competitors.

NO LUNGING IS ALLOWED AND ONLY TRAINERS AND COMPETITORS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PRACTICE ARENA - THIS IS FOR SAFETY REASONS. **ANY PERSONS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE STEWARDS AND SAFETY OFFICERS WILL INCUR ELIMINATION.**

SUBSTITUTION

Only bona fide substitutions will be accepted and veterinary certificates and/or doctors certificate must be produced to verify such substitutions.

Substitution of any member of a team will only be considered by the Chief Steward of Show Jumping. For any substitution to be considered at the Championships, the horse or rider **MUST** have competed in the relevant competition at the Area Qualifier

DRESS AND SADDLERY

Please refer to current Irish Pony Club Tack Sheet. It is the responsibility of members to ensure that they are using the correct Dress and Saddlery.

Note: Pony Club Tie must be worn with a collared shirt. (Stocks are **NOT** allowed).

It is important that all animals competing are properly shod prior to the day of competition.

DISQUALIFICATION

The Official Steward or Chief Judge may disqualify a competitor at any stage of the Competition for dangerous riding, or if in his/her opinion the horse is lame, sick or exhausted. For misuse of whip or spurs or any ill-treatment of the horse. For not entering the arena when called. **For any breach of the Rules.**

JURY OF APPEAL

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of the Chief Steward, and a member of the Judging Panel together with the Chairman or a member of the S.J. committee as are present. At least three members of the Jury will remain until half an hour after the scores have been published. The Chief Steward may appoint a replacement for any member of the Jury if the need arises.

PROTEST OR OBJECTIONS

Apart from the Official Steward, and the Officials of the Competition, **ONLY THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OR THEIR APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE** is entitled to lodge protests or objections.

Protests must be made in writing and addressed to the Organiser of the Competition or Secretary of the Championships.

A deposit of €30 cash must accompany the objection, which is forfeit unless the Jury of Appeal decides that there were good and reasonable grounds for the objection.

Protests or objections must be made **NOT LATER THAN HALF AN HOUR AFTER** the incident or half an hour after the scores have been posted.

The Official Judge/Steward shall give the decision in the first instance. If this is not accepted, the Jury of Appeal shall give their decision after investigation.

The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final.

OBJECTIONS LODGED OUTSIDE THE ABOVE TIME FRAME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

If the District Commissioner of a competing team is unable to be present at the competition, he or she must inform the Secretary of the Championships in writing, of the name of the person appointed to be their representative. This representative must carry with them a copy of the District Commissioners letter of appointment.

NB. IT IS THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE ELIGIBILITY OF BOTH RIDERS AND THEIR HORSES/PONIES. IT IS ALSO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES) RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT BRANCH COMPETITORS ARE IN TIME FOR COMPETITION.

AREA QUALIFIERS

Members who wish to compete at the Festival must compete at their Area Qualifier in the competition for which they are eligible, failure to do so means that they cannot, **UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**, compete at the Championships.

AREA QUALIFIERS FORMAT.

The format for running an Area Qualifier will be the same as the Championships.

- The three highest placed teams from the Area qualify for the Championships providing they reach a standard approved by the Chief Steward on the day of the Qualifier.
- In the event of a tie for second place, teams may jump off against the clock at the discretion of the Chief Steward.
- The Chairman of Show Jumping may invite three extra branches to take part in the Championships if the standard was particularly high at one or two of the Area qualifiers. Thirty teams (9X3 + 3) will take part in each class at the team Championships.
- Participation in the Senior Individual Championships is at the discretion of the Show Jumping Chief Steward at the Area Qualifier, providing the competitor reaches the standard.
- At the Area Qualifier, a Branch may enter a team(s) plus one or two reserves [i.e. Team of 4 plus one reserve or team of 4 plus 2 reserves]. The reserves jump H/C at the Area Qualifier and will then be eligible to be substituted to branch team for the Championships should this become necessary (providing they reach the required standard)]. The team of 4 that qualified must be the same four that

compete at the Championships except where a Bona Fide substitution is necessary. All four members of a team (or three if a team of three) must jump in the first round at their Area Qualifier.

- Please note a horse/pony may be scanned for a Microchip number at an Area Qualifier. Passports must be carried with an animal at all times. Failure to do so may eliminate that horse/pony and rider from the competition.

INFORMATION GUIDE FOR RUNNING AREA QUALIFIERS.

FOR THE COURSE/S

1. *Contact your Show Jumping area representative (see Year Book), who will inform you as to whom is appointed as Chief Steward for the competition.*
2. Book a course builder from the SJI panel and approved by the Chief Steward.
3. An arena MINIMUM size of 80 metres by 80metres with suitable ground conditions in the interest of safety.
4. A warm-Up Arena with a minimum of two jumps, i.e. a vertical and a spread, jumps must be flagged with red and white flags.
5. Rope/tape and Stakes to enclose the S.J. Arena and the warm-up arena.
6. Materials to build a course of a minimum of 8 fences, which must include a double and a combination.
7. Safety cups for the back wings of all spread fences.
8. A Show Jumping Judge with writer from the SJI panel, together with Public Address commentator.
9. Turn out Judge as this is now compulsory for Area Qualifiers.
10. Timing - Equipment - Stop Watches.
11. Tack inspectors.
12. Pocket Stewards for pocket fences and safety.
13. Fence Stewards for the S.J. Arena.
14. Doctor (*or paramedic*) and Ambulance on site which must have good access to all arenas and must be present before competition begins.
15. Vet on call will do.
16. Horsemanship Judge, writer and scorer *recommended*.
17. Rosettes - also turn out rosettes.
18. S.J. marking sheets.
19. Horsemanship Judging sheets and a friendly working hunter judge to judge Horsemanship.
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF FENCES

Poles - approximately 50/60 of which some may be rustic. Gates, planks and fillers will reduce the number of poles required.

Upright/Wings - 18 pairs minimum

Cups - Two per pole. Flat for gates and planks.

Fillers - can be straw bales, barrels (on their side) plastic fillers etc. Water tray for Seniors only not to exceed 11 ft. Think SAFETY no sharp edges.

SHOW JUMPING CLASSIC RULES

Objectives

The Show Jumping Classic Competition was introduced to provide Irish Pony Club members who wish to compete with the possibility of competing in show jumping at a high level.

COMPETITIONS

There are three levels of competition and members are encouraged to take part and move up levels as their ability and skills grow.

The three levels are

- Show Jumping Classic up to 1.20m
- Classic Finder up to 1.10m
- Classic Starter up to 1.00m

SHOW JUMPING CLASSIC

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be over 15 years old or over on the 1st of January
- Must have taken part in three Branch working or training rallies.

Eligibility of Horses

- Horse/pony must be 5 years old or over.
- Open to all grades of horses/ponies which are capable and experienced in jumping 1.20m courses.
- Ponies must be 148cms.

Height of Fences

- .Height up to 1.20m.

Format of Competition

- The competition consists of one round of jumping over a course which will include two combinations and related distances. There will be a maximum of 16 jumping efforts.
- This competition is judged under SJI Rule 238 2.2 i.e. in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be a jump off against the clock.
- Others competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

CLASSIC FINDER

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be 14 years old or over on the 1st of January.
- Must have taken part in three branch working/training rallies.

Eligibility of Horse/Pony

- Horse/pony must 5 years old or over.
- Open to all grades, but must be capable and have experience in jumping a 1.10m course.
- Ponies of all grades must be 148cms.

Height of fences

- Height up to 1.10m.

Format of Competition

- The competition consists of one round of jumping over a course which will include two combinations and related distances. There will be a maximum of 16 jumping efforts.
- Competition judged under SJI Rule 238 2.2 i.e. in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be a jump off against the clock.
- Other competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

CLASSIC STARTER

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be 13 years old or over on the 1st of January.
- Must have taken part in 3 branch working/training rallies.

Eligibility of Horse/Pony

- Five years old or over.
- Open to all grades. Must be capable and have experience in jumping a 1m course.
- Ponies must be at least 138 cms.

Height of Fences

- Height up to 1.00m

Format of Competition

- The competition consists of one round of jumping over a course which will include two combinations and related distances. There will be a maximum of 16 jumping efforts
- The competition is judged under SJI rule 2382.2 i.e. in the event of equality of penalties for the first place, there will be a jump off against the clock.
- Other competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

General Rules for the Show Jumping Classic Competitions

- A combination of horse and rider that qualifies at one Area Qualifier is eligible to jump at the Final.
- At each Area Qualifier, the first 6 placed combinations in each class are eligible to compete at the Final

- A combination may attend as many qualifiers as they wish. If already qualified for a particular class a combination may attend a qualifier and be placed on the day but must state that they are qualified, in which case qualification moves to the next eligible person.
- Riders may ride 2 horses/ponies in a class at the qualifier but only the highest placed combination in a particular class (if it is placed 1st to 6th) is qualified for the Final.
- Riders may ride the same horse/pony in a 2nd class at a qualifier provided that it is the class closest in height, i.e. a combination riding in the 1.20m class can also compete in the 1.10m class and a combination riding in the 1.10m class can also compete in the 1.00m class. Note this is subject to the rider being the correct age for the class.
- A rider may ride 2 horses/ponies at the final provided it is in 2 different classes and that combination has qualified for that class
- Riders may ride the same horse/pony in a 2nd class at the final provided that the combination has qualified for that class and it is the class closest in height, i.e.
- A combination riding in the 1.20m class can also compete in the 1.10m class and a combination riding in the 1.10m class can also compete in the 1.00m class.
- If a combination has qualified for 2 classes but only wishes to compete in one at the final then the combination should compete at the higher level and the qualifying place in the lower class is passed to the next eligible person from the qualifier attended.
- If a combination is not qualified at the 1.20m competition it can jump at the 1.10m final provided it has competed and qualified at this level.
- The same applies for the 1.10m combination; if not qualified for that height it can jump at 1.00m at the Final provided it has competed and qualified at this level.
- Irish Pony Club Rules with regard to tack and rider attire apply.
- Prizes at the Classic Finals - in kind.
- The winner of the Show Jumping Classic Final will be awarded a Training Bursary sponsored by the Irish Pony Club Shop.
- A second Bursary may be awarded at the discretion of the Show Jumping Committee.
- At the discretion of the Show Jumping Committee the winners of the 1.10m Classic Finder and the 1.00m Classic Starter classes will be awarded a training bursary (provided they have not won another class, the 1.20m class in the case

of the 1.10m winner and the 1.10m class in the case of the 1.00m winner, in which case this may be awarded to the 2nd placed combination).

- The Training Bursary details may change from year to year at the discretion of the Chairman of Show Jumping.

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