



# The Irish Pony Club

## Cross Jump

This is a competition over a course comprising of a mixture of show jumps, cross-country jumps and natural type fences over a distance of approximately 1 mile (1.6km) of open, undulating terrain.

i) The Course

The course is designed with two sections of 5 show jumps and another section of 10 cross-country / natural type fences. The start and finish line are positioned together for timing. The show jumps should be enclosed with five on each side of the arena. The course is measured from the start to finish line.

ii) Timing

The time starts when the competitor has been counted down and is stopped when the competitor crosses the finish line. All classes will be judged on optimum time.

iii) Speeds

The following speeds are permitted for Cross Jump competitions:

Grade:	P	U-12	JUNIORS	INTER	MEMBERS
SJ	325 mpm	350 mpm	325 mpm	350 mpm	350 mpm
XC	325 mpm	325 mpm	400 mpm	400 mpm	400 mpm

iv) Show Jumping (SJ) / Cross Country (XC)

1. SJ 1-6

2. XC 1-10

3. SJ 7-12

v) Fence Dimensions

As those permitted for each grade in show jumping and cross-country. In the Primary class, all fences must be within the same area and must not exceed 70cms.



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vi) Penalties

Knocking down an obstacle, classed as knockable:	5 penalties
First refusal, run out or circle at an obstacle:	10 penalties
Second refusal, run out or circle at an obstacle:	20 penalties
Third refusal, run out or circle at an obstacle:	Elimination
Fall of rider:	Elimination
Fall of horse:	Elimination

A competitor is considered to have fallen when he is separated from his horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.

A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time both its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself. A fall will always be penalised when it occurs between the elements of a multiple obstacle.

The above penalties are cumulative.

Error of course not rectified, omission of obstacle or boundary flag, jumping obstacle in wrong direction, or re-taking an obstacle already jumped:	Elimination
Continuing the course without crash helmet or with chin strap undone:	Elimination
Running through fence already down:	5 penalties

If a knockable fence is knocked down by a competitor in refusing, the competitor or team, as the case may be, may jump it in that condition and penalties both for refusal and knock down are incurred. If, however, the competitor waits for the obstacle to be adjusted, no allowance will be made for the time involved. In this case, the fence judge's instruction must be obeyed.

vii) Dress / Equipment

The rules for dress and equipment as per the rules for the cross-country section of Horse Trials.

viii) Requirements

1. Vet on Call
2. Doctor
3. Ambulance
4. Chief Steward
5. Farrier on Call