

THE CRAVEN PONY CLUB TEAM SELECTION POLICY 2025

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING COMPETITONS:

- All Area Grassroots, PC70, PC80, Novice, Intermediate and Open Dressage competitions and associated Championships;
- All Area PC70, PC80, PC90, PC100, PC110 Show Jumping competitions and associated Championships;
- All Area PC70, PC80, PC90, PC100, PC Chairman's Cup and PC110 Eventing and associated Championships;
- All PC Eventer Challenge / invitation only Show Jumping competitions (Blenheim etc)
- Mini Showjumping Championship Qualifiers 40cm (lead rein, assisted and un-assisted) 50cm and 60cm classes and any associated Championship (please note there is an age limit of 14 for these championships)
- All Area / Regional / International Tetrathlon Competitions

The Craven Pony Club is keen to enter teams and individuals in as many competitions, at every level, as we can throughout the year. Being part of a team is a great way to meet fellow members, enjoy the support, friendship and camaraderie of your team mates, and to continue to develop your skills and partnership with your horse/ pony along with hopefully having a lot of fun! For all competitions, riders must be active members of the branch and need to be out competing at the height/level they wish to be considered for selection on a regular basis.

SELECTORS AND SELECTION CRITERIA / AVAILABILTY FOR CONSIDERATION

For Area and Regional events, where the team is selected to represent the Craven Pony Club the selection will be made by:

- District Commissioners
- Associated discipline/level Team Manager(s)
- Associated discipline/level Team Trainer (s)

All competitors must be members of the Pony Club both at the closing date for entries and at the date of the relevant competition.

As a branch we can enter teams, individuals or a combination of both. Teams must consist of three or four members. Teams of four are preferred as it allows us to drop a score if needed, therefore reducing the pressure on all members. This may sometimes result in one or two members being required to ride as individuals. If we do need to make these decisions the following criteria will be considered:

- Results and/or experience at the relevant level
- Number of rallies attended since 1st July 2024

We ask that all members wishing to be considered for team selection to please submit any results to the branch email craven@pcuk.org. It is the **parent's responsibility** to submit any relevant results.

All members and horses and ponies must have taken part in a minimum of three Qualifying Rallies since 1st July 2024, and one of these must be in the current year (2025) with the current rider as a combination. **Please note the 3 rally rule is an Area 14 rule and applies to everyone competing at Area level.** Camp shall count as one Rally. Exceptions are Spring Festival Qualifiers and, at the discretion of the DC's, where attendance may not be possible due to work or school commitments, illness or other reasons. Please notify us as soon as possible if this may be a consideration.

Qualifying Rallies are rallies that have been organised by the Branch, must be a minimum of an hour in length and must have been advertised in the Branch programme at least 7 days prior to the date of the rally. All rallies must be open to all members within the age range or ability level for which it is intended.

Full eligibility rules should be referenced in the relevant Pony Club Discipline Rule Book. Each **Member/Parent** is responsible for ensuring they understand and comply with the PC Discipline Rule Book and are eligible for selection.

The DC or Team Manager is required to certify the eligibility of the horse and rider. Any breach may result in disqualification.

TEAM SPIRIT

One of the great benefits of the Pony Club is the chance to be involved in a team. Craven Pony Club expects riders and their supporters to have good attitude and participate in all the required activities within the Branch, either riding or helping. We expect members (and their parents) to support and help each other at all times as well as accepting advice from Team Trainers, Managers and other Officials in a constructive way.

We would encourage members to attend team training and take advantage of instructors who attend competitions on behalf of the branch. Over the past couple of years the club has generously funded an instructor to attend both Area and Championship competitions. We will only be able to continue to do this if members do utilise the expertise provided, either through support in the warm up and/ or joining scheduled team course walks. We would also ask that any preference regarding times (late/early) should be discussed with the relevant Craven team manager prior to any contact with the event organiser.

ATTIRE

When competing at Area level or other Pony Club events Craven Team attire for both rider and pony should be worn. Please contact the discipline Team Manager in good time if this may not be possible and we shall try and help facilitate, or if you have any questions or queries regarding the kit. Ponies/Horses should be plaited for Area and Championship competitions.

If you are involved in prize giving, please wear your riding attire, including hat, unless advised to do otherwise by the event organiser.

COMPETITION DATES

We would expect those applying for consideration to be available for the relevant Championship date/s for their respective discipline (taking into account possible overnight stays). Priority is given at Team selection to those who can be available for both Area and Championship competitions. Wherever possible, if a member is still keen to compete at an Area competition (but is not available for the Championships and would otherwise have been selected), we will try to secure an individual place for these individuals.

RULES

All selected riders agree to abide by the rules of the competition. Should there be any query about rules or results on the day of the competition the rules state that the DC or the DC's representative must take the query to the Officials.

ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries on selection should be directed to the DC's – Kerry Cox or Vicky Welch at dc.craven@pcuk.org

2025 Area 14 Dates

22nd June 2025 - Area Dressage (Regional/ Novice/ Intermediate/Open) at Turnpike Showground, Motcombe

29th June 2025 – Area Show Jumping (70,80,90,100,110) at Dorset Showground, East Stour

6th July 2025 – Area Eventing (70/70+ and 80) at RAC Saddle Club Bovington

12th / 13th July – Area Tetrathlon (Champs qualifiers from Junior and above/ non qualifying classes mini and below) at Gadbury and Cheltenham

19th or 20th July – Area Eventing 90/100/Chairmans Cup / Open 110) at Portman BE Rushmore

Championship Dates

8th – 16th August PC Champs at Offchurch Bury (See official timetable attached) (*Dressage Novice and above/ SJ 90 and above / eventing 90 and above / Tet Junior and above*)

23rd – 24th August Regional Championships at Bicton Arena (Dressage PC70 & PC80 / SJ 70 &80 / Eventing 70/70+ & 80)

August 2025 (exact dates still TBC) Mini Championships at Bicton Arena (40/ 50 and 60cm SJ)

28th and 29th June Tetrathlon Mini International Championship at Oxstalls (Mini – Invite only)