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Dear Members

Would you like to be considered for Area Team/Individual selection in 2026? If yes please read on.

We hope to send teams for the:

- Dressage – Suzanne Richardson
- Show Jumping – Shell Wearmouth
- Eventing – Amy Veitch
- Horse and Pony Care (This is Stable Management) Claire Horn
- Tetrathlon – Jodie Gray
- Mounted Games- Fiona Veitch
- Quiz (this is based on the badges) – Fiona Veitch

Our Area has opted to stick to the 3 rally rule. This means AS A COMBINATION you MUST attend at least 3 ridden branch activities. Camp counts as one, attending other branch rallies also counts. XC criteria is in addition to this. RALLIES: these are run regularly throughout the year so there is NO excuse not to attend the required number.

The progress of a new pony or lameness will be monitored. But we need to know !! Ponies also need to be fit enough for the competitions.

BEING IN A TEAM OR AN INDIVIDUAL: this is not a 'right' and each year the selection of teams and individuals depends on progress, eligibility and suitability.

At all Area Team/individual events there are several levels; Open, Intermediate, Novice, PC80 and PC70 and PC70+ for those aged 13yrs +, For Horse and Pony Care – Mini, junior and Senior, Quiz- Mini and Junior/Senior, Mounted Games – Junior, Senior and Pairs, Tetrathlon- Open, Intermediate and Junior.

Mounted Games training will start in September and will run regular rallies/practices. Competitions start in October through to May. Selection will be based on attending rallies/practices and competitions and safety in large areas with several ponies.

Quiz – training will begin in November and teams selected by January, by a mini quiz. (Dismounted)

Horse and Pony Care – training will begin in the new year (Dismounted) and will be selected on how you work in groups, knowledge and practical ability.

Dressage – Show Jumping – Eventing – Tetrathlon

Our **Branch** will be holding 1 assessment day for Dressage/SJ/Eventing/Tetrathlon – We VERY strongly advised attendance. For Tetrathlon/Eventing – you must also fulfil the XC criteria.

**April 13<sup>th</sup> drop in session for information and May 22<sup>nd</sup> Evening** on this day you will ride a dressage test and SJ. These are so we can see how you are progressing and help us to put you in the correct team and the correct level.

**\*\*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ The Combined Training Competition (Show Jumping and Dressage) COMPULSORY (unless VERY good reason which must be in writing to the DC)**

The results will be looked at together with other competition results, experiences (ie training, clinics, lessons) and your C.V, see below. Then a long list of potential team members will be made. PLEASE see separate selection policy document.

We have to decide how many teams/individuals we enter for the Areas by early May for some and late June for others.

It is important that if you are selected you attend training/rally lessons and are free to represent the Branch at the Area competitions and the Championships. You should now be gaining experience by attending any available clinics, lessons, training sessions and also be competing regularly at your chosen discipline(s). nb Individual circumstances will be taken into consideration ie boarding school, work etc.

To be considered for teams/individuals places you will need to have competed at least twice in competitions that are at least the standard of the competition in which you hope to represent your branch – in 2026, ie if you put 90cm eventing, 90cm SJ or Novice dressage you need to be out competing at this level. This is for safety reasons (especially Eventing/Tetrathlon). You must also make sure that you and your horse/pony have attended the required 3 rallies. See separate selection policy document. Please understand the Areas and Championships are not just another competition, they are the end goal, one you need to practice for. YOU also need to read the relevant pony club rule books to ensure eligibility and understand these rules. Team trainers will help/advise. For PC70/70+ we will select from rallies and competition history.

**To help with team selection we would like you to complete the attached C.V. form.** The form is self-explanatory and will give us an idea of the lessons, training and competitions you have done since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 (and before if you wish). It doesn't matter if you haven't been placed in a competition just write how you did ie 4 faults show jumping, 53% dressage etc. Please remember to include the height of the jumps and the dressage test you did, and which XC competition/schooling and how you did.

I know it seems a lot of work but it will help the trainers and selectors when it comes to selecting the teams. Please return by **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026**. You will get a reminder! You will be expected to add to your CV after this date, so don't worry if its not very full by May 1st. Please remember we are not mind readers and we don't know where you compete or have lessons with outside of the branch calendar. To be fair to all, this is why this policy and CV are now in place.

**This CV date and completion is COMPULSORY.** Verbal CV will not be accepted.

\*Please note – the cost of Area entry fees are met by parents. The branch do pay a % of championship entry fees but stabling and the rest of the entry fee is met by parents.

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Please fill in the form below which indicated which team(s) you are interested in and send to **Fiona Veitch - A photo to whats app or email. 07890173781 fiona.veitch@outlook.com**

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