KHPC Policy on competing at Hunter Trials, Eventing & Cross Country 2026:

IMPORTANT: If your child is eventing or hunter trialling for the first time this year **OR c**onsidering moving up the levels, they will need to be **certified as eligible** and signed off by the DC in conjunction with appropriately qualified instructors.

The Irish Pony Club Eventing classes are as follows:

U12s - 80cm: Riders must be in their 10th year & under 12 on 1st January of the current year. It is the responsibility of the Branch D.C to ensure that all members are capable of riding to the standard and level that the course may require for each individual competition. The IPC rule is that the member must have their D+ test. However it is **KHPC policy** that riders must be of **C test standard of riding** and the assessed **partnership (rider & horse/pony)** must be signed off as such by the DC and XC instructors if they have **not yet** achieved their C test.

Junior - **90cm** Under 15 on 1st January of the current year. Must have the **C test & C+ standard of riding -** It is the responsibility of the Branch D.C to ensure that all members are capable of riding to the standard and level that the course may require for each individual competition. Therefore it is **KHPC policy** that riders must be of **C + test standard** and the **partnership (rider & horse/pony)** must be signed off as such by the DC and XC instructors

Intro Intermediate - **90cm -** Riders must be 15 on January 1st of the current year. **Must have the C test, and C+ standard of riding.**

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Intermediate - 1m - Under 23 on 1st January of the current year. Must have the **C test.**

The assessed **partnership (rider & horse/pony)** must be signed off by the DC as capable and competent at 1m level.

Open - 1m 10 - Under 23 on 1st January of the current year. Must have the **C test.** The assessed **partnership (rider & horse/pony)** must be signed off by the DC as capable and competent at 1m 10 level.

Training & Assessment: We aim to provide XC Training for all levels of riders planning to compete in the various PC events over the coming months. There will be assessment rallies for members hoping to ride at U12 & Junior level for the first time in 2024 and for riders wanting to compete at a higher level for the first time. We hope to run a XC training event at Punchestown on April 1st. This will be confirmed ASAP.

A subsequent assessment opportunity will take place during camp. This gives children who don't meet the required level at Easter time to practise and improve and be reassessed (or assessed for the 1st time if appropriate) at camp.

There are numerous events scheduled for later in the Summer (after Camp) where children will have opportunities to compete at the next level if that is their hope for this year.

If your child is keen to event, it is important to familiarise yourself with the following rulebook;
https://www.irishponyclub.ie/images/pdf/rulebooks/eventing_rulebook_0622.pdf