

Summer and winter regional championships

By competing in the summer qualifiers, which run from 1 December to 30 June, you can qualify for your local summer regional final and, ultimately, the National Dressage Championships, held annually in September at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

The winter qualifiers, running between 1 July and 30 November, are qualifying classes for the winter regional championships, through which you can qualify for the Winter Championships, held annually in April at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire.

Riders must be members of BD to enter qualifiers at all levels. At preliminary, the horse need not be registered to enter a qualifier, but must be registered for the regional championship. From novice upwards, horses must be registered for all classes entered.

You can find qualifying classes for these championships in *British Dressage* magazine's show schedule and on this website (see [Schedules](#)) by looking out for the letter Q after the test, for example N21WQ means novice 21 winter qualifier and AM86SQ stands for advanced medium 86 summer qualifier.

If you are competing at **preliminary** level, you need to win two qualifiers with 65% or more. Only riders in group 7 or 8 and horses with 49 points or fewer are eligible at this level.

If you are competing from **novice to medium**, you need to win either two qualifiers or one qualifier and two non-qualifiers, both open or both restricted at the same level, with the following minimum percentage scores:

Novice restricted 65%

Novice open 66%

Elementary restricted 64%

Elementary open 66%

Medium restricted 63%

Medium open 64%

To qualify at **advanced medium**, you need to win either two qualifiers or one qualifier and one non-qualifier, both open or both restricted at the same level, with the following minimum percentage scores:

Advanced medium restricted 63%

Advanced medium open 64%

There are two ways to qualify at **prix st georges** and **intermediate I** level:

- You can do this at ordinary shows by earning six grading points with scores of 63% or more in either prix st georges or intermediate I qualifiers. This means you qualify for

your regional final if you score 70% once or 64% twice, as both earn you six grading points.

- Alternatively, you need to finish first or second overall, with 65% or more. Depending on how many classes are being held at the level, at a premier league show, if there is only one qualifier both places will go through. If there are two the 2 winners will qualify. This qualifies you directly for the championships without needing to qualify through your regional final.

At **intermediate II** and **grand prix** levels, you skip the regional finals as you qualify directly. You have two ways of doing this:

- You either need to finish first or second overall with 65% or more. Depending on how many classes are being held at the level, at a premier league show, if there is only one qualifier both places will go through. If there are two the 2 winners will qualify.
- Alternatively you can qualify by earning six grading points in qualifiers with a score of 64% or more for intermediate II and five points with 63% or more for grand prix.

If you live in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man and the Isle of Wight you will have slightly different qualification rules. Please see the current British Dressage Rules for further information.

Please note that the information given here is a simplified guide and that you will need to refer to the current British Dressage Rules for full details.