

RATIFIED AT EQUESTRIAN COUNCIL – November 2017



**Eligibility for
Area Qualifying Competitions
and the Championships 2018**

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. Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfill all the following eligibility rules on the day of the Championships.

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. 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 Year Book will be enforced. This does not apply to the Regional Championships and their qualifiers.

INTERMEDIATE

A. 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 or competed at BD (or DI) medium level or above.

NOVICE

A. Riders are NOT eligible if they have:-

- i) **competed** an Open Area level or above competition in Dressage or ~~Eventing~~ 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.

OPEN NOVICE – *This is a New Competition that will be trialled for 2018*

This competition has been brought in for members who have worked their way up to competing at Open level but who have a novice/younger horse with which they wish to compete at Novice level.

Open to all Members and Horses. Eligibility is subject to points 1 – 7 at the beginning of this Rule.

This class is open to Individuals only.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 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**

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. Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfil all the following eligibility rules on the day of the Championships.

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. 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 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.
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 since the previous year's competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Year Book will be enforced. This does not apply to the Regional Championships and their qualifiers.

PC 100

A. 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)

PC90

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 an PC100 Area or PC110 Area level or above competition in Eventing in the current year or have done so in previous years.

OPEN PC90 – *This is a New Competition that will be trialled for 2018*

This competition has been brought in for members who have worked their way up to competing at PC110 level but who have a novice/younger horse with which they wish to compete at PC90 level.

Open to all Members and Horses. Eligibility is subject to points 1 – 7 at the beginning of this Rule.

This class is open to Individuals only.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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:-

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

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. Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfill all the following eligibility rules on the day of the Championships.

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. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. **Regional Championships - Riders must be fully paid up Members of The Pony Club, but with no restriction on time of joining.**
6. In the case of a transfer of Branch/Centre since the previous year's competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Year Book will be enforced. This does not apply to the Regional Championships and their qualifiers.

OPEN

A. 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.**

(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

A. 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.**

(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

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.

(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 – This is a New Competition that will be trialled for 2018

This competition has been brought in for members who have worked their way up to competing at Open level but who have a novice/younger horse with which they wish to compete at Novice level.

Open to all Members and Horses. Eligibility is subject to points 1 – 6 at the beginning of this Rule.

This class is open to Individuals only.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 Area or Dengie Open Area competition.**

(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.)