



**Eligibility  
for  
Area Qualifying Competitions  
and the  
Championships 2010**

Dressage, Show Jumping & Eventing

# 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 Pony Club Office 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.**

### 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.
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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July in the previous year, one of which must have been in the current year, with a Member of The Pony Club.
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 1<sup>st</sup> July in the previous year, excluding team practices and coaching, and have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 31<sup>st</sup> January in the current year. Attendance at camp counts as one working rally. The District Commissioner has discretion in the case of those who are working.
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 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 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.
- 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.
- ii) they have competed at Pony Club Open or Intermediate Area Dressage **or above** in the current year but may have done so with another rider in preceding years.

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

- i) been placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> individually in their arena at the Novice Dressage Championships.
- ii) represented any Branch at the Novice Dressage Championships on two occasions.

## 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 Pony Club Office 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.**

#### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July in the previous year, one of which must have been in the current year, with a Member of The Pony Club.
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 1<sup>st</sup> July in the previous year, excluding team practices and coaching, and have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 31<sup>st</sup> January in the current year. Attendance at camp counts as one working rally. The District Commissioner has discretion in the case of those who are working.
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 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 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.

#### **B. Horses are NOT eligible if they have :-**

- i) competed at Pony Club Open or Intermediate Area Eventing **or above** in the current year but may have done so with another rider in preceding years.

#### **C. 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> individually in their arena at the Novice Eventing Championships.
- iii) represented any Branch at the Novice Eventing Championships on two occasions.

# 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 Pony Club Office 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.**

### **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.
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 21<sup>st</sup> 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. At the closing date for entries for Area Competitions only unregistered (BSJA) horses and ponies and registered horses as below are eligible: Grades B & C / Grade A horses which won less than £500 total (Notional) 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 Association of 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)
5. 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 1<sup>st</sup> July in the previous year, one of which must have been in the current year, with a Member of The Pony Club.
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 1<sup>st</sup> July in the previous year, excluding team practices and coaching, and have been Members of The Pony Club since at least the 31<sup>st</sup> January in the current year. Attendance at camp counts as one working rally. The District Commissioner has discretion in the case of those who are working.
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) Completed an Open Area Show Jumping or above in previous years.
- ii) competed in BSJA or SJAI competitions above 1.10m in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 BSJA/SJAI 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. 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 Intermediate or 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 BSJA or SJAI competitions above 1.00m in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.

#### **B. Horses are NOT eligible if :-**

- i) they have competed at Pony Club Open or Intermediate Area level or above in Show Jumping in the current year but may have done so with another rider in preceding years.
- ii) they are currently registered with the BSJA in Grades A or B or JA or the SJAI 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.