



## **Woodland Hunt Pony Club Team Selection 2022**

### **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, Burley, Gatcombe, 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.

As a club we can enter teams, individuals or a combination of both. Teams must consist of three or four Members. We will always field the strongest team(s) available and our preference is teams of four members. Scores for all competitors automatically count for the individual competition irrespective of whether they have been entered as part of a team or as an individual.

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

The DC is required to certify the eligibility of the horse and rider. Any breach may result in disqualification. Combinations cannot compete at two different levels of the same sport at the Area Competition or at the Championships.

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

All horses and ponies must have genuinely participated at a minimum of three Qualifying Rallies/Coaching/Training Sessions of this or their previous branch or centre since 1st July in the previous year, one of which must have been in the current year, with the current rider as a combination. Each day of a camp shall be counted as a separate Rally/ Coaching/Training Session.

Team practices and coaching do not count as rallies.

## Levels

SHOWJUMPING	Regional	Novice	Intermediate	Open
Area 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	80cm	90cm	1m	1.10m
Area 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	80cm 2 single fences 85cm	95cm	1.05m +water tray	1.15m +water tray
Champs 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	80cm	95cm	1.05m	1.15m
Champs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	90cm	1m + water tray	1.10m + water tray	1.20m +water tray

EVENTING	Regional	PC90	PC100	PC110
Max Height XC	80cm	90cm	1m	1.10m
Dressage Test	Each year specific tests are allocated to each height. Refer to the yearbook.			
Showjumping 7-10 obstacles inc. 3 spreads	80/85cm	90/95cm	1m/1.05m	1.10/1.15m
Cross Country	16-25 obstacles	18-25 obstacles 25-30 at Champs	18-25 obstacles 25-30 at Champs	18-25 obstacles 25-30 at Champs
Course Length	From 1,600m up to 2,800m in Area competition increasing to 2,500m to 3,500m at Championship level.			

Please see page 7 of the PC Eventing Rule Book 2022 for full dimensions of spreads etc.

DRESSAGE	Regional	Novice	Intermediate	Open
Tests	Each year specific tests are allocated to each height. Refer to the yearbook.  Entries for the Championships need to be made within 7 days of the Area competition.			

*Full eligibility rules should be referred to in the associated Pony Club Discipline Rule Book 2022. Each parent/rider is responsible for ensuring they understand and comply with the Pony Club Discipline Rule Book 2022 and are eligible for selection.*

## Competition Dates

We would expect those applying for consideration to be available for the relevant Championship date for their respected discipline (taking into account possible overnight stays). If for any reason a member selected has to pull out of the Championships, we would expect the club to be refunded for the entry fee.

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.

***Dates as follows:***

<b>Discipline Qualifying Rounds</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Regional Showjumping	11 <sup>th</sup> June	Middle Grove Farm, Great Missenden, HP16 ORD
Area & Regional Dressage	26 <sup>th</sup> June	BCA, Maidenhead, SL6 6QR
Area & Regional Eventing	16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Tweseldown, Bourley Road, Hampshire, GU52 8AD
Area Showjumping	July (date TBC)	TBC
<b>Championships</b>		
National	12 <sup>th</sup> -21st August	Offchurch Bury, Leamington Spa, CV33 9AR
Regional	26 <sup>th</sup> (DR/SJ), 27 <sup>th</sup> August (Eventing)	Horseheath, Cambridge, CB21 4QP

**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 forms in full to the Area Team Manager, Jo Davenport, by the deadline. These forms 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. Members will need to nominate someone who his 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 event.*

**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. However, in the instance that

a member cannot attend the Championship after the closing date for entries we will expect the entry fee to be paid back to the club.

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 trainer.

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.

We will require all members who would like to be considered and accompanying parents to read, sign and return the following Pony Club Codes of conduct.

<https://pcuk.org/media/maslyk45/code-of-conduct-for-members-revised-july-2019.pdf>

<https://pcuk.org/media/aqwdm1sj/code-of-conduct-for-parents-guardians-revised-july-2019.pdf>

### **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 A Member in 2022 for additional information and expectations on preparation, code of conduct and wellbeing.*

### **Training**

Appropriate discipline training sessions will be provided which you must attend as frequently as possible. Dressage and showjumping sessions for example will be applicable to those doing either pure single discipline or eventing

We will also be holding two dismounted sessions for parents and members which you will be required to attend.