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# pony racing series

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## 2005 Charles Owen Pony Racing Series Dates and Venues

Pony Racing Date	Racecourse Venue	Contact & Racecourse Address	Entries Close	Confirmation Date
<b>Sunday</b> 10th July	<b>Perth</b>	<b>Sam Morshead</b> Scone Palace Park, Perth PH2 6BB	<b>26th June</b>	<b>30th June</b> 01738 551 597
<b>Sunday</b> 17th July	<b>Newton Abbot</b>	<b>Patrick Masterson</b> Newton Road, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 3AF	<b>3rd July</b>	<b>7th July</b> 01626 353 235
<b>Sunday</b> 31st July	<b>Market Rasen</b>	<b>Pip Adams</b> Legsby Road, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire LN8 3EA	<b>17th July</b>	<b>21st July</b> 01673 843 434
<b>Saturday</b> 13th August	<b>Bangor-on-Dee</b>	<b>Jeannie Chantler</b> The Racecourse, Bangor-on-Dee, Wrexham LL13 0DA	<b>30th July</b>	<b>3rd August</b> 01978 780 323
<b>Sunday</b> 21st August	<b>Southwell</b>	<b>Jon Pullin</b> Rolleston, Newark, Nottinghamshire NH25 OTS	<b>7th August</b>	<b>11th August</b> 01636 814 481
<b>Monday</b> 29th August	<b>Huntingdon</b>	<b>Fiona Needham</b> Brampton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE28 4NL	<b>15th August</b>	<b>19th August</b> 01480 453 373
<b>Sunday</b> 4th September	<b>Worcester</b>	<b>Fergus Cameron</b> Pitchcroft, Worcester WR1 3EJ	<b>21st August</b>	<b>25th August</b> 0870 220 2772
<b>Sunday</b> 11th September	<b>Stratford</b>	<b>Stephen Lambert</b> Luddington Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 9SE	<b>28th August</b>	<b>1st September</b> 01789 267 949
<b>Sunday</b> 2nd October	<b>Kelso</b>	<b>Richard Landale</b> The Racecourse, Kelso, Roxburghshire TD5 7SX	<b>18th September</b>	<b>22nd September</b> 01668 280 800
<b>Saturday</b> 8th October	<b>Hexham</b>	<b>Dennis Gallagher</b> The Riding, Acomb, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 4PF	<b>24th September</b>	<b>28th September</b> 01434 606 881
<b>Saturday</b> 8th October	<b>Chepstow</b>	<b>Tim Long</b> Chepstow, Monmouthshire NP16 6BE	<b>24th September</b>	<b>28th September</b> 01291 622 260
<b>Sunday</b> 16th October	<b>Hereford</b>	<b>Katie Langdell</b> Roman Road, Hereford, HR4 9QU	<b>2nd October</b>	<b>6th October</b> 01432 273 560
<b>Saturday</b> 22nd October	<b>Aintree</b> (FINALS)	<b>Charles Barnett</b> Aintree, Liverpool L9 5AS	<b>17th October</b>	<b>17th October</b> 0151 523 2600



# 2005 Charles Owen, pony racing series

**The 2005 Charles Owen Pony Racing Series, supported by the racing industry and The Pony Club, is a nationwide initiative aimed at promoting and encouraging 11-15 year olds to become jump jockeys.**

This autumn's series, the second consecutive of its kind, is an initiative introduced following a 12 month review project undertaken to look at the sustainability and viability of Jump Racing in 2003. The British Horseracing Board's Jump Racing Review identified a need to encourage a wider spectrum of young British enthusiasts to consider developing a career as a Jump Jockey and through introducing Pony Races across Britain we hope to attract many children to the sport giving them the opportunity to compete and consider a career as a jump jockey.

Pony Racing has long been a tradition in Ireland with many of today's top Irish born jockeys learning their skills and nurturing their talents through pony racing including 'AP' McCoy, Ruby Walsh and Timmy Murphy. But not all jockeys are Irish! Richard Johnson, Robert 'Choc' Thornton and Joe Tizzard are just three English jockeys who have reached the top of their profession but each has acknowledged the benefit and help pony racing would have been to them.

*"It's a great idea and I wish it had happened when I was younger. Pony racing in Ireland is so competitive, most of the Irish jockeys start off that way and are at such an advantage. It will give kids here a great opportunity to have a go at racing and hopefully the buzz will encourage some of them to carry on riding and become jump jockeys. It can only be a good thing and I'm right behind it."*

**Richard Johnson – Top jockey & former Pony Club member**



The 2005 Charles Owen Pony Racing Series is only possible thanks to the support and co-operation of the participating racecourses and their staff. Likewise, the enthusiasm shown towards this initiative from the racing industry, the involvement from The Pony Club which has led to Pony Racing being introduced as a recognised activity and the eagerness with which Point-to-Points have staged pony races has helped ensure it will prosper.

So competitors... hitch up your irons and have a go and spectators shout loud and cheer them home! We hope that each and every one will experience and enjoy the thrill of race riding and will be encouraged to speak with today's Trainers and Jockeys who fully support the 2005 Charles Owen Pony Racing Series.

# Qualifying for the races



## Race Conditions

- Ponies measuring 138cm & Under will race over a maximum distance of 5½ furlongs with riders weighing a minimum 8st.
- Ponies measuring 148cm & Under will race over a maximum distance of 7 furlongs with riders weighing a minimum 8st 10lbs.
- Race distances are approximate depending on the geography and lay out of the racecourse.
- Riders weighing less than the minimum weight will be required to carry additional weight/lead to reach the minimum weight.
- Rider weights are to include fully dressed saddle, number cloth and weight cloth (if used).
- A 2lb weight allowance will be permitted for body protectors which all riders must wear conforming to EN 13158:2000 or BS EN 13158:2000 or SATRA Jockey Vest Standard Document M6 Issue 3. Body protectors may not be modified in any way and must be in a serviceable condition.
- There will be a maximum of 12 runners per race – a balloting procedure will be adopted if necessary by the host racecourse.
- Races with less than 6 runners will be abandoned.
- All races will be started by flag with ponies facing forward.
- All riders must Weigh Out and Weigh In. Failure to weigh at the same weight results in disqualification.
- Ponies must be declared to the nominated representative as having arrived at the host racecourse at least two hours before the pony race.
- The winner (or highest placed if winner is already qualified) from each race will qualify for the 2005 Charles Owen Pony Racing Final at Aintree Racecourse on Saturday 22nd October 2005.

## Qualification

### Riders must either be:

- Members of The Pony Club and have attended 3 working rallies since 1st July 2004 one of which must be in the current year and their District Commissioner must have witnessed the pony and rider participating together on at least one occasion,

### or:

- Riders and pony must have been placed in the first four of a Point-to-Point Pony Race during 2005 having genuinely hunted together on at least 1 occasion, the child having hunted on at least 3 occasions this season.
- Should a breach of eligibility be proven the offender will be disqualified from competing in the 2005 UK Pony Racing Series.



# Rider and pony info



## Rider Information

- All riders participating must attend the Official Briefing and Course Walk on the day. Failure to do so will result in the competitor being withdrawn.
- Riders competing must be aged 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 years on 1st January 2005.
- Riders may only compete in the Final on ponies they have qualified.
- Riders must wear a 'Medical Armband' when competing – available from The Pony Club (telephone 024 766 98300).



## Pony Information

- All ponies must be aged between 5 and 20 years.
  - All ponies must be vaccinated against Equine Influenza and have available a certificate confirming compliance.
  - Stables will not be provided for ponies.
  - All ponies entered do so under the condition that they may be routine tested for prohibited substances in accordance with The Jockey Club regulations.
- Ponies are not permitted to participate if they have ever competed under the Rules of any recognised racing authority including Arab Racing and Point-to-Pointing.
- It is strongly recommended that all ponies competing hold a Joint Measurement Scheme Certificate of Height. Ponies may be disqualified on the day if there is a discrepancy and the pony found to be 'above height'.

## Entries

- All entries must be submitted with a £15 entry fee payable to the host racecourse on the Official Entry Form
- All entry forms must be signed by the Pony Club District Commissioner and/or Hunt Master/Secretary.
- Entries close 14 days before the pony race and competitors must telephone the host racecourse by 5:00pm 10 days before the scheduled pony race date for confirmation of participation.
- Riders and ponies may enter and compete together in as many pony races as they wish.
- It is compulsory for all ponies competing in the final to hold a Joint Measurement Scheme Certificate of Height – to be made available when entering and on the day. Failure of this will result in elimination from the finals.



# Saddlery and equipment



- Ponies must be turned out with well fitting and properly maintained saddlery. Badly fitting or unsafe tack will result in disqualification.
  - Racing saddles measuring less than 16 inches (40.6cm) in length (from front arch to cantle) and weighing less than 5lbs (2.8kg) are not permissible.
  - Surcingle and neck strap are mandatory.
  - Bandages are not permitted.
  - Only bits which meet with the approval of a Veterinary Officer will be permitted. Bitless Bridles, including Hackamores, are not permitted. For safety reasons reins should be attached to the bit by a buckle (not a billet).
  - Nickel bits and stirrup irons are not permitted.
  - No blinkers, hoods, eyeshields, eyecovers, visors or sheepskin cheek pieces may be used.
- No pony shall may run in shoes which have protrusions on the ground surface other than calkins on the hind limited to 3/8" in height.
  - It is mandatory for all riders to wear a protective crash helmet manufactured to one of the minimum standards. It must bear the CE mark and a quality symbol, either the BSI Kitemark, the SAI Global symbol or the official Snell label with number. The CE symbol on its own is not sufficient to ensure consistent standard of manufacture. The PAS 015:1998 and the Snell E2001 meet higher impact criteria and therefore give more protection;
    1. PAS 015:1998, EN 1384:1996, BS EN 1384:1997(all must carry the BSI Kitemark)
    2. Snell E2001 with the official Snell label & number
    3. AS/NZS 3838:1998, or AS/NZS 3838:2003
  - Hats must be worn with chinstraps correctly fastened at all times when mounted.
  - Silks/racing colours are to be provided by competitors.
  - Standard riding, racing or jodhpur boots (black or brown) with a smooth, fairly thin sole, and a well defined square cut heel must be worn. Half chaps (black or brown) will be permitted.
  - Whips and spurs are not permitted.



# 2005 Charles Owen Pony Racing Series Entry Form

## PLEASE SEND TO HOST RACECOURSE

Date & Venue of Race to be Entered: .....

Race to be Entered: (delete as appropriate) ..... 138cm / 5 1/2 furlongs or 148cm / 7 furlongs

RIDER DETAILS: (competitors to complete section A and/or B depending on their qualification route)

Rider Name: .....

Age & Date of Birth: .....

Address: .....

Postcode ..... Telephone .....

### SECTION A – PONY CLUB

Pony Club Branch: .....

Date & Venues of Rallies Attended: 1) .....

Date & Venues of Rallies Attended: 2) .....

Date & Venues of Rallies Attended: 3) .....

### SECTION B – POINT-TO-POINT PONY RACES

Point-to-Point Pony Race Venue: .....

Point-to-Point Pony Race Date: .....

Finishing Position at Point-to-Point Pony Race: .....

Point-to-Point Pony Race Organising Hunt: .....

Hobbies/Commentator Notes: .....

### PONY DETAILS:

Name: ..... Age: ..... Height: .....

Colour: ..... Breed/Type: .....

### PARENTAL/GUARDIAN DECLARATION:

I understand riding is a risk sport. I am aware there is a risk of injury. In the knowledge of this, I am happy for my son/daughter. .... (name) to participate in the event.

Signed: .....

Name: ..... Date: .....

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**Liability:** In making this entry the competitor and family agree that no liability will be accepted by the organisers, the Pony Club or anyone acting on their behalf for loss, damage, accident, injury or illness to horse, rider or property whatsoever.

### DISTRICT COMMISSIONER or HUNT/POINT-TO-POINT SECRETARY DECLARATION:

I ..... (name) confirm that the above details are true and correct and that .....

(rider) and ..... (pony) have attended a minimum 3 Pony Club Rallies between 1st July

2004 and today's date or hunted on at least 3 occasions and been placed in the Point-to-Point Pony Race this

season. Parental/Guardian permission for them to compete has been given and to the best of my knowledge the

pony and rider are eligible and competent to compete in the 2005 Charles Owen Pony Racing Series.

Signed: ..... District Commissioner for .....

Branch of The Pony Club or Secretary for ..... Hunt/Point-to-Point Committee

Address: .....

..... Postcode .....

Telephone: ..... Date: .....

**ALL ENTRY FORMS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY £15 ENTRY FEE PAYABLE TO HOST RACECOURSE**

**TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE PONY'S JOINT MEASUREMENT HEIGHT CERTIFICATE**



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by a head  
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