



Eligibility
for
Area Qualifying Competitions
and the
Championships 2012

Dressage, Eventing, Show Jumping & Tetrathlon

DRESSAGE

ELIGIBILITY FOR AREA QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The District Commissioner is required to certify the eligibility of horse and rider as follows. Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Dressage Committee may disqualify the offending competitor. Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfill all the following eligibility rules on the day of the Championships with one exception. Having qualified for the Novice Championships, Members are permitted to take the B Test without forfeiting their Championship place.

Applicable to all three levels – Open, Intermediate and Novice

1. No horse or rider may compete at more than one level of Dressage at Area or above (Open, Intermediate or Novice) in any one year, nor may any horse be ridden more than once in any one year in any of the qualifying competitions or at the Dressage Championships. **(This does not include any Dengie Winter League Dressage competitions).**
2. No competitor may ride more than once in any one year in any Pony Club Area Dressage competition or at the Championships.
3. All Members who have not attained their 21st birthday by the beginning of the current year are eligible to enter both team and individual competitions. Please also see additional eligibility for Open level below.
4. Horses which have competed at Advanced Medium level or above during the current year are not eligible. This includes Hors Concours entries.
5. Horses must be 4 years of age or over and there is no height limit.
6. Stallions may only be ridden by Members if written permission is obtained from their District Commissioner and they must wear identifying discs on their bridles in the interests of safety.
7. All horses and ponies must have genuinely participated at a minimum of 3 working rallies since 1st July in the previous year, one of which must have been in the current year, with a Member of The Pony Club. **Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally**, and organised by Branch Committees.
8. All riders entered must be active members of the stated Branch of The Pony Club who have participated at a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch since 1st July in the previous year, excluding team practices and coaching, **and Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally**. Attendance at camp counts as one working rally. The District Commissioner has discretion in the case of those who are working. **Riders must** have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 31st January in the current year **except for Members who are completely new to The Pony Club, who may join up until the 31st March and still be eligible for Area Competitions and the Championships**.
9. In the case of a transfer of Branch since the previous year's competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Year Book will be enforced.

OPEN

- Each OPEN Team may include one Associate Member (*Associate Membership is available for persons aged over 21 years until the end of The Pony Club year in which they become 25 years old*).
- Associate Members may also compete as individuals.

INTERMEDIATE

A. Combination of Horse & Rider are NOT eligible if they have :-

- i) represented any Branch in Open Area Dressage or above in previous years.
- ii) won any British Dressage (or Dressage Ireland) points at Elementary level or above or competed at BD (or DI) medium level or above.
- iii) been placed 1st – 6th individually in their arena at the Intermediate Dressage Championships.
- iv) represented any Branch at the Intermediate Dressage Championships on two occasions.

B. Horses are NOT eligible if :-

- i) they are graded BD (or DI) Elementary or above.

NOVICE

- Members holding their full B Test or B (Riding) may compete as individuals, but only one such member may be included in a Team. Following the Area Competition, Team Members may take the B Test without losing their Championship qualification. There is no restriction on members holding just B (Horse & Pony Care).

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have :-

- i) competed or intend to compete at Open Area level or above in Dressage, Eventing or Show Jumping or Open Tetrathlon in the current year or have done so in previous years.
- ii) won any BD (or DI) points.
- iii) competed at BD (or DI) Elementary level or above.

B. Horses are NOT eligible if :-

- i) they are graded BD (or DI) Elementary or above.

C. Combination of Horse & Rider are NOT eligible if they have :-

- i) been placed 1st – 6th individually in their arena at the Novice Dressage Championships.
- ii) represented any Branch at the Novice Dressage Championships on two occasions.
- iii) competed or intend to compete at Intermediate or Open Area level or above in Dressage, Eventing or Show Jumping or Open Tetrathlon in the current year or have done so in previous years.

EVENTING

ELIGIBILITY FOR AREA QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The District Commissioner is required to certify the eligibility of horse and rider as follows. Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Eventing Committee may disqualify the offending competitor. Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfill all the following eligibility rules on the day of the Championships with one exception. Having qualified for the Novice Championships, Members are permitted to take the B Test without forfeiting their Championship place.

Applicable to all three levels – Open, Intermediate and Novice

1. No horse or rider may compete at more than one level of Eventing at Area or above (Open, Intermediate or Novice) in any one year, nor may any horse be ridden more than once in any one year in any of the qualifying competitions or at the Eventing Championships.
2. No competitor may ride more than once in any one year in any Pony Club Area Eventing competition or at the Championships.
3. All Members who have not attained their 21st birthday by the beginning of the current year are eligible to enter both team and individual competitions. Please also see additional eligibility for Open level below.
4. Riders or horses who have 'schooled' over the Area or Championship Cross Country courses during the previous two weeks are not eligible to compete. Competing over the course is permissible and does not render the competitor ineligible.
5. All horses graded British Eventing Advanced (Grade 1) (or Eventing Ireland Advanced) which have completed at OI/AI/A level during the current year are ineligible at all three levels.
6. All horses must be 5 years of age or over and there is no height limit.
7. Stallions may only be ridden by Members if written permission is obtained from their District Commissioner and they must wear identifying discs on their bridles in the interests of safety.
8. All horses and ponies must have genuinely participated at a minimum of 3 working rallies since 1st July in the previous year, one of which must have been in the current year, with a Member of The Pony Club. **Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally**, and organised by Branch Committees.
9. All riders entered must be active members of the stated Branch of The Pony Club who have participated at a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch since 1st July in the previous year, excluding team practices and coaching, **and Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally**. Attendance at camp counts as one working rally. The District Commissioner has discretion in the case of those who are working. **Riders must** have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 31st January in the current year **except for Members who are completely new to The Pony Club, who may join up until the 31st March and still be eligible for Area Competitions and the Championships**.
10. In the case of a transfer of Branch since the previous year's competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Year Book will be enforced.

OPEN

- Each OPEN Team may include one Associate Member (*Associate Membership is available for persons aged over 21 years until the end of The Pony Club year in which they become 25 years old*).
- Associate Members may also compete as individuals.

INTERMEDIATE

A. Combination of Horse & Rider are NOT eligible if they have :-

- i) Completed an Open Area Event or above in previous years.
- ii) completed a British Eventing (or EI) Novice (~~or JRN or Pony Trials~~) or above.
- iii) been placed 1st – 6th individually in their arena at the Intermediate Eventing Championships.
- iv) represented any Branch at the Intermediate Eventing Championships on two occasions.

NOVICE

- Members holding their full B Test or B (Riding) may compete as individuals, but only one such member may be included in a Team. Following the Area Competition, Team Members may take the B Test without losing their Championship qualification. There is no restriction on members holding just B (Horse & Pony Care).

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have :-

- i) competed or intend to compete at Open Area Level or above in Eventing or Show Jumping or Open Tetrathlon in the current year or have done so in previous years.

B. Combination of Horse & Rider are NOT eligible if they have :-

- i) completed a BE 100 (or Eventing Ireland Pre-Novice) or above.
- ii) been placed 1st – 6th individually in their arena at the Novice Eventing Championships.
- iii) represented any Branch at the Novice Eventing Championships on two occasions.
- iv) competed or intend to compete at Intermediate or Open Area level or above in Eventing or Show Jumping or Open Tetrathlon in the current year or have done so in previous years.

SHOW JUMPING

ELIGIBILITY FOR AREA QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The District Commissioner is required to certify the eligibility of horse and rider as follows. Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending competitor. Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfill all the following eligibility rules on the day of the Championships **with one exception. Having qualified for the Novice Championships, Members are permitted to take the B Test without forfeiting their Championship place.**

Applicable to all three levels – Open, Intermediate and Novice

1. No horse or rider may compete at more than one level of Show Jumping at Area or above (Open, Intermediate or Novice) in any one year, nor may any horse be ridden more than once in any one year in any of the qualifying competitions or at the Show Jumping Championships. **(This does not include any Dengie Winter League/Open Show Jumping competitions).**
2. No competitor may ride more than once in any one year in any Pony Club Area Show Jumping competition or at the Championships. Except for a competitor who has qualified for either the Open or Intermediate Individual and Team competition at the Championships in Show Jumping.
3. All Members who have not attained their 21st birthday by the beginning of the current year are eligible to enter both team and individual competitions. Please also see additional eligibility for Open level below.
4. Horses must be 5 years of age or over and there is no height limit.
5. Stallions may only be ridden by Members if written permission is obtained from their District Commissioner and they must wear identifying discs on their bridles in the interests of safety.
6. All horses and ponies must have genuinely participated at a minimum of 3 working rallies since 1st July in the previous year, one of which must have been in the current year, with a Member of The Pony Club. **Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally**, and organised by Branch Committees
7. All riders entered must be active members of the stated Branch of The Pony Club who have participated at a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch since 1st July in the previous year, excluding team practices and coaching, **and Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally**. Attendance at camp counts as one working rally. The District Commissioner has discretion in the case of those who are working. **Riders must** have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 31st January in the current year **except for Members who are completely new to The Pony Club, who may join up until the 31st March and still be eligible for Area Competitions and the Championships.**
8. In the case of a transfer of Branch since the previous year's competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Year Book will be enforced.

OPEN

- Each OPEN Team may include one Associate Member (*Associate Membership is available for persons aged over 21 years until the end of The Pony Club year in which they become 25 years old*).
- Associate Members may also compete as individuals.
- **Horses** - at the closing date for entries for Area Competitions only unregistered (British Show Jumping - BS) horses and ponies and registered horses as below are eligible: Grades B & C / Grade A horses which won less than £500 total in the previous calendar year / Horses first upgraded to Grade A in the current calendar year irrespective of winnings. The qualification for registered ponies is: Grades JD and JC Ponies / Grade JA ponies which won less than £300 total in the previous calendar year / Ponies first upgraded to JA in the current calendar year irrespective of winnings. Horses and ponies imported from Ireland or horses and ponies graded with points awarded by the Show Jumping Ireland will have those points converted to pounds sterling by multiplying by a factor of 9 for horses or 2.5 for ponies. This applies to both re-registered and unregistered horses and ponies. (i.e. Horses £9.00 = 1 point, Ponies £2.50 = 1 point)

INTERMEDIATE

A. Combination of Horse & Rider are NOT eligible if they have :-

- i) completed an Open Area Show Jumping or above in previous years.
- ii) competed in BS or SJI competitions above 1.10m in the 1st round.
- iii) represented any Branch at the Intermediate Show Jumping Championships on two occasions.

B. Horses are NOT eligible if :-

- i) they are currently registered with the BS/SJI in Grades A or B or JA or have been registered in these grades in the previous two years.

NOVICE

▪ Members holding their full B Test or B (Riding) may compete as individuals, but only one such member may be included in a Team. Following the Area Competition, Team Members may take the B Test without losing their Championship qualification. There is no restriction on members holding just B (Horse & Pony Care).

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have:-

- i) competed or intend to compete at Open Area Level **or above** in Show Jumping or Eventing or Open Tetrathlon in the current year or have done so in previous years.
- ii) competed in BS or SJI competitions above 1.00m in the 1st round.

B. Horses are NOT eligible if :-

- i) they are currently registered with the BS in Grades A or B or JA or the SJI equivalent or have been registered in these grades in the previous two years.

C. Combination of Horse & Rider are NOT eligible if they have :-

- i) been placed 1st – 6th in the Individual or Team Competition at the Novice Championships in Show Jumping.
- ii) represented any Branch at the Novice Show Jumping Championships on two occasions.
- iii) competed or intend to compete at Intermediate or Open Area level or above in Eventing or Show Jumping or Open Tetrathlon in the current year or have done so in previous years.

TETRATHLON

ELIGIBILITY FOR AREA QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

District Commissioner is required to certify and may be required to substantiate that:

Applicable to all levels- Open and Intermediate

1. All riders entered must be active members of the stated Branch of The Pony Club who have participated at a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch since 1st July in the previous year, excluding team practices and coaching, **and Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally.** Attendance at camp counts as one working rally. The District Commissioner has discretion in the case of those who are working. **Riders must** have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 31st January in the current year **except for Members who are completely new to The Pony Club, who may join up until the 31st March and still be eligible for Area Competitions and the Championships.**
2. There is no height limit regarding horses.
3. At Area Tetrathlons and at the Championships a horse may be shared by two members of the same family (i.e. by a brother and sister, two brothers or two sisters). At less formal Inter-Branch and Branch events the organising Branch may allow a horse to be shared by no more than two competitors. A horse going for the second time at the Championships must be passed by the vet. The ultimate responsibility for a horse that has been passed to run for a second time lies with the parent/owner.
4. In the Area Tetrathlons and at the Championships, no horse may be ridden over the same Tetrathlon course, or any part thereof, more than once in a Tetrathlon Competition (with the exception of horses shared under 24 b), or schooled over any of the fences in the previous two weeks. Jumping such fences in the reverse direction, but not 'schooling' is permissible and does not render the competitor ineligible. Jumping such fences in a Competition is permissible and does not render the competitor ineligible.
5. Horses must have genuinely participated at a minimum of three Working Rallies since 1st July in the previous year, one of which must have been within the current calendar year, with a Member of The Pony Club. **Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally,** and organised by Branch Committees
6. Horses that are graded British Eventing Advanced (Grade 1) and have competed at OI/AI/A level during the current calendar year are not eligible.
7. No horse under 5 years of age is eligible.

Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be proven, The Pony Club Office may disqualify the offender.

OPEN

Associate Members (21 to 25 years old) may compete as individuals but will have a separate individual competition and one Associate may be allowed to compete in an Open Tetrathlon Team. Associates (21 to 25 years old) receiving funding from Modern Pentathlon are not eligible to compete.

INTERMEDIATE

A. Competitors are not eligible if they have:

- i) Previously competed at any Open Area Competition, and above at Tetrathlon
- ii) Having being placed in the Top 10 in the Girls Intermediate Championship or Top 5 in the Boys Intermediate Championship a competitor must move up to Open.

B. Horses are NOT eligible if they:

- i) Have competed in FEI Pony Trials in the current year.
- ii) Compete at British Eventing Novice level or above in the current year.

Centre Members may compete as individuals at Intermediate Area Competitions.

Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Tetrathlon Committee may disqualify the offender.