



The Irish Pony Club

Training Report 2017/2018

Instructors Register 2018

➤ Instructors Register 2018

- The Instructors register for 2018 is now open.
- The criteria for inclusion on the Register are:-
- Attendance at Instructor Training organised by one of the following:-
 - The Pony Club, The Irish Pony Club, HSI, BHS or FEI affiliates. 2 CPD points to be attained each year.
- Certificate of attendance at a Sport Ireland, Safeguarding 1 Course. From January 2018, this will have to be within the last three years.
- Letter of acceptance from the Garda Vetting Bureau, within the last five years.
- Up-to-date First Aid Certificate
- Payment of €20 fee for inclusion on the Register
- The Registration Fee of €20 can be paid online from Its Plain Sailing.
<https://itsplainsailing.com/club/ipc>
- All certificates and evidence of CPD points should be sent to the Irish Pony Club Office.

Instructor Training Days 2017

- Instructor Training Day on 18th June in Tubberbride Equestrian Centre, Collooney, Co. Sligo, organised by Area 6. Tutor Tony Ennis. IPC Instructors received 3 CPD points.
- Area 7 Instructor Training Day on 19th June in Killossery with Kieran Glynn. 26 Instructors received 2 CPD points.
- Trip to Willie Mullins Yard organised by Faith Ponsonby. 7 Instructors received 1 CPD point.
- Area 1 Instructor Training Day in Coolboy on 27th June. 21 Instructors received CPD Points
- Ann O'Grady demonstration day at Kilmountain Equestrian 19th April. 13 instructors received 2 CPD
- Area 4 Instructor Training Day in Grennan College on the 5th July organised by Kay Denby. 31 Instructors received 2 CPD
- South Munster National Dressage Judge Training Demonstration with Penelope Lang, Middleton 10th March, arranged by Marie Hennessy 17 Instructors received 1 CPD Point.



Instructor Training Days 2017

- **Area 3 Training Evening will take place on Wednesday 22nd November at the Ballyrafter Centre, Lismore, Co. Waterford.**
 - **Beginning at 6pm, speakers include Anne, Waistell, Peter O'Donnell, Peter Ponsonby and Aisling O'Brien.**
 - **2 CPD Points will be awarded to IPC Instructors.**
- **HSI Conference will take place on 28th November at Cavan Equestrian Centre.**
 - **2 CPD Points will be awarded to IPC Instructors.**



Instructor or the Year Award 2017

- The Irish Pony Club is again this year continuing with the National Instructors Award, honouring Instructors who go above and beyond for those that they teach.
- Should you wish to nominate an Instructor, nomination forms are available on the website: www.irishponyclub.ie or from the IPC Office.
- This form needs to be completed and returned to your Area Rep on or before the 20th October 2017. (Extended to Monday the 23rd of October).
- The Area Rep must submit the nomination to the Irish Pony Club office on or before the 27th October, 2017.

Tests in 2017

- The A Test was held in Clonshire on the 30th of August. Vicki McDonald and William Blane again travelled from the UKPC to examine the test. There were four candidates with two passes. Cleo Murphy from Beara Branch and Hannah Wentges from Bray Hunt who received an Honours Certificate.



Tests in 2017

- The H Test was held in Gurteen College on the 23rd of August, 2017. 23 candidates took the test with 19 passes, three with Honours – Jade McClafferty and Sarah McCloughan from East Donegal and Viola Callaghan from Longford.

The remaining four will take their repeats on the 4th of November at Gurteen College.

Examiners for the test were:- Derval Diamond, Bridgette McCarthy, Agnes Gibbons-White, Liseanne Kearns, Philip Scott and Daphne Nolan.



B+ Test 2017

- The B+ Test was held on the 1st of September at Dragonhold Stables, Co. Wicklow. The standard was very high this year with all ten candidates passing. Examiners for the test were Derval Diamond, Bridgette McCarthy and Tony Ennis.
- Due to the high volume of applicants this year, we will be holding a further two B+ Tests in Gurteen College on the 3rd and 4th of November.





B Tests 2017



➤ Area 1

Area 1 held their B Test at Bell-Air Equestrian Centre, Co. Wicklow on the 14th of August 2017.

Examiners: Bridgette McCarthy and Daniel Lusby.

All 7 candidates passed their test.

➤ Area 2

Area 2 held their B Test on the 20th April 2017.

Examiners: Faith Ponsonby and Anthea Rainsbury.

5 candidates took the test, with 4 passing.

➤ Area 3

This test took place at Pat Walshe's yard in Clonmel.

Examiners: Liseanne Kearns and Sue Perrott.

All of the 12 candidates passed.

B Tests 2017

➤ Area 4

This test took place in conjunction with Area 1 at Bel-Air Equestrian Centre in Co. Wicklow.

Examiners: Bridgette McCarthy and Daniel Lusby.

3 members passed their test.

➤ Area 5

This test took place in Kilmountain Equestrian Centre.

Examiners: Liseanne Kearns and Sue Perrott.

There were 10 candidates with 9 passes.

➤ Area 7

Area 7 held their B Test on the 7th October, 2017

Examiners: Derval Diamond and Anthea Rainsbury.

There were 14 successful candidates.

➤ Area 9

15 candidates took the B Test in Area 9 at Ennis Showgrounds, with 11 passes. Examiners were: Helen Nolan, Dorothy Guilford, Danny Lusby and Tony Ennis.



The Training Committee

- With Effect from 2018/2019 it is proposed that the Training Committee to be made up as follows:-
- The Current Training Committee elect six members to become the sitting Training Committee members.
- Each Area then elect one representative to sit on the Training Committee, thus there would be a Committee of 15. They elect their Chair, each year, who represents them on the Equestrian Executive Council and the Board of Directors.



Requirements for Eligibility for Selection to the Training Committee

- Hold a minimum BHSAI or equivalent qualification within the horse industry and /or a Level 8 Degree an advantage.
- Have an interest in the skill development of young equestrian athletes.
- Have an interest in and understanding of training principles that will benefit the young in reaching their full potential, not only in equestrian.
- Have an understanding and practical knowledge of the systems of horse training and the training scale.
- Be a team player and willing to engage in meetings to develop training and uphold the ethos of The Irish Pony Club.
- Demonstrate encouragement and support for the highest standard in horse production and welfare.
- Be willing to help and support all those interested in equestrian pursuits.
- Any person willing to go forward must be nominated and seconded by the Area Committee. In the event of more than one nomination, an election will take place at the Area meeting, not later than the end of September.



Plans for 2018

- In 2018 it is proposed to hold:-
 - A Senior Examiner/Instructor Training Day in early Spring.
 - A Junior Examiner/Instructor Training Day, also in early Spring.
- Each year a grant is available to each of the 9 Areas for Instructor training. The Area Training Rep and the Area Rep must put a proposal for their training plans to the Chair of Training Committee in advance.

We await your proposals.
- The week of the 25th June - Friends Camp at Gurteen College.
- Senior Camp - Timeframe
- H Test Tentatively - 23rd August 2018
- A Test Tentatively - 30th August 2018
- B+ Test - Timeframe

Friends of the Pony Club Lunch



- Wednesday 22nd November, 2017.
- Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- 1pm
- Two Course Lunch with Tea/Coffee
- Cost - €16
- For Further Information and Bookings, please contact:
 - Tony Ennis – 086-8617698 / tonyennis.ie@gmail.com
 - Elizabeth O'Connor – 052-6131130 / 087-2231663
- All are welcome to attend.