



ESSEX & SUFFOLK PONY CLUB Novice One Day Event

Water House Farm, Layham, Ipswich, IP7 5RA
by very kind permission of Mr & Mrs R. A. Cranfield

Saturday 8th August 2026

Entries close 5th August 2026 — **No late entries**



Open to Pony Club Members to Enter Now • Non-Member entries open 22nd July

Event Information

Catering Little Red Catering Company

Photographer Olivia Rose

Rosettes Kindly sponsored by Back to Back Equine Sports Massage

Paramedic on site supplied by East Anglia Medical Care

Classes

Dressage starts from 9am. Classes will not necessarily run in numerical order.

Class	Heights & Phases	Rider Eligibility	Dressage Test
1	Mini XC Clear Round Jumps 30–50cm, pick as you go. Running 9am–10am.	All — clear round	No dressage
2	30cm Showjumping & Mini 30 XC Course	Rider 14 & under — lead rein allowed	PC Walk & Trot Test 2026 – NUMBER 2
3	45cm Showjumping & Mini 45 XC Course	Rider 16 & under — assistance allowed (no lead rein)	PC Walk & Trot Test 2026 – NUMBER 2
4	60cm Showjumping & Cross Country	Open	PC Introduction 2019
5	70cm Showjumping & Cross Country	Open	PC Foundations (70) 2026
6	80cm Showjumping & Cross Country	Open	GRASSROOTS PC80 DRESSAGE TEST

Optimum Times

Class 2 & 3	No optimum time
Classes 4, 5 & 6	XC: 435mpm • SJ: 300mpm

Speeds are shown above. The optimum time for each class is worked out from the measured course and posted at the start on the day.

Rosettes

Awarded to 1st – 10th place in each class, plus the **Highest Placed Pony Club Member** and **Best Dressage** in each class.

Entries & Enquiries

Entries via EntryMaster — [click here to enter](#)

Number bibs Please provide your own and print your own numbers (×2). Numbers will be confirmed.

Times Available before the event.

Enquiries Joel Ivell — dc.essexsuffolk@pcuk.org

Rules

- All competitors, when mounted, must at all times wear a hat with the chinstrap fastened that conforms with [PC Hat Rules 2026](#) and is tagged with a PC hat tag.
- The [Pony Club Eventing Rulebook 2026](#) applies. (PC70 / PC80)
- Standard Pony Club Rules Apply for 30, 45, 60.
- Rider age is taken as at 1 January 2026.
- A horse or pony may be ridden only once in each class.
- Dressage tests may be commanded.
- Tack will be checked, and competitors may be required to enter the dressage arena up to 10 minutes before their stated start time.
- All dogs must be kept on leads at all times.

Insurance & Vaccinations

Non-Pony Club members must hold third-party public liability insurance. By entering, you confirm that you have this cover in place.

All horses and ponies attending must have up-to-date vaccinations as per the Pony Club Rules.

The Pony Club requires all horses and ponies to have a valid passport and a compliant Equine Influenza vaccination record to attend any rally, camp or event. Boosters must be administered at maximum 12-month intervals, and no animal may compete within 7 days of receiving any vaccine.

Health & Safety

The organisers 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, and must obey the instructions of the organisers, officials and stewards.

Cross-Country Time Penalties (Classes 3–6)

Each cross-country course has an **Optimum Time** — roughly how long a good, steady round should take. You don't need to race, and **trotting is fine**. Penalties only apply if you go too fast — or, at 80cm, too slow:

Class	Time Penalties
Class 4 — 60cm	Too fast only: 0.4 penalties for each second more than 15 seconds UNDER the optimum time. No penalty for going slowly*
Class 5 — 70cm	Too fast only: 0.4 penalties for each second more than 15 seconds UNDER the optimum time. No penalty for going slowly*
Class 6 — 80cm	Too fast OR too slow: 0.4 penalties for each second more than 15 seconds either side of the optimum time.

Steady is fine — but no galloping then stalling

You can ride at a relaxed pace, but you can't gallop round and then deliberately slow, weave or trot near the finish to waste time — **5 penalties**.

*Taking more than **double** the optimum time means **elimination** — a relaxed round is well within this.

Example: if the optimum time is 4:00 and you finish in 3:40 (20 seconds fast), the first 15 seconds are free and the remaining 5 seconds cost $5 \times 0.4 = 2$ penalties.

Cross-Country Jumping Penalties

At an obstacle	Penalty
First refusal, run-out or circle at an obstacle	20 penalties
Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle	40 penalties
Third refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle	Elimination
Jumping the alternative 'L' obstacle - 45cm – Jump the L fence (which will be height down). - 60cm – Jump the L fence - 70 & 80cm – Jump L fence (which will be height down). An L fence will only be on selected jumps. I.e The small ditch.	15 penalties

Please pick up and take your horse muck home.