

Poole & District Branch of The Pony Club invite you to...

**Area 14 Mounted Games Competition
Sunday 21st April 2024 @ Canford Park Arena**

**PONY
CLUB**



- Area Junior Teams
- Area Senior Teams
- Area Pairs
- 'Just for Fun' Novice Teams (2pm)

What3Words Location

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All Competitions run under the Mounted Games Rulebook 2024

**Novice Team Competition running after the Area Teams and Pairs have finished
– start time will not be before 2.00pm**

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HOW TO FIND US

Location: Canford Park Arena, Arena Way, Off Magna Road, Wimborne, Dorset
Post Code: BH21 3AP
Grid Reference: SU 037847
What 3 Words: stream.asks.ramps

DIRECTIONS

Entrance on the day to the arena will be through Gate 2. There is easy access via tarmac and gravel road ways.

PARKING

Please park on the hardstanding only and clear up all hay, droppings and rubbish after yourselves. There will be a skip for hay and manure, and a wheelie bin for rubbish. There is a water point on site. The venue is not usually used for equestrian events so please clear as much of your droppings as possible, even on the grass.

CATERING

There will be a mobile catering company on site for competitors and spectators. Officials, DC's and team trainers will be provided with a food and drink voucher to use at the catering.

OFFICIALS

OFFICIAL STEWARD	Marian Harding
STARTER	Marian Harding
AREA REPRESENTATIVE	Louly Thornycroft
TURNOUT JUDGES	Louly Thornycroft & Sarah Chandler
EQUIPMENT CO-ORDINATORS	Poole Pony Club Parents
LINE JUDGES & SCORERS	Heather Burridge & Lyn Mariner
LINE STEWARDS	Nominated from each team
COMMENTATOR	Ian Mariner
FIRST AID	XXX
VET ON CALL	The Barn Equine Surgery (01202 823512)

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

9.45am	Senior Tack & Turnout Inspection
10.00am	Declarations & Briefing (Please bring Horse Passports)
10.30am	Senior Parade & Games Commence
10.30am	Junior Tack & Turnout inspection
11.15am	Junior Parade & Games Commence
11.15pm	Pairs Tack & Turnout inspection
12.00pm	Pairs Parade & Games Commence
12.45pm	LUNCH BREAK
2.00pm	Novice Parade & Games Commence

Please Note – Junior, Senior & Pairs team trainers will need to attend the 10am Briefing.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RIGHTS

By entering this competition, competitors and their guardians give permission for any photographic and/or film or TV footage taken of persons taking part this event 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.

HEALTH & SAFETY

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.

LEGAL LIABILITY

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

**THE PONY CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING
SPONSORS OF THE 2024 MOUNTED GAMES RACES**



NOVICE 'JUST FOR FUN' FRIENDLY COMPETITION

*After the Area 14 Competition has concluded we will be running a 'Just for Fun' Novice Mounted Games Competition.
The aim is for it to be a very relaxed stress-free friendly event*

GUIDANCE FROM PONY CLUB HEADQUARTERS

Novice competitions are the ideal starting platform for young riders from 4 years old to learn the sport of Pony Club Mounted Games.

These competitions are envisaged as a preliminary step for children wishing to compete at Area Pony Club Mounted Games. The spirit of the novice games is about encouraging children to take part and achieve, with suitable support and simplified races.

It is envisaged that children who are managing novice games competently will progress quickly into Junior/ PPC mounted games teams.

Novice level competitions can be run very successfully as part of Branch/ Centre friendly competitions using the same arena and equipment. To help children start to learn Mounted Games rules, competitions should be run according to The Pony Club Mounted Games Rule Book, with some additional guidelines, see below. Please note that novice competition is for Members learning the skills and rules of Pony Club Mounted Games (who may need a leader).

1. Ponies may be ridden in any normal riding bit with a single rein, excluding English gags and bitless bridles (grass reins may be used)
2. Trainers are allowed to be with their team and talk the Members through the races.
3. Ponies may be led, but help may only be given by the leader for safety reasons.
4. A leader may leg up children too small to mount.
5. Children should correct their errors, dismounting, if necessary, but may be helped to remount.
6. The safety of the children and ponies is paramount, and it is the responsibility of the trainers and DC's to ensure that children are suitably mounted.
7. It is recommended that heats are scored according to placings rather than heats and finals.
8. Members who are confidently competing at novice level should be encouraged to compete at Area Competitions (Junior/PP Cup)
9. Entry Fees to be kept by the organising Branch.
10. Complete a declaration form.

Further information on the Novice Competitions can be found on the Pony Club website at <https://pcuk.org/sports/mounted-games/competitions-and-events/novice-competitions/>

Who is a Novice?

- On the lead rein
- Requiring assistance
- New to Mounted Games

The idea for Novice is to help the child do as much themselves as possible. Not a 'who can run faster' between the parents. Please attach the lead rein to the noseband and do not 'drag' the pony.

If a child makes a mistake please help them to dismount and correct the error themselves before assisting them to remount if needed.

Trainers

Each team will need a 'Trainer' to take charge of the team in the ring.

Trainers will be responsible for checking that their teams tack is safe and that the rider is wearing the current 'Hat Tag' colour PINK for 2024.

What to wear... Riders?

No Bibs... No Problem! As long as your team dress similarly or in your Branch colour so our scoring team can tell the teams apart. Tops must be long sleeved.

What to wear... Ponies?

Novices are very welcome to use grass reins, nose nets or balance straps.

Daisy reins are also useful for small children who don't have the upper body strength to outsmart cheeky ponies as they dive for grass.

Ponies may be ridden in any normal riding bit with a single rein, excluding English gags and bitless bridles

Remember the aim is safe, encouraging fun for the whole family, enjoy!