

Ledbury Pony Club Friendly Pairs Mounted Games



Sunday 9th August 2026 at Gadbury, GL19 4PP

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Enter as a pair via <https://ledburyponyclub.org.uk/> Entries close on Wednesday 5th August 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the organiser's discretion. There will be no refunds given after the closing date. Times will be available from Friday 7th August.

£20 per pair / £15 per pair (Ledbury Hunt Pony Club members)

Any queries, please contact Jenny Blades at jen_lark85@hotmail.com

The aim of the day is for everyone to have fun! The day will be run as a pairs competition for children aged 14 and under and there are some great prizes to be won. Please enter as a pair via the website <https://ledburyponyclub.org.uk/>. If you would like to compete but don't have a pair, please get in touch and we will try to pair you up where possible. To be eligible for the discounted entry fee, both children in the pair should be Ledbury Hunt pony club members.

General rules and code of conduct apply as detailed in the [Pony Club Mounted Games rulebook 2024](#). Please note that any unsafe behaviour from pony, rider or adult helpers may result in elimination. Only the rider who has entered the competition is permitted to ride the pony for the duration of the competition, including in the warmup.

Dress code: Riders should aim to match their team-mate with either a matching top or games bib. Long sleeves should be worn but a shirt and tie are not required. Hair should be secured above shoulder-height and jewelry should not be worn. Hats should be of the standards set out in the rule book and should have the current pink hat tag on. Hats should not have a fixed peak.

A hat band is required and should be worn on the hat of the person last to go in each race.

Please see the Rule Book for all other rules pertaining to dress and saddlery expectations.

Class descriptions

Class 1: lead rein

For children who will be led in all races.

1. Lead ropes should be attached to the noseband and leaders should lead from the pony's near side.
2. Ponies may be ridden in any normal riding bit with a single rein, excluding English gags and bitless bridles (grass reins may be used)
3. Trainers are allowed to be with their team and talk the Members through the races.
4. Ponies may be led, but help may only be given by the leader for safety reasons. Leaders should be age 16 years or above
5. A leader may leg up children too small to mount.
6. Children should correct their errors, dismounting if necessary, but may be helped to remount.
7. The safety of the children and ponies is paramount and it is the responsibility of the trainers and DC's to ensure that children are suitably mounted. Any pony deemed unsafe by the organisers may ask the rider to retire.

Class 2: Assisted

As class 1, but children should not be led. Adult helpers aged 16yrs minimum can either run with the children or stand next to equipment where needed. Riders should be largely independent when handling equipment. Helpers can help with mounting, but riders should try to mount correctly via a leg up or from the ground.

Any normal riding bit is allowed, as are grass reins, but if used it is the helper's responsibility to ensure that equipment is used safely around them. If the rider is struggling to control their pony, the helper is permitted to hold a rein briefly to ensure that the rider finishes the race safely, however if this happened repeatedly then the helper may be asked to use a lead rein for the remainder of the races. Helpers should not influence the speed of the pony!

Class 3: Unassisted

As per junior rules in the [Pony Club Mounted Games Rulebook 2024](#). This class is open to anyone aged 14 or under who does not require any assistance in the arena. Riders who have competed in junior competitions this year are welcome to compete, but as a novice friendly, we ask that combinations who have qualified to ride at mounted games championships this year not to compete. Those who were in areas or zones teams but did not qualify for championships are welcome.

Organisation of the day

Classes will be run as individual heats. If there are enough entries to warrant multiple heats then these will run and have placings within each heat: there will not be any rotations or a final in any class. For clarity, if there were two heats in a class, each heat will run separately and there will be placings and rosettes for each heat. This would also allow the same pony to be used in multiple heats if required with different riders. We ask that the ponies' fitness is considered if used in multiple heats or classes.

Every heat will have a time assigned to it which will be published before the preceding Friday.

The competition will be in the afternoon following on from the mini One Day Event in the morning.

Races

1. Bending
2. 2 Mug
3. Bottle
4. Ride and run
5. 2 Flag
6. Stepping stones
7. Sweetie race
8. Caterpillar race

DISCLAIMERS

- Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of this event or The Pony Club nor any agent, employee, or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord or his tenant, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars/ lorries/trailers, their contents and accessories or any other personal property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any way whatsoever. Entries are only accepted on this basis.
- The organisers of this event have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present at this event. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents. They must obey the instructions of the organisers and all officials and stewards.
- All non-Pony Club competitors are not covered by The Pony Club insurance and must have their own third party cover. The Ledbury Hunt Branch of The Pony Club and the organisers of this event are not legally responsible for non-Members and their insurance will not cover them.