

WHEATLAND HUNT PONY CLUB **TEAM SELECTION POLICY 2024**

This policy applies to all competitions/events where members ride/compete on behalf of the Wheatland Hunt Branch of The Pony Club.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

For all events where a team needs to be selected, the decisions will be made by:

- The District Commissioner
- Associated Discipline Team Manager (where applicable)
- Associated Discipline Team Trainer

If any one of the Selectors is either the parent/legal guardian or a relation to any rider who is being considered for selection, they must not take part in the selection decision involving that individual but may put forward their thoughts for consideration. If required, an external trainer or Branch Coach may be used to aid in the team selection.

ELIGIBILITY/AVAILABILITY FOR CONSIDERATION

Full eligibility rules should be referenced in the associated Pony Club Discipline Rule Book. Each rider/parent is responsible for ensuring they understand and comply with the PC Discipline Rule Book and are eligible for selection. All riders applying for consideration for selection MUST be available for the dates of the respective competitions/events and associated Championship should they qualify, if this is not the case, please make sure the DC is aware prior to entry.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Selectors reserve the right not to send a team or individual to any competition. Combinations should ideally be actively competing within the discipline at the associated level, with visible results and may be asked to provide evidence.

Recent form will take priority. Past form at major and team events may be taken into consideration by the Selectors.

Combinations should have attended a minimum of 3 rallies/training sessions/camp, from August the previous year to date (Camp counts as one). Exceptions are at the discretion of the DC, where attendance is not possible due to other commitments.

Members loyalty, rally attendance, conduct and contribution to the club should also be taken into consideration during the selection process.

CONFIDENTIALITY

It is vitally important for the integrity of the selection guidelines and those involved in its application both as riders, owners, selectors, or other officials, that there is at all times a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may have a bearing on selection.

TEAM SPIRIT

Wheatland Hunt Pony Club expects riders and their supporters to have a good attitude and participate in all the required activities within the branch, either riding or helping. A high level of commitment to all the varied aspects for the preparation process is important. We expect the members to always support and help each other, as well as accepting advice in a constructive way.

NOTIFICATION

Where a team has been selected, notification of the result of the team selection to individual members, will be done by the DC via the branch e-mail address.

FITNESS

Horse and rider fitness is vitally important, not only to the success of competitor, but also to the safety and welfare of horse and rider. It is important that riders plan ahead so they and their horse/pony are in the best form for their designated competition.

FINANCE

Once selected for a team, the place is only confirmed on receipt of the entry fee. If selected for a team, you must pay in FULL the cost of the entry.

SUMMARY

All that we ask, is for members to support their teammates, take pride in the turnout of themselves and their ponies and be polite and thankful to the organisers. If members are involved in prize giving, they should wear ridding/competition attire including hats unless directed otherwise by the organiser.