

GUIDELINES FOR PRINCE PHILIP CUP GAMES TACK AND TURNOUT COMPETITIONS

RIDER

Blue nylon hat cover for A teams, black for B teams, pale blue bibs for A's, black for B's, and white sweat shirts all provided by Pony Club. If you have a suitable hat cover please bring it with you as a spare!

All children, cream or fawn jodhpurs, black short jodhpur boots, white LONG SLEEVED collared shirts and pony club ties. Everyone must have black jodhpur clips or black elastic **securely** sewn on.

All clothing must be clean and boots shining.

For girls matching scrunchies in team colours and hair nets. Please can the mothers check what we have from last year and source accordingly.

For the turnout the children have to ride in their sweat shirts and bibs, please bring pony club jackets for them to put on between races if they are cold. Likewise please make sure they have waterproof coats, warm gloves and a waterproof pony rug available should it be cold and miserable.

PONY

Ponies should be clean and tidy – greys bathed, and any white socks sparkling. Powdered chalk helps to brighten socks etc.

Bridle paths should be clipped into manes, manes pulled, tails trimmed to a reasonable length. Excessive feathers, heels should be trimmed or clipped and hairy chins trimmed. Ideally do this a few days in advance.

Tail sprays or baby oil make the tail feels silky, but avoid coat shine anywhere where it might make it more difficult to hold the reins or mount!

Hooves should be oiled just before the child mounts at the competition.

TACK

Team numnahs will be provided. Browbands to be made in team colours out of ribbon before competition, by the mums – or borrowed from past team members! A team children need a blue girth, B team children a black one to match their numnahs.

Please check your rule book to make sure that the bit you ride in is allowed.

Your tack will be checked, not just for the turnout competition but for its fit. If you are worried about your saddle being low, please make sure that you bring a gel pad, some padding or a spare numnah with you in case the trainers are asked to correct it. Likewise if girth straps or buckle holes are worn the child will not be allowed to use that tack, so please check it NOW!

Saddles and bridles should be correctly fitting, with no keepers, stoppers missing. All straps must be pushed in to keepers. Girths should be on even holes on both sides of the saddle – or as near as possible.

All tack must be supple and well cleaned, including all metal work. Dishwashers apparently bring your stirrups and bit up gleaming!

Stirrups should be safety type and must allow ½ inch either side of the child's foot. If you are not sure please get them checked by Vicky or Charlotte before the competition. Its sensible to bring extra safety rubbers for stirrups to competitions and larger stirrups if you are not sure about the ones you are using.

Mothers

Please make sure you have spray on saddle soap, black polish, coat conditioning spray, brushes, sponges etc with you for running repairs. Last year spare white shirts were very much appreciated as well!