

Carlow Hunt Pony Club Rules

Please make yourself familiar with the Irish Pony Club Rule Book for each Discipline.

The following are specific rules for members of Carlow Hunt Pony club.

Rallies

- Members are required to sign up for rallies on Itsplainsailing before the closing date which is normally 6 days before the rally. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the co-ordinator depending on the groups and availability of instructors.

Mounted Games

- Members who wish to be picked on teams to represent the club need to make a reasonable effort to attend regular training sessions. Team selection is at the discretion of the trainers and DC's.

Minimus/Tetrathlon Team Selection

- Riders must compete in the CHPC cross country trial and at least 1 of the run/swim trials. CHPC will run 2 swim/run trials every year and competitors must compete in 1. Competitors are not allowed to run at one trial and swim at another. A shooting trial will apply for Tetrathlon.
- Trials are run and scored as per IPC Minimus/Tetrathlon championships
The score from cross country and the competitors best trial of run/swim (and shoot) is combined to give the riders overall score.
Riders will be ranked at the end of the 3/ 4 phases and ordered into teams of 4, or part of a team.

- The following rule applies in the event of a pony getting injured.

If a pony gets injured (vet cert is produced) after the team trials the members parent has to state within 1 week whether they want to renege their ranked placing and move to the lowest team with a new pony, or whether they wish to nominate a replacement pony to maintain their team placing. The pony nominated to maintain their team placing must be of a suitable standing and experience as the injured pony and ideally have competed at a minimus successfully before. If the parent choses to nominate a pony, the pony's credentials are put forward to the following people- DC, minimus co-ordinator and minimus chef d'equip. This group will consider the pony's experience, recent form and compatibility with the rider. This group has the final say as to whether the pony is a suitable replacement. If deemed suitable the member maintains their team ranking, and if found not to be of suitable standing the member loses their cross country points and is placed on a team accordingly. Once teams are entered with the IPC the teams are locked down (ie- no movement of members up or down) and attempts will be made to find a suitable alternative

pony. If no alternative pony can be found, a team of 3 will go forward to the championship. If either the DC, chef d'equipe or minimus coordinator is the parent of the rider with the injured pony the DC must nominate a different person to assess a replacement pony and the affected parent must not be involved in this assessment.

Dressage

- If more than 4 members wish to be on the Pure Dressage Team/s, then 1 local CHPC qualifier will decide the team/s. Places will be given in order of best dressage scores followed by the next best in descending order.

Eventing

- Where more than 4 members qualify for the IPC championships, those interested in team selection will be ranked on basis of performance on the Red Mills League Table. The DC will refer to the league table and select competitors for team placings accordingly.

Show jumping

- CHPC will run 3 show jumping trials, not necessarily at the same venue, both rider and pony have to compete in *at least 1 trial to be eligible* for team selection.
- If a rider chooses to compete in all 3 qualifiers, the best 2 results from the 3 qualifiers will be counted for ranking and team selection.
- The trial competitions will be run as a two phase competition (with a time allowed), those who have a double clear will be invited back in for a jump-off round. (If time allows, those who did not have a double clear may be allowed back in to jump a third round but this will not be for a placing).
- Points will be allocated as follows: Attendance – 3 points, Clear first phase – 5 points, Clear second phase – 4 points. Additional points will be allocated as follows: 20 points for 1st place, 18 points for 2nd place, 16 points for 3rd place, 14 points for 4th place, 12 points for 5th place, 10 points for 6th place, 8 points for 7th place, and 6 points for 8th place. In the event that less than 8 competitors get into the jump off, the remaining places will be decided by the fastest time of the second rounds from those who were clear in the first round.

Where there are competitors on equal points the “Golden Goal Rule” applies i.e.; results from the first qualifier will differentiate the placing between competitors on equal points.

- Riders will be ranked at the end of the 3 trials and ordered into descending teams of 4 down the league table. The last team may be made up of 3 riders should no more competitors be on the table. Otherwise remaining riders will be reserves.
- For the remaining lower places where we have a number of competitors on equal points after using the “Golden Goal Rule” a draw will take place to fill the teams.
- If a rider is riding 2 ponies, their first pony jumped will be deemed as the nominated pony for the qualifiers.
- The Ground Committee on the day will make all decisions and their decision is final.
- An appeal must be lodged in writing with a €25 refundable deposit (if appeal upheld) within 30 minutes of the final result declared.

The results of the appeal will be released within 48 hours.

- Once team selection is made, parents must confirm with the event co-ordinator via text message, that they are available to attend the area qualifier and championship competition.
- The chef d'equip of the team will decide at the regional qualifier and championship which two riders will compete in the jump off, if required to do so.

In the event of riders not being able to compete or their pony gets injured the following rules will apply:

1. If the rider/pony drop out before the area qualifier commences, all competitors move up a place and if the rider has an alternative pony they move down.
2. If the rider/pony drops out from a qualified team after the area qualifier but before the entries are made to the IPC, then all competitors move up a place, (Where more than 1 CHPC team qualifies for the festival, the teams are ranked in accordance with their placing at the regional qualifier) and if the rider has an alternative pony they move down.
3. If the rider/pony drops out after entries are made to the festival, the teams are locked and the highest ranked competitor from the CHPC trials who jumped at the qualifier gets called up onto the team impacted.

Hunter Trials

- Pairs and Teams of 3 are self-selected.

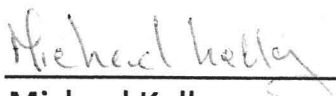
For Your Information:

Irish Pony Club Rule

The DC has to verify that every entry made by their members to IPC events outside our own club are correct. (Competitor has entered right age category, is eligible to compete etc)

This occurs when the entry is made via ItsPlainSailing, copy is sent to the club's DC.

Signed:



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