

Sports where you jump your horse



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1. Foxhunting

Riding in the open with hound dogs chasing the scent of a fox. Pony Club was started by Foxhunters in the 1950's



2. Steeplechase

Horse race on grass track over brush jumps.



3. Tetrathlon

Riding, Running, Shooting, and Swimming. **Pony Club sport.** Feeder for the Olympic Modern Pentathlon



4. Hunter/Paper Pace

Timed trail ride, open country, no ring. Hunter Paces are a common fundraising event.



5. Prix Caprilli

A dressage test with jumps.



6. Team Chasing

Teams of 4 riders ride a 2 mile cross country course with up to 25 jumps. No US competitions.



7. Eventing

Dressage, Show Jumping, Cross Country jumping.
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8. Hunter Jumping

Non-timed jumping in a ring over natural looking jumps. Judged on style, winner has the best way of going. US sport. Not done in Pony Club



9. Show Jumping

Timed jumping in a ring with colorful obstacles and tight turns. The fastest with the least rails wins. **Pony Club Sport.**



Difference between Jumpers and Hunters; it's like ice skating:

Show Jumping is like the "Speed Skaters" – fast and accurate

Hunters is like "Figure Skating" – a judge picks the winner based on style

Both are on ice, both use skates, both are hard to do, both require dedication and practice, but the winner is determined very differently

Types of Show Jumping (timed jumping in a ring)

US Pony Club Show Jumping competitions are standard, timed jump courses. But there are a variety of other types of show jumping competitions, some are explained below.

A. Jumping Derby – show jumping and cross country combined in a large grass ring. Not done in Pony Club



B. Grand Prix – highest level of jumping, 10-16 jumps up to 6.5 feet. Not done in Pony Club



C. Puissance – short course of high jumps ending in the puissance wall, all clear riders go again, and again, each time the puissance wall is raised. Not done in Pony Club



D. Six-bar – riders jump six fences, equally spaced, with each fence in succession getting higher and higher. Not done in Pony Club



E. Gambler's choice – the rider picks the route of the course, must jump all, point values assigned based on difficulty of the jump, one with the most points wins. **(done in pony club, called "Take Your Own Line")**

F. Match race/double slalom – two identical courses are set up in a split arena and two riders jump at the same time – timed like a race. Not done in Pony Club



G. Touch Class – same as show jumping, except the rider gets fault points just for tousing the jump.

H. Parcours de Chasse – knock downs are converted to seconds, making it possible for a very fast horse that has a rail to still win the event. Not done in Pony Club

All jumping competitions in the Pony Club are some variety of timed show jumping

Main Points:

- 1) many different types of jumping sports
- 2) You can do all of them, try them all
- 3) Each type may need a different type of training, ask you instructor
- 4) **When competing with the Pony Club it will be timed jumping** – “Show Jumping”. There are no “Hunter” competitions in Pony Club.

