

# THE GOSLING CUP

Sunday 15th JUNE 2025

**Kindly sponsored by Richmonds Coaches**

Open to all invited branches of Area 8

HOSTED BY THE PUCKERIDGE HUNT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB

Venue: Horseheath Racecourse, off A1307, Horseheath, Haverhill CB21 4QP

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What 3 Words: ///trying.foiled.ironic

The Gosling Cup is a well-established and long-running competition, unique to Area 8. It is open to teams of 4 from invited branches of Area 8. The competition consists of:

**Turnout of Pony & Rider:** There will be a turnout award for the best turned out Team. Team to report at their time and be judged as a whole team.

**Individual Dressage Test:** PC80 2018.

**Team Ride:** A special quadrille dressage test, in which all four ponies are in the arena together. The Test can be found here: <https://branches.pcuk.org/area8/files/2015/03/Gosling-Cup-Team-Ride.pdf>

**Show Jumping:** Max height of jumps 80cm

**Cross Country:** Includes some simple challenges e.g. opening gates. Max height of jumps 80cm

Each member branch is entitled to enter up to three teams, A, B and C. "C" teams may be subject to a ballot depending upon the number of A and B teams. Teams must consist of 4 members.

There will be an individual section for Non-Team members to compete in (no team ride).

**We will also be holding the Area 8 PC 70cm and PC70cm + Eventing Regional Qualifier on the same day.**

**See separate schedule for these competitions.**

Order of classes will be decided after entries close.

**Course Description:** The courses will be up to height and technicality.

**XC course designer:** Hector Payne & Michael Payne

**Entries Open:** On publication of schedule

**Entries Close/Withdrawal Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 at midnight. No late entries.

Times will be published on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (after 6pm) via Pony Club Results

Course Walking: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 2pm – 6pm (and on the day)

Information such as course maps etc will be found on the Puckeridge Hunt website closer to the event, and also the dedicated Facebook Page The Gosling Cup. Please follow the page for further information and updates.

## EVENT CONTACTS

Event hosts: The Puckeridge Hunt Pony Club

Organiser: Heidi Sharp & Sophie Payne [heidieagle@gmail.com](mailto:heidieagle@gmail.com) / [sophiecbpayne@msn.com](mailto:sophiecbpayne@msn.com) (email contact preferred)

Secretary: Monique Sharp [moniquessharp03@gmail.com](mailto:moniquessharp03@gmail.com) (email contact preferred)

## ENTRY FEES

Team entry: £260 (must be team of 4)

Individual Entry: £65

Includes medical cover

## ENTRIES

All entries should be made online at Horse Events [Horse Events and Equestrian Training Clinics](#)

This is a single booking form process, and entries will not be confirmed without payment. All entries include medical cover.

**Entries for both Teams and Individuals must have been approved by your Branch DC or Centre Proprietor.**

For any entry changes (rider change, horse change, class change, withdrawal etc) before the closing date please log onto your Horse Events account and make the changes. After the closing date please contact the event secretary for any changes

## RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

Rules for the Gosling Cup can be found here: [Gosling Cup - Area 8](#) – or please contact your DC.

<https://pcuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Eventing-Rulebook-Cover-2025.png>

## ON THE DAY

There will be catering facilities will be on site for snacks and drinks throughout the day.

Photographer: Richard Weller-Poley Photography, [www.rwpphoto.com](http://www.rwpphoto.com) 01787 281683 [info@rwpphoto.com](mailto:info@rwpphoto.com)

Live results on the day will be available via a web link made available nearer the time

Dogs are welcome but **MUST** be always on a short lead in all areas of the venue.

## WITHDRAWALS & REFUNDS

Full refunds will be given up until the closing date (subject to an admin charge of £5.00).

After the closing date no refunds will be made without a doctor or vet certificate, unless there is a waiting list and we can fill your place. In this case a refund will be given (subject to an admin charge of £5.00).

If the event is cancelled before the closing date a full refund will be given minus the admin charge.

If the event is cancelled after the closing date (but before the start of the competition) entries will be refunded minus an admin charge of £15.00.

If the event is abandoned (after it has started) 50% of the entry fee will be refunded to those who have not already competed.

Please note: booking fees are non-refundable in all cases.

Before the closing date please login to your Horse Events account to cancel your entry. Any refund due will be processed automatically. To withdraw after the closing date please contact the Event Secretary.

## PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING

There will be a mounted prizegiving at the end of the day.

## ENTRY CONDITIONS

- To be run in accordance with Pony Club Eventing Rules 2025 and Gosling Cup Rules 2025. PC Eventing rules are available via the Pony Club Website. Please take special note of the updated spur rule. (Yellow Tags)
- A body protector is compulsory for all Pony Club Cross Country riding (including Arena Eventing) and Pony Racing activities whether it be training or competition. A body protector for these activities must meet BETA 2018 Level 3 Standard (blue and black label)
- AIR JACKETS If a rider chooses to wear an air jacket in Cross Country or Pony Racing, it must only be used in addition with a normal body protector which meets BETA 2018 Level 3 standard (blue and black label).
- No commanders for dressage
- Time penalties will be awarded for going too slowly.
- No stop watches allowed.
- Skull caps must be worn at all levels of XC.
- Please ensure you comply with 2025 Pony Club hat tagging (pink tags), body protector and medical armband rules. Sleeves must cover the shoulders for the XC phase.
- Please note the new whip rule for 2022 onwards (SJ and XC): A whip, if carried, must be held in the hand by the handle with the handle at the top. The whip must be "padded". The maximum length of the "Whip" is 70cm and must be no less than 45cm. For full details follow the link above for rulebook.  
For dressage – a whip any length may be carried.
- No horses/ponies under 5 years of age can compete.
- No horse will be allowed to compete more than once.
- The Judges' decision is final. Any objections should be made to the Secretary on the day.
- Any outside assistance or interference by anyone other than an OFFICIAL will result in elimination.

- Photographic Rights – competitors and their parents/guardians have given permission for any photographic and/or film or TV footage taken of persons or horses/ponies taking part in Pony Club events to be used and published in any media whatsoever for editorial purposes, press information or advertising by or on behalf of the Pony Club and/or Official Sponsors of the Pony Club.
- A valid passport and vaccination record must accompany the horse/pony to this event and must be available for inspection if required by event officials. Vaccinations must be in accordance with the Pony Club Eventing Rule Book 2025.
- Hair must be tied back securely and above the collar preferably in a hairnet.
- Please bring a number bib and provide your own number. A template for number printing is available on Horse Events.
- A condition of entry is that each branch shall provide 2 volunteers for the day. Please send details to
- Any requests for reasonable adjustment must be made before the closing date.  
<https://pcuk.org/officials/equality-diversity/reasonable-adjustment/>

## LEGAL LIABILITY

LEGAL LIABILITY Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor the Pony Club, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever.

## HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE

The Organisers of this Event have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organisers and all the Officials and Stewards.

*Each Club will park in their team areas and other parking will be free of charge.*