



CONDITIONS FOR COMPETITORS

1. **CLASS 1 – TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (3 RIDERS)**
Open to riders who are under 19 on 1-1-2016 and who are receiving full time instruction at the same second level school in the Spring Term 2016. *NO AMALGAMATION OF SCHOOLS ALLOWED.*
CLASS 2 – SENIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Open to riders who are at least 15 and under 19 years inclusive on 1-1-2016.
CLASS 3 – JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Open to riders that are at least 12 and under 15 on 1-1-2016. Entries for classes 2 and 3 must also be receiving full time instruction at the same second level school in the Spring Term 2016. Competitors from third level/Agricultural Colleges, Institute of Technologies and Primary Schools may not compete.
2. Classes 1 and 2 will be over the same course, some alternative fences will be used for class 3. In the event of faults the faster time wins.
3. There is no height limit on pony/horse. No rider/horse/pony may compete more than once in class 1, or twice all day. Each animal must be four years old or over and suitably prepared for the event. It is highly recommended that all competitors walk the course beforehand.
4. In the interest of safety, the National Committee have ruled that **no stallions or racing saddles may be used in this competition.** There will be no exceptions to this rule.
5. There will be 2 identical fences at every knockable jump. In the team competition, each member of a team must present to the same upright knockable. **Jumping a knockable fence already knocked by a previous team will incur 5 penalties. This rule also applies for both the Senior and Junior Individual competitions. If both knockables are already knocked, no penalty will be incurred.**
6. Entry fees:

Class 1	€60 per team
Class 2 & 3	€25 per rider
7. ALL ENTRIES must be sent in writing on the attached forms or photocopies (NO FAXES ACCEPTED) accompanied by the **Entry Fee** and **SIGNED WAIVER FORMS**, on or before Wednesday, 10th February 2016 to: **Mary Rothwell, Entries Secretary, Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew, Co. Wicklow.** Each entry and waiver form must bear the school stamp/seal and the signature of the principal. **NO REFUNDS AFTER 10th FEBRUARY.**
8. All teams and individuals will have a TACK INSPECTION at an appointed time. The **Chef d'Equipe** must be present with the team and the individuals when this inspection is being made. Please read and adhere to the attached tack sheet. **CRASH HELMETS (SEE NEW 2016 HELMET GUIDELINES ON TACK SHEET- EN1384 ONLY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE), BACK PROTECTORS, STOCKS AND MEDICAL ARMBANDS WITH PHOTO ID ARE COMPULSORY.** Competitors must follow the 2016 Irish Pony Club Tack Sheet.
9. The course will be open for inspection on Friday 11th March from 12 noon and not before this date.
10. The Committee reserves the right to restrict the number of participants from each school should a class be oversubscribed. There is a maximum acceptance of 125 teams, 225 senior individuals and 225 junior individuals. Early entry is advised, as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
11. In the event of an appeal/objection, only the School/Parent Rep nominated on the entry form may lodge the appeal. The objection must be accompanied by €80, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld. There will be 30 minutes from the time the final results, in each class, are posted in which to lodge an appeal/objection.
In the event of a query, only the School/Parent Rep nominated on the entry form may lodge the query. The query must be accompanied by €20, which will be refunded if the query is upheld.

There will be 30 minutes from the time the final results, in each class, are posted in which to lodge a query.

12. **THE ORGANISERS/LANDOWNERS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY, DAMAGE, OR LOSS TO RIDER, HORSE, PONY OR SPECTATOR.**
13. Competitors will run in groups of 25 in strict numerical order. Any late arrivals will have to wait until the end of the group.
14. Any competitors who abuse either fence stewards or horses in the show grounds will face elimination; this will include excessive use of the whip or foul language. Respect must be shown towards volunteers/organisers at all times by both competitors and their associates.

If all of the above 'Conditions for Competitors' are not followed individual riders or teams will be eliminated.