



2017 INTER PACIFIC EXCHANGE

The Inter Pacific Exchange (IPE) is a biennial event involving Pony Club Teams from countries in the Pacific Basin. Teams which have taken part recently are Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand and the USA. It would be expected that these countries would be represented at the 2017 Rally. Great Britain has been a special invitee- possibly because the Pony Club movement has its beginning there in November 1929.

Members of the participating teams must be an Active Member of an affiliated Pony Club Branch, be 17 years of age as of the start of the IPE, and be 25 years or under as of January 1, 2017.

The competitive aspect of the IPE is the Nations' Cup Show Jumping, involving teams of four riders from each of the participating nations. There is also a One Day Event (Horse Trials) for teams of four riders, which are formed by taking one rider from each participating nation to make "scrambled" teams for this competition.

The Host Country is responsible for providing horses and saddlery for all participants in the IPE. The horses are allocated to the riders by ballot. Members of the team from the Host Nation are not permitted to ride their own horses.

Competition is not the prime objective of the Exchange Rally; it is simply the vehicle to bring people together from the various nations to share ideas, interests, and cultures – and to establish international friendships. Visiting teams are either billeted with local families or accommodated together at a large complex. It is usual for the Host Nation to arrange a series of non-riding social functions, as well as the competitive riding activities.

The Canadian Team will be under the direction and supervision of a Team Manager, who will be appointed by the Canadian Pony Club.

The 2017 Inter Pacific Exchange will be hosted by the USPC in North and South Carolina from June 28 – July 12, 2017.