

The Irish Pony Club



Show Jumping Rules

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NB In circumstances not covered by the IPC show jumping Rules, the appropriate Show Jumping Ireland Rules or FEI show jumping rules will apply.

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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 four 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. Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances or any other issue in connection with Irish Pony Club Show Jumping it is the duty of the relevant officials to make a decision in sporting spirit and to approach as nearly as possible the intention of these Rules. It is the District Commissioner's responsibility to ensure that their members are complying with the Rules of the Competition.

Under 12 Show Jumping Team – Alice Mernagh Trophy

Eligibility of Competitors

1. This is a competition for a team of four competitors who are 8 years of age and under the age of 12 on the 1st of January of the current year.
2. All competitors must be of a D+ standard and capable of jumping a 75cm show jumping track.
3. The same Team Combination or same three member's combination of pony/horse and rider from a winning U12 team (in any year) is not eligible.
4. An under 12 competitor who has previously competed for his/her branch on a Robbie Bailey Team at an Area Qualifier or the championship is not eligible for this competition.
5. A pony or horse may only be ridden by one rider at an Area Qualifier or at the Championships.
6. Under 12 Members may only compete in one Show Jumping competition at the Area Qualifiers, except where a combined training qualifier is held in conjunction with an Area Qualifier since the combined training qualifier is a separate competition (see relevant rules for this.) and only one show jumping competition at the Championships unless the member has qualified for combined training or dressage or mounted games, at the championships and which is being held on the same day. Rules for those competitions apply.
7. The Competitor is ultimately responsible for complying with all Rules relating to Dress for the particular Discipline they are participating in. see page 16.

Mixed Team Rule

Following the pilot in 2020 it has been decided to allow mixed teams for Branches who cannot make up a full team.

8. Mixed Teams will be formed by the Area Rep.
9. If a mixed team qualifies it can qualify for the Championships.
10. If a Branch has a Reserve rider, as before, the reserve rider can either jump on a Mixed Team formed by the Area Rep. Or, remain as a reserve for a Branch team, in which case, as before, the reserve rider is not eligible to jump at the Championship (if the Branch Qualifies), unless as a substitute.

11. To clarify if a rider is on a mixed team that qualifies for the championship that rider cannot be a reserve for its branch team if the branch team also qualifies. However, the rider can be a reserve for a qualified branch team if the mixed team has not qualified for the championship.
12. In the first instance, the Branch must make up a team (three or four) to represent the Branch. It is only surplus riders or Branches with insufficient numbers (two or less) that are eligible for the Mixed Team.

Eligibility of Ponies and Horses

13. Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending team or individual. If said individual was a member of a qualifying team and their score contributed to the qualification, the team will be disqualified unless the qualification holds up using the discard score.
14. All ponies and horses are eligible if they are currently or have in the previous calendar year competed with the SJI at 90cm or under. If they have entered and jumped a 95 cm class or higher with SJI on any occasion in previous calendar year or current calendar year) they are not eligible for this competition
15. No stallions allowed.
16. Horses and ponies must be 5 years of age or over.
17. Please note, ponies and horses will be scanned for microchip numbers at Area Qualifiers and the Championships.

Height and Dimensions of Fences

18. First two rounds maximum height 75cm.
19. The speed is 325 meters per minute.
20. A maximum of eight fences will be used in the first round which will include a double.
21. Riders will then proceed to jump a second round over a change of course for the second round which will not have a double. At the qualifier the second round will follow on from the first round. That is the competition will be run as a two- phase competition with riders proceeding immediately to jump the second round. The second round will have a hidden optimum time set by the course builder. At the final the second round may take place in a second arena with riders proceeding from the first arena to the second for their second round which will have a hidden optimum time.
22. ONE rider only will be nominated in advance to jump off for the team in the event of equality of faults. This nominated rider can only be substituted by another in the event of the nominated rider being eliminated. This will determine the team placings. It will not determine individual placings at final.
23. Individual placings at the final will be determined by their faults and closeness to the optimum time as per SJI calculations. The Formula for working out time differential is as follows: Optimum Time minus athletes exact time equals plus/minus differential time (e.g.: Optimum time is 50 minus the Actual Time which is 49.5 equals the Differential time of -0.5. A Plus or minus result becomes irrelevant, as winner is the athlete closest to the optimum time (smallest differential). In the event of athletes having the same time differential, the "slower" rider is placed higher.
24. The reason for this competition change is to ensure young riders learn to ride their course correctly and not at speed.

25. If a rider is eliminated in the first round, they may jump their second round **unless they are eliminated for a fall**, in which case they may not continue.
26. If, however that team qualifies for the championship that rider will still be part of the qualified team and may jump at the championship.

Format of Competition

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

27. The Team Show Jumping Competition for the Alice Mernagh is run over two rounds.
28. At the qualifier the second round will follow on from the first round. That is the competition will be run as a two- phase competition with riders proceeding immediately to jump the second round. The second round will have a hidden optimum time set by the course builder. At the final the second round may take place in a second arena with riders proceeding from the first arena to the second for their second round which will have a hidden optimum time.
29. Scores from the first round are added to the scores in the second round.
30. The 3 best scores of the first round are added to the 3 best scores and time of the second round. The team score is obtained by adding the scores of its best three competitors in the first round to the best three scores and **average** time in the second round. This can be used to determine minor placings if required. All teams on equal (zero) -faults will have nominated one rider to jump off against the clock. This will determine the principal team placings.
31. ONE rider only will be nominated in advance to jump off for the team in the event of equality of faults. This nominated rider can only be substituted by another in the event of the nominated rider being eliminated. This will determine the team placings only. The jump off rounds of riders taking place in the team jump off round will not be used to determine their individual placings in the individual competition at the final.
32. Individual placings at the final will be determined by the rider's faults and closeness to the optimum time as per SJI calculations. The Formula for working out time differential is as follows: Optimum Time minus athletes exact time equals plus/minus differential time (e.g.: Optimum time is 50 minus the Actual Time which is 49.5 equals the Differential time of -0.5. A Plus or minus result becomes irrelevant, as winner is the athlete closest to the optimum time (smallest differential). In the event of athletes having the same time differential, the "slower" rider is placed higher.
33. The reason for this individual competition change is to ensure young riders learn to ride their course correctly and not at speed, since speed in the individual competition will not determine the placings.
34. Teams consist of three or four riders, each riding the same horse throughout the competition.
35. The jumping order will be as numbered in the program. Each team member will jump in consecutive order.
36. In the first round of an area qualifier, all four members of a team must jump.
37. A maximum of **four** teams will qualify at the area qualifier.
38. At the Championship **only** an individual competition is included. This will be decided based on an individual rider's aggregated score of faults in the first round and faults and time in the second round. **See 32 above.**

39. As previously stated, the same combination or same three member's combination of pony/horse and rider from a winning Under 12 team (in any year) is not eligible.
40. Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfil the eligibility rules on the day of the Championships.
41. Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending team or individual. If said individual was a member of a qualifying team and their score contributed to the qualification, the team will be disqualified unless the qualification holds up using the discard score.
42. The Competitor is ultimately responsible for complying with all Rules relating to dress for the particular discipline they are participating in. See page 16.

A branch competing at an Area Qualifier may bring reserve individuals who are eligible to jump in that Qualifier. This does not qualify the reserve rider for the Championship, unless as a substitute. A substitute will only be considered for certified veterinary or medical reasons.

Junior Show Jumping Team – Robbie Bailey Cup

Eligibility of Competitors

43. This is a competition for a team of four competitors under the age of 14 on the 1st of January of the current year.
44. All competitors should hold their "C" test and, as per the guide to competitions, ride to a C+ standard- i.e., be capable of jumping a 90cm track.
45. The same combination or same three member's combination of pony/horse and rider from a winning Robbie Bailey team (in any year) is not eligible for this competition.
46. A pony or horse may only be ridden by one rider at an Area Qualifier and may only be ridden by the same rider at the Championships should the combination qualify.
47. Robbie Bailey competitors may only compete in one Show Jumping competition at the Area Qualifiers Championships, except where a combined training qualifier is held in conjunction with an Area Qualifier since the combined training qualifiers are separate competitions (see relevant rules for these.) this applies to the Championships also.

Mixed Team Rule

Following the pilot for 2020 it has been decided to allow mixed teams for Branches who cannot make up a full team.

48. Mixed Teams will be formed by the Area Rep.
49. If a mixed team qualifies it can qualify for the Championships.
50. If a Branch has a Reserve rider, as before, the reserve rider can either jump on a Mixed Team formed by the Area Rep. or remain as a reserve for a Branch team, in which case, as before, the reserve rider is not eligible to jump at the Championship (if the Branch Qualifies), unless as a substitute. A substitute will only be considered for certified veterinary or medical reasons.
51. To clarify if a rider is on a mixed team that qualifies for the championship that rider cannot be a reserve for its branch team if the branch team also qualifies. However, the rider can be a reserve for a qualified branch team if the mixed team has not qualified for the championship.
52. In the first instance, the Branch must make up a team (three or four) to represent the Branch. It is only surplus riders or Branches with insufficient numbers (two or less) that are eligible for the Mixed Team.

Eligibility of Ponies and Horses

All ponies and horses are eligible if they are currently or have in the previous calendar year competed with the SJI at 1.05 metre or under. If they have entered and jumped a 1.10 metre class or higher with SJI (on any occasion in previous calendar year or current calendar year), they are not eligible for this competition.

53. Horses and ponies must be 5 years of age or over. No stallions allowed.
54. Please note, ponies and horses will be scanned for microchip numbers at Area Qualifiers and the Championships.
55. It is considered to be the responsibility of the Member's parent/guardian to ensure that the member's hat complies with the required standards. They are also responsible for ensuring that the hat complies with the manufacturer's guidelines regarding fit and replacement. See page 16 for Dress.
56. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their tack is in accordance with the rules and that they present themselves for inspection. Any competitor who then changes their tack after the Tack Inspection will be disqualified from the competition.
57. Any equipment not covered in these Rules must be referred at least two weeks in advance of the competition to the Irish Pony Club Office to allow time for the Chairman of the Show Jumping Committee to be consulted.

Height and Dimensions of Fences

58. A Minimum of 8 fences will be used in the first round which will include a double.
59. Riders will then proceed to jump a second round over a change of course for the second round which will have a double and a combination. That is the competition will be run as a two- phase competition with riders proceeding immediately to jump the second round.
60. If a rider is eliminated in the first round, they may jump their second round unless they are eliminated for a fall, in which case they may not continue. If, however that team qualifies for the championship that rider will still be part of the qualified team and may jump at the championship.
61. The maximum height of fences is 90cm.
62. Speed is 325m per minute.
63. The Jump off round at the Championship will not exceed 90cm.

Format of competition

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

64. The team show jumping competition for the Robbie Bailey is run over two rounds. At the qualifier the best three scores from the first round are added to the best three scores plus time in the second round.
65. Teams consist of three or four riders, each riding the same horse throughout the competition. The jumping order will be as numbered in the programme. Each team member will jump in consecutive order.
66. In the first round of an area qualifier, all four members of a team must jump.

67. Elimination of a rider in the first round for a technical fault (e.g., Three refusals) does not exclude that rider from the second round **unless that rider is eliminated for a fall.**
68. At the Championship only there will be a jump off. 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 from each team against the clock over a shortened course to decide the winner. The lower places are decided on the best three scores from the first and the best three scores and time from the second round.
69. At the Championship only an individual competition to be included but only those on double clear rounds to jump against the clock for the individual prize. The jump off round of those competitors on double clear that jump off for their team will count for this competition.
70. A maximum of **four** teams will 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. This does not qualify the reserve rider for the Championship, unless as a substitute. A substitute will only be considered for certified veterinary or medical reasons. In the first round of an area qualifier, all four members of a team must jump.

Eligibility for Area Qualifying Competitions and the Championships

- Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending competitor.
- Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfil the eligibility rules on the day of the Championships.

Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending team or individual. If said individual was a member of a qualifying team and their score contributed to the qualification, the team will be disqualified unless the qualification holds up using the discard score

- It is the strict responsibility of the District Commissioner or his Appointed Representative to ensure that both the Competition Secretary AND the Judges are aware of any substitutions before the start of the class concerned.

Intermediate Team Show Jumping- Captain John Ledingham Trophy

Eligibility of Competitors

71. This is a team competition for four riders under the age of 21 on the 1st of January of the current year.
72. Competitors in this competition must have passed their "C" test and, as per the guide to competitions, ride to a C+ standard and be capable of jumping a 1m track.
73. The same team combination or same three members' combination of pony/horse and rider from the winning Intermediate team (in any year) is not eligible.
74. Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfil the eligibility rules on the day of the Championships.
75. John Ledingham competitors **may only compete in one Show Jumping TEAM competition** at the Area Qualifiers and Championships, and **may compete in the Senior Individual qualifier**, if deemed capable by DC and Trainer on either the rider's team horse or on a different horse. See Senior Individual rules below.

76. Where a combined training qualifier is held in conjunction with the SJ Area Qualifier since the combined training qualifiers are separate competitions (see relevant rules for these.) the rider may also ride in that qualifier.
77. The Competitor is ultimately responsible for complying with all Rules relating to dress for the particular discipline they are participating in. see page 16.

Mixed Team Rule

Following the pilot for 2020 it has been decided to allow mixed teams for Branches who cannot make up a full team.

78. Mixed Teams will be formed by the Area Rep.
79. If a mixed team qualifies it can qualify for the Championships.
80. If a Branch has a Reserve rider, the reserve rider can either jump on a Mixed Team formed by the Area Representative. Or, remain as a reserve for a Branch team, in which case, as before, the reserve rider is not eligible to jump at the Championship (if the Branch Qualifies), unless as a substitute.
81. To clarify if a rider is on a mixed team that qualifies for the championship that rider cannot be a reserve for its branch team if the branch team also qualifies. However, the rider can be a reserve for a qualified branch team if the mixed team has not qualified for the championship.
82. In the first instance, the Branch must make up a team of three or four to represent the Branch. It is only surplus riders or Branches with insufficient numbers (**two or less**) that are eligible for the Mixed Team.

Eligibility of Horses and Ponies

83. All ponies and horses are eligible if they are currently or have in the previous calendar year competed with the SJI at 1.15 m or under. However, if they have entered and jumped a 1.20 metre class or higher with SJI on any occasion in previous calendar year or current calendar year, they are not eligible for this competition.
84. Horses and ponies must be 5 years or over.
85. Please note ponies/horses will be scanned for microchip numbers at the Area Qualifiers and Championships.
86. A pony/horse may only be ridden by one rider at an Area Qualifier or the Championships.

Height and Dimension of Fences

87. Maximum height is 1.00m.
88. Speed is 325m per minute.

Format of competition

The team show jumping competition for the Capt. John Ledingham Cup is run over two rounds. A minimum of 8 fences will be used in the first round which will include a double. Riders then proceed to jump a second round over a change of course for the second round which will have a double and a combination. That is the competition will be run as a two- phase competition with riders proceeding immediately to jump the second round.

89. In the first round of an Area Qualifier, all four members must jump.
90. Scores from the first round are added to the scores of the second round.

91. Teams consist of 3 or 4 competitors each riding the same horse/pony throughout the competition.
92. The jumping order will be as numbered in the programme. Each team member will jump in consecutive order.
93. The team score is obtained by adding the scores of its three best competitors in the first round plus the three best scores and time in second round.
94. A maximum of **four** teams will qualify from each Area Qualifier.
95. Elimination of a rider in the first round for a technical fault (e.g., Three refusals) does not exclude that rider from the second round **unless that rider is eliminated for a fall.**
96. At the Championship only there will be a jump off. If after the second round, there is more than one team on equal penalties. There will be a jump off by two nominated riders from each team against the clock over a shortened course to decide the winner. The lower places are decided on the best three scores from the first and the best three scores and time from the second round.
97. At the Championship only an individual competition is to be included but only those on double clear rounds jump against the clock for the individual prize. The jump off round of those competitors on double clear that jump off for their team will count for this competition.

A Branch competing at an Area Qualifier may bring a reserve who is eligible to jump in that qualifier. This does not qualify the reserve rider for the Championship, unless as a substitute. A substitute will only be considered for certified veterinary or medical reasons
THIS APPLIES TO ALL CLASSES.

Eligibility for Area Qualifying Competitions and the Championships

- Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending competitor.
- Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfil the eligibility rules on the day of the Championships.
- Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending team or individual. If said individual was a member of a qualifying team and their score contributed to the qualification, the team will be disqualified unless the qualification holds up using the discard score
- It is the strict responsibility of the District Commissioner or his Appointed Representative to ensure that both the Competition Secretary AND the Judges are aware of any substitutions before the start of the class concerned.

Senior Team and Area Team Show Jumping Competition

Eligibility of Competitors – Senior Team and Senior Area Team

98. The Senior Show Jumping Team Competition is for a team of four riders who are over 12 years old and under 23 on the first of January of the current year.
99. All competitors must have passed their “C” test ride to C+ standard and be capable of jumping a 115cm round of show jumping.
100. The winning Senior team in this competition (but NOT a Senior Area Team) is eligible to compete at the UK Pony Club Championships. The winning team may be offered an invitation to the UKPC Championships.

101. 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.
102. Competitors must have qualified at their area qualifier and have not competed in Robbie Bailey or John Ledingham at that qualifier.
103. Any competitors who wish to compete in the senior Area Team competition must notify their DC who must notify their Area Representative.
104. In the first instance, the Branch must make up a team (three or four) to represent the Branch. It is only surplus riders or Branches with insufficient numbers (two or less) that are eligible for the Mixed Area Team.

Eligibility of Horses and Ponies

105. Horses which are currently jumping at 1.20m and under are eligible.
106. All ponies are eligible.
107. Horses and ponies must be 5 years or over.
108. Please note that ponies and horses will be scanned for microchip number at Area Qualifiers and Championships.

Height and Dimension of Fences

109. Height of fences – 1st round – 1.10m
110. 2nd round – 1.10m
111. Speed is 350m per minute.
112. Please note that at the Championships but not the Area Qualifiers, in the second round, two fences may be at 1.15m at the discretion of the course builder and Chief Steward.
113. 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 weather.

Format of Competition for both the qualifier and Championships.

114. Teams consist of 3 or 4 competitors each riding the same horse/pony throughout the competition.
115. The jumping order will be numbered in the programme. The 1st member of each team jumps; they are followed by the 2nd member of each team, then the 3rd member and the 4th member.
116. The Senior team show jumping competition is run over two rounds. A Minimum of 8 fences will be used in the first round which will include a double. Riders will then proceed to jump a second round over a change of course for the second round which will have a double and a combination. That is the competition will be run as a two- phase competition with riders proceeding immediately to jump the second round.
117. The team score is obtained by adding the 3 best scores of the team in the first round plus the three best scores and time in the second round.
118. Elimination of a rider in the first round for a technical fault (e.g., Three refusals) does not exclude that rider from the second round unless that rider is eliminated for a fall.
119. In the first round of an Area Qualifier all 4 members of a team must jump.
120. If after the second round, there is more than one team on equal penalties, all members of the team jump against the clock over a shortened course to decide the winners or places.

121. The best three scores in the jump off round is the jump off score.
122. The lower places are decided on faults and time in the second round.
123. A maximum of four teams will qualify at each area qualifier.

Senior Individual Show Jumping Championship

124. Note: As for 2023/2024 this competition is open to those who jumped in the Senior Teams and to those who jumped in the John Ledingham and who qualify at the qualifier. A rider who rode on the team in the team qualifier and wishes to qualify for the Senior Individual **must** compete in the senior qualifier.

Eligibility of Competitors

125. The Senior Show Jumping Championship is open to competitors who are twelve years old and under twenty-three years on the 1st of January of the current year.
126. Competitors must have passed their "C" test, be riding at C+ standard and capable of jumping a 115cm round of show jumps.
127. A rider who rode in the Senior Team Qualifier or the John Ledingham may also compete in the Individual Qualifier on either the same horse/pony or a different horse/pony.

Eligibility of Horses and Ponies

The eligibility requirements of horses/ponies for those competing on a team as well as in the Individual competition apply for the team horse/pony.

128. For those competing on a different mount to the team mount Horses currently jumping at 1.20m and under are eligible.
129. For those competing on a different mount to the team mount, all ponies are eligible.
130. Horses/Ponies must be 5 years old and over.
131. Please note that horses and ponies will be scanned for microchip number at the Area Qualifier and the Championships.

Height and Dimension of Fences

132. Height of fences – 1st round – 1.10m
133. 2nd round – 1.10m
134. Speed is 350m per minute
135. At the Area Qualifier, the competition will be run over ONE round followed by a jump off for those on equal faults if required. Others will be placed according to their combined faults and their time in the round.
136. At the Championships, the competition will run over one round with a jump off to decide the result.
137. At the Championships, but not at the Area Qualifiers a maximum of two fences will be 1.15m, at the discretion of the course builder and the chief steward.
138. 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 the chief steward depending on ground and weather conditions.

Format for the Senior Individual Competition at the Championships.

139. This competition is judged under the SJI Art.2382.2 which states that those with 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.
140. This competition is run after the Team Championship 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 Senior Team Competition AND AS FOR 2023/2024 and 2025 TO THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE JOHN LEDINGHAM, **provided that** they have qualified at the Area Qualifier for the Senior Individual Championships.
141. A rider who rode in the Senior Team Qualifier and the John Ledingham may also compete in the Individual Qualifier on either the same horse/pony or a different horse/pony.
142. Note eligibility of horse and ponies for the team competitions, should the rider be riding the team horse/pony then that horse/pony must meet the requirements for the relevant team (Senior if on a senior team or John Ledingham if on a John Ledingham team. If riding a different horse/ pony, to the team horse/pony or only entering the senior individual then the horse/pony eligibility requirements listed above for the Senior Individual competition apply.
143. Should the rider have qualified for the Individual Championship it is the combination that competed in the Individual Qualifier that will go forward to the Individual Championship.
144. For clarity a rider who rode on the team in the team qualifier and wishes to qualify for the Senior Individual must compete in the senior qualifier.
145. Riders may compete only once in the individual qualifier and Individual Championship.

A Branch competing at an Area Qualifier in the Senior Team qualifier may bring a team reserve and that team reserve is eligible to compete in the Senior Individual qualifier. Team reserves for the John Ledingham are also eligible to compete in the Senior Individual qualifier.

Show Jumping General Rules

Definition of 'Calendar year' is 1st January to 31st December.

Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending team or individual. If said individual was a member of a qualifying team and their scores contributed to the qualification the team will be disqualified unless the qualification holds up using the discard score.

Penalties

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

Penalties are cumulative.

Falls

When a competitor falls, they must not remount.

Please note that one fall eliminates the rider from that particular competition.

A fallen rider must be seen by medical personnel before jumping again in a different competition.

The team trainer must inform the SJ judge and organisers 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.

Team scoring

Worked examples: how a team's result is arrived at.

First Phase: Best three scores to count for first round team total.

Second Phase: Best three scores PLUS TIME to count for second round team total.

Results in red did not count towards the team totals.

TEAM Qualifier and under 12-TEAM competition at the Championship

Team A	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Average Time in R2
Athlete 1	0	0	60
Athlete 2	0	4	55
Athlete 3	0	4	60
Athlete 4	8	0	65
Totals	0	4	185
Overall Total:	4 Faults in 185 sec.		

Team B	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Average Time in R2
Athlete 1	0	4	55
Athlete 2	0	0	65
Athlete 3	4	0	80
Athlete 4	0	0	70
Totals	0	0	215
Overall Total:	0 Faults in 215 sec.		

Team C	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Average Time in R2
Athlete 1	4	0	55
Athlete 2	4	0	60
Athlete 3	0	0	62
Athlete 4	0	8	50
Totals	4	0	177
Overall Total:	4 Faults in 177 sec.		

Team D	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Average Time in R2
Athlete 1	0	4	55
Athlete 2	0	0	65
Athlete 3	4	0	85
Athlete 4	0	0	70
Totals	0	0	220

Overall Total:	0 Faults in 220 sec.
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Team Results	
First – decided in jump off because team was clear	Team B or D depending on jump off.
Second – decided in jump off because team was clear	Team B or D depending on jump off.
Third	Team C
Fourth	Team A

Note Alice Mernagh individual placings at the final will be based on calculation described in point 32 above.

Team Qualifier and Championship-Robbie Bailey and John Ledingham

Team A	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Actual Time in R2
Athlete 1	0	0	60
Athlete 2	0	4	55
Athlete 3	0	4	60
Athlete 4	8	0	65
Totals	0	4	185
Overall Total:	4 Faults in 185 sec.		

Team B	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Actual Time in R2
Athlete 1	0	4	55
Athlete 2	0	0	65
Athlete 3	4	0	80
Athlete 4	0	0	70
Totals	0	0	215
Overall Total:	0 Faults in 215 sec. Qualifies for Jump-off		

Team C	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Actual Time in R2
Athlete 1	4	0	55
Athlete 2	4	0	60
Athlete 3	0	0	62
Athlete 4	0	8	50
Totals	4	0	177
Overall Total:	4 Faults in 177 sec.		

Team D	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Actual Time in R2
Athlete 1	0	4	55
Athlete 2	0	0	65
Athlete 3	4	0	85

Athlete 4	0	0	70
Totals	0	0	220
Overall Total:	0 Faults in 220 sec. Qualifies for jump off		

Team Results	
First – decided in jump off because team was clear	Team B or D depending on jump off.
Second – decided in jump off because team was clear	Team B or D depending on jump off.
Third	Team C
Fourth	Team A

All athletes on zero will jump off for individual placings. If necessary minor placings will be decided by the athletes' overall faults and time in the second round.

Inspection of the Course

The course 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).

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 practise fences provided in the exercise area. The practise fences will be marked with red and white flags and jumped accordingly. Height of practice fences must not exceed height of fences in a particular competition. Exercise of horses must only take place in the area provided and any competitor that exercises in the 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.

Design of the show jumping Course.

The design of the show jumping course is the responsibility of the course builder, who will take into account the experience of the riders in the different classes. However, there will be no double in the second round of the under 12s. There will be in general 8 fences in the first round of all two-phase competitions. The first round for all combinations will include a double. The second round for all competitions except the under 12s will include a double. The second round for all competitions will include a related distance. There will be no treble.

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 doctor's certificate must be produced to verify such substitutions.

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

Dress and Saddlery

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

NOTE: Pony Club Tie must be worn with a collared shirt.

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:

- a) For dangerous riding
- b) For if in his/her opinion the horse is lame, sick or exhausted.
- c) For misuse of whip or spurs or any ill-treatment of the horse
- d) For not entering the arena when called.
- e) 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 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 protest 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.

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

Area Qualifiers

Members who wish to compete at the Festival Championships must compete at the Area Qualifier in the competition for which they are eligible and 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 for Under 12s, Robbie Bailey and John Ledingham **is that it is run over two rounds**. The best three scores from the first round are added to the best three scores plus time in the second round to decide the placings-see worked examples above. Teams can jump off in the event of equality of faults or placings can be decided by team faults from both rounds and time in second round. Best three scores in both rounds to count. Note for Alice Mernagh time in second round is calculated as per point 30 above in that it is the average time that gives the team result. **For Alice Mernagh Robbie Bailey and John Ledingham at the Championships there will be a jump-off for those teams on zero-see worked examples above**. If it is decided to jump off all teams on zero then for Robbie Bailey and John Ledingham two riders from teams qualifying for the jump off will jump off. For Alice Mernagh ONE rider will be nominated.

At the qualifiers the Senior Team competition is run over two rounds and if a jump off is necessary all four members will jump off to decide the qualifying places. (At the Championships the Senior team will jump one round followed by a jump off round.) At the qualifiers the Senior Individual qualifier, is run over ONE round, plus jump-off, if necessary. (At the Championships the senior individual is run over ONE round plus jump off, if necessary.)

- The **four** 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, 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 (9 X 3 + 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 team(s), plus one reserve per team [i.e., Team of 4 plus 1 reserve]. The reserve jumps Hors Concours at the Area Qualifier and will then be eligible to be substituted to the 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 for when a bona fide certified 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 80 metres with suitable ground conditions in the interest of safety.
4. A warm- up Arena with a minimum of 2 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 fences, which must include a double and a related distance.
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.
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. The Show Organising Committee must ensure the availability of a medical doctor either present or on call. The Show Secretary must have the contact number of the medical doctor. Branch League Training Shows to have a minimum of First Aider with valid Certificate. (Certificates to be furnished to IPC Office) Contact Ambulance Control to alert them in case they are needed. Stand Alone Shows such as Qualifiers and Branch shows to have at a minimum Qualified Paramedic Level Cover. Where practical an ambulance for transporting injured persons to hospital should be available. First Aid cover on site must have good access to all arenas and must be present before competition begins.
15. A Vet on call.
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.

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 11ft. Think SAFETY no sharp edges.

Explanation of Horsemanship Award Judging

The Horsemanship Competition is an attempt to reward riders who show ability, talent and effectiveness. They will not necessarily have the best horse/ponies. Each rider is judged during the

first round only of the Under 12 Team competition, Robbie Bailey, John Ledingham, Senior Team and Senior Individual Show Jumping Championships.

The winners will be those who give their horses/ponies the greatest chance to jump a clear round by:

1. Maintaining rhythm and balance.
2. Intervening only when necessary to keep the horse/pony's attention and to help them to arrive on a good stride for the fence with sufficient impulsion to jump it easily.
3. Giving their mounts the confidence to jump in a settled, supple way by sitting in an independent position (not dependent on the reins) and with an effective leg position at all times on the flat and while jumping.
4. Riding good lines and corners – showing correct use of the arena space. The round should appear purposeful and harmonious.

Judging begins the moment the rider enters the ring (preparation for the round), continues throughout the round and finishes when the rider leaves the ring – the Judges noting whether or not the horse/pony was improved or not as a result of the round.

Riders are judged individually. For team awards, the total marks of all four riders are counted. For teams of three the average mark of the three is taken and added on the fourth score.

Festival Format.

Alice Mernagh: All teams will nominate one rider to jump off for the team if required. This nominated rider can only be substituted by another in the event of the nominated rider being eliminated. All competitors will jump the two rounds, unless they are eliminated for a fall in the first round. If a competitor has a technical elimination in the first round (whether for error of course or three refusals,) they may jump the second round. The team score is obtained by adding the scores of its best three competitors in the first round to the best three scores in the second round and the time of the best three scores in the second round. All teams on zero faults will jump off to determine team placings. A hidden optimum time will be set for the second round which will be used to determine Individual placings. See no. 32 above. This means that riders will be encouraged to ride their rounds correctly and safely, since speed will not determine the placings.

Under 12-competition at the Championship

Team A	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Average Time in R2
Athlete 1	0	0	60
Athlete 2	0	4	55
Athlete 3	0	4	60
Athlete 4	8	0	65
Totals	0	4	185
Overall Total:	4 Faults in 185 sec.		

Team B	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Average Time in R2
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Athlete 1	0	4	55
Athlete 2	0	0	65
Athlete 3	4	0	80
Athlete 4	0	0	70
Totals	0	0	215
Overall Total:	0 Faults in 215 sec. Qualifies for jump off		
Team C	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Average Time in R2
Athlete 1	4	0	55
Athlete 2	4	0	60
Athlete 3	0	0	62
Athlete 4	0	8	50
Totals	4	0	177
Overall Total:	4 Faults in 177 sec.		

Team D	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Average Time in R2
Athlete 1	0	4	55
Athlete 2	0	0	65
Athlete 3	4	0	85
Athlete 4	0	0	70
Totals	0	0	220
Overall Total:	0 Faults in 220 sec. qualifies for jumpoff		

Team Results

First – decided in jump off because team was clear	Team B or D depending on jump off.
Second – decided in jump off because team was clear	Team B or D depending on jump off.
Third	Team C
Fourth	Team A

Note Alice Mernagh individual placings at the final will be based on calculation described in point 32 above

For Robbie Bailey and John Ledingham at the Festival Championships there will be a jump-off for those teams on zero-see worked examples below. Minor placings are decided by the aggregate faults in both rounds and time in the second round. Best three scores to count. All competitors will jump the two rounds, unless they are eliminated for a fall in the first round. If a competitor has a technical elimination in the first round (whether for error of course or three refusals,) they may jump the second round.

Championship-Robbie Bailey and John Ledingham

Team A	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Actual Time in R2

Athlete 1	0	0	60
Athlete 2	0	4	55
Athlete 3	0	4	60
Athlete 4	8	0	65
Totals	0	4	185
Overall Total:	4 Faults in 185 sec.		

Team B	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Actual Time in R2
Athlete 1	0	4	55
Athlete 2	0	0	65
Athlete 3	4	0	80
Athlete 4	0	0	70
Totals	0	0	215
Overall Total:	0 Faults in 215 sec. Qualifies for Jump-off		
Team C	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Actual Time in R2
Athlete 1	4	0	55
Athlete 2	4	0	60
Athlete 3	0	0	62
Athlete 4	0	8	50
Totals	4	0	177
Overall Total:	4 Faults in 177 sec.		

Team D	Round 1 (R1)	Round 2 (R2)	Actual Time in R2
Athlete 1	0	4	55
Athlete 2	0	0	65
Athlete 3	4	0	85
Athlete 4	0	0	70
Totals	0	0	220
Overall Total:	0 Faults in 220 sec. QUALIFIES FOR JUMPOFF		

Team Results	
First	Team B or D depending on jump off.
Second	Team B or D depending on jump off.
Third	Team C
Fourth	Team A

Senior Team and Individuals at the festival.

At the Festival Championships the Senior team will jump one round followed by a jump off round for those teams on a zero score. All four team members will jump off. Minor placings are decided by faults and time in the first round.

Similarly, the senior individual is run over ONE round plus jump off for those on zero score. Minor placings are decided by faults and time in the first round.

With regard to all classes:

All general show jumping rules and eligibility of rider and horse/pony as stated above apply.

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

The four levels are

- Show Jumping Classic up to 1.20m
- Classic Finder up to 1.10m
- Classic Starter up to 1.00m
- Classic 90 up to 90cm

Show Jumping Classic

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be 15 years old and over on the 1st of January in the current year.
- Must have as a minimum the “C” test, have a C+ standard of riding and be capable of jumping 1.20m.
- Must have taken part in three Branch working or training rallies.
- Should the Bursary to McKee Barracks be on offer in the current year this will be awarded. Alternatively, a SJ training bursary will be awarded. Should the Bursary to McKee Barracks be on offer in the current year this can only be won once by a rider. In the event that the same rider should win on more than one occasion, the rider will be awarded a local bursary.

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 148cm.

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.
- Other competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

Classic Finder

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be 14 years old and over on the 1st of January of the current year.

- Must have as a minimum the “C” test ride to a C+ standard and be capable of jumping a course of 1.10m.
- Must have taken part in three branch working/training rallies.

Eligibility of Horse/Pony

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

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.
- 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.
- Other competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

Classic Starter

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be 12 years old and over on 1st of January of the current year.
- Must have as a minimum the C test, have a C+ standard of riding and be capable of jumping a 1m course.
- Must have taken part in 3 branch working/training rallies.

Eligibility of Horse/Pony

- Horse/Pony must be 5 years old and over.
- Open to all grades. Must be capable and have experience in jumping 1m course.
- Ponies must be at least 138cms.

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.
- 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.
- Other competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

Classic 90

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be in his/her 12th year or over on the 1st of January.

- Must have as a minimum “C” test have a C+ standard of riding and be capable of jumping a 90cm track.
- Must have taken part in 3 branch working/training rallies.

Eligibility of Horse/Pony

- Horse/Pony must be 5 years old and over.
- Open to all grades. Must be capable and have experience in jumping 90cm course.
- Ponies must be at least 128cms.

Height of Fences

- Height up to 90 cm

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.
- Other competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

Future Classic stars 80cm competition. (New for 2026).

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be at least 8 years of age and under the age of 12 on the 1st of January of the current year.
- Must have as a minimum “D plus” test have a C standard of riding and be capable of jumping an 80cm track.
- Must have taken part in 3 branch working/training rallies.

Eligibility of Horse/Pony

- Horse/Pony must be 5 years old and over.
- Open to all grades. Must be capable and have experience in jumping 80cm course.
- Ponies must be at least 128cms.

Height of Fences

- Height up to 80 cm

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.
- 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 10 placed combinations in each class are eligible to compete at the Final. Where Area qualifiers are combined, extra qualifying places will be allocated, thus if two Areas combine to run a qualifier the first 20 placed combinations may qualify if considered up to standard.
- 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 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, a combination riding in the 1.10m class can also compete in the 1.00m class or the 120 class and a combination riding in the 1.00m class may also compete in the 90cm class or the 1.10m class. A combination competing in the 90cm class may also compete in the 1.00m class or the 80cm class. Note this is subject to the rider being the correct age for the class. Note further that 128 ponies may ONLY compete in the 90cm class and the new 80cm class.
- A rider may ride 2 horse/ponies at the Final provided it is in 2 different adjacent classes and the combinations have qualified for those classes.
- 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, a combination riding in the 1.10m class can also compete in the 1.00 class and a combination riding in the 1m class may also compete in the 90cm class. Note this is subject to the rider being the correct age for the class. A combination competing in the 90cm class may compete in the 80cm class provided the rider is the correct age for the class (i.e. in their 12th year but not 12 or over on the first of January. Note further that 128 ponies may ONLY compete in the 90cm class and the new 80cm 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 at the 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.
- The same applies for the 1.00m combination, if not qualified for that height it can jump at 90cm 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 in 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 place combination).

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

At the final depending on entries, it is proposed to run a qualifier/warm up class for the 110 and 120 competitions. This will run in the morning and depending on the placings, riders who have not previously qualified will qualify for the finals to be held in the afternoon. It will be run as a one round speed round and qualified riders may also enter this as a warm up round. There will be placings first to sixth. The first six (decided on time) who are not already qualified for the final will qualify for the final even if they are not placed in the class. However, A horse or pony may not be ridden in more than 3 classes on the day as per SJI rules-article 254N.A1.2. In other words, if a horse/pony has jumped in both the 110cm and 120m qualifier classic classes in order to qualify for the final it may only compete in one final class. Similarly, if a horse/pony is qualified for both the 110cm and 120 classic finals and is jumping a warm up round it may jump in only 1 warm up round.

Consolation classes for those not placed in the 1m and 90cm classes may be run after the 1m and 90 cm classes. These will be run as one round speed classes. Those not qualified for the classic classes may also enter, provided they meet the criteria for rider and pony/horse for those classes. However, A horse or pony may not be ridden in more than 3 classes on the day as per SJI rules-article 254N.A1.2. In other words, if a horse/pony has jumped in both the 90cm and 1m classic classes it may only compete in one consolation class.

Other classes for may be run at both qualifiers and the final. These are separate to the show jumping classic classes and will range in heights from cross poles up to maximum 75cm. Those qualified for the 80cm class may compete in the 75cm class. They are not qualifiers.

Addendum guide to be read in conjunction with show jumping tack sheet 2026

This guide to be read in conjunction with showjumping tack sheet. See also SJI appendix 2025 permitted bits and nosebands below.

BITS:

All snaffle bits (except Magennis snaffles, see below) allowed. Here are some samples



Eggbutt snaffle (ALLOWED)



Dee ring snaffle (ALLOWED)



Waterford loose ring snaffle (ALLOWED)



Waterford snaffle (ALLOWED)



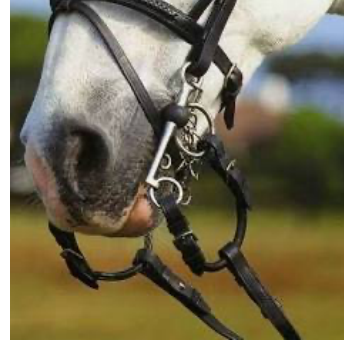
Fulmer full cheek snaffle (ALLOWED)



Twisted eggbutt snaffle (ALLOWED)



Kimblewick (ALLOWED)



Pelham with roundings (ALLOWED)

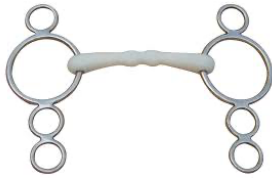


Cheltenham gag (ALLOWED)



Dutchgag three rings double jointed (ALLOWED)

Continental gag (ALLOWED)



Tom Thumb with curb (ALLOWED)

Tom Thumb Bits

American or Western Tom Thumb



Shanks are vertical & straight, always.
Shanks are typically no longer than 4-4.5"

NOT Tom Thumb Bits



(Aussie, Oz, Kiwi or New Zealand Tom Thumb)



This is also called a Tom Thumb
in Australia and New Zealand.

(English or UK Tom Thumb)



This is also called a Tom Thumb
in England and the UK.

Tom Thumb (ALLOWED) with curb

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED (SEE SJI RULES_EXTRACT below)

Pessoa Waterford snaffle NOT Allowed



MAGENNIS SNAFFLES SEE BELOW NOT ALLOWED

Elevators not allowed

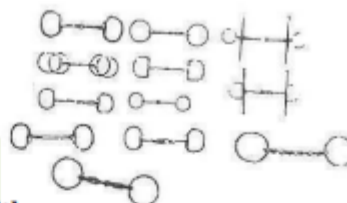


APPENDIX 2 PERMITTED PONY BITS AND NOSEBANDS

Snaffle

Mouthpieces can be straight, jointed or linked. Roller, Waterford snaffle and Cherry roller also allowed. Sides may be loose ring, egg Butt, D-ring, half or full cheek.

Magennis snaffle NOT allowed.



Pelham

Pelham Mullen mouth, with port or jointed with or without link. Must be used with D-strap (rounding's). Chain if used must have a leather or rubber guard.



Kimblewick

Use with rein in any slot. Chain if used must have a leather or rubber guard.



Cheltenham Gag

Use with single rein. Plain or jointed.



American Gag

Plain or jointed. Shank measured from top to bottom must not exceed 7.5" (19cm) (see diagram). Must NOT be used with strap or chain behind bit.



Continental Gag

(Also, known as Swedish-Belgium-Dutch Gag or Pessoa Bit). Plain or jointed. Use with rein in any of the three rings or with D-Strap (rounding's) Shank measured from top to bottom must not exceed 6.3" (16cm) (see diagram). May be used with strap or covered chain behind the bit.



All of the above may be made of metal, nylon or covered with rubber. Bits with double mouthpieces are not allowed. All bits must be used with single reins only. Only rounded smooth mouthpieces are allowed.

The Judges of any competition can decide whether a bit is abnormal or cruel and therefore may not be used. It is recognised that other bits may come onto the market and the owner has the right to submit any such bit to the SJI for approval through the National Judges Committee & the National Board Of Directors Committee. If such approval is granted the bit may then be used from the time as published on the SJI Website/Newsletter.

Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from material other than leather are not permitted with the exception of the front part of the noseband which may be optionally made of flat, not abrasive leather like material. Sheepskin on the noseband is permitted. A small disk of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

Both of the Pessoa snaffles pictured below are allowed; however, the maximum cheek length remains 16cms.



The use of a connecting strap is allowed.

A Pessoa snaffle as a Waterford snaffle type (pictured below) is not allowed.

A Pessoa snaffle as a Waterford snaffle type



Dropped Noseband



Cavesson Noseband



Flash Noseband



Crossed Noseband



Micklem Bridle



Variations of the Above, such as but not limited to the Micklem Bridle pictured above, maybe permitted providing they comply with the provision of this paragraph and are properly fitted and do not interfere with the Pony's breathing (refer to the Stewards manual for Jumping for further details).

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Two separate nosebands are not allowed.

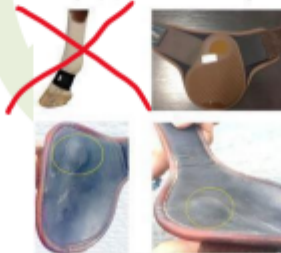
Boots not Permitted. – (Reference Page 82)

Both versions of the fetlock boots if used as pictured below are not allowed under any circumstances.



The following hind boot is not allowed in Young Horse Competitions or pony competitions: (For the sake of clarity, the inside of these boots must be flat and have no pressure pads)

The following examples pictured below are not allowed in Young Horse Competitions:



The same applies to any hind boot that has one or more pressure pads.

PINCH Boots are not allowed. The inside of the boots must be smooth.