

**AREA 8 BRANCH & CENTRE QUALIFIERS for
THE PONY CLUB NATIONAL QUIZ FINAL 2024**

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Venue: Risby Village Hall, Aylmer Close, Risby, near Bury St Edmunds, IP28 6RT

Date: Sunday 3rd March 2024

Mini Competition: Book in at 09:30 ready for a 10:00 start. Prizegiving at noon (approx)

**Junior/Senior Competition: Book in at 13:30 ready for a 14:00 start.
Prizegiving at 16:30 (approx)**

Team rosettes to 6th place for both Mini and Junior/Senior Competitions. Branches and Centres will not be separated. The winning Branch and Centre in each competition will qualify for the National Final (to be held on Saturday 20th April 2024 at Sheffield Wednesday Football Club). *Other teams may qualify depending on the final number of teams participating on the day.

Plenty of **free parking** is available at the Village Hall (directions will be on Pony Club Results nearer to the date of the competition). Also note, there is a children's playground in the grounds of the Village Hall and an **electric vehicle charging point**.

While the competition is taking place there will be a separate room for the parents/guardians. This room is not as big as the main hall, and it may get very busy. If the weather is good, then there is an outside seating area. It may be advisable for parents not helping to perhaps leave the hall completely (there is a Tesco/Asda not too far away) while the competition is live. Please can teams limit the number of supporters attending to take pressure off of the indoor space.

TEAMS

Please can each Branch/Centre provide at least 1/2 helpers per individual team. Please reassure your volunteer helpers that they do not need to have any horse knowledge. All question-and-answer sheets and equipment are provided. They do not have to score anything themselves. All answer sheets will be taken to the scorers, who will decide on correct answers. Each round will be timed. A separate volunteer will time each round, and a horn will sound before each round and at the end of each round. Please encourage your parents to volunteer.

If any of your volunteers would like to help with scoring, please let me know ASAP. I would appreciate knowing the names of all volunteers before Sunday.

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Could you make sure your **teams register their arrival** in the reception area of the hall. Each team will be given a team number by us on arrival. Please can you bring one number bib per team

(we will provide the number to go in it) so we can easily identify the teams as they move around the quiz rounds.

There will be a **briefing** in the main hall before we start the competition, and each team will be allocated a table for their first round. Each table will be numbered. At the end of each round the teams will be directed to their next table or activity by the volunteer.

Score sheets will be collected after each round and taken to the scoring team. Again, no quiz table volunteer will have to make a decision on right or wrong answers.

Teams rotate **8 minutes per round**. There is then a 2 min break between each round to move to the next table.

A hooter will sound at start and end of each round, with a whistle indicating 2 minutes of the quiz round left.

Results will be live throughout the day on www.ponyclubresults.co.uk and just search for Area 8 quiz.

Competitors should dress in an appropriate manner suitable for representing their Branch/Centre.

- PC sweatshirt/polo shirt/jacket
- Comfortable trousers/footwear

All competitors will receive a **competitor's rosette**. Please make sure all the team members collect them at the end of the competition.

Please can each team bring a plate of savoury food (sandwiches, sausage rolls, crisps, etc.) and one cake (or eight cupcakes/biscuits) to share with everyone. Last year we had a lot of cakes, so please try to bring savouries or maybe some fruit. Hot and cold drinks will be provided, but it would be useful if **competitors brought their own water bottle**.

There will be an **optional mascot competition** with a Mini and a Junior/Senior prize winner. These will be put on a separate table for an independent judge to choose the winners.

Complaints/queries

First, please remember that we are all volunteers and are simply doing our best. Any concerns should be raised politely by the team manager only. There will be a minimum of 30 minutes between handing out scoresheets and prize giving, allowing time for any queries to be addressed. Remember too that we are following the answers given by Pony Club HQ.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all on Sunday. We hope everyone will have an enjoyable and fun day.

Good luck to all the teams.

Jane and Susanne
Quiz Organisers