



**Eligibility for
Area Qualifying Competitions
and the Championships 2019**

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.

Area - Members must fulfill all the following eligibility rules on the day of their Area Competition.

Championships – Between the Area Competition and the Championships, combinations who qualify for the Championships are permitted to compete in BD (or DI) competitions at a higher level than they are allowed to for the level at which they are qualified but not more than one level higher. Please see below.

OPEN, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE, REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and OPEN NOVICE

1. Horses which have won more than 10 points at Advanced Medium level or above during the current year are not eligible. This includes Hors Concours entries.
2. Horses must be 4 years of age or over and there is no height limit.
3. **Combination of Horse and Rider cannot compete at two different levels of the same Sport at the Area Competition or at the Championships.**
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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*
7. Regional Championships - Riders must be fully paid up Members of The Pony Club, but with no restriction on time of joining.
8. In the case of a transfer of Branch/Centre since the previous year's competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Handbook will be enforced. This does not apply to the Regional Championships and their qualifiers.

OPEN

Please see points 1 – 6 above.

INTERMEDIATE

Area Competitions: 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
- iii. competed at BD (or DI) Medium level or above (**BD Team/My Quest competitions do not count for the purposes of this rule**)

Championships: as for Area Competitions except that the combination of Horse & Rider are permitted to have: -

- i. won BD (or DI) points at Elementary level
- ii. **competed up to BD (or DI) Medium level**

NOVICE

Area Competitions: Riders are NOT eligible if they have: -

- i. competed an Open Area level or above competition in Dressage 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 **(BD Team/My Quest competitions do not count for the purposes of this rule)**

Championships: as for Area Competitions except that the Combination of Horse & Rider are permitted to have: -

- i. won BD (or DI) points at Novice level
- ii. competed up to BD (or DI) Elementary level

OPEN NOVICE

- i. Open to all Members **who are not eligible for the Novice.**
- ii. Open to any Horse.
- iii. Eligibility is subject to points 1 – 8 at the beginning of this Rule.

This class is open to Individuals only.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Area Competitions:

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:-

- i. competed above Prelim level with British Dressage (or DI)
- ii. previously competed in their Dengie Winter League Area competition

Championships: as for Area Competitions except that the Combination of Horse & Rider are permitted to have competed up to BD (or DI) Novice level.

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.

Area - Members must fulfill all the following eligibility rules on the day of their Area Competition.

Championships - Between the Area Competition and the Championships, combinations who qualify for the Championships are permitted to compete in BE (or EI) competitions at a higher level than they are allowed to for the level at which they are qualified but not more than one level higher. Please see below.

PC110, PC100, PC90, REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OPEN PC90

1. All horses graded British Eventing Advanced (Grade 1) (or Eventing Ireland Advanced) which have completed an AI/A level during the current year are ineligible at all levels.
2. All horses must be 5 years of age or over and there is no height limit.
3. No horse may compete at more than one level of Eventing at Area or above (PC80, PC90, PC100, or PC110) 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. **Combination of Horse and Rider cannot compete at two different levels of the same Sport at the Area Competition or at the Championships.**
4. 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.
5. **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.**
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 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.
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. Regional Championships – Riders must be fully paid up Members of The Pony Club, but with no restriction on time of joining.
9. In the case of a transfer of Branch since the previous year's competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Handbook will be enforced. This does not apply to the Regional Championships and their qualifiers.

PC110

Please see points 1 – 7 above.

PC100

Area Competitions: Combination of Horse & Rider are NOT eligible if they have:-

- i. Completed a PC110 Area Eventing competition or above in the current or 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)

Championships: as for Area Competitions except that the combination of Horse & Rider are permitted to have: -

- i. Completed more than three clear cross-country rounds at British Eventing (or EI) Novice, (or Pony Trials, Open Novice)

PC90

Area Competitions:

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have: -

- i. Completed a PC110 Area Level or above competition or British Eventing (or EI) Novice in Eventing 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 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. Completed a PC100 Area or PC110 Area level or above competition in Eventing in the current year or have done so in previous years.

Championships: as for Area Competitions except that the combination of Horse & Rider are permitted to have: -

- i. Completed at BE (or EI) Novice (or Pony Trial) competitions
- ii. Completed more than three clear cross-country rounds at BE (or EI)100

OPEN PC90

- i. Open to all Members **who are not eligible for the Novice.**
- ii. Open to any Horse.
- iii. Eligibility is subject to points 1 – 9 at the beginning of this Rule.

This class is open to Individuals only.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Area Competitions:

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:-

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

Championships: as for Area Competitions except that the combination of Horse & Rider are permitted to have: -

- i. Completed at BE90 (or EI) competitions

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.

Area - Members must fulfill all the following eligibility rules on the day of their Area Competition.

Championships - Between the Area Competition and the Championships, combinations who qualify for the Championships are permitted to compete in BS (or SJI) competitions at a higher level than they are allowed to for the level at which they are qualified but not more than one level higher. Please see below.

OPEN, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE, REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and OPEN NOVICE

1. Horses must be 5 years of age or over and there is no height limit.
2. **Combination of Horse & Rider cannot compete at two different levels of the same Sport at the Area Competition or at the Championships.**
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Regional Championships - Riders must be fully paid up Members of The Pony Club, but with no restriction on time of joining.
7. In the case of a transfer of Branch/Centre since the previous year's competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Handbook will be enforced. This does not apply to the Regional Championships and their qualifiers.

OPEN

Area Competitions: 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.

Championships: as for Area Competitions except that the combination of Horse & Rider are permitted to have: -

- i. Achieved double clears in BS or SJI competitions where any of the fences were above 1.30m in the first round but not above 1.40m

(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. 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

Area Competition: 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. Except that double clears in a BS Senior Newcomers Preliminary or BS Junior Foxhunter Preliminary competition do not render the combination of horse and rider ineligible.

Championships: as for Area Competitions except that the combination of Horse & Rider are permitted to have: -

- i. Achieved double clears in BS or SJI competitions where any of the fences were above 1.10m in the first round but not above 1.20m. (For clarity: a double clear in a Senior Foxhunter preliminary round is not permitted).

(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. 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.)

NOVICE

Area Competitions:

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have:-

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

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

- i. Completed an Open Area level or above competition in Eventing or Show Jumping in the current year or have done so in previous years.
- ii. Achieved one double clear in BS or SJI competitions where any of the fences were above 1.00m in the first round. **Except that double clears in a BS Pony Newcomers Preliminary do not render the combination of horse and rider ineligible**

Championships: as for Area Competitions except that the combination of Horse & Rider are permitted to have: -

- i. Achieved double clears in BS or SJI competitions where any of the fences were above 1.00m in the first round but not above 1.10m (For clarity: a double clear in a Senior Newcomers preliminary or Junior Foxhunter Preliminary is not permitted).

(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. 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.)

OPEN NOVICE

- i. Open to all Members **who are not eligible for the Novice.**
- ii. Open to any Horse.
- iii. Eligibility is subject to points 1 – 7 at the beginning of this Rule.

This class is open to Individuals only.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Area Competitions:

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.

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

- i. Recorded a double clear at 90cm or above in the first round at BS or SJI competitions
- ii. Received a money prize in any BS (or points in any SJI) competition which was 90cm or above in the first round.
- iii. Previously competed in their Dengie Winter League (90cm) Area or Dengie Open Area competition.

Championships: as for Area Competitions except that the combination of Horse & Rider are permitted to have: -

- i. Recorded double clears or received money prizes at 90cm or above in the first round at BS or SJI competitions but not above 1m.

(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. 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.)