

PONY RACING: WHERE TO GO NEXT

Pony Racing is an exciting sport for young riders aged 9-16 years old. With pony races taking place throughout the country, for all types of ponies and riders of different abilities, there's something for everyone. Pony racing is an inclusive sport, welcomes everyone and is accessible to all.

If you have enjoyed today and want to be part of Pony Racing, these are the ways to get involved.



TRAIN AT...



PONY CLUB RACING RALLIES

Please get in touch with your local Pony Club or Area Representative.

PONY RACING TRAINING DAYS

The PRA stage Training Days all over the country. They cover fitness for you and your pony, race riding techniques and what tack and equipment you need. Instruction is provided in an arena and on the gallops, and these days can be used to qualify to pony race.

RACING SCHOOLS

The National Horseracing College near Doncaster and the British Racing School in Newmarket offer several training days starting at Level 1 through to Advanced Level. A Level 3 will qualify you to take part in a Point-to-Point pony race.

PONY RACING ACADEMIES

Our Pony Racing Academies are designed for children who do not own a pony. The 12-week scheme aims to get the children fit, skilled and ready to take part in a proper pony race. Application forms available direct from the PRA or the Racing Schools.



PONY CLUB RACE DAYS (FOR PONY CLUB MEMBERS)

Pony Club Race Days are a fantastic way to see if pony racing is for you. These race days are run on professional racecourses, have up to 8 races per fixture and are held throughout the year for Pony Club members aged 9 – 16 and for ponies measuring under 148 cm. These are fun ways to start your pony racing journey.

To qualify for these race days, the combination of pony and rider must have attended 2 rallies or one PRA/Pony Club Training Day since 1 July the previous year.

The Pony Club and PRA websites list these fixtures.

Go to: www.pcuk.org or www.ponyracingauthority.co.uk

POINT-TO-POINT PONY RACING (FOR PRA MEMBERS)

From January to June, Point-to-Point Pony Racing provides 9-16-year-olds with the chance to race at Point-to-Point racecourses on these amateur race days, offering two races per fixture. Point-to-Point Pony Racing caters for novice riders and more experienced pony/rider combinations for ponies measuring under 148 cm. This is a great way to improve your skills before you graduate to the Racecourse Series.

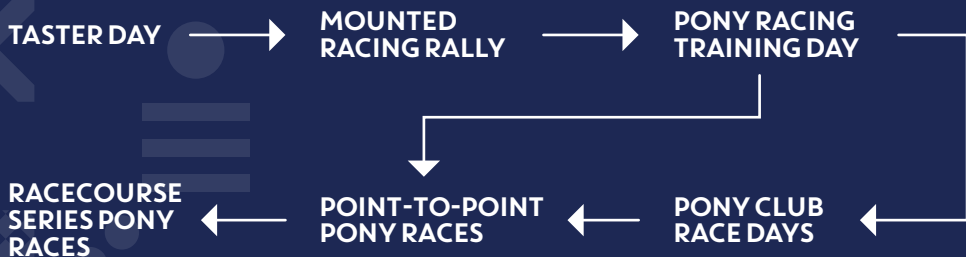
If you have passed a PRA Training Day or completed 4 days hunting or 4 rallies since 1 July, then you are qualified! You need to become a member of the PRA, and register your pony to the PRA, from 1 January.

RACECOURSE SERIES (FOR MORE EXPERIENCED PRA MEMBERS)

The Racecourse Series is as close as it gets to the 'real thing'. It's for children aged between 11-16 years old and takes place at professional racecourses around the country between April and October. Two pony races are staged before or after a licensed race meeting for ponies measuring 138cm and under or 148cm and under.

The Racecourse Series is the Premier League of pony racing – next stop the Derby or the Grand National, perhaps! You must have completed 3 Point-to-Point pony races or Open Pony Club races in order to take part in the Racecourse Series.

DIFFERENT WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN PONY RACING



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Further information is available at www.ponyracingauthority.co.uk or please get in touch with the PRA on 01584 823 783 or via email at info@ponyracingauthority.co.uk

General Enquiries:

Clarissa Daly 01584 823783 clarissa@ponyracingauthority.co.uk

Membership and Registration/Racecourse Series:

Caroline Hutsby 07989 952091 caroline@ponyracingauthority.co.uk

Point-to-Point Pony Racing:

Lucy Felton 01258 817604 lucy@ponyracingauthority.co.uk

Training Days:

Verity Green 07887 541571 verity@ponyracingauthority.co.uk

Pony Club Pony Racing:

Zoe Pulling 02476 698306 ponyracing@pcuk.org

Useful websites:

www.ponyracingauthority.co.uk / www.pcuk.org
www.brs.org.uk / www.thenhc.co.uk

Photos by Nigel Kirby Photography