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**THE GOSLING CUP**

**Sunday 16th JUNE 2024**

**Open to invited branches of Area 8**

**HOSTED BY THE SUFFOLK BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB**

Venue: Kings Meadow, Ickworth Park, Horringer, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP29 5QE

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The Gosling Cup is a well-established and long-running competition, unique to Area 8. It is open to teams of 4 from invited southern branches of Area 8. The competition consists of:

**Turnout of Pony & Rider:** This year it was decided by Gosling Committee to remove this section. There will still be a turnout award for the best turned out Team. Team will report to Individual Dressage and be judged as a whole team.

**Individual Dressage Test:** PC90 2013.

**Team Ride:** A special quadrille dressage test, in which all four ponies are in the arena together. The Test can be found in the Gosling Cup Rules 2024 (see Rules section below).

**Show Jumping:** Max height of jumps 85cm

**Cross Country**: Includes some simple challenges e.g. opening gates. Max height of jumps 85cm.

Each participating branch is entitled to enter up to three teams, A, B and C. “C” teams may be subject to a ballot depending upon the number of A and B teams. Teams must consist of 4 members.

There will be an individual section for non-team members to compete in (no team ride).

**We will also be holding the Area 8 PC70cm and PC70cm + Eventing Regional Qualifier on the same day as well as a PC80 One Day Event for Area 8 branches not participating in the Gosling Cup. See separate schedule for these competitions.**

Order of classes will be decided after entries close.

**Course Description:** The courses will be up to height and technicality, with dressed fences.

**XC course designer:** Joe Weller

**Entries Open:** On publication of schedule

**Entries Close/Withdrawal Date:** 10th June 2024 at midnight. No late entries.

Times will be published on Thursday 13th June 2024 (after 6pm) at: [Pony Club Results](http://www.ponyclubresults.co.uk/)

Course Walking: Saturday 15th June 2024 from 2pm – 5pm (and on the day)

Information such as course maps etc will be found on the Suffolk PC website closer to the event, and also the dedicated Facebook Page The Gosling Cup and PC Area 8 70cm Eventing Qualifier. Please follow the page for further information and updates.

**EVENT CONTACTS**

Event hosts: The Suffolk Branch of the Pony Club

Organiser: Jane Crawford ([dc.suffolk@pcuk.org](mailto:dc.suffolk@pcuk.org)), 07813 281 206 (email contact preferred)

Secretary: Judith Esterhuizen, [treasurer.suffolk@pcuk.org](about:blank), 07789 711800 (email contact preferred)

**ENTRY FEES**

Team entry: £260 (must be team of 4) Individual Entry: £65

Includes medical cover.

**ENTRIES**

All entries should be made online at [**Horse Events**](about:blank)  
  
This is a single booking form process, and entries will not be confirmed without payment. All entries include medical cover.

**Entries for both Teams and Individuals must have been approved by your Branch DC or Centre Proprietor.**

For any entry changes (rider change, horse change, class change, withdrawal etc) before the closing date please log onto your Horse Events account and make the changes. After the closing date please contact the event secretary for any changes

**RULES AND ELIGIBILITY**

Rules for the Gosling Cup can be found here: [Gosling Cup Rules 2024](https://branches.pcuk.org/area8/wp-content/uploads/sites/600/2024/05/Gosling-Cup-Rules-2024-1.pdf)

**ON THE DAY**

There will be catering facilities will be on site for snacks and drinks throughout the day.

Photographer: Richard Weller-Poley Photography, [www.rwpphoto.com](about:blank) 01787 281683 [info@rwpphoto.com](about:blank)

Live results on the day will be available on Pony Club Results at: [https://www.ponyclubresults.co.uk/index.php](about:blank)

Dogs are welcome but **MUST** be always on a short lead in all areas of the venue.

**REFUND INFORMATION (WITHDRAWALS & CANCELLATION)**

**Withdrawals:**

Full refunds will be given up until the withdrawal date (subject to a £5 admin charge).

After the withdrawal date no refunds will be made without a doctor or vet certificate, unless there is a waiting list and we can fill your place. In this case a refund will be given (subject to an admin charge of £5).

**Cancellation**:

If the event is cancelled before the withdrawal date a full refund will be given.

If the event is cancelled after the withdrawal date a 50% refund will be given.

**Please note:** booking fees are non-refundable in all cases.

Before the closing date please login to your Horse Events account to cancel your entry. Any refund due will be processed automatically. To withdraw after the closing date please contact the Event Secretary.

**PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING**

There will be a mounted prizegiving at the end of the day.

**ENTRY CONDITIONS**

* To be run in accordance with Pony Club Eventing Rules 2024 and Gosling Cup Rules 2024. PC Eventing rules are available at - [Eventing Rulebook 2024](about:blank). Please take special note of the updated body protector rule.
* **A body protector is compulsory for all Pony Club Cross Country riding (including Arena Eventing) and Pony Racing activities whether it be training or competition. A body protector for these activities must meet BETA 2018 Level 3 Standard (blue and black label)**
* **AIR JACKETS** If a rider chooses to wear an air jacket in Cross Country or Pony Racing, it must only be used in addition with a normal body protector which meets BETA 2018 Level 3 standard (blue and black label).
* **No commanders for dressage**
* **Time penalties will be awarded for going too slowly.**
* **No stop watches allowed.**
* Skull caps must be worn at all levels of xc.
* White, beige, cream, dark or muted coloured jodhpurs are allowed in all phases.
* Please ensure you comply with 2024 Pony Club hat tagging **(pink tags for this year),** body protector and medical armband rules. Sleeves must cover the shoulders for the XC phase.
* **Please note the new whip rule for 2022 onwards (SJ and XC):** A whip, if carried, must be held in the hand by the handle with the handle at the top. The whip must be “padded”. The maximum length of the “Whip” is 70cm and must be no less than 45cm. For full details follow the link above for rulebook.

**For dressage – a whip any length may be carried.**

* No horses/ponies under 5 years of age can compete.
* No horse will be allowed to compete more than once.
* The Judges’ decision is final. Any objections should be made to the Secretary on the day.
* Any outside assistance or interference by anyone other than an OFFICIAL will result in elimination.
* Photographic Rights – competitors and their parents/guardians have given permission for any photographic and/or film or TV footage taken of persons or horses/ponies taking part in Pony Club events 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.
* A valid passport and vaccination record must accompany the horse/pony to this event and must be available for inspection if required by event officials. Vaccinations must be in accordance with the Pony Club Eventing Rule Book 2024.
* **Hair must be tied back securely and above the collar** preferably in a hairnet.
* Please bring a number bib and provide your own number. A template for number printing is available on Horse Events.
* A condition of entry is that each branch shall provide 2 volunteers for the day. Please send details to Jane Crawford (dc.suffolk@pcuk.org).
* Any requests for reasonable adjustment must be made before the closing date.

<https://pcuk.org/officials/equality-diversity/reasonable-adjustment/>

**LEGAL LIABILITY**

LEGAL LIABILITY Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor the Pony Club, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, 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, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever.

**HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE**

The 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.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Competitors must show the pass below at the National Trust entry kiosk when entering Ickworth Park on either Saturday (course walk) and Sunday (competition), otherwise an entry fee to Ickworth Park may be charged.

Please observe any queues when arriving at Ickworth

IF YOU ARE A NATIONAL TRUST MEMBER, PLEASE SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AT THE ENTRY KIOSK

THE SUFFOLK HUNT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB

**SHOW PASS ENTRY**

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VALID FOR: 15th & 16th June 2024 only

Cannot be used for entry to National Trust Properties