



HIPWOOD – EMERSON TROPHY

TOURNAMENT RULES FOR 2025

GENERAL

- All players must be a member of the Pony Club and must be a member of the HPA. To be an HPA registered member you must be either:
 1. A paid-up HPA member via a polo club with an HPA handicap. Please note that if you join the Pony Club first you can then join the HPA with a discounted membership.
 2. By contacting the Section Manager by email for a temporary HPA membership (valid only for this tournament on the dates of play and does not apply to any other polo). A handicap will be awarded agreed by the Tournament committee* T's and C's below.
- All players must have passed the HPA Rules Test each year.
- All ages are as of 1st January 2025.
- Team names should be based on Pony Club Branches or Centres.
- All matches are scheduled and organised by the Tournament Committee* and the Pony Club. Teams will play a min. of 3 games max of 5 games.
- Start date week commencing 14th July with the finals being played at Cowdray on 7th August.

ENTRY CLOSING DATE 16th JUNE or earlier if team limit reached.

- All teams must have an HPA Licenced Coach.
- Limited to 8 teams.
- All match information and schedules will be published on the Pony Club page of the PlayPolo App. Downloaded from the App store (iPhone) or Google play (Androids) or scan the QR code.
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HIPWOOD EMERSON TROPHY - U14 (3 chukkas)

- Team handicap -8
 - Players must be 10 years old before the first match and up to and under 13 on 1st January (players born after Jan. 1st, 2011)
 - As well as being members of the Pony Club, players must be members of the HPA with a registered handicap and have passed the rules test.
 - Players can also play in other Pony Club sections.
 - Minimum individual handicap is -2 goals.
 - You can only play in the Emerson Trophy Division for a max of 2 years.
 - Handicaps will be judged and changed where necessary during the tournaments. The tournament committee will decide the handicaps.
 - Teams can be made up of players from different Branches or Centres.
 - Teams must have a nominated licensed HPA Coach.
 - Matches will be played under HPA rules and are three chukkas.
 - Not allowed to ride in spurs.
 - Teams must be prepared to provide an umpire pony for their own matches.
 - Matches will be played at various clubs and private grounds as organised by the Section Manager in conjunction with the HPA.
 - Each team will pay a team deposit of £200 which will be discounted from their entry fee, non-refundable should the team pull out.
 - Entry £1,200.00 per team. This is for a minimum of 3 games if we do not reach the minimum you will be refunded pro rata.
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- ❖ *Tournament Committee – Andrew Barlow, Caroline Grayson, Justin Stanhope-White, Henry Browne, Roddy Matthews
 - ❖ All entries will be via <https://www.horse-events.co.uk/>.
 - ❖ Closing date for declarations & entries will be Monday, 16th June.
 - ❖ HPA temporary Hipwood membership.

The HPA will offer at no cost for Hipwood entered players who are not already members of the HPA:

1. To register a PC club player on a temporary day membership, max 5 days.
2. Applicable only for the days that a player is scheduled to play in the Hipwood.
3. Applies to a current PC member with no HPA club membership.
4. All players must pass the online rules test each year and unless otherwise informed by the Tournament committee to receive a handicap as per the Blue Book.
5. All players (even temporary) would be eligible to be considered by the tournament HCP committee who in their discretion may submit an HCP recommendation to the HPA Handicap committee.

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