



JUMPS AHEAD COMPETITION RULES 2026

All stages will take place in Ballindenisk Equestrian, T56 YX60

Organised for the Irish Pony Club & Area 5 by Muskerry Pony Club

Open to all current members of the Irish Pony Club

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HORSES/PONIES:

- Five years of age or older of any height – must be regularly pony clubbed. No stallions.
- Registered with SJI or EI allowed – see height rule below.
- Ponies and horses are eligible to enter competition heights within 20cm of the highest SJI/IPC/EI competition entered either this year or in the previous calendar year. For example, if they have entered and jumped a 1.10 metre class or higher on any occasion, they may enter the 90cm class but are not eligible for the 80cm class.

RIDERS:

Riders must be current members of any branch of the Irish Pony Club.

The DC of each branch may be asked to confirm riders eligibility.

Please respect all officials and each other during the competition. Our volunteers are giving up their time so generously to ensure everyone has a great day out. If there's any issue, please speak to an official.

Foul language may lead to elimination.

Riders can jump a maximum of two ponies in the same class.

WARM UP RULES:

Strictly **one** helper per rider in warm-up arena. In the interest of safety, please ensure no young children accompany helpers in the warm-up arena.

Jumps in the warm up should not exceed 10cm above the class being warmed up for – i.e. if warming up for 80cm class, warm up jump should be no higher than 90cm

COMPETITION HEIGHTS:

- 2026 will again have the non-competitive/clear round starter stakes class (50cm) in the **New Arena**
- Six Competitive Qualifier Classes starting each day with 60cm, followed by 70cm, 80cm, 90cm, 1m & 1.10m in the **Main Arena**
- Height of fences may rise 5cm for final.
- An optional joker fence will be included in all classes.
- If joker is attempted and cleared, 5 seconds are taken from the actual time. If Joker is attempted and failed, 5 seconds is added to actual time. A fall at any stage including the joker eliminates the rider.

COMPETITION DATES:

- 3 Qualifying competitions to be held on Sunday October 11th, Sunday October 18th and Sunday November 1st.
- Final to take place on Sunday November 8th.

ENTRY FEES: (In advance via Muskerry Pony Club ItsPlainSailing page)

Entry Fees for all league classes: €28.00, non competitive 50cm class €25.00

Entries close at **6pm** on the Thursday before each competition. No entries on the day will be permitted. Substitutions of horse/pony maybe allowed in exceptional circumstances up to 12 noon the day before the competition (i.e. 12 noon Saturday)

Refunds are only available before the closing date.

Ponies/horses must be entered using their passport names.

PRIZES: (Kindly sponsored by O'Brien's Saddlery)

Clear Round Rosettes in the non-competitive/non-league 50cm/starter stakes – **note this class does not qualify for league points**

Rosettes for the competitive/league classes:

1 to 6 & Clear Round at Qualifiers. Rosettes 1 to 6 & Clear Round at Final. Rosettes 1 to 6 in each League.

Prizes 1 to 6 at Final for each class on the day.

Prizes 1 to 6 in each League class on Final day.

Prizes at Final for Best Turned Out in the 50cm starter stakes and each competitive class.

The **Dr Anne Crowley Perpetual Cup** will be presented at the final in memory of Anne's contribution to Muskerry Pony Club and Area 5 of the Irish Pony Club.

COMPETITION RULES:

- All rules subject to change at the organiser's discretion.
- Qualifiers are 2 phase - jumps 1-13 + Joker. Phase 1 is not timed – usually Jumps 1-8. Phase 2 is timed – usually Jumps 9-13. Jump 14 is the optional joker fence. Qualifiers will run under Article 274.8N.1 Modified (2 phase)
- If joker is attempted and cleared, 5 seconds are taken from the actual time. If Joker is attempted and failed, 5 seconds is added to actual time.
- **No showing of the joker to the pony**
- A fall at any stage, including the joker, eliminates the rider.
- When a competitor falls, they must not remount.
- All falls no matter where they happen, must call to the ambulance to be checked, no matter how insignificant the fall.
- Please note that one fall eliminates the rider from that particular competition.
- A fallen rider must be seen by medical personnel before jumping again in a different competition.
- Fall in Practice Arena - competitor must be seen by medical personnel before continuing.
- Final run under Article 274.8N.1 Modified (2 phase) – similar to the Qualifiers. **There will be no joker at the final.**
- You MUST jump in numerical order and adhere to the instructions of all stewards
- Combinations must participate in two qualifiers to qualify for the final – irrespective of result
- A combination can compete/qualify in two competitions, but the competitions must be consecutive only. i.e. can't compete in both 60cm and 80cm. Competitors can compete again on a different pony/horse.
- A combination placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 70s, 80s, 90s, 1m, 1.1m league in 2025 may not compete at a lower height in 2026, i.e. a combination placed 3rd in 80s league in 2025 can compete in 80s and 90s but not 70s in 2026.
- **Foul language may lead to elimination.**
- If a rider is found to show their pony any fence in the final, they will be eliminated immediately.
- Jumping a wrong course is elimination. If there is a refusal at part B or C of a combination. They need to go back start the combination at A, B and then C in order. **If they come back and just try Part B or C without jumping A again, that is deemed a wrong course.**
- On finals day, each competitor will be allowed no more than 3 refusals in total. The Bell will be rung after 3 refusals and they will only be allowed attempt fence no.1 before they leave the arena
- Over use of the whip will result in the rider being called to the judges box and immediate elimination.

- Competitors must comply with the IPC Show Jumping tack sheet. This is available to view and download from the www.irishponyclub.ie There will be a tack inspection on each day.
- C test standard required for 90cm class and above. Where C test not achieved, Club DC must vouch for ability.
- Organisers reserve the right to cancel any class or the whole competition. In this instance, refunds will be issued where possible.

LEAGUE:

- The Dr. Anne Crowley Perpetual Cup will be awarded to the combination with the most league points at the end of the league. League points are awarded at each qualifier and the Final. Points from 1st – 6th place, for a clear first round and for a double clear. So, all four events count. DOUBLE points will be awarded at the final.

1 st place	10 points
2 nd place	9 points
3 rd place	8 points
4 th place	7 points
5 th place	6 points
6 th place	5 points
Double Clear	4 points
Clear First Round	2 points
For competing	1 point

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- Any queries to be addressed to muskerryponyclubcork@gmail.com
- Muskerry Pony Club reserve the right to alter any rules, dates, prices, prizes or other details if necessary.

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**Thanks to Muskerry Pony Club for running the League on behalf of the
Irish Pony Club & Area 5.**

For more information please email muskerryponyclubcork@gmail.com

**All competition information, including times will be posted on the
Muskerry Pony Club Facebook and Instagram pages**

