



Pony Club Polocrosse in 2014

Hello and welcome to a quick guide to help you take up and then play lots of polocrosse in 2014. In this document we have details of:

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How you can start your Branch or Centre playing polocrosse?

If you are interested in starting polocrosse in your Branch or Centre the Pony Club Polocrosse Committee is here to help. Via the network of Pony Club Polocrosse Area Co-ordinators they can arrange introductory days, complete with equipment and qualified coaches for your Branch or Centre.

These introductory days can be organised for participants of all ages, with normally 6 to 8 participants in each group and each group doing about 2 hours of polocrosse. This involves initial stick work on foot and then moving onto horseback. These introductory days always prove great fun and allow the riders and horses to try something different and learn about a new sport.

A lot of Branches choose to have an introductory afternoon or demo during their annual camp.

If you are interested in organising a session you can contact your local Polocrosse Area Co-ordinator (contact details below) or you can contact The Pony Club Polocrosse Secretary, Hannah Clack, on hannah@pcuk.org

Contact details for Pony Club Polocrosse Area Co-ordinators

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If there is not yet a Polocrosse Area Co-ordinator confirmed for your area, or in the event of you being unable to contact your Area Co-ordinators, then please contact the Pony Club Polocrosse Secretary, Hannah Clack on hannah@pcuk.org

How can Pony Club members easily and cheaply play in tournaments and events run by the UK Polocrosse Association?

UKPA tournaments offer a great opportunity for Pony Club members to get some more match experience and play against different opponents. The tournaments happen around the country between the months of May and September.

They last normally two days (Saturday and Sunday) with each team playing three to four matches and tournament entry fees cost about £30 to £55 depending on the age of the players. To see the full list of tournament dates go to www.ukpolocrosse.co.uk

Pony Club Branches or Areas can enter complete teams (6 players) or sections (3 players) or even just individual players and wherever possible tournament organisers will include these individual players in an appropriate team based on their age and ability. There are invariably teams looking for an extra player to make up their numbers, particularly at the lower grades, and so normally individual players can be found a space to play in. If you know of a local UKPA club you can contact them to see if they're happy to put you in directly with one of their teams, which would make things easier for you. For club details, see the UKPA website.

Pony Club members wishing to play at these UKPA tournaments would need to be members of the UKPA. This can be achieved by two ways:

- Temporary membership
- Full membership

Temporary membership

Pony Club members can play in UKPA tournaments easily by becoming temporary members of the UKPA for a single event. This costs £10 (and is in addition to the tournament entry fees). Normally players are allowed only one temporary membership in a year, but for Pony Club players under the age of 16 years (on 1st Jan) there is a special dispensation that means there is no limit to how many times they can apply for temporary membership.

Alternatively they can become 28 days members for £28, this allows them to play at UKPA tournaments for a 28 day period.

If a temporary member wants to become a full member they just have to pay the difference between their temporary membership and the correct full membership rate for their age category. They will then be a full member of the UKPA until the end of that calendar year.

Temporary membership can normally be arranged at the tournament itself, however all tournaments have to be entered in advance and Pony Clubs wishing to enter UKPA tournaments should follow the steps on page 2.

Full membership

Annual membership of the UKPA for a new member in their first year is £30 (£60 for new members over 21 years old). After the first year full membership rates apply which range from £60 to £110 a year, depending on the age of the member. The membership forms for all categories of UKPA membership are on the UKPA website.

Once you are a full member you won't need to pay any further membership fees till the next year.

How to enter a UKPA tournament and how to become a temporary UKPA member

- 1) **Find the tournament you want to enter.** All the UKPA tournament dates are available on the UKPA website at www.ukpolocrosse.co.uk and on the Pony Club polocrosse page at www.pcuk.org/polocrosse
- 2) **Download the tournament schedule and entry form.** These will be on the UKPA website about one month before the tournament runs and use the entry form to submit an entry for your pony club team, section or just for individual players. **You will also have to pay tournament entry fees at this point.**
- 3) **If you have any questions you can always contact either the tournament organisers or the UKPA secretary** and both will be happy to help you with any queries regarding the entry process.
- 4) **If your players are not already UKPA members then, once you have entered, this fact will be noticed by the UKPA membership secretary** (who checks the list of players for each tournament) and she will contact yourself and the tournament organiser asking you both to ensure that the players are all UKPA temporary members before they play at the tournament.
- 5) **Temporary UKPA membership can be done in advance using the membership forms on the UKPA website or occasionally on the day at the tournament itself** (if the UKPA membership secretary will be present at the event to handle the membership process). **It has to be done before the players play their first game at the tournament.**
- 6) **If you are entering individual players then the tournament secretary will contact you to clarify any details about age and ability of the players** (the more details you put on the entry form about their ability the better, particularly if they don't have a UKPA playing grade but are not compete beginners). Tournament organisers will also do their best to put the players in an appropriate team and will happily discuss the details with you.
- 7) **The tournament order of play and team list will be published on the UKPA website and emailed around the entrants about a week before the tournament runs.** From this you can see what teams your individual players are in and what time the teams or sections are playing on the Saturday and the Sunday. As tournaments tend to start early on Saturday players all arrive on Friday night and stay till Sunday afternoon.

For more details as to the camping and horse penning arrangements at UKPA tournaments there is short guide on the UKPA website to help you when attending your first tournament or if you have any question you can contact the UKPA secretary or your Pony Club Polocrosse Area Co-ordinator.

- 8) **If you have any questions or need help** with any of the above please contact the UKPA secretary on secretary@ukpolocrosse.co.uk or the Pony Club Polocrosse Secretary, Hannah Clack, on hannah@pcuk.org

UKPA Playing Rules

There are a few different rules used in UKPA polocrosse to Pony Club, though not many. You should ensure your equipment meets the requirements laid down in the rulebook (both horse and player). The rulebook can be downloaded from the UKPA website at <http://www.ukpolocrosse.co.uk/current-members/rules-yearbook/>.

Specific rules you should be aware of are;

No. 8. Height and age of horses

No. 27. Correct dress and gear.

Section 5.4 of the UKPA Handbook gives details of what divisions are run in the UKPA. This can be viewed on the UKPA website as for the rulebook above.

Details of all Pony Club and UKPA Polocrosse events for 2014

Further details of all events can be found on both the UKPA and Pony Club Polocrosse websites, www.ukpolocrosse.co.uk and www.pcuk.org/polocrosse and more events are being announced all the time so this list will change. Most training events are open to both Pony Club and UKPA members at no additional cost for members of either organisation and actual UKPA tournaments can be entered by Pony Club members using the system described above.

If you have any queries please contact either The Pony Club Polocrosse Secretary, Hannah Clack on hannah@pcuk.org or the UKPA Polocrosse Secretary on secretary@ukpolocrosse.co.uk.

Date	Description	Organisers	Location
9 th March 2014	Area 12 Pony Club Training	Deirdre Glover (Area 12 Polocrosse Co-ordinator)	Liscombe Park, Wing, Buckinghamshire
7 th April 2014	Area 9 Polocrosse Training	Laura Scott (Area 9 Polocrosse Co-ordinator)	Inglesham Polo Centre, Wiltshire
14 th April 2014	Area 8 Polocrosse Training	Iain Heaton (Area 8 Polocrosse Co-ordinator)	Easton College, Norfolk
18 th to 20 th April 2014	Celyn Training Weekend	Celyn Polocrosse Club	Backford Grounds, Ellesmere port, Cheshire
23 rd April 2014	Pony Club Arena training chukkas	Chris Milburn (Area 7 Polocrosse Co-ordinator)	Offchurch Grounds, Royal Leamington Spa
10 th and 11 th May 2014	UKPA Early Season Polocrosse Tournament	UK Polocrosse Association	Onley Grounds Equestrian Centre, Rugby, Warwickshire
24 th and 25 th May 2014	Northern Lions Training weekend	Northern Lions Polocrosse Club and Pony Club Area 2	Alnwick, Northumberland
24 th and 25 th May 2014	Kent Target Training weekend	Kent Target Polocrosse Club	Risebridge Farm, Goudhurst, Kent
7 th June 2014	Welsh Dragons One Day Polocrosse Tournament	Welsh Dragons Polocrosse Club	To be confirmed
14 th and 15 th June 2014	Highlanders Polocrosse Tournament	Highlanders Polocrosse Club	Pershore, Worcestershire
28 th and 29 th June 2014	The Polocrosse Extreme Cup, including Pony Club one day tournament	Polocrosse Extreme	Cambridgeshire
5 th and 6 th of July 2014	Arden Polocrosse Tournament	Arden Polocrosse Club	Henley in Arden, Warwickshire
12 th and 13 th July 2014	Rugby Polocrosse Tournament	Rugby Polocrosse Club	Onley Grounds Equestrian Centre, Rugby, Warwickshire
19 th and 20 th July 2014	Cotswold Polocrosse Tournament, including one day Pony Club tournament	Cotswold Polocrosse Club	Pimbury Farm, Tetbury, Gloucestershire
2 nd and 3 rd of August 2014	Celyn Polocrosse Tournament, including one day Pony Club tournament	Celyn Polocrosse Club	Backford Grounds, Home Farm, Ellesmere port, Cheshire
5 th to 7 th August 2014	Midland Polocrosse Camp	UKPA Midland Polocrosse Region	Henley in Arden, Warwickshire
9 th and 10 th August 2014	Midland Polocrosse Tournament	UKPA Midland Polocrosse Region	Henley in Arden, Warwickshire
16 th and 17 th August 2014	Pony Club Polocrosse Championships	The Pony Club	Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire
6 th and 7 th September 2014	Rugby Late season tournament	Rugby Polocrosse Club	Onley Grounds, Rugby, Warwickshire