



## Woodland Hunt Pony Club Area/Regional Team Selection 2020

### **THIS POLICY APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIONS**

**All Area and Regional Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing Competitions including Prix Caprilli**

**All PC Invitation Only Showjumping Competitions (Hickstead, Barbury, Gatcombe, Windsor and Blenheim)**

WHPC is keen to enter teams (and individuals) in as many competitions at every level as we can throughout the year. For all competitions, riders must be active members of the branch and out competing at the height/level they wish to be considered for on a regular basis.

#### **Area/Regional Eligibility**

At Area level riders need to have been members of the club since at least 28<sup>th</sup> February in the current year. Members who are completely new to the Pony Club may join up until 31<sup>st</sup> March of the current year and still be eligible for Area Competitions and the Championships.

Members must have completed a minimum of three working rallies since 1<sup>st</sup> July in the previous year, ONE of which must have been in the current year with the current rider as the combination. Attendance at camp the previous year counts as one rally. Team practices and coaching do not count as rallies.

For the Regional Championships, riders must be fully paid up Members of the Pony Club but there is no restriction on time of joining.

*Full eligibility rules should be referred to in the associated Pony Club Discipline Rule Book 2020. Each parent/rider is responsible for ensuring they understand and comply with the Pony Club Discipline Rule Book 2020 and are eligible for selection. Copies can be downloaded from [www.pcuk.org](http://www.pcuk.org) or hard ordered from [www.harryhall.com](http://www.harryhall.com).*

#### **Competition Dates**

Dates for the Area/Regional Events are on our website. Those applying for consideration MUST be available for the relevant Championship date for their respected discipline (taking into account possible overnight stays).

If a member is keen to compete at an Area/Regional competition but is not available for the Championship, we may be able to – number of team entrants permitting – enter them as an Individual).

**Area & Regional Dressage:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, BCA

**Area Showjumping:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, BCA

**Area & Regional Eventing:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Keysoe

**Regional Showjumping:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Middlegrove Farm

**National Championships:** 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> August, Cholmonsdey Castle

**Regional Championships:** TBC

### **Selection Criteria**

The Selectors reserve the right not to send a Team or Individual to any competition. The following criteria apply to those wishing to compete in a Team or as an Individual:

- Combinations should be actively and successfully competing within the discipline at the associated level, with visible results.
- Results from the previous September up until the time of selection will be taken into account.
- Combinations should have attended the required working rallies and any organised team training sessions.
- Riders need to register their interest at being considered for Teams by completing and submitting the appropriate form in full to the Area Team Manager, Jo Davenport, by the specified deadline. This form can be found under Teams on our website.
- Where we have more than four members applying to be part of a Team, we will select the four that we feel are the strongest. We would rather put forward a strong Team of 4 rather than two Teams of three.

*It is a condition of entry for Area Eventing that we provide three fence judges. Potential Team Members will need to nominate someone who is willing to do this as part of their selection criteria. The nominated person will need to be aged 18+ and available on the day from 8am to 6pm. No previous experience is necessary. This is in addition to other roles we have to fulfil at this and other Area events.*

### **Finance**

Once a member has been selected for a Team or as an Individual, the place is only confirmed on receipt of the entry fee. This will be facilitated via the usual bookings system. No entry fees can be refunded without a Vet or Doctors certificate and there is usually a cut off date for this.

If the Team/Individual qualifies for Championships, the club will pay the entry fee. Any additional costs, stabling, transport, accommodation etc. are to be covered by the Member.

Woodland will provide a Team Trainer for any Area/Regional Events where we have a TEAM competing. If this is the case, it is compulsory for all selected Team members to take part in the course walk with the Team Trainer. In addition, Members are also welcome to bring their own Trainer to events should they wish to do so.

We will not provide a Team Trainer for events where we are only sending Individuals. If this is the case, Members are either responsible for making their own arrangements using a suitable trainer or request to the DC to co-ordinate with another Area 12 Pony Club that is attending for the Member(s) to utilise their trainer and pay an equal share of the trainer costs whatever that may be.

The DC will attend Area/Regional events if able to do so. A Team Manager will be appointed for the day should this not be possible.

If a member is unable to put themselves forward for selection due to the financial constraints, they are encouraged to discuss their position (in strict confidence) with the DC and Treasurer to see if WHPC could subsidise some of the costs.

### **Team Spirit**

WHPC expects Riders and their supporters to have a good attitude and participate in all the required activities within the branch, both ridden and helping.

A high level of commitment to the varied aspects for the preparation process is important. Members should be supportive and help each other at all times as well as accepting advice in a constructive way.

### **Fitness**

Horse and Rider fitness is crucial not only to the success of the competitor but also the safety and wellbeing of the Horse and Rider. Riders must notify the DC, Team Trainer or Team Manager of any change in their own health or fitness status, and/or that of their horse/pony or veterinary/medical management immediately, where such a change could impact performance.

*Please see Representing Woodland Hunt Pony Club As An Individual or Team in 2020 for additional information and expectations on preparation, code of conduct and wellbeing.*