

# THE PROCESS FOR TEAM SELECTION

## Flamstead Pony Club 2026

Team Selectors – Head Coach, DC & Discipline Manager

Head Coach – Georgie Dalton

District Commissioner – Katy Reid

Show Jumping Managers – Juliet Laing & Rosie Hamilton

Eventing Managers – Sarah Hudgell

Dressage Manager – Juliet Hooper

Tetrathlon Manager – Kate Rainbow

Mounted Games and Quiz – Juliet Hooper

Members will be informed of upcoming Pony Club competitions via our website, email, newsletter or WhatsApp groups. Teams will be selected having proper regard to this Team Selection Policy. The purpose of this Policy is:

- To ensure all riders and mounts are capable of the task for which they are being selected; and
  - To ensure that teams are selected in an open and fair process.
1. Members, to participate in Branch activities, be selected to represent the Branch in any competition or be nominated to represent The Pony Club, should demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to the Branch unless prevented from doing so by illness, absence from home or any other reason which in the opinion of the District Commissioner justifies absence. Commitment to the Branch might be demonstrated by, for example (but not exclusively):
    - a. Participating in three ridden rallies in the previous 6 months in their chosen discipline;
    - b. Attending Camp or by volunteering at Branch events; and
    - c. Achieving particular levels within the Pony Club test system
  2. In advance of a competition, members will be asked confirm availability and their intention to enter. Members may be required to commit to being available to compete at the next level of competition if the team is fortunate enough to qualify.
  3. The discipline head, Chief Instructor and DC will make their selections based on members been able to demonstrate that they are confident, capable and safe to ride/compete at the level at which they wish to

compete at. Members may be required to show a proven track record of competing at the relevant level.

4. In the case of over subscription for places in team competitions, along with proven track record, team selectors will also review the commitment shown to the Branch by each Member. Selectors will also take into account previous situations in which members have indicated their availability for competitions and then changed their availability after team selection is made (with the exception of horse or rider injury).
5. In addition to formal eligibility criteria, the selectors will take into account the standard of riders at which a particular competition is aimed at and will also take into account the level required at any Championships should a team/individual qualify.
6. In determining teams, selectors will aim to form a strong "A team" to put forward followed by further teams if the competition allows. The "A team" would be formed of 4 riders where possible. If 6 candidates were interested in being part of a team, 4 would form the team and 2 compete individually.
7. If not selected to ride for a team, a member may be invited to ride as an individual if the competition rules allow this and if there is evidence that the member and pony are able to compete at the level of the competition.
8. The Pony Club's Conflict of Interest Policy will be adhered to when making team selections.
9. Team selection will be notified to parents/guardians and members.
10. Final Team Selection will be made by the relevant team manager, chief instructor and DC. Members should be aware that in cases where rules allow, qualifying team members for competitions may be subject to change at the discretion of the team manager / chief instructor and District Commissioner. Parents / Guardians and children will be expected to respect any final decision made by the selectors. All parents and guardians are expected to comply with the Pony Club Code of Conduct.