

The Berkeley Group Pony Club Championships 2018

PLEASE READ - IMPORTANT COMPETITORS INFORMATION



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from Thursday, 16th August

PERSONNEL

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Dressage / Dressage to Music:	Helen Griffiths	Laura Armstrong
Eventing:	Liz Lyll	Helen Hart
Show Jumping:	James Loffet	Kelly Wright
Mounted Games:	Marcus Capel	Emma Holliwell
Horse & Pony Care Competition:	Martin Wright	Becky Davies
Polocrosse:	Jan Whitehead	Laura Armstrong
Centre Membership:	Katy Powell-Jones	Lucy Goler
Musical Ride Competition:	Clare Boardman	Laura Armstrong

DIRECTIONS

Cholmondeley Castle, Malpas, Cheshire is situated on the A49, the main North-South route from Warrington to Shrewsbury.

There are excellent links to the motorway network.

Travelling South on the M6, take the Chester M56 junction and then A49 South at junction 10.

Travelling North from Birmingham on the M6, take the M54 junction 3 and then A41 North to Whitchurch. Then A49 from Whitchurch to Cholmondeley.

Please read The Pony Club Championships road signs carefully on the approach and enter via the appropriate gate

SITE MAINTAINENCE

We are privileged to be allowed to use this site. Please make sure that you keep the area around your horsebox tidy and put **ALL** rubbish in the bins provided to ensure the smooth running of the Championships.

All the rubbish collected from this site will be sorted and recycled as appropriate.

SITE MAPS

There will be a number of site maps displayed around the whole site and in the programme.

STABLING & CAMPING

Stabling will be on-site. The stabling is located in the middle of the event/showground. Additional stabling is available off-site. Details can be found on the Musketeer website.

ALL STABLING ENQUIRIES WILL BE DEALT WITH BY MUSKETEER EVENT MANAGEMENT,
NOT THE PONY CLUB OFFICE.

All stabling and Camping booking will be taken online at www.musketeer.co.uk.

The costs for stabling are as follows:

Stabling Costs: 1 night: £60.00 / 2 nights: £93.00 / 3 nights: £126.00 / 4 nights £145.00 / 5 or more nights £150. ONE CAMPING PLACE IS FREE FOR EACH STABLE BOOKED.

Additional Camping space: £11.00 per night. All costs are inclusive of VAT.

<http://www.musketeer.co.uk/?event=the-pony-club-championships>

PENNING - Penning is available, BUT ONLY FOR COMPETITORS IN MOUNTED GAMES AND POLOCROSSE. Please contact The Pony Club if you require details. **The cost for penning is charged at £18 per pony per night, which includes one vehicle camping pass.** Any additional vehicle passes will be charged £11 per night.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

In the event of fire please inform an Official immediately.

Fire evacuation procedures for all camping areas will be posted in prominent places. You must ensure that you familiarise yourself with fire muster points

Disposable BBQs and Campfires are not permitted anywhere on the Cholmondeley estate

****The Pony Club reserves the right in the event of prolonged dry weather to ban all BBQs and open flames of any sort (including gas BBQs) ****

HORSEBOX PARKING

Competitors wishing to park next to friends in either the stable or day lorry park will be accommodated if possible, but this would be facilitated by competitors arranging to arrive at the same time as each other. **Please be aware that there could be a risk in parking under trees with large low branches and be ready to follow the advice of the parking marshals at all times.**

VETERINARY

A Vet will be on-site during competition hours and on-call overnight. Please contact the Stable Manager or Secretaries Office if required. All treatment must be paid for.

Competitors are advised that lots of fly repellent may be required!

PASSPORTS AND VACCINATIONS

A valid passport and vaccination record must accompany the horse to site - whether they are using the stabling or coming for the day.

No horse may take part in the Championships unless it complies with the vaccination rules (please see individual sport rule books or Page 25 in the Health and Safety Rule book; https://www.pcuk.org/uploads/vaccs_rule_18.pdf)

The record of vaccination in the Horses passport MUST be completed by the appropriate veterinary surgeon in which the record of injections is completed signed and stamped line by line.

Passports and Vaccination Certificates MUST be presented by ALL competitors at the Vaccination checking point (in the Secretaries office) before any horse takes part in any competition. In the event of any potential discrepancies these will be assessed by a formal panel of trained professionals. If these discrepancies do not meet the required vaccination rule then the competitor will not be able to compete and will be required to leave the site. The panel's decision is final.

FARRIER

A farrier will be available during competition hours. All work must be paid for.

MEDICAL

A Doctor, Paramedic or First Aider will be on-site during competition hours. If any member of the public requires First Aid please contact the Secretaries Office or visit the First Aid point which will be situated within the trade stand area and will be clearly marked. A First Aider will be available over night, contact details will be available at the Stable Managers and Penning Managers office.

DISABLED PARKING

Disabled Parking – will be available on presentation of a Registered Disabled Person's Car Badge, but please note that this is not necessarily ringside parking. The site is a green field site, there are a lot of horses moving around the site, so close vehicular access to the rings is not possible, especially if the weather is wet. Parking is available fairly close to the centre for those with a Blue Badge. If anyone else has difficulty walking long distances, i.e. with a broken leg or similar, they can obtain a pass for this area by applying to The Pony Club Office prior to the Championships. Please note there are no Mobility scooters available. If anyone wishes to bring their own disabled scooter, these are only allowed in the pedestrian areas of the show ground

OTHER VEHICLES

Please note that private cars may only be driven to and from the car parks. **Cars WILL NOT be permitted** on the Showground and Cross Country Course at any time unless driven by an Authorised Official or Steward. No quad bikes, mopeds or similar are permitted. Push bikes are allowed, but they must not go at excessive speed near to horses and pedestrians. **ELECTRIC BIKES/SCOOTERS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY AREA ON SITE. Any person seen to be driving/riding such will be asked to leave site.**

There will be a free shuttle service available around the show ground during the hours of competition.

THE SECRETARIES' OFFICE

The Secretaries' Office will be the point of contact for all competitor queries and for the collection of all competition numbers and passport vaccination checks.

WELCOME EVENINGS

During each evening from Thursday – Monday inclusive, there will be a Rider welcome and briefing in the entertainment marquee for ALL riders. This will also include an Eventing specific briefing. The briefings will take place at approximately 7pm each evening, depending on the finish time of competition each day, but a note will be posted at the Secretary and on Facebook and Twitter. The Mentors will also be around to give talks on dealing with competition nerves and competition preparation.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO RIDER TRAINING

Returning to the PC Championships for a 4th time, the 'Holistic Rider Training' stand, nicknamed 'The Massage Stand' will be back in 2018.

Enjoy a massage or reflexology taster treatment to invigorate and prepare you for the competition ahead, to pinpoint tightness or an imbalance in your position, to help with your recovery after a hard day or just to relax. There is also advice on breathing techniques and essential oils to help increase focus & control nerves, and the use of equipment to improve core strength and fitness.

Treatments for competitors are £5 and all others including parents, helpers, trainers, siblings and anyone else interested, are £10. We also offer free treatments for Championship volunteers.

The treatments will be available throughout the day on most days and last 20 minutes. They should be booked and pre-paid at the stand. We plan to start treatments from midday on Friday, so come earlier to book.

The relaxed sitting area will be available again this year for you to enjoy a few minutes of peace, to see how Complementary Therapies can improve your riding experience, or just come and say hello and have a chat as we love to hear how you are doing - looking forward to seeing you there.

CATERING

The Showground caterer will be open from 7.30am and will continue to serve food into the evening. Catering will be available in the Stable area and Penning areas all day and during the evenings.

HATS

Competitors will be required to wear the correct hat at all times when mounted with the chinstrap fastened and adjusted so as to prevent movement of the helmet in the event of a fall. Details of the required Pony Club hat standards can be found here:

http://www.pcuk.org/uploads/Hat_Rule_2018_FINAL.pdf

All hats will be checked and any competitor found to be wearing the wrong standard hat will not be permitted to compete.

BODY PROTECTORS

Competitors will be required to wear body protectors for Cross Country. Body Protectors must meet BETA 2009 Level 3 (Purple label)

http://www.pcuk.org/uploads/Body_Protector_Rule_2018.pdf

Any competitor not wearing the correct standard body protector will not be permitted to compete.

AIR JACKETS

If an air jacket is to be worn, it must only be used in addition to a BETA 2009 Level 3 body protector being worn underneath.

EXERCISING / WARMING UP

There will be a designated exercise area by the stables for riders who are not warming up for the competition. There will be a warm up area for Games and Polocrosse, near the Games arena.

Whilst doing any exercising and warming up, competition rules regarding Saddlery and equipment apply for the duration of the Championships.

Any person who is mounted must wear the correct standard equipment (hats, footwear) these rules apply at all times. Any person seen not wearing the correct rider equipment will be asked to dismount immediately

Also, be aware of those competing around you and stay within the designated areas.

When moving from arena to arena or from lorry parks to competition areas please use the roped-off Horse Walks – WALKING PACE ONLY. No flags or banners may be displayed in these areas.

At all times as a minimum a horses length must be kept between each horse, to prevent horses being kicked.

If your horse is liable to kick you must wear a RED RIBBON at all times when mounted

Collecting Rings – These are only for use by competitors taking part in the Competition running in the adjoining ring at the time and **must not be used** for general exercising.

Jump Practice – A Stewarded jump practice for three quarters of an hour after the last prize giving will be available in an allocated exercise area. More details will be available in the Secretaries' tent on the day. In the event of adverse weather the Organisers will reduce or remove all access to the jump practice areas on the grounds of Health and Safety. Their decision is final.

Lungeing - will only be allowed in the designated lunging area. No lunging in Lorry parks, camping areas or warm up arenas. Any person found lunging in these areas will be asked to leave.

CROSS COUNTRY COURSE WALKS

The Cross Country Courses may be walked by competitors and others, on foot, for the duration of the Championships. Competitors do this at their own risk as alterations may be made up to 2pm on the day preceding the Cross Country Test. For Teams or Individuals without Coaches there will be the opportunity to walk the course with experienced riders and Officials – please see the Secretaries Office for advertised timings.

WITHDRAWALS

Any Withdrawals / Substitutions must be made as per the Rule Book and handed in to the relevant Sport Secretary in the Secretaries' Office.

OBJECTIONS/APPEALS

Please read the appropriate Rule Book carefully for the correct procedure.

PRIZE GIVINGS

Please check on the day for timings and arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow the Stewards to direct you. Please follow Stewards' directions at all times so that we can keep everything running smoothly.

All competitors attending prize giving **must** be correctly dressed (no jewellery).

MENTORING

The NFU Pony Club Mentoring Scheme is designed to empower Members, to realise their full potential, to help and support them in achieving their goals and to perform at their very best.

Purpose of the scheme

The Scheme enables the Mentoring team to build strong and trusting relationships with Members, to discuss aspects of sport psychology, to give guidance in making confidence building plans, and to create positive attitudes. Riders can then develop skills, ultimately delivering a better performance.

The 2018 NFU Pony Club Mentors are all previous Pony Club Members and are current/former elite riders that have been carefully selected to draw on their knowledge and experiences, by complementing the work of the current Trainers and Coaches. Mentors are easily identified in their yellow NFU Mutual Kit, so please come to the marquee or ask one of them for help around the Championship Show Ground.

In the marquee there will be topics covering Preparation, Performance, Progression, and Potential come along to find out how you can perform to the best of your ability.

There will also be someone available to talk to anyone who has received their A level results and needs assistance navigating the University clearing process. Details will be available from the Secretaries Tent and in the Mentoring tent.

DOGS

We do not encourage dogs at the Championships. If you have to bring them please:-

- Keep them on leads at all times.
- BAG IT AND BIN IT - Immediately clear up after them. The Rare Breed Longhorn Cattle grazing the site are at risk from neospora which is spread in dog faeces and results in permanent cattle abortion.
- Please do not leave poo bags on the ground/hanging on fences/jumps/bushes – the site is a working farm and farm animals will graze the land when we have gone. Please be respectful of our landowners who allow us on their wonderful land
- Bags and bins will be available on site.
- Do not take them into the stable area.
- Remember not to leave them in cars if it is warm and always ensure they have plenty of water and ventilation.

OWNERS OF DOGS FOUND WANDERING LOOSE WILL BE FINED £50 A TIME!!

PROGRAMMES

Each competitor will receive one programme free of charge. Extra programmes can be purchased from the Secretaries Office on the day.

OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEERS TENT

All Pony Club Officials and Championship Volunteers are invited to use the lounge where tea & coffee will be served throughout each day of the Championships. D.C.'s, Centre Proprietors and Cubitt Award holders are also invited to use this lounge. It will be situated adjacent to the Officials luncheon marquee.

BRANCH/CENTRE SUPPORTERS

Any Branch or Centre wishing to bring supporters by coach will be very welcome. Day parking is free of charge.

LEGAL LIABILITY

Neither The Pony Club, Council nor any persons or company acting on its behalf will be held responsible for any accident, damage, injury or loss at the Championships to Members, their horses or ponies, spectators or any other person present. (Ref: The Pony Club Year Book 2018, Rule 23 (pg 57).

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

The Pony Club takes its health and safety responsibility very seriously. Neither the Pony Club, nor the Trustees, nor any person acting on behalf of the Pony Club will be held responsible for any accident, damage, injury, or loss at the Pony Club Championships.

The Pony Club undertakes risk assessment for the event. We aim to ensure that any hazards and risks to competitors, volunteers, visitors and contractor's health and safety are adequately controlled. We ask all competitors and visitors to act in a safe manner at all times, and report any issues that may cause them concern. (As per The Pony Club Year Book 2018, Rule 1.ii) (pg 20)

In the event of very hot weather, please ensure you remain hydrated - be especially vigilant in cooling horses down and ensuring they have access to water at all times and please use all available shade.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RIGHTS

Photographic Rights – competitors and their parents/guardians give permission for any photographs/videos/other images taken by press/outside agencies/official Pony Club photographers at The Pony Club Championships to be published in the press and on the internet for publicity purposes and any subsequent official Pony Club publication. The Pony Club will select photographs for publication with care and respect for those shown.

PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS are forbidden for all sports, this includes Pony Club Competitions. All competitors should be aware that random samples may be taken from any competing athletes, both human and/or equine.

BIOSECURITY

Biosecurity is concerned with the steps we can all take to prevent the spread of disease. For more information about how to reduce the risks of diseases spreading, especially at Pony Club Competitions please visit the Championships page of the Pony Club website. http://www.pcup.org/index.php/activities/the_pony_club_championships

NEAREST A&E

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust, Leighton Hospital, Leighton, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 4QJ
Tel: 01270 255141

WALK IN CENTRE

Bridgewater Family Medical Practice
Drumcarrig, Bridgewater Street, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 1QH
Tel: 0844 387 9222

Opens at 8:30am Mon-Fri. Closes at 6.30pm Mon, Tue, Thurs, 1pm on Wed and 6pm on Fri.

PONY CLUB SHOP

There will be limited Pony Club merchandise available such as stocks, badges and ties. We will operate a click and collect in advance.

LOCAL SHOP

Cholmondeley Castle Farm Shop is an award-winning shop selling newspapers, fresh bread and a quality range of locally-produced foods. Located a short distance from the Castle Gardens exit.

Opening hours Mon-Fri 08.00 – 18.00, Sat – Sun 09.00 – 17.00.

Please note that at all times on and away from the Showground, campsite, stables and parking areas, parents are responsible for their children and the actions of their children.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE DO CONTACT ANY OF THE OFFICIALS ON THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ABOVE OR AT THE SECRETARIES' OFFICE.

**WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND ABOVE ALL, FUN VISIT TO
THE PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018**