# Pony Club Nations Cup of Eventing 2026

The Pony Club Nations Cup of Eventing brings together the very best Pony Club event riders from Ireland, Scotland, England, Northern Ireland, and Wales in an exciting display of talent and teamwork. Hosted by The Pony Club UK at the prestigious Aspen Cooling Osberton International Horse Trials, it promises to deliver a weekend of unforgettable action and sporting spirit.

This document has been prepared to summarise the qualifying criteria and outline some key facts about the Pony Club Eventing Nations Cup organised by the Pony Club (UK). Kindly funded by the George Mernagh Memorial Fund, EI Youth Committee and BEDE Events. Prizes kindly supported by Connolly's Red Mills, Loones, The Start Box, Waring Brooke, Foran Equine, Carr Day Martin and Equitex. In collaboration with The Pony Club (UK & The Irish Pony Club.

## Location and Date

1st – 4th October 2026

Osberton Estate, Worksop, Notts, S81 0UG

## Competition Format

Dressage, Show Jumping, Cross Country

There will be a trot up before the competition starts. Wednesday 30th Sept for the PC105-NC & Thursday 1st Oct for the PC110-NC.

## Dressage Tests

PC Chairman's Cup Championship 2026 Test – PC105-NC

PC110 Eventing Championship 2026 Test – PC110-NC

## Show Jumping and XC Heights

105 & 110

## Entry Fee, Stabling & Hook Up

Entry Fee - £210 inc VAT

Stabling - £210 inc VAT

Hook Up (no generators are allowed onsite) - £155 inc VAT

All entries will include access to all evening entertainment, with Bistro on site and Pony Club Lounge for all competitors

ELIGIBILITY

## Eligibility for all Classes:

Note – the Nations Cup will be run under UK Pony Club Rules and (where required) FEI Rules may apply

The organisers reserve the right to adapt the eligibility with agreement of the OC and stewards

- All horses must be at least 5 years old
- Both horses and riders are eligible to enter
- All competitors selected for the Nations Cup must be registered with British Eventing (as an associate member or full member in this calendar year)
- All competitors selected from Ireland/Northern Ireland MUST attend at least 1 of the 2 funded training sessions organised by EIYC
- All UK, English, Scottish, and Welsh competitors selected must attend Area-level training with a PCUK-qualified coach.
- All combinations must be signed off as competent to compete by their Area Representative.
- All Irish combinations must be signed off as competent to compete by an independent level 2 or higher HSI coach or a 4* senior rider.
- The PC105-NC is eligible to those approved to ride at BE/PC100/EI100 (Grade C athletes)
- The PC110-NC is eligible for those approved to ride at BE Novice/PC110/EI110 (Grade A athletes)

## Eligibility for all PC105-NC (in addition to the criteria above)

- Combination must have completed 3x clear XC rounds at EI100, BE100, PC100, IPC Intermediate or above level within the 2025/2026 season
- Combination should show proficiency in Show Jumping and Dressage phases at PC/BE/EI level with evidence of consistent results
- Combinations are ineligible if they have competed at EI115/BE Intermediate level or above

## Eligibility for all PC110-NC (in addition to the criteria above)

- Combination must have completed 3x clear XC rounds at EI110, BE Novice, PC110, IPC Intermediate, PC Chairman's Cup level within the 2025/2026 season
- Combination should show proficiency in Show Jumping and Dressage phases at PC/BE/EI level with evidence of consistent results
- Combinations are ineligible if they have competed at EI120/BE Advanced level or above

## Links to Rules for Qualifying organisations

Eventing Ireland – https://www.eventingireland.com/rulebook/

British Eventing – https://heyzine.com/flip-book/754edda90d.html

UKPC Eventing Rules – https://pcuk.org/eventing/

Irish Pony Club Eventing Rules – https://www.irishponyclub.ie/images/pdf/rulebooks/eventing-rulebook-2025%20v5.pdf

## Team Selection

Note: This is a guide only, and the selectors' decision is final.

### Ireland:

PC105-NC

Irish Team will be the two highest-placed competitors in each of the team arenas with a clear cross-country round and the winner of the individual arena with a clear cross-country round

PC110-NC

Irish Team will be the five competitors with the lowest finishing score at the PC Championships

### Northern Ireland

*PC105-NC*

NI team will be the five NI competitors with the lowest finishing score at the UKPC Championships at either PC100 or PC Chairman's Cup levels (subject to criteria listed above)

NI members will also be considered who have attended the IPC Eventing Championships at PC100 level and above.

If members are not attending the UK Championships, then members CAN be selected from Area Qualifiers or EI Results at the discretion of the Area Representative based on results and competition records (subject to the criteria listed above)

*PC110-NC*

NI team will be selected by EINR/Area 17 Representative based on their EI record at EI110 (subject to the criteria above)

### England, Scotland & Wales

If you wish to be considered for selection, please **email eventingchairman@pcuk.org by Tuesday 1st September, highlighting your achievements and stating which class you wish to compete in**.

*PC105-NC*

Primarily, the teams will be selected based on the lowest finishing scores at the Pony Club Championships in either the PC100 or Chairman's Cup Classes (subject to the criteria listed above)

If members have not attended the UK Championships, then members may be selected by the National Eventing Committee based on results and competition records (subject to the criteria listed above)

*PC110-NC*

The National Eventing Committee will select teams based on their Chairman's Cup, PC110, or BE Novice record. Preference will be given to those competing at the PC110 Championships at Bishop Burton or The Chairman's Cup at The Pony Club Championships.

FAQ's

Q: I have been selected on my results from various championships but do not yet have enough qualifying MER runs on my record to enter. What do I need to do?

A: Carefully read the eligibility criteria above. You will need to achieve the minimum number of qualifying MERs in order to run within 10 days of the competition as a combination. In many cases at 100 level, you can achieve these by entering training classes.

Q: Can you tell me a bit more about Osberton International?

A: Osberton International is a longstanding and well-regarded English venue located near Worksop, Nottinghamshire, which has been running competitions for over 60 years. Now run by BEDE Events, this event has become an end-of-season party for levels from BE105 through to CCI3*. The light, sandy ground at Osberton ensures excellent ground, whatever the conditions. All courses will be of Championship standard. They use a variety of parkland and woodland tracks and are designed to be flowing, galloping courses. All dressage and show jumping will be in the main arenas with atmosphere and lots of dressing

Q: How much will it all cost?

A: As you know… eventing is not a cheap sport. Entry is £210 per combination, with stabling and hook-up as extras. We highly recommend you all stable onsite to get the most out of the evening entertainment and all that Osberton offers. Irish & Northern Irish competitors will need to price & factor in the following:

- Ferry & transport costs
- Paperwork costs
- Entry Costs

There may also be a small subsidy available as part of the Irish invitation & you should ask your own Branch or Area if they can support you.

Q: Will there be other Youth Competitors on site?

A: Yes! Osberton has Pony classes alongside BE105 & CCI1* classes, which attract many younger competitors. There will be a Pony Club lounge for you to use throughout the week, and evening entertainment and a bistro available for you all

Q: How will we know what is happening?

A: The EI Youth Committee, UKPC, and IPC will set up an optional WhatsApp group once teams are confirmed, which will be open to parents, guardians, coaches and all competitors aged 18 or over.

Q: Will I get an MER?

A: Please check with the BE Head Office, as this will depend on the class at Osberton that you are entered into.

Q: Once I have been selected, how do I enter?

A: via the BEDE Events Website - https://bede-events.co.uk/project/pony-club-nations-cup-at-osberton-2-2026/

Note: You will need to set up a British Eventing account first via the “Members Area”. Once you have done that, you can enter. For more information, please click https://www.britisheventing.com/joining to set up an account and register your horse

Q: Will I need tickets to the event?

A: Anyone coming in the horsebox does NOT need tickets. All owners will receive a complimentary car pass to use for the duration of the event. Each rider can apply for 2 guest passes for their families via a form linked on the website and emailed to you in advance. Each Team will receive one complimentary car pass for the team manger/coach etc. Any additional persons coming will need to purchase a car pass via the BEDE Events website. All passes are car passes which include admission for all occupants.

We wish you all the very best of luck at your qualifying competitions.

## Key Contacts

For more information, please contact the following:

UKPC Competitors –eventing@pcuk.org

EI Youth Committee - Funding and Irish Competitors - eiunderage@gmail.com

Irish Pony Club / Irish Pony Club Competitor queries - carol.coad@gmail.com

NI Pony Club Area 17 competitor queries - Area17@pcuk.org

The Irish Pony Club endeavours to promote and encourage horsemanship, sportsmanship, citizenship, and loyalty in a safe and fun atmosphere, for all its members and volunteers.

The UK Pony Club aims to provide children and young people with the opportunity to develop a lifelong love of horses through fun, friendship, horsemanship and sport.

The Eventing Ireland Youth Committee aims to support young Eventers from every background to become better and more viable athletes.