



DEFENDER BURGHLEY HORSE TRIALS 2026
LeMieux Pony Club Team Jumping Competition
To be held on Thursday 3rd September 2026 in the House Arena

This is an invitation only competition for Pony Club Teams at Defender Burghley Horse Trials. Invitations are restricted and will be limited to one team per branch.

CONDITIONS: Generally based on BS Rules, Table 'A' with modifications, Speed 325 mpm and Rules for Pony Club Area PC110 Show Jumping competitions, where appropriate. Maximum height first round will be **1.05m** and maximum height second round will be **1.10m**. All distances within the courses will be based on horse distances.

Judges' decisions are Final. Any queries can only be raised with the Officials/Judges by the Team's District Commissioner OR Nominated Team Manager.

Use of Spurs - Spurs may only be worn by riders in the competition and Warm Up Arena who have passed the Pony Club Spurs Test and/or the Pony Club C+ Riding Test. Proof will be required and therefore, for ease of identification, all such eligible riders should wear the Pony Club **YELLOW HAT TAG**.

The competition & warm up is held on grass. It is suggested that horses are suitably presented for such a jumping surface.

Rider and/or Horse/Pony restrictions

Horses or Ponies in the team must NOT have ever been selected to represent Team GBR in either Eventing or Showjumping with the current rider.
Riders in the team must NOT, in the current year, have been selected to represent Team GBR in either Eventing or Show Jumping.

Team Composition

Teams will comprise of three or four horses or ponies; each to be ridden by a different rider.

Competition Format

- There will be one round followed by a Second Round for qualifying teams.
- All teams will compete in the First Round.
- Any Eliminated competitors in either round will take the worst score for the round in which they were eliminated, plus 20 faults.

First Round

- Team members will compete consecutively, i.e. one after another.
- The scores of the best three team members in the round will determine the team score for that round. In the event of equality of scores, the times taken by the best three team members will be added together and the fastest will determine the placings.
- In the event that two or more members are eliminated and/or disqualified in the first round then the whole team is eliminated.
- Any Horse and/or rider that falls in the competition arena must be checked by one of the events medical or veterinary personnel, before competing in the Second Round, if eligible.

Second Round

- The top **SIX** teams only, after the first round, will qualify for the Second Round. If there are more than six teams on zero scores, then all teams on zero scores qualify for the Jump Off.
- Teams will jump in reverse order of merit, i.e. the team with the highest score from the first round will jump first and the team with the lowest score will jump last. Any teams that are on the same score will jump in the same order as they jumped in the first round - see also starting order of

team members below.

- Team scores from the First Round will be brought forward to the Second Round.
- All members of qualified teams will compete in the Second Round.
- In the Second Round, the first member of each team will jump followed by the second member of each team and so on, i.e. Rider 1 from each team, then rider 2 from each team, etc.
- The scores of the best three team members in the Second Round will determine the team score for that round and will be added to the Team Score from the First Round to determine the team's Total Score.
- In the event of equality of Total Scores, the times taken by the best three team members in the Second Round will be added together and the fastest will determine the winning team and placings.

PRIZES: The winning team will receive a Challenge Trophy to be retained for one year. Members of the first three teams will receive prizes, and rosettes will be awarded to sixth place. The Harewood Trophy will be presented in memory of Jim Steward to the Best Turned Out Team.

DECLARATION FORMS: Names of horses/ponies, riders and the Team Manager **MUST** be submitted **by 5pm on Thursday 20th August 2026**. Numbers can be collected from the steward at the House Arena. Please ensure horse passports are made available. Substitutions of Horses and/or Riders will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and are subject to the agreement of the organisers. Any such substitutions must be made in writing by email to daisy.armstrong@burghley.co.uk no later than 5pm on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 with a clear reason for the substitution. No substitutions will be accepted on the day of the competition.

VACCINATIONS: Horses must have been vaccinated to comply with Burghley Horse Trials requirements:

- Primary course received prior to January 2024 - V1 to V2 21-92 days, V3 (first booster) 150-215 days after V2 and at least annual subsequent boosters
- New primary courses administered from 1st January 2024 - V1 to V2 21-60 days, V3 (first booster) administered within 6 months + 21 days of V2. Any subsequent boosters must be within one year of previous booster.

Horses/Ponies must have been vaccinated within 6 months + 21 days prior to the 3rd September but not less than 7 days of arriving at our Event, and we urge all owners to adhere to strict biosecurity protocols at all times. Horses may compete having received the primary course and prior to the first booster but not within 7 days of receiving a vaccine dose.

DISCLAIMER OF 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, Burghley Horse Trials Limited, British Eventing Limited, the Trustees of Burghley House Preservation Trust Limited, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grooms, exhibitors, sponsors, spectators, dogs, land, cars, their contents and accessories or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse admission to Burghley Park to any person, or to withdraw permission at any time to remain in the park and shall not be required to give any reason for such action. The Organisers shall not be liable in respect of any loss or damage whatsoever arising from the abandonment, cancellation or postponement of the Defender Burghley Horse Trials, or any such eventuality.