

Guide to IPC Competitions 2026

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COMPETITION	PONIES / HORSES	ALL AGES AS ON 1 ST JANUARY 2026	TEST REQUIRED	DRESSAGE TEST	SHOW JUMPING	CROSS COUNTRY
Hunter Trials	5 years and over for horse /pony qualification see Hunter Trial Rule Book	Combinations must be competent to jump a course of fences at the height specified for the class				
Senior Pairs / Singles/Teams of three		Under 23 yrs. & Min. 15 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	*	*	Max. Height 1.05m
Teams of Three		Under 21 with one under 23, must be 15 yr. or over	C C+ standard of riding required	*	*	Max. Height 1.05m
Junior Pairs/ Singles/Teams of three		Under 15 yrs. Must be 11 yr. or over	C C+ standard of riding required	*	*	Max. Height .90cm
Novice Intermediate Pairs / Singles		Under 23 yrs. Must be 15 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	*	-	Max. Height .90cm
U12		Must be 9y & under 12 yrs.	D+ Standard. Must be competent to jump an 80cm track	*	-	Max. Height .80cm
Show Jumping	5 years and over For horse /pony qualification see SJ Rule Book	Combinations must be capable of jumping a course of fences at the height specified for the class				
Senior Individual Comp.		Over 12 & Under 23 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	*	Max. Height 1.10m/1.15m	*
Open Team & Open Area Team		Over 12 & Under 23 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	*	Max. Height 1.10m/1.15m	*
Open Team & Senior Individual qualifier		Over 12 & Under 23 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	*	Max. Height 1.10m	*
Intermediate Team & Indi.		Under 21 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	*	Max. Height 1.00m	*
Junior {Robbie Bailey} Team & Indi.		Under 14 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	*	Max. Height .90cm	*
U12 (Alice Mernagh)		8 yrs & under 12 yrs.	D+ Standard. Capable of jumping a 75cm track	*	Max. Height .75cm	*
SJ Classic		Under 23 yrs. & must be 15 yrs. or over	C C+ standard of riding required	*	Max 1.20m	*
SJ Classic Finder		Under 23 yrs. & must be 14 yrs. or over.	C C+ standard of riding required	*	Max 1.10m	*
SJ Classic Starter		Under 23 yrs. & must be 12 yrs. or over	C C+ standard of riding required	*	Max 1.00m	*
SJ Classic 90	In their 12 th year min. requirement	C C+ standard of riding required	*	Max .90cm	*	

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Combined Training	5 years and over For horse/pony qualification see D & CT Rule Book	Combinations must be capable of jumping a course of fences at the height specified for the class				
Senior Assoc. Comp		Under 23 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	British Eventing BE Novice Dressage Test 114 (2016)	Max. Height 1.10m	*
Open		Under 21 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	British Eventing BE Novice Dressage Test 114 (2016)	Max. Height 1.10m	*
Intermediate		Under 21 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	British Eventing BE Test 108 (2016)	Max. Height 1.0m	*
Intro Intermediate					Max. Height .90cm	*
Junior		Under 15 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	British Eventing BE Test 94 (2023)	Max. Height .90cm	*
Novice		12 yrs. old min. requirement	D+	British Eventing BE Test 94 (2023)	Max. Height .80cm	*
Under 12 CT		10 yrs and Under 12 yrs.	D+ Standard. Capable of jumping a 75cm track	IPC Pre-Novice Dressage Test (2019)	Max. Height .75cm	*
Under 10 CT		8 yrs and Under 10 yrs.	D+ Standard. Capable of jumping a 65cm track	South Munster Dressage Test C (2012)	Max. Height .65cm	*
Pure Dressage		5 years and over For horse/pony qualification see D & CT Rule Book				
Teams of 3/4	Under 21 yrs.		C standard	Dressage Ireland Novice test N27A (2021)	*	*
Individual	Under 23 yrs.		C standard	Dressage Ireland Novice test N27A (2021)	*	*
U12 (Area comp. only)	Under 12 yrs.			IPC Pre-Novice Dressage Test (2019)	*	*
National Dressage Championships Pure Dressage rules & tack apply <i>except</i> that whips are allowed for U10/12 riders	5 years and over For horse/pony qualification see D & CT Rule Book	Ages as for Combined Training <i>except</i> where class is open-to-all	Standard required is as for Combined Training C standard for open-to-all class	See show information for Dressage tests for U10/U12, Junior, Intermediate & Open/SA riders	*	*
Mounted Games	4 years and over					
Senior		Under 16 yrs.	C	*	*	*
Junior		Under 13 yrs.	D+ Standard	*	*	*
Under 10		Under 10 yrs.	D Standard	*	*	*

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Eventing For Arena Eventing see current Rules	5 years and over For horse/pony qualification see Eventing Rule Book	Combinations must be competent to jump a course of fences at the height specified for the class, including Show jumping and Cross-country fences					
Open		Under 23 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	British Eventing BE Novice Dressage Test 114 (2016)		Max. Height 1.10m	Max. Height 1.10m
Intermediate		Under 23 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	British Eventing BE Test 108 (2016)		Max. Height 1.00m	Max. Height 1.05m
Intro Intermediate		Over 15 & under 23yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	British Eventing BE Test 108 (2016)		Max. Height .90cm	Max. Height .90cm
Junior		Under 15 yrs.	C C+ standard of riding required	British Eventing BE Test 94 (2023)		Max. Height .90cm	Max. Height .90cm
Intro Junior		Over 12 & under 15 yrs.	D+ test and C standard of riding. Must be competent to jump Intro Junior XC course	British Eventing BE Test 94 (2023)		Max. Height .80cm	Max. Height .80cm
U12		Must be 9y & under 12 yrs.	D+ Standard. Must be competent to jump an 80cm track	IPC Pre-Novice Dressage Test (2019)		Max. Height .80cm	Max. Height .80cm
Tetrathlon		5 years and over			SWIMMING	RUNNING	CROSS COUNTRY
Senior Individual Boys	Under 23 yrs.		C C+ standard of riding required	4 minutes	3,000 metres	Max. Height 1.10m with Option Fences	Yes
Senior Individual Girls	Under 23 yrs.		C C+ standard of riding required	3 minutes	1,500 metres	Max. Height 1.10m with Option Fences	Yes
Senior Teams Boys	Under 21yrs. (<i>One team member may be between 21 to 23 yrs.</i>)		C C+ standard of riding required	4 minutes	3,000 metres	Max. Height 1.10m with Option Fences	Yes
Senior Teams Girls	Under 21yrs. (<i>One team member may be between 21 to 23 yrs.</i>)		C C+ standard of riding required	3 minutes	1,500 metres	Max. Height 1.10m with Option Fences	Yes
Junior Boys & Girls	Under 15 yrs.		C C+ standard of riding required	3 minutes	1,500 metres	Max. Height .90cm with Option Fences	Yes
Under 12 - Minimus	Under 12 yrs.		D+ recommended	2 minutes	1,000 metres	Max. Height .80cm with Option Fences	No

