

Rules for Qualifying and Championships

141. General

a) Eligibility for qualifiers

- i. Horses and riders must be eligible for all qualifiers at the close of entries.
- ii. Riders must be members of British Dressage in order to gain qualification, except for Area Festivals (see rule 143).
- iii. Horses may continue to take part in Qualifiers once they have qualified (except Potential International Dressage Horse Championship and Young Horse Championships) but owners/riders must notify the Organiser accordingly.
- iv. If a class is oversubscribed, preference will be given to those not already qualified.
- v. Any class designated as a Championship of any sort may not be used to provide part qualification towards a Summer/Winter Regional Championship.
- vi. Once a rider has been placed in the top 10 with 65% or above in a Prelim or Restricted Novice or Elementary class or placed in the top 5 with 66% or above in a Restricted Medium or Advanced Medium class at the National Championships/Winter Championships they may not compete in the Restricted section for that level or below that level **in that year or** future years. This is effective immediately on gaining such a placing and will require any pre-existing qualification to be switched to the open section of the Winter/Summer Regional Championships.
- vii. Riders who are placed in the top 10 of the Novice Restricted Freestyle and Elementary Restricted Freestyle championships with 68% or more will be required to ride in the Open section of the appropriate freestyle class in future. However their eligibility to ride in the Restricted sections in non-freestyle classes will not be affected.

b) Eligibility for Summer/Winter Regional Championships and Area Festivals

- i. All horses attending any Championship (including Area Festival from Novice upwards) must be registered with British Dressage. See rule 143 b vii.
- ii. Riders must be members of British Dressage in order to compete at any Championship, including Area Festivals.
- iii. Having qualified, horses and riders may compete in all Championships even if they have subsequently upgraded except for Preliminary level (see rule 145) and unless indicated to the contrary by any other qualification rule.
- iv. Entries for the Summer and Winter Regional Championships will only be accepted with a copy of the notification of qualification attached to the entry form.
- v. Riders qualifying one horse for both the Open and Restricted sections at the same level may choose which section they wish to compete in at the Summer and Winter Regional Championships but may not compete in both sections.
- vi. Riders qualifying multiple horses at the same level and having one or more in the Open section must compete them all in the Open section.
- vii. Competitors may choose at which Summer and Winter Regional Championship they compete and may compete in different Regionals if they have qualified more than one horse. The same horse may not compete at the same level at more than one Regional Championship in any one season.
- viii. Restricted riders may not ride in an Open section at any Championship at a higher level than they ride in a Restricted section.

- ix. Riders may not ride at Summer/Winter Regional Championships (**including Music Regional Championships**) or Area Festivals at two restricted levels. Those who have qualified at two restricted levels must compete in the Open section at the lower qualified level.
- x. Horses which have qualified directly for the National Championships may not go to the preceding Regional Championships at the same level that year.
- xi. If there is a change of rider for horses qualified for the Summer or Winter Regional Championships (**including Music Regional Championships**) the new rider must be eligible to ride the horse in the section for which it has qualified **unless the qualification has been compulsorily upgraded to the Open section.**
- xii. **Riders who upgrade from the Restricted section to Open at a given level mid season may switch any part qualification earned in the Restricted section to the Open section before continuing to achieve the remaining part(s) of their qualification. In order to do this the British Dressage office must be notified in writing.**

c) Eligibility for National/Winter Championships

- i. To qualify from a Summer or Winter Regional Championships to the National Championships eligible combinations must gain 65% or above unless awarded a wild card.
- ii. A Rider may not be changed following qualification from Regional Championship to National/Winter Championships or where qualification is direct (eg. Wellington Freestyle Championships) except for all Young Horse classes.
- iii. In the event of a horse being unable to compete at a Championship Show, and providing that the Dressage Office is informed a week before the close of entries for the Championship concerned and wild cards have not yet been issued, the next highest placed competitor from the relevant qualifying Championship will be invited to compete.
- iv. The starting order for Championship Finals will be drawn, and may be drawn in multiple sections depending on the qualification %.
- v. British Dressage reserves the right to offer further places on a “wildcard” system for any British Dressage Championship.
- vi. A horse is only eligible to compete in a maximum of 2 levels at the National/Winter Championships (excluding Young Horse classes).

d) Other

- i. Whips are not permitted for any Championship classes, including Area Festivals, other than 4 year old Young Horse classes.
- ii. Commanders are not allowed at any Championship, including Area Festivals.
- iii. Winter Championships mean those classes where riders qualify through the Regional Championships, be they standard or music.

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142. Championships

Cut off dates

There are a series of competitions at all levels which qualify for Summer/Winter Regional Championships (including PSG and Intermediare I).

01 Dec 09 – 30 Jun 2010	Qualification for the Summer Regional Championships 2010
01 Jul 2010 – 30 Nov 2010	Qualification for Winter Regional Championships 2010
01 Jan 2010 – 31 Dec 2010	Qualification for Winter Music Regional Championships 2010
01 Apr 2010– 01 June 2010	Qualification for Young Horse Championships (except for the Potential International Young Dressage Horse Championships)
01 Apr 2010 – 01 Aug 2010	Qualification for the Potential International Young Dressage Horse Championships

The cut off date for PSG-GP direct qualifications is the **18 July 2010**

143. Area festivals

a) Scope of Area Festivals

- i) These Festivals will be run between August and October inclusive
- ii) Classes will be from Preliminary to Prix St Georges level, with Restricted and Open sections from Novice to Advanced Medium level.
- iii) Freestyle to Music Qualifiers will be held at the Area Festivals.
- iv) Area Festivals carry grading points but do not count as qualifiers in anyway (except for the Festival Final).

b) Eligibility for Area Festivals

- i) Qualification for an Area Festival is restricted to individual horse/rider combinations.
- ii) Once qualified for the Area Festival, combinations may compete even if they subsequently upgrade.
- iii) Combinations competing at Winter/Summer Regional Championships will not be eligible for any Area Festivals at that level or below in the same calendar year with the exception of Freestyle to Music classes when they will only lose their eligibility to compete in Area Festivals if they compete at the Winter Championships or Wellington Championships.
- iv) Group 4-8 riders may compete in Area Festivals up to and including Advanced Medium level, depending on their eligibility. Only Group 7 & 8 riders may compete at Prelim level. Group 3 riders may only compete at Novice and above. Group 2 riders may only compete at Advanced Medium level and above. Group 1 and 2A riders may not enter Area Festivals at any level.
- v) Once a rider has ridden at the National or Winter Championships, they cannot compete at that level or below on another horse in Area Festivals in that year or the following year, **except for competitors in any Para Equestrian Championship.**
- vi) Non members may qualify at Preliminary level in Preliminary classes that are in the Omnibus schedule. They must be a Group 7 or 8 rider when qualifying ie. not have won more than 14 points at Elementary level or above since 1st April 1994. They must however join British Dressage before entering the Area Festival.
- vii) Horses/ponies need not be registered to enter an Area Festival at Preliminary level but must not have more than 49 points when qualifying. All must be fully registered by the Festival Final.

- viii) Non members may qualify using sheets gained on Class Tickets and Training Classes but both horse and rider must be registered before entering the Area Festival from Novice upwards.
- c) Means of qualifying for Area Festivals
- i) All qualifying scores must be gained between 1st January of the calendar year up to the close of entries for the relevant Area Festival
 - ii) Qualification at Preliminary to Elementary levels will be by achieving 2 affiliated scores at 62% and above at the same level.
 - iii) Qualification from Medium to PSG levels will be by achieving 2 affiliated scores at 60% and above at the same level.
 - iv) Competitors in the Channel Islands will be able to qualify with 1 score sheet with the required percentage.
 - v) The original sheets must have the date and venue of the class written on them by the competitor and be sent with the entry form as proof of qualification. They will not be returnable. Score sheets from Training sections may be used. Qualifying sheets may only be used once. HC Sheets and freestyle sheets cannot be used.
- d) Qualification for Area Festival Finals
- i) The top 2 combinations with 62% and above in Elementary – PSG classes at the Area Festivals will qualify for the Festival Finals. If classes are split then first place from each section will qualify.
 - ii) For Preliminary, Novice Restricted and Novice Open, the top 4 combinations with 62% and above will qualify.
If the classes are split then the first and second place from each section will qualify.
 - iii) Wildcards will be issued after close of entries for the Area Festival Finals to the next highest qualified percentages across all Area Festivals for any class which has not been filled. Entries received after the closing date from pre-qualified combinations will not be accepted once wildcards have been issued.

144. Summary tables for championships qualification

- a) Qualification requirements for Summer or Winter Regional **Championships**.

Preliminary	65%
Novice Restricted	65%
Novice Open	66%
Elementary Restricted	64%
Elementary Open	66%
Medium Restricted	63%
Medium Open	64%
Advanced Medium Restricted	63%
Advanced Medium Open	64%
PSG and Intermediate I	6 points in qualifiers with 63%+

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- b) Qualification requirements for Direct Qualifiers to the National Championships.

For further details see Rules 150-154.

Qualifiers for PSG – GP at Premier Leagues will have special status. At each level there will be two combinations from the show who will qualify directly if they get 65% or above. If there is only one qualifier at a level the top two combinations will qualify. If there are two qualifiers each winner will qualify. **If both qualifiers are over subscribed, one may be split with the winners of both sections qualifying, making a total of 3 qualifiers from that show.**

If a qualifying place is taken by a pre-qualified horse, the qualification will pass down to the next highest placing at 65% or above.

Likewise the two top placed British Dressage members scoring 65% or more in UK located CDIs will qualify direct to the National Championships.

Otherwise in any qualifiers combinations will have to gain:

Inter II	6 points in qualifiers with 64% or above
GP	5 points in qualifiers with 63% or above

145. Preliminary qualifiers

See rule 155 for Special Rules for Jersey, Guernsey, IOM and IOW.

- Each affiliated competition appearing in the Schedules is entitled to hold up to two Preliminary Qualifiers, and if these classes are over subscribed Organisers may run additional sections.
- In order to qualify for the Summer/Winter Regional Championships horses must be placed 1st in two qualifiers with 65% or above, ridden by a group 7 or 8 rider.
- Riders must be members of BD to compete in these qualifiers.
- Horses need not be registered for qualifiers but must not have won more than 49 points at the close of entries. Horses must be fully registered if entering the Summer/Winter Regionals or Area Festival Finals.
- Having qualified, horses may compete at the Summer/Winter Regional Championships, even if they have subsequently gained further points.
- Riders must remain as Group 7/8 riders at the close of entries of their Regional Championship.

146. Novice qualifiers

See rule 155 for Special Rules for Jersey, Guernsey, IOM and IOW.

- If a Novice Qualifier is over subscribed Organisers may run additional sections.
- Group 1 and 2A riders may not take part in qualifiers.
- In order to qualify for the Open or Restricted Summer/Winter Regional Championships horses must be placed as follows:

Open

1st in two qualifiers. Both wins must be in the Open section and 66% or above. Qualification may also be gained with 1st in one qualifier and 1st in two non-qualifiers.

Restricted

1st in two qualifiers. Both wins must be in the Restricted section and 65% or above. Qualification may also be gained with 1st in one qualifier and 1st in two non-qualifiers.

Horses who have started in Inter I classes or above may not compete in Novice – Medium Qualifiers (unless they have been downgraded).

147. Elementary qualifiers

Rules as for Novice Qualifiers except:

- a) Group 2A riders are eligible.
- b) the qualifying percentage for Elementary Restricted will be 64% or above and Open will be 66% or above.

148. Medium qualifiers

Rules as for Novice Qualifiers except:

- a) Group 1 and 2A riders are eligible.
- b) The qualifying percentage for Medium Restricted will be 63% or above and **Open will be 64% or above.**

149. Advanced medium qualifiers

See rule 155 for Special Rules for Jersey, Guernsey, IOM and IOW.

- a) Group 1 and 2A riders are eligible.
- b) Horses may not have started in Intermediate II and above.
- c) **In order to qualify for the Open or Restricted Summer/Winter Regional Championships horses must be placed as follows:**

Open

1st in two classes, one of which must be a qualifier. Both wins must be in the Open section and 64% or above.

Restricted

1st in two classes, one of which must be a qualifier. Both wins must be in the Restricted section and 63% or above.

150. Prix St Georges qualifiers for the National Championships

- a) Open to horses that:
 - i) Have won fewer than 450 grading points
 - ii) Have not won more than a total of 6 points in Grand Prix.
 - iii) Are at least 7 years old.
- b) There are two routes to qualify for the National Championship.
 - i) In PSG qualifiers at Premier Leagues and Home Internationals, two combinations from the show will qualify directly with 65% or above. If there is only one qualifier the top two combinations will qualify. If there are two the 2 winners will qualify. **If both qualifiers are over subscribed, one may be split with the winners of both sections qualifying, making a total of 3 qualifiers from that show.**
 - ii) To qualify for the Regional Championships combinations must gain 6 grading points at 63% and above in Qualifiers (up to 3 of these points may be gained at Internationals). Qualification for the National Championships will be awarded to 1st place with a minimum score of 65%. If a qualifying place is taken by a pre-qualified horse, the qualification will pass down to the next highest placing at 65% or above.
- c) Qualifiers for the National Championships may be run in 2 sections – section a) non-qualifying section open to any horse b) for combinations eligible to qualify.

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151. Intermediate I qualifiers

- a) Open to horses that have not won more than 12 points in GP.
- b) Horses must be at least 7 years old.
- c) There are two routes to qualify for the National Championships.
 - i) In Intermediate qualifiers at Premier Leagues and Home Internationals, two combinations from the show will qualify directly with 65% or above. If there is only one qualifier the top two combinations will qualify. If there are two the 2 winners will qualify. **If both qualifiers are over subscribed, one may be split with the winners of both sections qualifying, making a total of 3 qualifiers from that show.** If a qualifying place is taken by a pre-qualified horse, the qualification will pass down to the next highest placing at 65% or above.
 - ii) To qualify for the Intermediate I Regional Championships combinations must gain 6 grading points at 63% and above in Qualifiers (up to 3 of these points may be gained at Internationals).
- d) Horses who have started in Intermediate I classes may not compete in qualifiers up to and including Medium unless they have been downgraded.

152. Intermediate I Freestyle Championship

- a) The top combinations in the Intermediate I Championships will qualify but marks will not be carried forward.

153. Intermediate II qualifiers

- a) To qualify directly for the National Championship horses must gain 6 grading points at 64% or above at Qualifiers. (They may win up to 3 of these points from Internationals Inter II classes). In Intermediate II qualifiers at Premier Leagues and Home Internationals, two combinations from the show will qualify directly with 65% or above. If there is only one qualifier the top two combinations will qualify. If there are two the 2 winners will qualify. If a qualifying place is taken by a pre-qualified horse, the qualification will pass down to the next highest placing at 65% or above.
- b) Combinations which have qualified directly for the Grand Prix Championship and the Intermediate II Championship will only be eligible to compete in both if they have not competed at Grand Prix CDI/CDIO level abroad. Combinations who have competed at Grand Prix level at a CDI/CDIO abroad will be eligible to compete in the Grand Prix Championship only.
- c) Horses who have started in Intermediate II classes may not compete in qualifiers up to and including Advanced Medium unless they have been downgraded.
- d) Horses must be at least 7 years old.

154. Grand prix qualifiers

- a) To qualify directly for the National Championships, horses must gain 5 grading points in Grand Prix Qualifiers at 63% or above. (They may win up to 3 of these points from International Grand Prix classes). In Grand Prix qualifiers at Premier Leagues and Home Internationals, two combinations from the show will qualify directly with 65% or above. If there is only one qualifier the top two combinations will qualify. If there are two the 2 winners will qualify. If a qualifying place is taken by a pre-qualified horse, the qualification will pass down to the next highest placing at 65% or above.
- b) At the championship all horses will ride the Grand Prix but only the top combinations in this class will go forward to ride the Grand Prix freestyle.

- c) The percentage from both sections will be added to determine the National Champion.
- d) Horses may not compete in more than one Grand Prix class each day.
- e) Horses must be at least 8 years old.

155. Special rules for Jersey/Guernsey, Isle of Man and Isle of Wight

To qualify for Regional Championships, horses must win one qualifier at the required percentage. The qualification will be passed down to 2nd place if all above have already qualified. This rule only applies to residents in Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Wight and Isle of Man who are competing at venues located in their home area. Riders resident in Scotland must comply with the standard qualification rules.

156. General rules applicable to all freestyle to music qualifiers

- a) Riders must provide their own tape or disc, timed to run from the move off from the halt at the start of the test, until the final halt. Halts must be on the centre line facing the Judge. No more than 20 seconds of introductory music may be played before entering the arena at A.
- b) British Dressage members and riders with Music Membership may compete a registered or unregistered horse in Music competitions and Qualifiers at any level. Riders must upgrade to full membership and register the horse to compete in a Regional **Music Championship** or **any other Championship**.
- c) All tests must include the compulsory movements for the relevant level and may also include additional movements at that level or below.
- d) All music must be licensed. See Appendix 9.

157. Novice Winter Freestyle Championship

A 4 to 5 minute freestyle test ridden to music in a 20 x 60 arena at the Regional Championship and Championships. The qualifiers may be held in a 20 x 40 arena at the Organisers Discretion.

- a) There will be an unlimited number of qualifiers with the two highest non-qualified combinations in both the open and restricted sections gaining 66% or above for open and 65% or above for restricted, qualifying for Winter Regional Championships.
- b) Open to horses that have won fewer than 125 points.
- c) Not open to Group 1 and 2A Riders.

158. Elementary Winter Freestyle Championship

A 4½ to 5 minute freestyle test ridden to music in a 20 x 60 arena at the Regional Championship and Championships. The qualifiers may be held in a 20 x 40 arena at the Organisers Discretion.

- a) There will be an unlimited number of qualifiers with the two highest non-qualified combinations in both the open and restricted sections, gaining 66% or above for open and 64% for restricted, qualifying for Winter Regional Championships.
- b) Open to horses that have won fewer than 200 points.
- c) Not open to Group 1 Riders.

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159. Medium Winter Freestyle Championship

A 4½ to 5 minute freestyle test ridden to taped music in an arena 20 x 60m at Medium standard.

- a) There will be an unlimited number of qualifiers with the three highest non-qualified combinations gaining 63% or above, qualifying for Winter Regional Championships.
- b) Open to horses that have won fewer than 300 points and have not started in Intermediate I or above.

160. Advanced Medium Freestyle to Music Championships

A 4½ to 5 minute freestyle test ridden to pre-recorded music in an arena 20x 60m at Advanced Medium Standard.

Qualification to the Winter Championships

There will be an unlimited number of qualifiers with the three highest non-qualified combinations, gaining 63% or above, qualifying for Winter Regional Championships

Qualification to the Wellington Championships

The highest placed non-qualified combinations will qualify directly for the Advanced Medium freestyle championships at Wellington Riding (Hants) providing they achieve 65% or above. Wild cards may be given to non-qualified combinations with the highest % gained in direct qualifiers.

Open to horses that at the time of qualifying, have not started at Intermediate II level and have fewer than 375 points.

161. Prix St Georges Freestyle to Music Championships

A 4½ to 5 minute freestyle test ridden to music in an arena 20 x 60m at Prix St Georges level using the FEI Young Rider Freestyle test.

Qualification to the Winter Championships

There will be an unlimited number of qualifiers with the three highest non-qualified combinations, gaining 63% or above, qualifying for the Winter Regional Championships.

Qualification to the Wellington Championships

Winners of direct qualifiers will qualify for the Prix St Georges Freestyle Championship at Wellington Riding (Hants) providing they achieve 65% or above. Wild cards may be given to non-qualified combinations with the highest % gained in direct qualifiers.

Open to any horse which has not won more than 6 points in a Grand Prix.

Horses must be at least 7 years old

162. Pas de Deux or freestyles with more than one competitor

Please refer to the rules relating to the freestyle championship appropriate to the level.

163. Qualification from Regionals to National/Winter Championships and Wild card allocation

- a) Combinations qualify from Regionals to the National or Winter Championships on a proportional basis. The ratio will depend on the total number qualified at each level as well as the number of starters at each Regional Championship. A table showing the ratio of qualifiers to starters and any variation on the proportional qualification basis for a specific class will be displayed at each Regional Championship.
- b) Wild cards are a means of qualifying for a championship other than gaining qualification at the Winter or Summer Regionals or direct from a Premier League.

When determining the ratio for direct qualification from Regional championships, approximately 20% of the available places at the Nationals are retained for use as wild cards.

- i) Immediately after the final Winter or Summer Regional Championships those qualified at Preliminary – Advanced Medium are listed and the remaining places in the relevant championship class are filled by the non-qualified competitors with the next highest percentages from across all of the regionals. Wild cards are only distributed after all Championship places have been allocated to those who qualify by right.
- ii) For Prix St Georges and Intermediate I, wild cards will be offered to non qualified combinations from both Premier Leagues and Regional Championships, with the aim of having approximately 70% of the places available at the National Championships filled from combinations competing at Premier Leagues.
- iii) The Board Reserves the right (Rule 141 (c) v)) to offer places for any BD Championship or Regional Championship. This system is used mainly for the higher level classes at the National Championships and for horses that the selectors would like to see in top class competition.

164. Potential International Dressage Horse Championship Qualifying Classes

Qualifying Classes

- a) In the first rounds, horses will ride in groups of three and their natural paces will be assessed. The top 10 (in order of the first round marks) will then return for final Judging. Horses will not be stripped or ridden by the Judges. **First round marks are used solely to determine the top 10 horses and will be disregarded for the final placings, which will be decided when the top 10 horses are judged.**
- b) There will be separate sections for four years olds and five year olds.
- c) The 1st and 2nd with scores of 6.5 or over from each section will go forward to the Final at the National Dressage Championships where they will be pre-judged in the morning and the top 10 will go through to the final judging in the main arena.
- d) Once a horse has qualified it may not start in any further Qualifiers.
- e) To enter horses must exceed 14.2 h.h. and be 4 or 5 years old. For the qualifying classes horses need not be registered with British Dressage.
- f) Horses which have, at the close of entries, won grading points at Medium level are not eligible to compete in these qualifiers.
- g) Owners and Riders must be members of British Dressage. There will be no lower age limit for riders.
- h) Saddlery, Dress and Equipment. The same rules apply as for affiliated Novice Dressage Competitions.

The final

- a) Before entering for the Final, horses must be registered with British Dressage.
- b) The rider does not have to be the same as for the qualifier.
- c) Horses may be ridden by the Judges at the Championship.

For the list of approved Judges for this class see Appendix 1.

165. General rules relating to all young horse classes (except for potential international dressage horse classes, rule 164)

- a) These will be held in a 60 x 20 metre arena. The arena boards must be continuous around the arena.

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- b) Open to British Dressage Members riding registered or un-registered horses but horses must be registered to compete in semi-finals or championships.
- c) Horses must be ridden in snaffle bridles.
- d) Horses must exceed 14.2hh unless in the pony sections.
- e) There are no grading points awarded in these classes.
- f) The jury will consist of a BD judge on List 2 or above and a trainer, see Appendix 1.
- g) Additional judges may be invited for Regional Championships or Championships.
- h) Once qualified the rider should inform the organiser before entering further qualifiers.
- i) In qualifiers the top three non-qualified horses with a score of 6.5 or above will go through to the Championships (or Regional Championships where these are held).
- j) The rider in the final does not have to be the same as for the qualifier.
- k) For sitting and rising in Young Horse classes see rule 81.

166. Rules relating to the British Young Horse Championships at Hickstead

The qualifiers for these championships are co-ordinated by British Dressage in association with The British International Trainers Foundation and Dressage at Hickstead. A panel consisting of representatives of the above committees will deal with any problems with these rules. Entrants in these classes must accept the decisions of this panel. Enquiries about them should be directed to the Dressage at Hickstead Secretariat. Tel: 01444-882150. There will be 10 qualifying rounds but additional rounds may be added at the discretion of DAH in association with BD. At each qualifier there will be separate qualifying classes for National 5 year olds, International 5 year olds, National 6 year olds and International 6 year olds.

Tests used for the British Young Horse Championships qualifiers at Hickstead

5 yr National level the BD Novice Young Horse Test 2004 YHN5 2004

6 yr National level the BD Elem Young Horse Test 2004 YHE6 2004

5 yr International/FEI level the FEI Preliminary Test for 5 yrs FEI YHP5 2009

6 yr International/FEI level the FEI Preliminary Test for 6 yr FEI YHP6 2009

5 yr International/FEI level the FEI Finale Test for 5 yr FEI YHF5 2009

6 yr International/FEI level the FEI Finale Test for 6 yr FEI YHF6 2009

Combinations may qualify for and compete in both International and National Finals.

National level

- a) The Championships will be held at Hickstead between **19-25 July 2010**.
- b) The test for the Championships will be the same as for the qualifiers.

International level

- a) The semi-final for both 5 and 6 year olds will be held at Hickstead between **19-25 July 2010**.
- b) The top combinations from each semi-final will go forwards to the Championships to be held at Hickstead between **19-25 July 2010**. The number to go forward will be advised at the semi-final.
- c) The Tests for the semi-finals and the Championships will be the FEI Finale test for 5 years – **FEI YHF5 2009** and the FEI Finale test for 6 yrs, **FEI YHF6 2009**.



167. Rules relating to the British Dressage Young Dressage Horse Championship

- a) There will be approximately 12 qualifying competitions.
- b) At each there will be separate qualifying classes for 4 year olds, National 5 year olds, National 6 year olds.**
- c) The tests to be used at the Championships for the National 4, 5 and 6 yr olds will be the same as for the qualifiers.
- d) The highest placed Amateur Owner/Rider in each Championship will win an award, those who are eligible must declare this on their entry form.

Tests used for the British Young Dressage Horse Qualifiers and Championship

4 yr the BD Basic Test for 4 year olds

5 yr National level the BD Elementary Young Horse Test 2009 YHE5 2009

6 yr National level the BD Medium Young Horse Test 2009 YHM6 2009

168. The Sheepgate Young Rider Dressage Championship For Under 25s, to be held at Sheepgate Eq. Centre, Lincs.

Copies of score sheets (with a large S.A.E. for return) clearly stating date and venue, to be forwarded to Karen Ryder at British Dressage in order to obtain a Qualification card which must be forwarded with your entry to Sheepgate or handed to the secretary on arrival at Sheepgate.
See www.sheepgate.co.uk for further details.

Under 21's preliminary qualifiers

- a) To qualify for the Preliminary Championship riders must attain **60%** or above in any two Preliminary Classes between 1st December 2009 and before the close of entries.
- b) Horses and ponies may be of any height. They do not have to be registered with British Dressage but must have fewer than 49 dressage points at the close of entries.
- c) There is no lower age limit and riders may take part until the end of the year of their 21st birthday. Riders must be members of British Dressage and a Group 7 or 8 rider at the close of entries.

Under 21's novice qualifiers

- a) To qualify for the Novice Championship riders must attain 65% or above in any two affiliated Novice Classes between 1st December 2009 and before the close of entries.
- b) Horses and ponies may be of any height. They must be registered with British Dressage and have won less than 124 dressage points.
- c) There is no lower age limit and riders may take part until the end of the year of their 21st birthday. Riders must be members of British Dressage.



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Under 25's elementary qualifiers

- a) To qualify for the Elementary Championship riders must attain 65% or above in any two affiliated Elementary Classes between 1st December 2009 and before the close of entries.
- b) Horses and ponies may be of any height. They must be registered with British Dressage and have won less than 199 dressage points.
- c) There is no lower age limit and riders may take part until the end of the year of their 25th birthday. Riders must be members of British Dressage.

Under 25's medium qualifiers

- a) To qualify for the Medium Championship riders must attain 63% or above in any two affiliated Medium competitions between 1st December 2009 and before the close of entries.
- b) Horses and ponies may be of any height. They must be registered with British Dressage and have won less than 299 dressage points.
- c) There is no lower age limit, and riders may take part until the end of the year of their 25th birthday. Riders must be members of British Dressage.

Under 25's advanced medium qualifiers

- a) To qualify for the Advanced Medium Championship riders must attain 60% or above in one affiliated Advanced Medium competition between 1st December 2009 and before the close of entries.
- b) Horses and ponies may be of any height. They must be registered with British Dressage and have won less than 374 dressage points.
- c) There is no lower age limit and riders may take part until the end of the year of their 25th birthday. Riders must be members of British Dressage.

169. Senior Inter-Regional Competition

- a) **Each Team to comprise of 4 riders from the Region. Each of the specified Team tests must be ridden according to the rider group eligibility specified in the schedule, with no more than two riders in a team riding the same level of tests. Team Competition to be decided on 3 highest scores each day combined (six scores to count, with the lowest % dropped each day). Individual Competition to be determined from individual results in the team classes.**
- b) **Riders and horses who have competed at the BD Winter Championships including FSM classes and /or BD National Championships in the current or preceding year are not eligible to compete at the same level or any level below at this competition. Riders who have competed at the Winter Championships in the Area Festival classes are eligible to compete.**
- c) **Riders must be 18 years old & over as at 1 January of the year of the competition.**
- d) **Riders may not compete in the Senior Inter-Regional competition and the BYRDS Inter-Regional competition in the same calendar year.**
- e) **Whips and Commanders are permitted.**
- f) **Riders must be the correct rider group and horse within the correct points at close of entries otherwise their team place will be lost. Grading points will not be awarded.**

170. Rules for Scottish Qualifiers/Championship

- a) Qualifiers for the Scottish Championships will run from 1st December to 31st July of the Championship year.
- b) 1st and 2nd in each Scottish Championship Qualifying class will qualify. The Qualifiers will be held via Non Qualifying Regional Championship classes and if there are no NQ classes being run then the qualifiers will run in conjunction with the Regional Championship Qualifying classes.

c) Qualifying percentages

Restricted section at Prelim with 65% or above

Open and Restricted section at Novice with 65% or above

Open and Restricted section at Elementary with 63% or above

Open and Restricted section at Medium with 60% or above

Open and Restricted section at Advanced Medium with 60% or above

PSG with 60% or above

- d) In accordance with BD rules, Rosettes will be given for each section but prize money, where awarded, will be given to the highest placed rider over the 2 sections. Trophies will be awarded to the highest percentage over the 2 sections in each class.
- e) A qualifying letter will be given to all qualifiers on the day. It is up to the competitor to ensure that they receive their qualifying letter from the organiser. Competitors must register their intent to compete at the Scottish Championships by returning the tear off section of the qualifying letter to the Scottish Regional Development Officer within 14 days of the date of the competition. Failure to correctly record qualifications could mean that riders will be unable to take part in the Championships.
- f) As per British Dressage rules only group 7 and 8 riders competing on unregistered horses or horses with less than 49 points are eligible for Preliminary classes. Unregistered horses will have to be registered prior to the Scottish Championships.
- g) For the Championship, start times will be drawn.