



**Eligibility for
Area Qualifying Competitions
and the Championships 2017**

Dressage, Eventing & Show Jumping

ELIGIBILITY FOR AREA QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor 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.

OPEN, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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. Horses which have competed at Advanced Medium level or above during the current year are not eligible. This includes Hors Concours entries.
4. Horses must be 4 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. **The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor has discretion in the case of those who are working or in further education.** Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally, and organised by Branch Committees or Centre Proprietors. Attendance at camp counts as one working rally.
7. All riders entered must be active members of the stated Branch or Centre of The Pony Club who have participated at a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch or Centre 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 or Centre Proprietor has discretion in the case of those who are working **or in further education.** *Riders must have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 28th February 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/Centre since the previous year's competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Year Book will be enforced. **This does not apply to the Regional Championships and their qualifiers.**

INTERMEDIATE

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

- i) represented any Branch or Centre 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.

B. Horses are NOT eligible if:-

- they have won BD / DI points at Elementary level or above in the current year.

NOVICE

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have:-

- i) completed an Open Area level or above competition in Dressage or Eventing in the current year or have done so in previous years.
- ii) won any BD (or DI) points (BD Preliminary points do not count for the purposes of this rule).
- iii) competed at BD (or DI) Elementary level or above.

B. Horses are NOT eligible if:-

- they have won BD / DI points at Elementary level or above in the current year.

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) completed an Intermediate or Open Area level or above competition in Dressage or Eventing in the current year or have done so in previous years.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have:-

- i) previously represented their Branch or Centre at Novice level or above in any Dressage or Eventing Area Competitions.

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

- competed above Prelim level with British Dressage (or DI).

ELIGIBILITY FOR AREA QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor 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.

PC OPEN, PC 100, PC90 AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. No horse or rider may compete at more than one level of Eventing at Area or above (**PC Open, PC100 or PC90**) 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. 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.
4. All horses graded British Eventing Advanced (Grade 1) (or Eventing Ireland Advanced) which have completed an A/A level during the current year are ineligible at all levels.
5. All horses must be 5 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 the current rider as a combination. **The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor has discretion in the case of those who are working or in further education.** Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally, and organised by Branch Committees or Centre Proprietors. Attendance at camp counts as one working rally.
8. All riders entered must be active members of the stated Branch or Centre of The Pony Club who have participated at a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch or Centre 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 or Centre Proprietor has discretion in the case of those who are working **or in further education.** Riders must have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 28th February 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. **This does not apply to the Regional Championships and their qualifiers.**

PC 100

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

- i) Completed a PC Open Area Eventing competition or above in previous years.
- ii) Completed a British Eventing (or EI) Intermediate or above.
- iii) Achieved more than three clear cross country rounds at British Eventing (or EI) Novice, (or Pony Trials, Open Novice)
- iv) Been placed 1st – 6th individually in their arena at the PC100 Eventing Championships.

PC90

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have :-

- i) Completed a **PC Open** Area Level or above competition in Eventing, Show Jumping or Tetrathlon in the current year or have done so in previous years.
- ii) Competed at British Eventing (or EI) Novice.

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

- i) Completed a British Eventing (or EI) Novice (or Pony Trial) or above.
- ii) Achieved more than three clear cross country rounds at BE (or EI)100
- iii) Been placed 1st – 6th individually in their arena at the Novice Eventing Championships.
- iv) Completed an Intermediate Area or Open Area level or above competition in Eventing or **Open** Show Jumping in the current year or have done so in previous years.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have:-

- i) previously represented their Branch or Centre at **PC90** or above in any Eventing Area Competitions.

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

- Competed at PC90 or above Eventing at Area or Championship level, or BE90 (or EI) competition.

SHOW JUMPING

ELIGIBILITY FOR AREA QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor 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.

OPEN, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 calendar year. (This does not include any Dengie Winter League/Open Show Jumping competitions)
2. No rider may ride more than once in any one year in any Pony Club Area Show Jumping competition or at the Show Jumping Championships. Except that a rider who has qualified for the Championships in Show Jumping in both the Individual and Team competition at either Open or Intermediate level may compete in both competitions at the Championships.
3. No horse may be ridden more than once in any calendar year in any of the Area Show Jumping qualifying competitions or at the Show Jumping Championships. Except that a combination of horse and rider which has qualified for the Championships in Show Jumping in both the Individual and Team competition at either Open or Intermediate level may compete in both competitions at the Championships.
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. **The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor has discretion in the case of those who are working or in further education.** Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally, and organised by Branch Committees or Centre Proprietors. Attendance at camp counts as one working rally.
7. All riders entered must be active members of the stated Branch or Centre of The Pony Club who have participated at a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch or Centre 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 or Centre Proprietor has discretion in the case of those who are working **or in further education.** *Riders must have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 28th February 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/Centre since the previous year's competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Year Book will be enforced. **This does not apply to the Regional Championships and their qualifiers.**

OPEN

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

- i) **achieved a double clear in BS or SJI competitions where any of the fences were above 1.30m in the first round.**

(Note – members must carefully check the rules for BS / SJI classes before competing so as not to inadvertently render themselves ineligible for Pony Club competitions. For example in some classes it is obligatory to have one or more fences higher than the majority of the course, e.g. Pony Foxhunter. If in doubt always ask the BS Course Designer at the show what is the maximum height in the first round of the course before jumping it.)

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) achieved one double clear in BS or SJI competitions where any of the fences were above 1.10m in the first round.

(Note – members must carefully check the rules for BS / SJI classes before competing so as not to inadvertently render themselves ineligible for Pony Club competition. For example in some classes it is obligatory to have one or more fences higher than the majority of the course, e.g. Pony Foxhunter. If in doubt always ask the BS Course Designer at the show what is the maximum height in the first round of the course before jumping it.)

- iii) been placed 1st – 6th in the Individual Competition at the Intermediate Championships in Show Jumping.

NOVICE

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have:-

- i) completed an Open Area Level or above competition in Show Jumping or Eventing or Tetrathlon in the current year or have done so in previous years.

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 current or previous calendar year.

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

- i) been placed 1st – 6th in the Individual Competition at the Novice Championships in Show Jumping.
- ii) completed an Intermediate Area or Open Area level or above competition in Eventing or Show Jumping or Open Area Tetrathlon in the current year or have done so in previous years.
- iii) achieved one double clear in BS or SJI competitions where any of the fences were above 1.00m in the first round.

(Note – members must carefully check the rules for BS / SJI classes before competing so as not to inadvertently render themselves ineligible for Pony Club competition. For example in some classes it is obligatory to have one or more fences higher than the majority of the course, e.g. Pony Foxhunter. If in doubt always ask the BS Course Designer at the show what is the maximum height in the first round of the course before jumping it.)

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have:-

- i) previously represented their Branch or Centre at Novice level or above in any Show Jumping or Eventing Area Competitions.

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

- **BS (or SJI) recorded results at 90cm or above.**

(Note – members must carefully check the rules for BS / SJI classes before competing so as not to inadvertently render themselves ineligible for Pony Club competition. For example in some classes it is obligatory to have one or more fences higher than the majority of the course, e.g. Pony Foxhunter. If in doubt always ask the BS Course Designer at the show what is the maximum height in the first round of the course before jumping it.)